THE GRAND ARMY.

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

PITTSBURG ENCAMPMENT.

Citizens Who Made the 28th Annual Meeting of the G.A.R. a Success Meet and Adjourn Sine Die.

The 28th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is now a thing of the past, though the echoes of that grand Reunion will be heard in the Post-rooms for many years to come.

The last meeting of the Citizens' Executive Council was held Dec. 21, and, after a short session, adjourned sine die. This finished the last chapter of the work of Pittsburg's patriotic citizens. And all comrades will agree that a more successful Reunion was never held, though many of the boys had been mustered out, and others were unable to be present, from sickness and infirmity resulting from exposure, hard marches, and disease contracted in prison.

To this committee, composed of the best citizens of the "Smoky City," are due the thanks of the comrades everywhere. These were the men who, by their careful management, provided so liberally for the wants of the veterans at the last Encampment.

This last meeting was called to order by the Chairman, D. C. Ripley, and the roll-call showed there were present to witness the dissolution of the body the following gentlemen: D. C. Ripley, Mayors McKenna and Kennedy, Maj. A. J. Logan, H. H. Bengough, William McConway, S. S. Marvin, A. P. Burchfield, P. F. Smith, W. H. Seif, H. D. W. English, T. G. Sample, W. J. Patterson, and Dr. C. C. Wiley. The absentees were Capt. C. W. Batchelor, W. R. Thompson, W. C. Quincey, W. S. Russell, and Hon. Morrison Foster. These constituted the whole membership of the Council.

The first business transacted was the reading of the report of Chairman D. C. Ripley. He stated that in compliance with the resolution of the Council at its last meeting he had undertaken to wind up the affairs of the Council, and it was now finally completed. Of all the moneys contributed for the success of the Encampment and collected, 14 per cent. had been returned to those making the subscription. After this had been accomplished there remained a balance of $430.93. A warrant for this amount was drawn in favor of the Committee on Archives, to defray the expenses of the work of filing away the records of the Encampment in the archives in the Carnegie Library Hall.

Executive Director Maj. Albert J. Logan submitted his report, which showed the total disbursements to have been $101,467.17. Of this $10,156.85 had been returned to contributors.

The total receipts from subscriptions amounted to $75,143.10, while the revenue secured from all other sources aggregated $26,383.23; making a grand total of $101,526.32.

General Secretary H. H. Bengough made his report, stating all the affairs of the Encampment had been carefully recorded and referring to future preservation of these records by the Committee, in conclusion said:

"By action of the Executive Council the books, records, etc., of your board were placed under the control of a Committee on Archives consisting of Messrs. Daniel C. Ripley, William McConway, H. D. W. English, Percy F. Smith and H. H. Bengough. The duty of this committee will be to place the records of the board in the Carnegie Library Hall, Pittsburg, and to make such provision for their preservation as shall be permanent and lasting, so that in time to come future generations can view the evidences of the magnificent record made by our patriotic people when stirred by the influences of love for flag and country and honor to the defenders of the Union."

Expressions of sympathy were made in regard to the serious illness of W. C. Quincey, who is now lying dangerously ill at the Homeopathic hospital.

This concluded the regular business of the meeting and the motion to adjourn sine die was then made and carried and the Executive Council of the 28th National Encampment of the G.A.R. ceased to exist.

After the adjournment it was decided that the Secretary and the Chairman be instructed to formulate a plan for a social organization, to be composed of the members of the Executive Council, and they were instructed to formulate such plans and report at a called meeting.

After this was done Thomas G. Sample said that as the Council was anxious to keep up its social relations he would state that prior to the time set for the departure of the veterans for the next Encampment, to be held at Louisville, they would all receive written invitations to attend that Encampment as the guests of Post 128, of Allegheny.

Swindled Comrades.

The comrades and others of Washington, Ill., have been defrauded and swindled by a G. L. Joice. Henry Reynolds, Adjutant of Post 474, writes as follows: "G. L. Joice came here in August, 1893, and claimed that he had been getting evidence in his pension case, so that Congress would grant him a special pension of $100. He went to Washington City, D.C., in December, 1893; came back, stating his case was all right and he would get his case through Congress and would get back pay to the amount of several thousand dollars. By representing things so he got a comrade to take care of him and furnish him with money. Some time in October last he claimed to have gotten notice from Washington, D. C., that his pension had been allowed at $72 per month, and dated back eight years. Then he claimed to have an order from the Department to go to Peoria to draw his money, but when he got there he had lost the order. He claimed about the 1st of November to have received word from Chicago that his check would be there the 10th. So he left here, as he said, to go to Chicago to get his money.

"The next we heard of him he was in Iowa playing the same thing he did here. He left the comrade that took care of him while here short about $500; also the two banks the same, besides many of other smaller amounts in town. He pretends to lecture. He goes on crutches and looks like he was badly crippled, but can walk without them when drunk. It is reported on very good authority that he was never crippled in the army, and that he served two years in State's prison. He went to the war in Co. D, 32d Iowa, from Boonsboro, Iowa.

