THE GRAND ARMY.

What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

It is regretted that lack of space precludes the publication of Memorial Day proceedings, or addresses, accounts of which are being sent us from all sections. To open our columns to all these would necessitate twice the size of the paper itself for several issues.—EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ILLINOIS.—

On the evening of June 5 Farragut Post, 602, Chicago, met at its hall, and after a short session adjourned to open under the head of "Good of the Order." After Farragut Corps, 62, was seated, Geo. H. Thomas Cadets—25 guns—marched in and gave an exhibition drill, which did great credit to the boys and their drill-master, who not only instructs them in the art of war, but inculcates principles of patriotism and a love for Old Glory, and the Captain says, "Wo betide him who speaks disparagingly of the old flag in their presence." In case of another "misunderstanding" we would have an army in our cadets to defend the cause of our country. Speeches were made by comrades, interspersed with patriotic songs, until a late hour, when they separated with the best of feeling.

NEW YORK.—

Department Commander John C. Shotts is a member of Kitching Post, 60, Yonkers, and has served several times as its Commander. He was very active in the organization of the Winchester County G.A.R. Association, and is one of the most popular comrades in the New York Department. He served in Co. A, 17th N. Y., during the war, and although a mere boy was with his regiment in all of the great battles in which it took part. He was in the battles of

JOHN C. SHOTTS.

Antietam, Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. At the expiration of his term of service he returned home and entered business, in which he has been eminently successful. He is the First Vice-President of the Dan Butterfield Brigade Association; has held the office of Marshal of the Winchester County G.A.R. Association since its organization, and has been a member of the Department Council of Administration for many terms.

D. B. Smith, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada: I believe our comrades will be interested in an account of the Memorial Day exercises held by William W. Cooke Post. It may be equally if not more interesting to have a short history of our little Post in this British city. Wm. W. Cooke Post, 472, was mustered into the G.A.R. on the evening of Feb. 6, 1891, with a charter membership of 24 comrades. Total muster of comrades to present date, 39; present number of comrades good on the books, 19. Since the muster of the Post we have lost only one comrade by reason of death, whose name appears as Daniel Randall, Co. D, 63d Pa., who died in Ohio Nov. 9, 1892. We have lost by withdrawal cards to other Posts on your side of the border, leaving 13 comrades dropped from the roll-book who felt it a hardship in these stringent times to keep up their dues and other incidental Post expenses, since they have been deprived of their pensions under the act of March 3, 1893. The repeal of this obnoxious act would more than double our membership in one month thereafter, and as a Post place us in a more desirable position to accomplish great good, not only for the G.A.R., but also for the Government and the flag. Our fellow-citizens at home may not realize the potent truth of this, but those of us who reside here and mingle daily with these Canadians who helped us in our conflict with armed treason "know whereof we speak," as we are eye and ear witnesses of such evidences every day. However, as I am not desirous of dwelling any longer on this point, I will give you an account of Memorial Day observance in Hamilton. We have two cemeteries here—Protestant and Roman Catholic. Burlington Cemetery, which is a little less than a mile from the City Hall, contains 13 of our brave dead, and Bay View Cemetery, across the bay, contains 11 who have answered to the last roll-call. The meeting at Post Headquarters was called to order by Commander S. M. Russell at 1:30 p. m. sharp, all comrades of the Post present with the exception of three. The meeting being open to the public, our worthy Commander delivered a brief and appropriate address explanatory of the objects of the G.A.R., and especially Memorial Day. After the order, "Salute the dead," and the Post Adjutant's reading of Department General Order, came the reception of the comrades of Her Majesty's British Army and Navy Veterans' Society, of this city, who were our invited guests again this year, as likewise for the past two years. The choicest of Spring's lovely flowers, closely covering two large tables, were greeted by a most select audience too large for our hall to contain, with standing room at a premium. It is also gratifying to inform your readers that our Post was placed under no disadvantage on account of floral contributions during Memorial Day; for, although we have been very generously remembered in this respect each preceding year, the good people of Hamilton this year greatly exceeded all their previous record in their donations of these lovely and sacred gifts for our honored dead. But the most encouraging feature of all was to notice, with only a few exceptions, the extra choice qualities and varieties of these handsome flowers in such profusion. This is good evidence of the respect and friendship which the Post has always maintained in this Canadian city. This program was concluded by singing "God Save the Queen," after which the Post having been formed in line by our Officer of the Day, and the British Army and Navy Veterans likewise by their Chief Marshal, we took up our march, with our British guests on the right according to courtesy, led by Britain's Union Jack and America's Starry Flag, both born aloft side by side.

Ass't Q. M.-Gen. O'Conner mustered Tompkins Post, 485, Millersburg, on June 9.

OHIO.—

Headquarters of this Department have been established at Sidney.

