THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

Commander-in-Chief Lawler Collecting Statistics Regarding Insane Veterans—National Appointments.

HEAD'QRS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ROCKFORD, ILL., Dec. 26, 1894.

General Orders, No. 5.

The Commander-in-Chief learns through private sources some very astonishing figures concerning the number of insane soldiers and sailors confined in the various County almshouses and State institutions throughout the country. In 13 States from which incomplete reports have been received we find there are 1,263 veterans of the war confined in these institutions. To the end that these returns may be obtained in a complete and satisfactory manner, he recommends that Department Commanders in next General Orders issued from their Headquarters ask that the Commanders of Posts located in Countyseats complete these very interesting statistics by reporting the number of insane soldiers and sailors confined in the County almshouses and State institutions within their respective Counties. Where more than one Post is located in a Countyseat, let the Post Commanders work together in obtaining these statistics. Such information would lead to an interest in the care of these unfortunate comrades which does not now exist.

In order that no mistakes may occur concerning dates of Department Encampments, Assistant Adjutants-General are requested to make official notification of time and place to these Headquarters as soon as decided upon.

Assistant Inspectors-General appointed in General Orders No. 4, who have not yet accepted and reported for duty to C. V. R. Pond, Inspector-General, Lansing, Mich., should do so at once.

The National Countersign for 1895 has been issued to the several Department Commanders, and will be by them transmitted to the Post Commanders.

The following-named comrades are hereby appointed additional Aids-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

California and Nevada—W. R. Parnell, 320 Post St., San Francisco, Cal.; G. W. Arbuckle, 19 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.; A. W. Jarrett, Los Angeles, Cal.; W. B. Shaut, 206 Sansom St., San Francisco, Cal.; Alex. C. Drake, Pasadena, Cal.; H. F. Bartine, Carson City, Nev.; G. F. Abel, Warm Springs, Cal.; M. W. Stringfield, Eureka, Cal.; W. H. Sallada, Santa Barbara, Cal.; E. Straub, Crescent City, Cal.; W. R. Thomas, Oakland, Cal.; H. H. Todd, Alameda, Cal.; R. F. Crawford, Santa Rosa, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming—Charles L. Burpee, 1530 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.

Florida—T. R. Chapman, St. Petersburg; Henry Donahue, Killarney; J. S. Fairhead, Jacksonville; Wm. Troy, Daytona; P. McMurray, Jacksonville; Thos. F. Laubach, Orlando; G. M. Brown, St. Augustine; Thomas Lucas, San Antonio; W. H. Cook, Pomona.

Idaho—A. S. Senter, Shoshone; Lindol Smith, Moscow.

Illinois—L. H. Wiley, Peoria, Aid-de-Camp and Chief Bugler; G. E. Clark, 9223 Commercial avenue, South Chicago; J. G. Everest, C., M. & St. Paul R. R., Chicago; D. C. Brinkerhoff, Springfield; Wm. C. Clem, Chicago; Wm. Smiles, Elgin; N. C. Warner, Rockford; J. H. Sherratt, Rockford; J. F. Harral, Aurora; Henry P. Barnum, Waukegan; C. Riebsame, Bloomington; E. T. Lee, Monticello; John Matmiller, Oregon.

Iowa—D. J. Palmer, Cedar Falls; P. S. Bannister, Clinton; H. M. Day, Cedar Rapids.

Kansas—John A. Doran, Wichita; Ezra B. Fuller, 7th U. S. Cav., Fort Riley; Jas. Grimes, Hiawatha.

Louisiana and Mississippi—J. W. Coleman, Natchez, Miss.; Paul Bruce, New Orleans, La., 484 Jersey street; D. E. Sweet, Jennings, La.

Maine—F. C. Robinson, Bridgewater; Frank C. Johnston, Portland; Irving Osgood, Ellsworth; Perham S. Heald, Waterville; A. F. Warren, Buckfield; Ira P. Wing, Monson; F. L. Palmer, Monroe; J. H. Swett, Kittery; J. E. Rhodes, Rockland; George Tarr, Livermore Falls; J. L. B. Farrington, East Wilton; Geo. T. Benson, Oakland; C. E. Ames, New Castle; E. B. Stront, Garland; B. B. Wells, South Norridgewock; Daniel M. Gardner, Calais; H. R. Hopkins, Augusta.