"Description: Hight, about six feet; dark hair and mustache; weight, about 200; large frame, not fleshy."

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

ILLINOIS.—

At a largely-attended meeting of Franklin Post, 256, Monticello, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Franklin Post, of Monticello, Ill., extend to their Commander, J. W. Coleman, and their Senior Vice-Commander, E. T. Lee, a vote of thanks for their labors in behalf of the Shiloh Battlefield Association, and congratulate them on their success in securing from the Government an appropriation of $75,000 to commence the work of preserving the battlefield as a great National Memorial Park.

Col. Lee is receiving many letters from leading men congratulating him on the success of the movement to make Shiloh a great National Memorial Park, and hundreds have already had their names registered for the excursion to the Reunion on the battlefield next April. Among those who have decided to go is the Chickamauga Commission, composed of Gens. Fullerton, Boynton, Stewart, and Col. Smith; Gens. Prentiss, Lew Wallace, McClernand, Buell, Chalmers, Oglesby, and others, will be there. Tatman's full band will furnish the music for the Reunion. There will be a fleet of five steamers or more go up the river together. A grand time will be in order. It is the intention to visit Lookout Mountain and Chickamauga battlefields before returning; also, Corinth, Vicksburg, and other battlefields.

IOWA.—

Gettysburg Post, 241, Northboro—Com., J. H. Wheeler; S. V. C., C. T. Long; J. V. C., G. Wolf; Surg., A. Allison; Chap., E. A. Tallman; O. D., O. W. Holcomb; O. G., J. G. Bailey; Adj't, W. W. Whitlow.

James C. Taylor Post, 165, Algona—Com., Capt. D. D. Dodge; S. V. C., Wm. Ward; J. V. C., P. L. Slagle; Surg., H. C. McCoy; Chap., G. H. Lamson; O. D., R. F. Bedrick; Q. M., John Reed.

P. M. Coder Post, 98, Vinton—Com., J. C. Thompson; S. V. C., H. M. Wilson; J. V. C., F. M. Bramhall; Surg., M. Meredith; Chap., S. M. Edmonds; O. D., L. H. Starks; Q. M., J. L. Tinkham; O. G., Nick Eisenhaur. The Adjutant has not been appointed. E. H. Calcord has been Adjutant for 10 or 11 years, and declines to serve longer. The Post is in the best of condition financially and otherwise. During the life of the Post, 12½ years, there has not been the least disturbance in it. All discussions have been friendly, and all decisions acquiesced cheerfully. Over $1,200 have been paid out by the Post for relief, besides donations of other articles. At the time of the Johnstown flood the following was sent to the Department Commander: "Draw on us for $10, if required, for comrades suffering from the flood." The call was made and the amount forwarded. In the past the Post has been very watchful of the sick, looking after them as soon as it was known that they were sick, each one striving to do all that he could to assist. There are about 102 members, some living some distance away.

KANSAS.—

Long Island Post, 181, Long Island—Com., Wm. Childress; S. V. C., J. I. Taylor; J. V. C., John Reeder; Adj't, L. F. Pickle; Chap., T. M. Clark; Surg., H. A. Martin; O. D., T. H. Rogers; O. G., W. J. Lamb; Q.-M., James H. Miller.

MAINE.—

Ruel Annas Post, 104, Sprague's Mills—Com., S. G. Richardson; S. V. C., J. J. Hill; J. V. C., A. H. Bridges; Chap., L. Robbins; Surg., E. W. Sprague; Q.-M., Samuel Daggett; O. D., R. A. Erskin; O. G., Joseph E. Miller.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Samuel F. Woods Post celebrated its 10th anniversary Dec. 12. Nine Posts were invited. A banquet was served at Hotel Barre at 5:30 p. m. The exercises, consisting of singing of war songs by a chorus of 30 and speeches by prominent G.A.R. men, were held in Williams's Hall, which was handsomely decorated. Junior Vice Commander Derby, of Springfield; Secretary of State W. M. Olin, Gen. John Kimbal, State Auditor Col. John G. Crawford, of Manchester, N. H.; Gen. George Hawkes, of Templeton; Representative Roe, of Worcester, and other prominent G.A.R. men were present. Our Townsman, Deacon T. P. Root, gave a history as he remembered it of the doings of the town in war days. B. F. Brooks gave a history of the Post. Commander J. Harding Allen was Master of Ceremonies. The evening was a very stormy one, to the great disappointment of the Post. This Post is a small one, numbering 57 members, but is in a flourishing condition, not having dropped or discharged any member. The Officer of the Day is George E. Wilson, who is a charter member, and has held the office for 10 years, and has not missed a meeting. Can many Posts beat this?