Department Commander Nutt, in General Orders, says: The time has come when every man who wore the blue should wear the badge. "Bring out the good old bugle, boys," and sound the assembly. Memorial Day was better observed throughout the North than ever before, but was sadly desecrated in parts of the South. The crowning principle of loyalty should be a rallying watchword for all ex-soldiers and every comrade in ranks. Let the Commander assign each one a certain comrade to see and urge to be present at all meetings possible, to reinstate dropped members and recruit new ones. Each one being a special committee with a specific duty to perform, will take pride in giving a good report. Personal interest will thus be aroused and enthusiasm created.

O. W. Aldrich has been appointed Judge Advocate-General, and W. H. Surles Chief Mustering Officer.

John Scott Post, 688, Mason—Com., A. D. Baysore; S. V. C., John Stilwell; J. V. C., John Doyle; O. D., Joseph Sertel; O. G., M. W. Bennett; Q. M., Sam Sprinkle; Adj't, B. D. Welton; Chap., A. Gever; Surg., David Pickering; Q. M. S., John Williams; S. M., Robert Anderson.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

The old soldiers of Bedford County, to the number of 4,000, gathered at Everett on June 14. The occasion was the organization of the Bedford County Veterans' Association. Addresses were made by many prominent comrades. The officers elected are: Pres., Judge J. H. Longenecker; V.-P., Wm. B. Barndollar; Sec., Josiah Hessong; Treas., Isaiah Conley.

Comrade Edwin Walton, Post 63, has been appointed on the Committee on Text Books in Public Schools, vice W. H. McCartney, Post 97, deceased.

The Commander, in General Orders, urges upon the comrades the necessity of being prompt in the payment of dues.

POTOMAC.—

The Department Commander has appointed the following Committee on Transportation and Quarters at the National Encampment: Chris. Storm, Assistant Quartermaster-General; B. F. Chase, Post 3; N. B. Prentice, Post 5; Geo. C. Ross, Post 8; A. N. Thompson, Post 11.

RHODE ISLAND.—

Headquarters of this Department will be located at Hotel Schlosser, corner Pennsylvania avenue and Sixth street, Pittsburg, during the Encampment, where a limited number of comrades can be accommodated at $3.50 per day. It is believed that tickets from Providence to the Encampment will be secured for $13.50.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—

The Encampment met in De Smet June 6. Commander Nash made an address to the comrades on the pension question. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "This Department of the Grand Army of the Republic requests that every honest effort be made to clear the pension-roll of dishonest claimants. Each of us stands ready to assist in this work, but we abhor and condemn the un-American theory of the present Administration that a pensioner shall be considered guilty until proven innocent. Hence we are solidly united with our Commander in denouncing the mode of procedure as despotic, tyrannical, brutal and debasing to the soldiers who did their duty when their arms saved the Union, the descendants of the cavaliers to the contrary notwithstanding." These officers were chosen: Com., G. W. Carpenter, Watertown; S. V. C., G. F. Johnson; Chap., T. M. Shanafelt; Surg., A. H. Daniels; Delegates to the National Encampment, W. J. Johnson, W. H. McDonald, James Preston, A. H. Daniels; Alternates, B. F. Bowman, A. S. Struiet, A. D. McFarland, J. W. Thompson; Council of Administration, Silsby, Dewey, Shanafelt, Snow and Ackley.

The Central Dakota Veterans' Association will hold its annual Encampment on the banks of Lake Kampeska, near Watertown, July 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The best speakers in the country have been secured and a grand time is certain for all who attend.

TENNESSEE.—

The following from the *Anglo-American* shows how our comrades in the City of Mexico observed Memorial Day. E. O. C. Ord Post, 100, met early in the day at their hall. At a few minutes after 9 o'clock a special train of street-cars left the Hotel Jardin corner for the American Cemetery, where the services were held. The cemetery was beautifully decorated with American flags and an unlimited quantity of fresh flowers, which were wreathed and entwined in every conceivable shape that taste and ingenuity could devise; and when the cars, loaded to their greatest capacity with members of the Post and their friends and guests, arrived, almost every one bearing floral offerings, the general effect was artistic and impressive. The graves of all veteran soldiers were marked by flags of various sizes, and many of the friends of the Post improved this occasion to lay flowers on the graves and tombs of their loved ones who have gone before. The veterans of the G.A.R. assembled around the grave of Comrade P. J. Rising, who died nearly a year ago, and the services were commenced by a touching eulogy on the departed one and on the soldiers of the Union who so freely laid down their lives during the tremendous struggle of 1861-'65, from the eloquent lips of the Commander, W. H. Alexander, who was followed in a few short but expressive remarks by Comrades Mordough and Agramonte. Chaplain W. H. Sloan, the orator of the day, then delivered an address with a fervor and eloquence seldom equaled, and never excelled.