Massachusetts—Lucius Field, Clinton.

Michigan—G. C. Sheldon, Houghton; Geo. M. Doty, Howard City; Geo. F. Robinson, Owosso; Chas. Dupont, Detroit; W. J. Johnson, Grand Rapids; Hiram Bunnell, Detroit; Ren Barker, Reed City; John G. Berry, Vanderbilt; Albert Dunham, Jackson; A. McMillen, Bay City; Geo. W. Hough, Detroit.

Minnesota—Blinn Converse, St. Paul; Victor Gillrup, Albert Lea; Adolph Lemke, Minneapolis; W. C. Roberts, Detroit; Thomas E. Bishop, 530 Temple Court, Minneapolis; N. U. Beden, Minneapolis; Louis Fountain, Crookston; James C. Hawes, Red Wing; C. A. Norton, Slayton; H. A. Norton, N. W. Guaranty Loan Co., Minneapolis.

Missouri—Philip W. Schneider, 1832 South Eighth St., St. Louis; Wm. Schlingonan, 3420 North Fourteenth St., St. Louis; E. S. Gurney, Kidder; Thomas Lang, Farmington; Frank Hill, Carthage; Stuart Carkener, Kansas City; O. D. Evans, 513 Chestnut St., St. Louis; Fred Flammger, 316 North Third St., St. Louis; Robert Powell, Macon; Charles T. Bothe, 1917 Lynch St., St. Louis; John B. Cashion, Perryville; Jacob F. Gemlich, Boonville; F. W. Steines, Melrose.

New Hampshire—Fred H. Foss, Dover; C. W. Foster, Nashua; William Y. Evans, Portsmouth; E. A. Badger, Lakeport; William A. Cobb, Concord; J. Lane Fitz, Candia; O. D. Beaverstock, Keene; E. B. Huse, Enfield.

New Jersey—James Hogencamp, Paterson; Robert Douglas, Jersey City; Everett Gordon, Elizabeth; W. H. Black, Bellville; Edward H. Green, Pennsgrove; Geo. W. Price, New Brunswick; A. D. Blanchet, Morristown.

New Mexico—Jack Crawford, 53 W. Twelfth street, New York, N. Y.

New York—Thomas F. Phipps, Brooklyn; John J. Finn, Tenth avenue and Forty-third street, New York; Wm. P. Slaight, Mt. Vernon; Robert W. Voss, 1168 Seneca street, Buffalo; Geo. G. Haslup, 93 Nineteenth street, Buffalo; B. S. Osbon, 45 Broadway, New York; Charles H. Freeman, Corning; Garret Fordon, New York; Charles A. Phelps, Syracuse; Charles G. Johnston, 257 Hampshire street, Buffalo; Geo. Beck, 847 Perry street, Buffalo; Ernest Bambery, 295 Maple street, Buffalo; Harrison E. Allen, Springwater.

Ohio—W. C. Johnson, 93 W. Pearl street, Cincinnati.

Oklahoma—James E. Burnes, Kingfisher; W. A. Bugle, Okarche.

Potomac—George E. Lemon, Washington, D. C.; Fred I. Dean, Washington, D. C.; Emmet M. Urell, Washington, D. C.; J. Harry Jenks, Washington, D. C.; N. M. Brooks, P. O. Department, Washington, D. C.; Lyman B. Cutler, Washington Asylum, 19th and C streets s. e., Washington, D. C.