MICHIGAN.—

John H. Andrews Post, 288, Grand Junction—Com., R. S. Chappel; S. V. C., A. Shekels; J. V. C., James Lover; Surg., A. D. Hulbert; Chap., L. H. Dalrimple; Q. M., G. L. Blize; O. D., Ira Wade; O. G., C. Reanler.

MISSOURI.—

W. H. L. Wallace Post, 177, Moundville—Com., A. Hubbs; S. V. C., John Landrum; J. V. C., R. Davis; Chap., M. Pointer; Surg., Fred Volks; Q. M., Matt Landon; O. D., Geo. Ham; O. G., A. King.

George R. Smith Post, 53, Sedalia—Com., W. B. Challacomb; S. V. C., George Evans; J. V. C., J. N. Clark; Chap., John Holsman; Q. M., J. A. Capen; Surg., J. W. Trader; O. D., Wm. Campbell; O. G., Fred Schneider.

NEBRASKA.—

Hay Springs Post, 223, Hay Springs—Com., C. W. McMannama; S. V. C., Thos. Dulin; J. V. C., F. C. Plautz; Q. M., S. C. Ferguson; O. D., J. Lofland; Surg., J. M. Waterman; Chap., W. P. Pease.

S. C. Ferguson, Post 223, Hay Springs: The last Summer's drouth and failure of crops has had quite a depressing effect on the G.A.R., many of the members becoming cold and backward and staying away from Post meetings because they do not have the wherewith to pay up dues. However, the W.R.C., together with the G.A.R., are looking forward to a revival soon.

NEW JERSEY.—

Capt. Walter C. Dunton, Post 110, Bristol—Com., E. B. Palmer; S. V. C., W. W. Needham; J. V. C., J. B. Ellis; Surg., E. W. Gage; Chap., F. P. Ward; Q. M., H. P. Sherwin; Adj't, H. S. Smith; S. M., A. J. Crane; Q. M. S., H. P. Jennings.

NEW YORK.—

Hatch Post, 241, Friendship—Com., Gardiner Wells; S. V. C., Wm. B. Voorhis; J. V. C., Wm. Wood; Q. M., John Fisher; Surg., E. A. Willard; Chap., Wm. Wightman; O. D., C. D. McKee; O. G., Aaron Gayton.

Charles McCullock Post, 645, West Berne—Com., George W. Steiner; S. V. C., William H. Parson; J. V. C., C. W. Wright; Adj't, John H. Ball; Surg., Ezra West; Chap., Le Grand Jones; Q. M., Hamilton Bouck; O. D., Miner Crysler; O. G., Adam Reinhart; S. M., Elias M. Shafer; Q. M. S., Jacob Tousan; Sentinel, Jacob S. Irons.

B. Frank Marson Post, 428, Alfred—Com., Isaac M. Langworthy; S. V. C., O. M. Rogers; J. V. C., Samuel Whitford; Q. M., John M. Mosher; Surg., M. Shephard; Chap., James R. Crandall; O. D., J. W. Marsh; O. G., William O. Place.

The Allegheny County G.A.R. Association met at Belmont, Thursday, Dec. 13, and elected the following officers: Pres., Joseph W. Marsh, of Alfred, second term; First V.-P., Laverne Burdick, Friendship; Second V.-P., Robert Seeley, Belfast; Sec., R. S. Grady, Cuba; Treas., E. O'Malley, Cuba; Chap., A. L. Halbert, Belmont; O. D., A. H. Waters, Belmont.

Peter Cooper Post, 313, New York—Com., Michael H. Whalen; S. V.-P., Robert Gardiner; J. V.-P., James A. Gilchrist; O. D., Michael Gleason; Surg., James White; Chap., Wm. Hunter; O. G., James Flood. Peter Cooper Post was first mustered in March, 1894, since which time it has gained an enviable reputation among the fraternity of the Department of the State of New York for its charity and the unswerving interest of its officers for the personal welfare of its members. Michael H. Whalen, who has just been reelected to the honorable position of Commander, will at the next installation serve his 10th term in that position; and it is greatly to his credit that the comrades of Peter Cooper Post have shown by his continuous re-election their great confidence and faith in him, by continuing him in that important position. His record as Commander has endeared him to his comrades, as he has ever been found ready to assist the needy and to extend a helping hand to the truly worthy veterans, whether they be of Peter Cooper Post or other Posts.

Post 641, Huntington, L. I.—Com., Rev. H. Q. Judd; S. V. C., Geo. F. Barr; J. V. C., Alonzo P. Dodge; Q. M., Walter R. Hewlett; Surg., Dr. John Lindsay; Chap., Geo. Stilwell; O. D., David Baldwin; O. G., Jas. Wheeler.