UTAH—

The Department Commander takes great pleasure and pride in the beautiful soldiers' monument in Mount Olivet Cemetery, which was erected by James B. McKean W.R.C., 1, and dedicated and presented to James B. McKean Post, 1, on Memorial Day, and extends to that noble band of women, the W.R.C., his sincere thanks, and promises them his hearty co-operation in all their good work.

The Department Commander in General Orders calls the attention of the Posts to the number of members on the suspension lists, and urges the officers and comrades to active and energetic work, that all of these may again be placed on the active lists. Attention is also called to the large number of comrades and old soldiers in this Department who are not identified with any of the Posts. They generally turn out on Memorial Day, and frequently to the funeral of a comrade, but they are not with and of us, as they should be. Gather them all into our fold, that none shall be lost.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.—

W. H. Seward Post, 36, Juneau, Alaska, observed Memorial Day with appropriate exercises. Many ladies and children were present at the Opera House, but few attended the exercises held at the graves, on account of rain. Appropriate ceremonies were conducted at both cemeteries. Three volleys were fired over the graves at each, the firing party being made up of the old veterans, John Myers, Jas. McDonald, David Flannery, Sylvester McMahon, George Shannon, and Miles Tiffin, the orders of firing being given by Commander J. W. Thompson. The old veteran, John McKinnon, who carried the first American flag ashore at Sitka when Alaska was turned over to the United States by Russia, acted as standard-bearer. Returning, the procession marched into the Opera House, where the services were opened by Commander J. W. Thompson in a neat and appropriate address, followed by a special selection by the orchestra, and then an invocation by Chaplain E. Otis Smith. The oration by John G. Heid then engaged the attention of the well-filled auditorium, and when the brief but well-chosen and patriotic sentiments of the discourse were concluded, the hearty applause gave evidence of its sincere appreciation. The next number on the program which requires especial mention was Will Carleton's poem entitled "Cover Them Over," which was recited by Mrs. C. E. Coon. A short, characteristic address from John Curry, a veteran of the Mexican war, was read by John G. Heid, which was enthusiastically responded to by his many friends. The choir closed the ceremonies by singing "America," and the Chaplain dismissed the audience with the benediction.

A very beautiful program, tied with red and blue ribbons, was gotten up by Seward Post, 36, Juneau, Alaska. On the face is date and the location of the Post, on the inner pages is the order of the exercises, and on the last page are the names of the soldiers buried at both the old and new cemeteries, which were decorated by this Post on Memorial Day.

THE CENSUS OF SEX,

And What It Shows About the Percentages of Marriage and Divorce.

[*Forum.*]

Out of every 100 adults in the United States in 1890 there were 26 single, 65 married, and 9 widowed. There were 31 single, 64 married, and 5 widowed out of every 100 males, as compared with 20 single, 67 married, and 13 widowed out of every 100 females.

The United States still shows the smallest proportion of single and the largest proportion of married adults, while the reverse is true in Ireland and Scotland.

The excess of males over females in the country at large is 1,513,510. The excess of single males, however, is nearly twice as great, or 2,761,588.

In Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont there are, practically, 54 single, 42 married, and 4 widowed males, and 49 single, 42 married, and 9 widowed females. These three States have the smallest proportions of single and the largest proportions of married in the whole country, while the proportion of widowed is fully as large as in any part of the Union.

In a few States the number of the divorced in each 100 is appreciable, there being one divorced male in New Hampshire and one divorced female in New Hampshire, Connecticut, Florida, Utah, and Nevada.

There is an excess of single males in every State and Territory except the District of Columbia, while, on the other hand, the widowed females are uniformly in excess in every State and Territory of the Union.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from the Departments.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Commander-in-Chief Adams Speaks to the Children—Past National President Sanders Mourns the Passing of Her Beautiful Daughter Bernardine—Echoes of the Sacred Day—Comrade Foster's Great Sorrow—Take The National Tribune—Department Gleanings—All Along the Line.

A THOUSAND CHILDREN.

Memorial week was a busy one for Commander-in-Chief Adams and Adj't-Gen. Meech.

At Chelsea the Commander-in-Chief addressed a thousand school children, dwelling upon the reverence due to the flag, and making an eloquent plea for teaching patriotism in the public schools.

Adj't-Gen. Meech attended Memorial Day observances at Malden, where Past National President E. Florence Barker was at the head of affairs. Everything was superbly planned and carried out.

Both Commander-in-Chief Adams and Adj't-Gen. Meech are in full accord with the great patriotic movement in which the W.R.C. are engaged, both through the regular channels of the Order and by affiliation with the National Council of Women, U. S. A. The Commander-in-Chief talks patriotism and the flag salute wherever he goes.