Pennsylvania—Edward S. Rice, 1809 Memphis street, Philadelphia; P. H. Frantz, S. E. 3d and Arch streets, Philadelphia; James A. Stable, York; George D. Runk, Clearfield; John Hancock, Pittsburg; John M. Major, Harrisburg; Philip Krebs, Pittsburg; J. M. McElroy, Smethport; Samuel Scott, Allegheny; W. D. Herbert, 4th avenue, Pittsburg; T. H. Cole, Erie; I. G. Howe, Bradford; O. L. Rew, Franklin; David Buchanan, Meadville; S. Colwell, Corry; H. W. Brown, Adamsville; James Lewis, Oil City; Samuel Jones, 328 Clark street, Philadelphia; W. R. Francisco, Easton; John L. Grim, 46 North Fortieth street, Philadelphia; John Gormley, Board of Revision, City Hall, Philadelphia; John Allen, South Bethlehem; William Simpson, Williamsport; Joseph H. Denning, St. Clair; John D. McFarland, Pittsburg; William Wettach, Allegheny; A. J. Reed, Pittsburg; W. H. Winter, Controller's Office, City Hall, Philadelphia; James Wilson, Allegheny; H. H. Fetterolf, Schwenkville; N. F. Stahl, Scranton; E. B. Lamphier, Union City; Charles Clawson, Mercer; James S. Gates, Cooperstown; W. J. Alexander, Warren; James Fraser, Duke Center; William H. Green, Hutchinson and Grand avenue, Philadelphia; G. T. R. Knorr, City Controller's Office, Philadelphia; J. W. Yocum, Columbia; J. G. Clark 1706 South street Phila.; John J. Galbraith, Williamsport; Lewis A. Deiser, Philadelphia, 2923 Columbia avenue; C. Hunter Miller, Pittsburg; Wm. H. Reed, Pittsburg, Hamilton Building; Wm. Harkness, jr., Philadelphia, 1529 South Ninth St.; Luther Houghton, Pittsburg; Wm. H. Pierce, Philadelphia, 527 Berks street; W. H. H. Wasson, Pittsburg, 83 Fourth avenue.

Rhode Island—Charles O. Ballou, Providence; Thomas H. Ray, East Providence; Jas. T. P. Bucklin, Providence; Robert B. Little, Providence; Seth S. Getchell, Woonsocket.

South Dakota—C. S. Palmer, Sioux Falls.

Texas—W. H. Christian, Dublin.

Washington and Alaska—E. W. Eliot, Walla Walla, Wash.; Moses M. Smith, Port Townsend, Wash.; W. J. Alexander, Colby, Wash.; Joseph E. Gandy, Spokane, Wash.; Eli Wilkins, Fairhaven, Wash.

Wisconsin—C. C. Pillsbury, West Superior; I. H. Wing, Bayfield; Jay D. Howard, Berlin; Levi Howland, Green Bay; M. J. Meade, Kaukauna; Michael Mangan, Fond du Lac; E. G. Timme, Kenosha; Lafayette Damp, Clyman; Samuel Briscoe, Baraboo; E. M. DuPuy, Waukesha; D. W. Howie, Milwaukee; E. R. Hicks, East Troy; E. D. Coe, Whitewater; H. E. Jacobs, Mineral Point; W. H. Bolson, Oconomowoc.

The following-named comrades having been recommended by their respective Department Commanders are hereby appointed Assistant Inspectors-General:

Alabama—Manoah Bostick, Birmingham

Arkansas—S. H. Sherlock, Fort Smith.

Arizona—Charles H. Knapp, Phœnix.

California and Nevada—C. Mason Kinne, 422 California St., San Francisco.

Indian Territory—H. T. Estes, Muskogee.

A C. Howe, of Grand Forks, N. D., is hereby appointed a member of the Council of Administration. This completes the list.

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By command of THOMAS G. LAWLER, Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. C. JONES, Adjutant-General.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CONNECTICUT.—

Mansfield Post, 53, Middletown—Com., A. G. McKee; S. V. C., Chas. L. Sage; J. V. C., Geo. Harrison; Q. M., F. M. Wells; Surg., A. G. Bethel; Chap., C. D. Rice; O. D., E. Bywater; O. G., Geo. Wood; Adj't, Theo. Sage; Q.-M. S., E. Strond; S. M., F. D. Brewster.