OHIO.—

George Douglass Post, 183, Millbury—Com., W. J. Bailey; S. V. C., D. D. Snyder; J. V. C., Herbert Smith; Surg., James Facer; Chap., N. P. Young; Q. M., A. B. Johnson; O. D., J. L. Moore; O. G., Wm. Dixon; Bugler, W. J. Bailey.

Welch Post, 422, Ulrichville—Com., T. R. Woodborne; S. V. C., J. K. P. Ferrell; J. V. C., J. T. Moore; Chap., James M. Anderson; Surg., John Burton; Q. M., James Stewart; O. D., J. C. Guthrie; O. G., J. W. Akers.

Post 406, Mount Sterling—Com., John N. Crabbe; S. V. C., Allison Grim; J. V. C., Sam'l Warner; Q. M., Jos. H. Blain; Chap., John W. Ingrim; Surg., Jos. Taylor; O. D., John T. Burke; O. G., James A. Baker; Adj't, D. B. Saint.

H. B. Banning Post, 198, Madisonville—Com., Henry Bernert; S. V. C., Foster Todd; J. V. C., H. W. Price; Q. M., George Sauer; Surg., T. A. Moore; Chap., Rev. J. Pollock, war Chaplain 91st Ind.; O. D., Jas. Giffin; O. G., Conrad Dollenmeyer; Adj't, B. M. Stewart.

RHODE ISLAND.—

Burnside Post, 2, Shannock—Com., Edwin Northrop; S. V. C., W. Jerome Tucker; J. V. C., J. Henry Arnold; Adj't, Levi Cornell; Q. M., George W. Hoxie; Chap., Abel Tanner; Surg., W. C. Tucker; O. D., Henry E. Wells; O. G., Elisha Holloway.

Lawton Post, 5, Newport—Com., William P. Smith; S. V. C., Henry C. Bachellor; J. V. C., Edwin H. Tilley; Q. M., Charles E. Harvey; Surg., Jas. H. Taylor; Chap., John T. Delano; O. D., A. T. Tuell; O. G., Jas. Sheehan; Guard, Benjamin F. Boodley; Outer Guard, Frank C. Crompton.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—

Meade Post, 32, Gettysburg—Com., S. M. Howard; S. V. C., S. Frankhouser; J. V. C., Wm. Austin; O. D., H. Meyer; O. G., J. W. Francis; Adj't, C. E. M. Oliver; Q. M., Walter Smith; Chap., L. L. Searls; Surg., Jas. Bryson.

TEXAS.—

E. O. C. Ord Post, 3, San Antonio—Com., Fred C. Loring; S. V. C., Edward Mayers; J. V. C., Charles J. LeStourgeon; Adj't, A. K. Melton; Q. M., J. M. Kendall; Surg., J. P. Kline; Chap., A. T. Rollins; O. D., M. J. Keating; O. G., T. J. Barnes; S. M., H. H. Alvord; Q. M. S., N. Underwood.

VERMONT.—

Roberts Post, 14, Rutland—Com., T. Benton Kelley; S. V. C., C. C. Kinsman; J. V. C., W. H. Mitchell; Q. M., E. H. Wood; Surg., C. M. Marstin; Chap., F. R. Gove; O. D., J. B. Needham; O. G., George Patterson.

WISCONSIN.—

Lovell Post, 230, Kenosha—Com., Wm. Newhouse; S. V. C., Theodore Boyington; J. V. C., Jacob Jacobs; Q. M., F. H. Lyman; Chap., — Coshun; Surg., I. J. Cobb; O. D., Emil Senne; O. G., Wm. Burt; Trustee, C. F. Stemm.

THE POST ROOM.

Within Its Sacred Precincts Are Recalled the Promises Made by the Government to the Soldiers.

BY PRIVATE DALZELL.

The young generation, and so much of the old as was not in the war, have no conception of the dignity and impressiveness of the proceedings in our Post-rooms at our weekly or monthly meetings. It is not at all sure that if the vail of secrecy were drawn, and the public admitted generally, as they are admitted to town meetings or at church, that even then they could fully understand and enter into the spirit of our stated meetings. But the trouble is that they think they know, and know nothing about it! That is why I write about it now. I would, if I could, correct the many notions abroad on this subject. We are not at all the men we are supposed to be. Our meetings are not at all the meetings they are supposed to be. Usually, the soldiers go about their business quietly all the week, make no fuss, and certainly show no splendid feathers; for, as Logan was wont to say sadly, "It is the soldier's lot to be poor." The description of the 53d chapter of Isaiah fits them admirably, "despised and rejected of men," "men of sorrows and acquainted with griefs," "wounded for our national transgressions and bruised for our national iniquities"—the whole chapter applies to them as a class. I have certainly never seen any description in print that so graphically described the soldier's condition and character. Clothed in rags many of us, living in habitations of poverty most of us, going on from day to day in a hand-to-mouth sort of way, holding no offices, owning no newspapers, our place is confessedly not very exalted or impressive.