Like all the founders of the W.R.C. in Massachusetts, Commander-in-Chief Adams is very proud of the great soldier auxiliary, and in a recent letter says: "I wish other Departments of the W.R.C. could visit Massachusetts and see how the G.A.R. appreciates them. We have a real lovefeast whenever we meet. Our G.A.R. always have them at their meetings. We have so much to do in the few years that remain."

PASSING OF BERNARDINE.

All day long on that sweet Memorial Day, 1894, all day long and far into the calm and silent night they watched by the side of Bernardine. Fair and beautiful Bernardine, 15 years and six months old, endowed with the highest gifts and graces, and just stepping upon the threshold of a lovely and noble womanhood.

And as they watched her, lying so calm and still, a dimness came over her lovely eyes, and without a tremor on her placid features she passed away with Memorial Day.

Until December last Bernardine Sanders, only daughter among the three children of Mr. James T. and Mrs. Sue A. Pike Sanders, Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps, was a child of unusual strength and vigor of body and mind. About Christmas it was observed that she was losing flesh and becoming very weak.

But Bernardine made no complaint. She was in the Normal High School, and kept up with her classes, always excelling in her studies. In February it became apparent she was really ill, and upon consulting physicians it was found that she had an alarming attack of diabetes, and was losing from one pound to a pound and a half daily.

She was put upon a rigid diet, which seemed to arrest the disease, and as late as May 21 Mrs. Sanders, in a letter to the writer, said:

"We think now we are going to bring her out all right. Sometimes she almost rebels at the diet, but her good common sense buoys her up and she keeps on. She is going to school right along and doing well. She is real bright and reading Cesar now. How we watch her every move."

In just nine days from the writing of Mrs. Sanders's letter dear Bernardine was at rest.

Bernardine was a natural writer, and when she was but 13, and her mother was National President, W.R.C., THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE was indebted to her for Headquarters notes. She was fond of music, flowers, and poetry.

The funeral was at the Unitarian Church. The Relief Corps, the Eastern Star, the Board of Managers of the McLain County Industrial Home, of which Mrs. Sanders is President; the Normal School, and Bernardine's Sunday-school class were in attendance. The pallbearers also were members of the Sunday-school. The Eastern Star had lined the grave with flowers, and the High School boys and girls covered it with roses and lilies.

OH! REST, SAD HEART.

To Sue A. Pike Sanders.

Oh rest, sad heart! He knoweth best!
The early lost are early blest!
Beyond the flowers that point the way
She keeps her long Memorial Day!

She keeps her day of love and song,
With all the rapt, ecstatic throng;
She keeps her day and smiling waits
For you at Heaven's triumphal gates.

Within your ear are songs unheard,
Within your heart the unspoken word;
Around you are her arms unseen,
At night, at morning, and at e'en.

She walks beside you as you go,
She stays the unbidden tears that flow;
She bides, the messenger of God,
To lead you where His saints have trod.

Oh rest, sad heart! He knoweth best!
The early lost are early blest!
And crowned with flowers that bloom for ay,
You twain shall keep Memorial Day.

—Kate B. Sherwood, Canton, O., June 8, 1894.

CAPTAIN FOSTER'S GREAT SORROW.

Comrade Wallace Foster, Secretary of the Deaf Soldiers' Association, Indianapolis, and the friend and associate of the late Col. George T. Balch in the work of teaching patriotism in the public schools, mourns the loss of his beloved wife, who died May 5, following a long period of invalidism. Mrs. Foster was a woman of superior qualities of mind and heart, thoroughly in accord with her husband and of immeasurable assistance to him in his work.

TAKE THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

Inquiry is steadily on the increase concerning the great question of patriotic teaching in the public schools. Again we would say to those who want to secure the flag salute, patriotic primer, etc., send to Mrs. George T. Balch, 33 Twenty-second street, New York City, for a prospectus. She succeeds her husband, the late Col. Balch, originator of the movement.

W.R.C. women should all read THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE if they would keep up with the great onward patriotic movement of the times. That wide-awake, progressive woman, Department President Ella Jordan Mason, of Maine, prints the following in General Orders: "We would advise that a committee of three influential ladies in each Corps be appointed for this work, that they may have time to become familiar with the ideas and the various reasons for the work. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE the past Winter has had much to say about it, and it would be well for each Corps to take this paper, since from it they would get much valuable information."

DEDICATING AN URN.

Dahlgren Corps, South Boston, lent its usual assistance to Dahlgren Post in arranging the flowers for Memorial Day. They attended services Memorial Sunday with the Post, S. of V., and D. of V.

On Memorial Day the Corps dedicated an urn at Emerson Street Cemetery, to the memory of the unknown dead. While Dahlgren Post was going from cemetery to cemetery to dedicate the graves of the soldiers, the Corps conducted their services, assisted by the S. of V. and D. of V. After an invocation by Corps Chaplain Emerson, the President, Lue Stuart Wadsworth, dedicated the urn in beautiful words, after which there were recitations, songs, addresses, and the decoration of the mound by Corps, Camp, and Tent. Dahlgren Post, upon arrival, deposited a pot of beautiful flowers on the summit of the mound.