ILLINOIS.—

Eugene Lyford Post, 306, Port Byron—Com., H. G. O. Johnson; S. V.C., James Swisher; J. V. C., P. F. Cox; Chap., J. W. Simonson; Q.-M., John McCauley; O. D., Wm. Tilbrook; O. G., Charles Wilson; Surg., D. W. Johnson.

Dwight Post, 626, Dwight—Com., C. W. Ayling; S. V. C., A. G. Huey, jr.; J. V. C., A. Seymour; Q.M., James Williams; Adj't, F. W. Ford; O. D., Thos. Weldon; O. G., Martin Seabert; Surg., M. Reinhart; Chap., E. F. Wright; Q.-M. S., J. Weiler.

INDIANA.—

John Craig Post, 86, Jeffersonville—Com., J. J. Waggoner; S. V. C., R. B. Reynolds; J. V. C., W. H. Jacobus, jr.; Chap., E. B. Youmans; Surg., J. R. Spahr; O. D., Adam Laun; O. G., G. W. Hill; Q. M., E. G. Neeld.

KANSAS.—

Department Commander Campbell, in General Order 14, states the facts regarding the use of the G.A.R. in politics quite plainly. He says:

"The Department Commander has taken notice that certain persons are attempting to use this organization for the purpose of procuring recommendations for themselves for appointment to office. Circular letters are printed and sent to Post officers with a request that petitions and letters be forwarded by members of the Post to be used for this purpose.

"This is contrary to the Rules and Regulations of our Order, and if allowed to go unchallenged would endanger its peace and prosperity, if not its very existence. The Department Commander is aware of the practice so general of circulating petitions and soliciting letters of recommendation for appointment to office, and no doubt comrades of the Grand Army in their eagerness for success are driven to adopt practices and resort to methods which to them must be distasteful. To the mind of the Department Commander a would-be Statesman begging, hat in hand, of comparative strangers a certificate of character and fitness for an office, is no inspiring sight.

"Be it known, there is no intent to underrate the claims of old soldiers for recognition and employment in the service of the State. On the contrary, the Grand Army stands and should stand as a menace to whomsoever shall ignore or deny them.

"It is all right for any citizen of known character and fitness to aspire to an office. Such a man who has also an honorable soldier's record, and whose work and zeal for the Grand Army has been conspicuous and distinguished, ought to be his own letter of recommendation. Not everyone that saith unto you "Comrade! Comrade!" is entitled to your indorsement. If comrades shall permit themselves to indorse the application of men about whose character, ability and patriotism they know but little, if anything, simply because they appeal to you as comrades, you will do great injustice to the appointing power and are liable to bring shame and discredit upon the Grand Army of the Republic. You will soon find yourselves the dupes of selfish schemers, who are never so conspicuous as Grand Army men as when chasing an office. Give your voluntary indorsement to the brave and generous, the competent and faithful worker in the Grand Army of the Republic, if you know him to be so. If any comrade has so far forgotten himself as to step beyond the line of his obligations, and infringe the laws of this Order, as he values his success let him desist at once. The Grand Army of the Republic cannot and must not be used as a machine to further the ambitions of self-seeking politicians."

KENTUCKY.—

Thomas Rankin Post, 182, Williamstown—Com., J. C. Tomlin; S. V. C., C. W. Conner; J. V. C., Wesley Jenkins; Q.-M., D. L. Cunningham; Adj't, Peter Sanders; O. D., J. P. Shinkle; O. G., David Simpson; Chap., Wesley Rankin; I. S., David Bishop; S. M., G. W. Simpson.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

The 28th annual Encampment of the Department will be held at Court Square Theater, Springfield, Feb. 13 and 14, 1895. The gavel will fall at 1 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 13. A banquet will be provided at City Hall at the close of the Encampment.

E. W. Kinsley Post, 113, Boston—Com., W. Carlton Ireland; J. V. C., Charles C. Adams; Q.-M., Elmer N. Messenger; Surg., Charles B. Tower; Chap., E. A. Horton; O. D., Ira B. Goodrich; O. G., Arthur Hooper; Q.-M. S., Augustin Sanderson; Adj't, W. Garrison Reed; Serg't, George W. Brooks.