But what sort of men are they themselves?—for I have been speaking only of their environments, the outside merely. Essentially and truly what sort of men are these old ragged, gray-haired boys in blue, anyhow?

Go back to the days of their prime, young men, and ask your mothers and grandmothers, your fathers and grandfathers, what kind of men these soldiers were when they enlisted to fight the battles of the country! They were not gray then! They were not lame or bowed down and crippled up! Their faces were not seamed, and furrowed, and wrinkled, and thin, and pale, and sad then!

"In the morn and liquid dew of youth" they were the flower of the land—its best men! Best in brain, best, at heart, bravest, truest, strongest, for the invalids and cowards all had to stay at home. These be plain words, but the time has come when no milder words can be used to state the case of these despised and rejected men in blue.

Best then and best yet; tried in the fire; pure gold. No man not a traitor or coward can afford to turn up his nose at one of these grand men, no matter how poor or lame or ragged.

Because the old soldiers do not loudly protest at the manner of their treatment in their old age, do not for one moment think they are so blind as not to see it. They see and feel sorely the difference in the treatment accorded them when, in the strength and beauty of their manhood, they went forth to fight your battles, and the violence, insult, and neglect that attend their declining years, even if they make no noise about it. All these things come up and pass in review in the Post-rooms when we meet, not so much to fight our old battles over, but to fight the new battles of bread and butter for our fading years! The public are all wrong about this; we do not live altogether in the past by any means! Like other men, we need our daily bread.

We recall the promises made to us when we donned the blue and stood between your homes and war's desolation. Many of these promises are broken, few of them yet redeemed, and it is the office of the Post-room to agitate these questions until the country returns to a sense of its solemn duty to us, and redeems its solemn obligations. This it must do. We have the power to compel it with our 2,000,000 sons, and our meetings in the Post-room are the lever that will lift the world!

This is not politics, but it is the politics of the Post-room. There we have no use for candidates or platforms, but we do have great use for all the means in our power to control the Government of the United States, and we can and will do it until it redresses all the wrongs done us, restores our spoliated pensions, increases the pittances doled out so grudgingly, and places on the roll at a fair rate the last one and every one that wore the blue—every man!

We talk it all over in the Post-rooms. They are the throne of power in this country yet, and can control every Township from Augusta to San Francisco—every one. Only a few present, some very old, some feeble and suffering greatly. Yet no Senate or Convention is more dignified, none half as sincere or cordial and fraternal. No foolishness there. No frolic or fun—that day is gone by. We are old, earnest men now. We are met to help each other, and we mean business. We are not geese to fly after chaff and consider it grain. We know what's what, and never mistake a friend for an enemy. The best men of this country—the pick of the flock—its brain and intelligence in 1861, we are not idiots yet. We are not to be trifled with or fooled by any man or any party! Our friends can command us every one, for above all things the soldier never forgets a friend in need, but woe to the party or the men that strikes one of us down!

I emphasize and repeat, and to my latest breath shall declare the irreversible verdict of history, that the best men the writer ever yet saw in line-of-battle were the men who wore the blue. No man who worthily wore the gray will ever dispute the sober fact. It is sealed in blood and enrolled eternal in the Nation's Pantheon. We are neither beggars nor robbers. We stand upon the Nation's bond, and, like other bondholders, simply claim our own. We have no apologies to offer. We do not whine or complain, nor yet will we go to our creditors to beg for alms. We stand upright like men, and neither fawn nor cringe. We beg nothing. We demand our own only. With all the power at my command, with all the indignation that I feel, I hurl back in the teeth of our adversaries with defiant scorn the insolent falsehood that we are not their superiors and masters! There, you have a glimpse of the Post-room now.

Earnest men here meet as brothers to exchange fraternal greetings, breathe a mutual prayer, sing a song of the flag, and consult for each other's good. No hypocrits here, no liars, no demagogs, no knaves—all is open, candid, square, nothing held back, nothing concealed, all open as the day. No man can stand up in a Post-room and utter a lie! It is face to face, heart to heart, true as steel, and when the council closes and the word goes forth, the Grand Army of the Republic closes up its ranks and moves forward, reinforced by its 2,000,000 sons, a mighty force that no man or party care resist!

Caned by His Daughters.

Sunday, Dec. 16, an event occurred that will always be a bright spot in the life of Capt. L. J. Cutter, of Marietta, O., President of the Ohio Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War, and Secretary of the Survivors Organization of the 77th Ohio. On leaving the breakfast table and walking into the library he was completely surprised by finding a beautiful gold-headed cane lying on his desk, with the following inscription on it: "L. J. Cutter. Dec. 16, 1894. Age, 50 years."