MEMORIAL OF THE FLOWERS.

A feature of Memorial Day services, under the auspices of Dunham Post, Decatur, was the presentation of Kate B. Sherwood's "The Memorial of the Flowers," under the direction of Past Department Secretary Effie R. Kennedy and members of Dunham Corps.

A feature of the exercise was a tableau revealing the God of Liberty, personated by Bessie Spalding, holding a large flag, with J. M. Allen, Frank Miller and C. E. Wise, in S. of V. uniform, standing on each side.

NEBRASKA MEMORIALS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Della Sanders, Secretary of Russell Relief Corps, No. 86, Fairbury, reports an impressive public presentation of "Memorial of the Flowers" on the Eve of Memorial Day. Russell Corps has 60 members, and is steadily recruiting. The Corps assisted the Post in the sacred observances of the season.

Post and Corps, Plattsmouth, attended the Presbyterian Church in a body Memorial Sunday. All demoninations joined in listening to the eloquent discourse of Rev. Davis, a comrade of the Post.

The Opera House was filled to overflowing Memorial Day to listen to Hon. E. P. Holmes, of Plattsmouth, and Will Coolidge, S. of V., one of our own boys. The Relief Corps and Junior Order A. M. accompanied the Post to the cemetery, followed by a great concourse of people. After the soldiers had decorated their graves the W.R.C. held services at a mound, upon which flowers were strewn.

TO BUILD A CENOTAPH.

Memorial Day in Baltimore was consecrated anew to the memory of our heroic dead. The grave of every comrade was marked with a flag, and hundreds visited all the cemeteries to strew the graves with flowers.

The afternoon of Memorial Day, National Cemetery at Louden Park, presented a scene long to be remembered. All the Posts, G.A.R., and the Department of Maryland, W.R.C., assembled to honor our departed heroes, and the services were of the most impressive kind.

A floral cenotaph to the memory of the unknown dead was built by loving hands of the W.R.C., and Department President Ruth A. Graham proposes to erect a marble cenotaph at an early day. On Memorial Day, 1895, through the untiring efforts of our President and the co-operation of the Corps, may the cenotaph be in place.

PATRIOTIC WELLINGTON.

Elisha Johnson Relief Corps, Wellington, Conn.—Ann A. Preston, President—assisted the Post for the first time, in its official capacity, on Memorial Day. On Memorial Sunday they attended services together at the Baptist Church, the Grange acting as escort for both.

The music was specially arranged for the occasion. Pastor Brown's sermon was exceedingly fine.

Details from Johnson Post decorated the graves in the Village Hill and Moore Meadow Cemeteries in the morning, returning to a bountiful dinner at Town Hall at 12:30. Then the procession, led by the South Coventry Drum Corps, and including the veterans, a chariot loaded with wreaths, bouquets and baskets of flowers, the W.R.C., the Grange, the school-children, and a long line of carriages, proceeded first to the new and then to the old town cemetery, where, near the Johnson Monument, a cross, in memory of the unknown dead, had been erected, and here the beautiful ritual service of the G.A.R. was read, followed by appropriate music and singing.

The procession then returned to the Baptist Church, where they were addressed by President B. F. Koons, of the State Agricultural College at Storrs, followed by Past Dep't Commander Smith, of Willimantic.

IN THE GIDDINGS COUNTRY.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I was highly honored by being invited to deliver the Memorial address for C. A. Eddy Post, 558, G.A.R. and W.R.C., at Windsor, O.; also, to speak at the Campfire held there the evening preceding Memorial Day.

The Post was named after C. A. Eddy, who was born in Windsor, and enlisted as a private in Co. K, 105th Ohio.

C. A. Eddy Post numbers 38 comrades, ably presided over by Henry J. Knapp, a member of Co. H, 29th Ohio, who carries on his watch chain a bullet presented him by the rebels when he carried the colors of the gallant 29th Ohio up Rocky Face Ridge, in that furious charge.

Eddy Post has a fine auxiliary in Corps 164. The present President is Lucy Adams.

The Post and Corps treat each other all seemingly like one family of brothers and sisters, each speaking so considerately of the other; each believing that the other does what they believe to be right.

The Campfire was held in Odd Fellows Hall, as were the Memorial exercises, over all of which Commander Knapp ably presided.

There was a pleasing program for the Campfire, including recitation by three young ladies, excellent in sentiment and delivery, and vocal numbers by the church choir, young ladies and gentlemen, of surprising excellence.

Rev. W. E. Fetch, of the M. E. Church, was the Chaplain on all occasions, and his sermon on Memorial Sabbath won golden opinions from all who heard it.