Capt. C. S. Hastings Post, 54—Com., John A. Merrill; S. V. C., George H. Andrews; J. V. C., Benjamin S. Walker; Adj't, John L. Day; Surg., S. E. Andrews; Chap., Joseph Staples; O. D., S. H. Merrill; O. G., Wm. T. Babcock; Q. M., Fred Miller; Q. M. S., Frank Babcock; S. M., Philo Bruce.

Gen. S. C. Lawrence Post, 66, Medford—Com., P. P. Lewis; S. V. C., I. H. Gardner; J. V. C., H. O. Austin; O. D., C. W. Ellis; O. G., W. M. Hilton; Surg., Dr. Goodwin; Chap., F. H. Kidder; Adj't, J. E. Pierce; Q. M., Henry Parsons; S. M., J. S. Beck; Q. M. S., I. W. Hamlin.

Abraham Lincoln Post, Charlestown—Com., M. F. O'Neil; S. V. C., J. W. Kenney; J. V. C., A. J. Davis; Adj't, L. E. Clarke; Q. M., F. A. Metcalf; Surg., R. A. Blood; Chap., L. G. Stone; O. D., George Campbell; O. G., G. H. Huff; S. M., J. H. Riley; Q. M. S., J. W. Robinson.

NEW YORK.—

From reports received at Headquarters in answer to the request sent out in General Order No. 8, it appears that over 2,000 persons are in need of, and eligible to, the proposed new Home, and the Commissioner will strongly urge upon the Legislature the necessity of an appropriation to begin the building at once. The Trustees of the present Home at Bath will also ask for an appropriation to increase its capacity—both are needed now. The Empire State has never failed in doing its duty to this class of citizens, and we do not fear that it will at this time. Let every comrade exert all the influence he possesses with his representatives in the Legislature, to get them pledged to both these appropriations, and report any success you may have in the matter to these Headquarters.

Commander James Bambrick, of Post 42, reports that Michael Isaacs, who was dropped from the Post March 11, 1891, while very serious charges against him were being investigated, is now working Brooklyn Posts, claiming to be in distress, and to be a member in good standing of Post 42. Comrade Bambrick says he is unworthy of assistance and should be published as a fraud.

The charter of Alfred A. Morse Post, 268, located at Eaton, granted by Department Commander James S. Fraser on May 13, 1892, has been surrendered, the Post having disbanded Dec. 6, 1894.

Henry H. Adams, the newly-elected Commander of Lafayette Post, 140, is a native of Ohio, and a direct descendant of the Adams family of Braintree, Mass., which has furnished the country two Presidents. At the firing on Sumter he was fired with the patriotic ardor of the family, but was too young to enlist until 1862, when he enrolled himself in Co. G, 125th Ohio, for three years. Previous to this time he had been active in recruiting men for the service. He was offered a commission of Lieutenant, but upon the urgent request of Col. Opdycke, afterward General, he accepted the position in the Department of Military Mails on detached service.

By special permission he joined his command at intervals, and took part in the battle of Franklin, March 9, 1863, and led the advance in charge of the 125th Ohio across the Little Harpeth River, dislodging Van Dorn's forces, then occupying the south bank. For this he was highly complimented by the officers of the regiment.

He also participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, and Kenesaw Mountain. Acting as Aid on the staff of Gen. Emerson Opdycke he did valuable service during the operations of the Fourth Corps, Gen. O. O. Howard's, between Kenesaw and Big Shanty, in charge of the courier lines of communication, the latter

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being the base of supplies. This service was one of great danger, the army being stationed 40 miles southwest of Big Shanty, and the intervening country infested with guerrillas, bushwhackers, and Confederate cavalry raiders.

He was in command of 10 scouts, and made tri-weekly trips by night through the wilderness, and over the Raccoon Mountain, frequently encountering the rebel forces and bands of guerrillas, in which he and his escort had many narrow escapes and exciting adventures.