This handsome gift was from his daughters, Miss Bertha and Lulu, who are very proud of their father's record as a soldier in the gallant 77th Ohio, and that he is a veteran of the late war. This was quite affecting to the Captain, as it at once carried his memory back 30 years from that date, when he was a beardless boy, languishing in Camp Ford Military Prison, near Tyler, Tex., suffering the tortures of a rebel prison, surrounded only with darkest hopes and his comrades dying by the score; at that time living on a half pint of corn meal for a day's rations; now surrounded with a happy, loving family, in a beautiful home; what a contrast in pictures of life!

Comrade Cutter feels so proud of his cane that we may expect to see him exhibit it when he presides at the next annual Convention of the Ohio Ex-Prisoners of War at Circleville, O., next June; also at the annual Reunion of the 77th Ohio at Beverly, O.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from Departments.

A NEW YEAR'S CALL.

Help Still Needed for the Army Nurses—An Appeal from the National Relief Corps Home Board—Interesting Reports from Willing Workers—Patriotism in the Rockies.

HELP THE ARMY NURSES.

There are many Relief Corps which report little or no local relief to be done. They have the means and the ability to earn more; but as there are few calls upon their resources they settle back into indifference and lose the real satisfaction that accompanies earnest, active work, in accordance with the vows taken upon them.

To all such Relief Corps there comes a special call in the appeal which follows from the National Relief Corps Home Board on behalf of the Army Nurses, in and out of the National Home. In forwarding the appeal Annie Wittenmyer, President of the Board of Trustees, says: "I feel the needs of these people the more as I am in correspondence with them about their pensions and they come to me with their sorrows.

"Many of them are so needy and it is now almost impossible to get a pension claim through. The fight for their rights and the search for evidence seems to grow harder and harder, and in the meantime these women, many of them tottering on the brink of the grave, have to suffer."

Now if the Relief Corps having little local relief work to do, will join hands with the old stand-by Relief Corps that are certain to respond to every call, there will soon be funds enough in the National Treasury not only to prosecute the National Relief Corps Home work until the four cents per capita is available, but to enable the Home Board to send out much needed remittances to the destitute Nurses outside the National Home.

What better way of beginning the glad New Year; the year of renewed hope and abounding promise? Let us keep our obligations for the love we bear the men who saved the Nation manifested through the women who stanched their wounds and cooled their fevered brows, remembering

"'that to love is the one way to know
Or God or man; it is not love received
That maketh man to know the inner life
Of them that love him; his own love bestowed
Shall do it.'"

TO THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

There is now, with the force of help required, a family of 50 persons to be supported and cared for at the National Relief Corps Home. At present severe sickness pervades the Home, about 20 having been affected with acute attacks of chronic disease or by an epidemic cold akin to the grip. Among the latter is Hannah R. Plimpton, Superintendent, who is at present confined to her room.

The Home Board were obliged to make some needed improvements; among these the building of an arcade to connect the Wittenmyer and Ohio cottages, that all may go to one general dining-room in the latter building. To meet these unusual demands there is only the usual amount of funds, until the increase expected in response to the action of 12th National Convention, as follows:

That an amount equal to four cents per member be paid into the Department Treasurer's hands in the usual way during the first quarter of the Relief Corps year, viz., January, February, and March, to be sent with the quarterly per capita tax to National Treasurer for the National Woman's Relief Corps Home Board.

For above reasons, the Board have not the amount of funds they could wish, and need at this time to help the Army Nurses outside of the Home who are in need of medicine and proper clothing and other comforts at this season.

All Corps which can do so are asked to send, at once, to Amelia A. Cheney, National Treasurer, 84 Brainard street, Detroit, Mich., a donation to the Army Nurse fund, and thus help to bring happiness and comfort to those who gave the same to our "boys" when sick and dying in camp and hospital.

Annie Wittenmyer, Chairman.
Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary of Board.

UTAH IN THE LINE.

Now that, by act of Congress, Utah has been admitted into the Union, and since the preliminary steps have been taken which will endow her with full Statehood in time to participate in the celebration of the Fourth of July, 1895, there has been a call for another stanza to "Guarding the Flags," by Kate B. Sherwood.

The following has, therefore, been supplied, and it may be added to the exercise by Posts and Corps desiring to repeat the same:

"I come to join the column,
And here I take my stand
To keep the flag of freedom
Triumphant o'er our land."

OHIO'S HISTORIC CHART.

When Mary E. Bancroft was Department President of Ohio the State celebrated the Centennial of the Ordinance of 1787 with an Exposition at Columbus.

Through her enterprise the W.R.C. was represented at the Exposition by a superb engrossed historic chart, which, when the Exposition was over, was consigned to the rooms of the State Historic Society in the Statehouse.

Later the chart was exhibited at the World's Fair, Chicago, and now that the Historic Society has taken up headquarters at the Ohio State University, the chart will be taken there with the rest of its valuable archives of the Society.

FIRST PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT.