After the exercises, the Post, Corps, Sons of Veterans, followed by 74 children bearing baskets and bouquets of flowers, and citizens, marched to the very pretty cemetery, where the children, accompanied by Comrade King and others, literally covered the 48 graves of the fallen comrades, while the W.R.C. decorated a temporary monument.

Sarah M. E. Battels, Past Department President, W.R.C., Akron, O.

A MEMORIAL-DAY PROPHECY.

Starr King Post and Corps, Los Angeles, Cal., attended services, Memorial Sunday, at the Presbyterian Church, when Rev. A. H. Currier made a magnificent discourse from Psalm 75: 6, 7: "Promotion cometh neither from the East, nor from the West, nor from the South. But God is the judge; He putteth down one and setteth up another."

To Commander W. H. Sallada, of Starr King Post, Nature makes up for the loss of both eyes in the army by a singular insight into the past, present, and future of the soldiers of the Union. He said:

"There are 331,000 of our comrades buried in the 83 National cemeteries. Nearly as many more are sleeping in private cemeteries throughout the Nation. * * * Twenty years hence, Post after Post will lack a quorum, surrender its charter; Department after Department will close its official doors forever. Then the sublime work that we perform here to-day will be left to other hands. Then, with the patriotic citizens who cherish the memory of our noble dead, a few gray-haired old veterans will totter to the cemeteries on Memorial Day, laden with flowers. These they will tenderly lay upon the graves of their comrades, then feebly retrace their steps and wait their turn to go."

Have you tried "Golden Cure for Tender feet?" It will relieve tender feet and cure your corns. See advertisement.

Vermont Ladies' Aid Society.

L.A.S. 7, Brandon, has observed Memorial Sunday and Day very well. It had 24 members in line at the morning service Sunday, and 14 in the evening, and on Memorial Day 20 of the members rode to the cemetery and helped decorate the graves of our fallen heroes. They covered the grave of their departed sister, Miss Anna Ricket, who died three months ago, and at the request of Geo. K. Bird W.R.C., 78, of Norwood, Mass., decorated the grave of Ada M. Chamberlin, who was a member of the Corps.

L.A.S. 14, Bristol, assisted the Post and Camp on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day and on Memorial Day also.

L.A.S. 13, Huntington, furnished refreshments to about 300 on Memorial Day; 12 members marched to the Cemetery. It will also assist the Camp at its Fourth of July Ball by furnishing the supper.

Michigan L.A.S.

The annual Encampment of the Michigan L.A.S. will be held in Three Rivers, June 26, 27, and 28.

Ladies of the G.A.R.

Caroline Scott Harrison Circle, 1, Putnam, attended Memorial services in G.A.R. Hall May 27; also attended in a body at the services held at the church.

The Circle made 100 bouquets and wreaths for Memorial Day for Post 54, S. of V., and Fire Police. It erected a mound for unknown dead in Grove Street Cemetery.

DEER PARK.

On the Crest of the Alleghenies.

To those contemplating a trip to the mountains in search of health and pleasure, Deer Park, on the crest of the Allegheny Mountains, 3,000 feet above the sea-level, offers such varied attractions as a delightful atmosphere during both day and night, pure water, smooth, winding roads through the mountains and valleys, and the most picturesque scenery in the Allegheny range. The hotel is equipped with all adjuncts conducive to the entertainment, pleasure and comfort of its guests.

The surrounding grounds, as well as the hotel, are lighted with electricity. Six miles distant on the same mountain summit is Oakland, the twin resort of Deer Park, and equally as well equipped for the entertainment and accommodations of its patrons. Both hotels are upon the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, have the advantages of its splendid Vestibuled Limited Express trains between the East and West. Season excursion tickets, good for return passage until October 31st, will be placed on sale at greatly reduced rates at all principal ticket offices throughout the country. One way tickets reading from St. Louis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Columbus, Chicago, and any point on the B. & O. system to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia or New York, or vice versa, are good to stop off at either Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park, or Oakland, and the time limit will be extended by agents at either resort upon application, to cover the period of the holder's visit.

The season at these popular resorts commences June 23d.

For full information as to hotel rates, rooms, etc., address George D. DeShields, Manager, Deer Park, or Oakland, Garrett County, Maryland.

SONS OF VETERANS.

News from Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

CALIFORNIA.

The resignation of First Lieut. Hugh S. Aldrich, Camp 5, has been accepted. I. L. Stout has been elected First Lieutenant, vice Aldrich, resigned, and L. G. Parker Second Lieutenant, vice Stout, promoted.

During the latter part of May, the Division Commander prepared an appeal to the comrades of the California Department, asking them for their aid and assistance in organizing and maintaining Camps in their respective cities. J. M. Walling, Department Commander, G.A.R., indorses the circular in the following words: "They are our sons, and are organized for the purpose of soothing our declining years, commemorating our history, and preserving to future generations the priceless heritage which the valor of their fathers won. Extend to them the helping hand, and by showing a personal interest in their welfare, encourage them in their grand work."