On the 20th of September, 1864, while in this service, he was captured at Athens, Ala., by Gen. Forrest, and with several of his men was taken to Cahaba, Ala., and there remained a close prisoner for three months, enduring untold hardship. During this time their only food was condemned horse feed, black, mouldy corn meal, and raw pumpkins; nothing else.

In the latter part of November he was exchanged at Vicksburg, and reported for duty on the morning of the battle at Nashville, and served the balance of his time acting as Aid on the staff of Gen. Opdycke.

His health having been seriously impaired by exposure and hardship in the Southern prison pens, he was discharged on Surgeon's certificate of disability on March 10, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn.

Commander Adams joined Lafayette Post in 1891, and has taken the greatest interest in its affairs, and also of the G.A.R. in general. On Decoration Day, 1892, he was in the city of Paris, and was delegated by the Post to decorate the grave of the Marquis Lafayette with as imposing ceremonies as possible. It is almost needless to say that it was one of the greatest events that ever occurred among Americans abroad. The details were published extensively at the time. The ceremonies were attended by the American Minister and suite, by representatives of the French Government, the entire American colony in Paris, numbering 500, officers of the army and navy, and thousands of the leading citizens. It was a brilliant affair, and so successfully was every detail carried out that Commander Adams was the recipient of official acknowledgments from the French Government, the American Minister, the descendants of Lafayette, and the officials of the city of Paris.

Upon the return of Mr. Adams he was received with all the honors that Lafayette Post could bestow, and since that he has ably served them in various capacities, the last of which was Senior Vice Commander. In December he was unanimously elected Commander, and was installed at the first Encampment in January with imposing ceremonies.

It will be remembered that Lafayette Post took the initiative in introducing military drill in the public schools of the United States, and also in placing the American flag on the public schools throughout the country.

Col. Adams was on the original committee, and has been untiring in his efforts to have military instruction become general throughout the country in the public schools, and is urging the Commander-in-Chief to have permanent committees appointed in each of the 7,000 Grand Army Posts of the United States, the duty of which shall be to develop military instruction in the various sections of the United States.

He was recently appointed by the Board of Education of New York City as Treasurer of the Advisory Board, recently formed to take charge of the movement in New York City proper. He has also delivered addresses to the various G.A.R. Posts in the West upon this subject, a large number of which are co-operating with their local educational boards, furthering the movement.

Through the efforts of Commander Adams a conference of Governors is to be held in New York, at Hotel Netherland, on Jan. 25, in relation to obtaining a concert of action on the part of several States toward devising ways and means for the introduction of military instruction throughout the several States.

Ten to twelve Governors have accepted the invitations, and it is expected that an impetus will be given to the movement which will result in its adoption generally throughout the country. Gen. Benjamin Harrison is most cordially in sympathy with the movement, as outlined in his article recently published in the *Century Magazine* on the subject. The ex-President is expected to be present at the conference of Governors on Jan. 25.

Commander Adams is one of the ablest experts on iron in the country, and is at the head of one of the largest and most prominent iron concerns in the United States. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and a leading member of the Ohio Society of New York, Colonial Club, the Sons of the Revolution, and Society of Colonial Wars. His engaging manners and sterling ability will make him one of the most popular Commanders that Lafayette Post has ever had.

OHIO.—

David Tiffin Post, 286, Sabina—Com., A. M. Griffith; S. V. C., F. M. Bottenfield; J. V. C., T. C. Cherryhimes; Q.-M., Jacob I. Stover; Surg., M. Wilkerson; Chap., Z. D. Hickman; O. D., Wm. Witherspoon; O. G., Wm. Thompson; Adj't, William A. Dakin; Q. M. S., S. P. Haines; S. M., C. L. Gallaher.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Peiffer Post, 331, Meadville—Com., A. Scott Stern; S. V. C., W. D. West; J. V. C., A. J. Hatch; Q. M., T. H. Apple; Adj't, I. E. Myers; Chap., J. H. Reynolds; Surg., C. A. Burnham; O. D., E. C. Strous; O. G., Andrew Kisel; S. M., B. O. Spaulding; Q. M. S., J. T. Smith. Serg't Peiffer Post numbers 249 members in good standing, and is one of the best Posts in western Pennsylvania.