The Convention of the First Pennsylvania District was held in Pittsburg, Col. J. W. Patterson Post Hall, South Side, Department Secretary Abbie Lynch presiding. The meeting was unusually pleasant, as well as profitable, as upon this occasion, in her own Corps home, was presented to Abbie Lynch the opal ring set with diamonds, provided by a National Committee, W.R.C., consisting of Lizabeth A. Turner, Charity Rusk Craig, and Charlotte J. Cummings.

The presentation address was made by President Anna Davis, of Corps 1, on behalf of the committee, and although the recipient was greatly surprised, she made an appropriate and touching response.

The next District Convention will be held at Williamsburg. Officers elected: Pres., Margaret Reese; Sec., Lida Richardson. Lona Patterson was chosen District nominee for National delegate.

Department Counselor Charlotte J. Cummings presided over the W.R.C. District, composed of Venango, Clarion, Butler, and Armstrong Counties. Corps representatives were present from Oil City, Butler, Emlenton, and Franklin. Eliza A. Rickards, Corps 111, Franklin, was elected President.

The Relief Corps of the Fourth District have decided to present the Pennsylvania Memorial Home, Brookville, with a handsome National flag for the tall flagstaff that stands in the front yard of the Home.

Mesdames Kate L. McDonald and C. J. Sahm, who inspected Corps 20, Oil City, make a very favorable report of the Corps and their entertainment while there.

PLEA FOR PATRIOTISM.

Louise Barnum Robbins made this ringing plea for teaching patriotism in the schools in the woman's number of the *Telegram*, Adrian, Mich., following an article on the great educational movement now going forward:

CITIZENS OF ADRIAN: Shall we see to it that our little citizens are taught in a greater degree lessons of patriotism, that they are taught each day to honor the flag, and that their highest ambition should be to be nobler litte citizens, and to grow up capable of guarding the liberties and rights of our loved country and loyal to the great principles underlying the Government.

Let them be taught day by day that this starry flag has been consecrated upon many battlefields. That there were Spartan heroes from the old Revolutionary times down to Appomattox.

Let us teach them over and again that this flag that they salute represents the grandest Republic history records.

Women of Adrian, let us join in this patriotic and soul-inspiring movement. Let us rise in the strength of our devotion to all patriotic principles, and, in the sweetness of a lofty and peace-loving womanhood, see to it that the flag salute is introduced into our schools, that patriotic instruction is inculcated on all days, that these little citizens be developed into noble women and faithful, high-minded men, devoted to their country, loving its institutions and seeking to preserve them. Let us all foster qualities that will develop nobility of character, public spirit and pride, honest politics, intellectual excellence, broad statesmanship, love of justice, and lofty patriotism.

Let us ever remember the greatness and completeness of our ideals along these lines:

"One heart, one hope, one destiny,
One flag from sea to sea."

BOWERS RELIEF CORPS.

Bowers Relief Corps, Geneva, O., the cradle of the National Relief Corps Home, has unanimously re-elected Lillian Palmer President and is about to enter upon another year of excellent work. Blanche W. Chamberlin has been appointed Secretary, and the entire staff of officers is of the best.

Laura Rosamond White was very properly chosen to represent the Corps, as heretofore, as Press Reporter. She sends the following notes of Corps doings.

An Opera House entertainment of music, recitations, and a farce, entitled "The Weed," netted the Corps $20. Christmas baskets were sent out, as per custom, to the aged mothers and relatives of soldiers.

Inspection, conducted by Gertrude Kay, of Dyer Corps, Painsville, was largely attended, closing with refreshments.

A Bowers Corps delegation surprised the Post at a Campfire and enjoyed the addresses of the occasion. Among the speakers were Capt. J. King, U. S. A., an invited guest, Capt. C. P. Bragg, of Duluth, and prominent members of Post and Corps. The surprise party shared in the soldier repast.

A literary entertainment is on the tapis.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Reports of Department Secretary and Trearurer, at close of the third quarter, 1894, give the following statistics: Number of Corps, 226; membership, 7,971; amount expended in relief, $820.70; relief other than money, $682.62. Department President Flo Jamison Miller, in General Order, No. 3, requests every Corps President to visit the schools in her vicinity and ask that the flag salute be made a part of each morning exercise.

"The public school system is the foundation of the Government. See to it that the stones shall be of patriotism and cemented with Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and that Illinios rings from boundary to boundary with "One country, one language, one flag."

Department President Miller is in receipt of invitations from several different cities to deliver the Memorial address, May next.

Charles Moore Relief Corps, 231, Chestnut, have added $65 to their relief fund, proceeds of a supper.

Commander F. M. Sapp, of Seth C. Earl Post, 156, Ottawa, and his wife, who is Junior Vice President of Corps 166, were surprised by the Corps and friends, and an evening of social pleasure, with music, recitations, and supper, was enjoyed.

Earl Post and Corps are doing good work. They report an enjoyable visit to the G.A.R. and W.R.C. of Streator.