A roster has been issued, showing the location of all the Camps, with the Captain and First Sergeant of each. It also gives all the Division officers, with residence.

This Division shows a small loss during the quarter ending March 31. At the date of last report there were 11 Camps, with a membership of 269. There were gained by muster-in, six; by transfer, two; by reinstatement, one Camp and 33 members. During that time there was a loss by Camps disbanded, two, with membership of 44; by death, none; by honorable discharge, one; by transfer, five; by suspension, six; by dishonorable discharge, none. In the Division there are now 10 Camps, with membership of 254.

The Quartermaster's report shows a balance on hand, March 31, of $20.41.

ILLINOIS.

At the Encampment held in Springfield, these officers were chosen: Com., John D. Hall, Peoria; S. V. C., John A. Walter, Lockport; J. V. C., J. B. Muchmore, Oblong. Division Council, Harry T. Moore, Chicago; C. F. Allen, Sparta; Geo. Campbell, Lincoln. Delegates to National Encampment, J. C. Grimes, Springfield; Leon McDonald, Lockport; D. H. Paddock, Kankakee; Norman H. Moss, Mt. Vernon; Isaac Cutter, Camp Point; J. M. Cozad, Reynolds.

INDIANA.

The annual Encampment will be held at Kokomo, July 5.

MICHIGAN.

A very complete roster has been issued by this Division. Besides all the Division officers it contains the names of 54 Camps, with location and Captain of each.

All communications relative to the Encampment should be addressed to Fred J. McMurtrie, Three Rivers.

Arrangements have been made to hold the 11th annual Encampment of the Michigan Division at Three Rivers, Mich., on June 26, 27 and 28. This is a beautiful city of about 4,000 inhabitants, situated at the intersection of the Kalamazoo division of the L. S. & M. S. and Michigan Central Railroads, and easy of access from all points east, west and north. The citizens have spared no pains to assist Camp 212 in making the Encampment a success so far as lies in their power; let the members of the Division show their appreciation of this by a large attendance.

Department Commander Louis H. Kanitz, Commander of the Department of Michigan, G.A.R., will be present at the session of the Encampment, and Hon. Wm. Alden Smith and Hon. Fred Maynard, of Grand Rapids, are also expected to be present and deliver addresses at Campfire and banquet.

MARYLAND.

The Encampment of this Division was held in the House of Delegates at Annapolis, June 12 and 13. There were present more than 200 uniformed men, besides 20 members of the L. A. S. Otto G. Seuss was elected Commander. The other officers are: S. V. C., Hamilton S. Smith; Council, W. O. Woodson, R. W. Foraker; Delegates, M. V. Brown, Frank A. White, O. E. Burlingame; Alternates, D. A. Edwards, J. B. Wilson, and — Lynch.

MINNESOTA.—

Department Commander Van Sant is doing all he can to secure the National Encampment for St. Paul in 1895. He is aided in this course by all his staff and other Department officers.

NEW YORK.

The resignations of C. H. E. Moran as Captain of Camp 25, and of E. T. Lahey as First Lieutenant of Camp 212, have been accepted, and the election of their successors ordered.

In response to an appeal from the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander of this Division earnestly requests every Brother in the New York Division to make an effort to secure at least one new member.

Applications have been received at Headquarters for charters from Clyde and Fort Ann.

The following Camps have been mustered: C. E. Bradley, 18, Spencer, with 25 charter members, by Capt. W. H. Dorn, Halsey Valley. Officers: Capt., J. M. Coney; First Lieut., Frank Davenport; Second Lieut., Owin Nickolas. Stephen C. Waterman, 76, Oneida, with 16 charter members, by Capt. W. B. Constantine, Canastota. Officers: Capt., W. S. Ryan; First Lieut., Fred Hodges; Second Lieut., C. N. Dean. Gen. A. S. Diven, 77, Elmira, with 15 charter members, by Past Capt. W. T. Harris, Waverly. Officers: Capt., Phillip B. Jennings; First Lieut., H. J. Strauss; Second Lieut., J. E. Magee. Gettysburg, 80, Northville, with 18 charter members, by Geo. Addington, Albany. Officers: Capt., J. C. Kested; First Lieut., Herbert Carpenter; Second Lieut., Ward Bowman.

OHIO.

Since the promulgation of Division Orders, No. 4, the following Camps have paid their per capita tax, and have been reinstated: Camp 53, Port Clinton; 66, Cuyahoga Falls; 188, Haskins; 383, Millburg; 455, Cincinnati.

The Cuyahoga County organization of the Sons of Veterans desire to extend an invitation to all Camps and brothers in this and other Divisions to be present and participate with them in the ceremonies connected with the unvailing of the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument at Cleveland, O., July 4, 1894.