Dunham Corps, 4, Decatur, have elected President P. K. Howard for a second term, supported by a good staff of officers, under whose leadership the work for 1895 will be prosecuted with customary zeal and vigor.

The *Acme Haversack*, with a complete history of the W.R.C., illustrated, has been received. We wish that every sister of our Order might possess this brilliant record of the useful deeds and the kindly and eloquent words of the W.R.C. We have received inspiration at every line, so beautifully portraying the work of our Order, and the biographies of our honored W.R.C. women.

As we would strive to help one another, permit us to mention another work, which we wish could enter every home—"The World Beautiful," by Lilian Whiting. Here is the opening paragraph of one of the essays:

"After all, it rests with ourselves as to whether we shall live in the world beautiful. It depends little on external scenery, little on those circumstances outside our personal control. Like the Kingdom of Heaven, it is not a locality, but a condition. It is a spiritual state, and depends on our degree of receptivity to the influence of the Holy Spirit.

"We have all of us met persons whose very presence is a benediction; who harmonize and tranquilize those about them, and with whom we feel on a higher and serener plane. The world is distinctively better for those beneficent spirits; but such lives are not only to be enjoyed, not only to be recognized and appreciated, but to be lived as well, as the poet has said:

"'Be thou the true man thou dost seek.'"

Effie R. Kennedy, Press Correspondent, Decatur, Ill.

PATRIOTIC ECHOES FROM THE ROCKIES.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The West has heard the bugle call, and the grand old Rockies send back the echoes. These newly-enfranchised citizens have been like war horses smelling the smoke of battle, having no thought or time for aught but the political fray, but now that the campaign is over, we may look for better results. Indiana would better look to her laurels lest Colorado and Wyoming bear them away in this work.

Dropping in on the County Superintendent of Weld County, Comrade O. H. Howard, and his good wife, Clemina Howard, Past Department President, Department of Colorado and Wyoming, just after closing my last article, which grew into a patriotic diary, I found them busily engaged in examining the papers of the teachers' examination, but it gives me pleasure to report that, although in a decided hurry, they cheerfully put aside their task long enough to give the matter a hearing. Comrade Foster's letter, and an inclosed one from Col. Balch to myself—in which he spoke of his relations to President Lincoln and Secretary Stanton during the war, and the effect of the news of the assassination upon himself; also of his having commanded the squadron which fired the salute at West Point as the funeral cortege passed—were read with decided interest.

Superintendent Howard informed me that he was himself preparing a series of patriotic papers for the schools of the County, and gladly availed himself of the opportunity of gleaning from other workers, taking Mrs. Sherwood's address to send for clippings sent by Capt. Foster from THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and that of Capt. Foster for patriotic papers, inquiring the price of the patriotic badge.

Upon retiring, I was invited to call a day or two later and examine his papers on patriotism, which I did. I found he had prepared a choice selection of patriotic gems from various authors, accompanied by a flag salute of his own. We have had several talks, and I have found him heart and soul for patriotism. Comrade Howard, however, struck the keynote when he said: "The trouble is, the teachers won't continue the work unless they find they are obliged to."

It is just as I said in a paper last Spring, when the Indiana Teachers' Association had adopted the salute. Having had years of experience as a public school teacher, I knew that in any other branch that the instruction meant practical work. Why not in this? It should be made a part of the required public school work in every State.

I have been invited by the Daughters of Veterans through Mamie Hawes, daughter of the President-elect, W.R.C., to meet with them and drill them in the flag salute, with a view to their training the children for Memorial Day, it being the intention of the W.R.C. and Daughters of Veterans to make the salute a part of the Memorial Day exercises—an idea which it would be well for other Corps to adopt.

And so the good work goes on. Keep the old flag floating, until every heart in the land, no matter of what nationality, returns a voluntary salute.

Lu Semans Hadley, Greeley, Colo.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Association, G.A.R., is booming that staunch friend of the W.R.C., Capt. H. H. Cummings, of Tideout, husband of Past Department President Charlotte J. Cummings, one of our most active Pennamite workers in the W.R.C. Capt. Cummings left Oberlin College in 1862 to serve to the close of the war in the gallant 105th Ohio, and was in some of the hardest-fought battles of the campaigns of Buell, Rosecrans, Thomas, and Sherman.

New York had a good financial showing at the close of the third quarter of 1894, a gain of $200 over the second quarter, and all debts paid. A portion of the accrued fund, it is understood, will be devoted to the New York Relief Corps Home fund.

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SONS OF VETERANS.

News from Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

CONNECTICUT.

Past Col. Henry W. Wessells, of Litchfield, has been appointed Aid-de-Camp on the staff of Gov.-elect Coffin. Brother Wessells is a well-known member of the Sons of Veterans, and in addition to service as Commander of the Connecticut Division, has been a member of the Council-in-Chief and of the Advisory Board of the S. V. Guards. He was also the first President of the New England Association, S. V. Brother W