Hotel arrangements for the 12th annual Encampment to be held in Fostoria, June 25 to 29, have been completed and excellent accommodations can be had for 75 cents to $1.50 per day.

Headquarters of the Commander will be established at the Earl House, Monday morning, June 25.

The Commander and staff will leave via W. & L. E. R. R. at 8:35 a. m. June 25.

The Division Council will meet at 2 p. m. to audit the accounts of the Division.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Division Encampment passed an amendment to the Division By-laws abolishing the Executive Council.

Allentown was selected as the place to hold the Division Encampment in 1895.

The Encampment decided that the per capita tax for the ensuing year remain as heretofore, 12½ cents per quarter.

Past Grand Division Commander R. M. J. Reed, Past Division Commanders Walter E. Smith and H. M. Rebele were appointed a Committee on Transportation for the next Encampment.

O. M. Moore, Camp 107, won the Harter prize badge in the target contest, having scored all out of 15 possible points.

The Death Benefit Association, S. V., U. S. A., Philadelphia, was indorsed.

The participation in the G.A.R. National Encampment parade in Pittsburg, Sept. 10 next, of the Division, was indorsed.

Headquarters have been established at 529 Court St., Reading. The following is a complete list of officers: Com., Charles L. John, Camp 34, Mt. Carmel; S. V. C., William H. Hays, 100, Royersford; J. V. C., Charles E. Chapple, 14, Johnstown; Council, C. Day Rudy, 15, Harrisburg; John Vogt, 4, Pittsburg; A. Wesley Weikel, 228, Philadelphia.

These staff officers have been appointed and installed: Chap., S. B. Harte, Camp 144, Catasauqua; Adj't, Horace H. Hammer, 16, Reading; Q. M., Charles E. Diefenderfer, 16, Reading; Ins., Paul Smyser, 33, York; Mustering Officer, Wildun Scott, 121, Milton; Judge-Advocate, Alf. G. Loyd, 139, Sharpsburg; S. M., Baird Hammer, 16, Reading; Q. M. S., Fred Row, 16, Reading.

Following have also been elected Representatives to Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, Davenport, Iowa: Delegates, E. T. Carr (at-large), Camp 45, Radnor; Emil Poertsel, jr., 162, Pittsburg; Wildun Scott, 121, Milton; John H. Wooden, 212, Honesdale; Harry C. Moore, 87, Middletown; Julius A. Mason, 75, Towanda; W. H. Dunlap, 249, New Castle; T. C. Harter, 270, Bloomsburg; W. I. Carns, 160, Sunbury; James H. Tawney, 7, Philadelphia; O. D. Stewart, 162, Pittsburg.

VERMONT.

Camp 55, Vergennes, will make a strong effort to get the next Encampment of this Division.

Inspector Monohan will muster a large Camp at Richmond soon. There are 28 applicants.

A new Camp is being organized at Rutland. We hope it will have a brilliant future.

Capt. H. W. Gillett, Past Capt. C. J. Smith and staff, of Camp 83, Huntington, will assist in the muster of the new Camp at Richmond.

Camp 50, Morrisville, attended Memorial services at the Congregational Church May 27.

Camp 85, Bristol, attended Memorial services at Holley Hall May 27.

It is understood that Camp 1, Barre, will present a candidate for Division Commander at the coming Encampment.

The Camp at Richmond was mustered June 9 by Inspector Monahan.

This Division shows an increase in membership during the last quarter. The number in good standing at last report was 48 Camps, with a membership of 1,157. During the quarter there was a gain by muster-in of 27 members; by transfer, 10; by reinstatement, five Camps and 109 members. The loss has been: By disbandment, none; by death, none; by honorable discharge, six; by transfer, 13; by suspension, one Camp and 74 members; by dishonorable discharge, one. The present membership, 1,209.

REUNIONS.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations.

ILLINOIS.

Members of the 18th Ill. to the number of 40 met at Carbondale, May 28. The organization was welcomed by Comrade Simeon Walker in an address that assured each one that he was indeed the welcome guest of the warm-hearted citizens of Carbondale. Response was made by Comrade John W. Coleman, President of the organization, who, in a frank and humorous manner, assured the good people of the beautiful and moral city that their tender of welcome was as fully appreciated as it was freely offered. These officers were elected: Pres., John W. Coleman, Co. C, Frankfort, Ill.; V.-P., Thos. F. Hord, Co. K, Carbondale; Sec., Thomas C. Watkins, Co. H, 2411 Washington avenue, Cairo; Ass't Sec., Moses Martin, Co. C, DuQuoin; Chap., Rev. M. B. Kelley, Co. F, Pulaski; Ass't Chap., Rev. J. R. Miller, Co. C, Benton. The place for holding the next Reunion was considered, several towns were named, but on vote Old Frank