RHODE ISLAND.—

Ballou Post, 3, Central Falls—Com., Geo. W. Walcott; S. V. C., W. Tracy Rogers; J. V. C., V. S. Bailey; Surg., Geo. H. Young; Chap., Nathan N. Knight; O. D., Benj. F. Bowen; O. G., Rob't McCartney; Adj't, N. B. Whipple; Q. M., Edwin Clarkson; S. M., D. J. Wall; Q. M. S., L. Franklin.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—

Harvey Post, De Smet—Com., J. S. Roberts; S. V. C., R. H. Richardson; J. V. C., E. H. Couse; Surg., G. W. Kenyon; Q. M., J. E. Smith; Chap., R. J. Ross; O. D., M. Wilkins; O. G., B. C. Bennedict.

TENNESSEE.—

Cumberland Gap Post, 12, Tazewell—Com., D. C. Wester; S. V. C., John Roark; J. V. C., Wm. Wylie; Chap., J. O. Evans; Surg., I. Francisco; Q. M., J. M. Thomas; O. D., John Ailes; Adj't, M. V. Moody.

UTAH.—

W. T. Sherman Post, 6, Provo—Com., J. M. Westwood; S. V. C., G. H. Chopple; J. V. C., George Jaggers; Q. M., Alfred Saxey; O. D., M. J. Barrett; O. G., Joseph Smith; Chap., J. C. Bears.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from Departments.

HISTORIC LETTER.

Written by a Patriotic Ohio Woman to Mrs. Lincoln, Mistress of the White House. What Our Loyal Women were Doing for the Soldiers Thirty Years Ago, and what They Are Doing Now.

AFTER THE BALL.

One of the sorrows heroically borne by Abraham Lincoln, the immortal war President, was the lack of sympathy and support from his wife in his effort to save the Union.

Mrs. Lincoln was gay, thoughtless, and wholly blind to the duties and possibilities of her station. When the Nation was bowed in sorrow over its fresh-made graves, and the wounded were languishing in improvised and ill-provided hospitals, Mrs. Lincoln kept up the White House levees.

The great-hearted, self-sacrificing women of the country were not only grieved, but angered. Press and people spoke out in no uncertain tones. How they felt and what they said is set forth in the following open letter to Mrs. Lincoln, recently revived as a part of the history of that period:

URBANA, O., Feb. 10, 1862.

MRS. LINCOLN, MADAM: Pardon the liberty I take in addressing you, but I feel it to be my duty in behalf of my sex, and I hope you will take it kindly; and if not, just give it a careful perusal, and I hope you may be benefited.

God, in his mercy, has chosen your husband to occupy the most honorable position that a Nation of freemen can confer upon mortal man; and he doubtless feels the responsibility. May God give him grace and strength to do his whole duty. You are the wife of our President, and the representative mother of a great Republic, and upon you especially rests a great responsibility; and, although you may never have had wisdom to see it, my assertion is none the less true. I wish you would think this fact over after reading my letter. Man excels in judgment, but woman in instinctive goodness of heart. She excels in piety, chastity, and the finer sensibilities that complete the character of a model woman. She should share the burden of life cheerfully, but must be accompanied with an unwavering affection for the accomplishment of good in him; for this end was she born. Have you ever seriously reflected over this part of your duty to your husband in his present position? Are you his counselor, his comforter in the hour of perplexity and trial? Have you discharged all your obligations to this Nation as his wife in precept and example? If not, repair to your closet, and upon your knees ask God for wisdom to direct you in this, and make you worthy to live in the hearts of the people. I once understood that you were a woman of piety, and I was glad, for I knew there had been great corruption in high places. I had hoped that there was an altar of prayer and an offering upon it for the country in the Government mansion. I regret that I was mistaken.

My dear Mrs. Lincoln, you are not aware of the opinions of the people. The people, the press, the pulpit, all alike, are looking at you in amazement. I fear you neglect to inform yourself in regard to public sentiment. If so, you are in a very great error. You are miserably deceived, if you are flattered to believe anything better than I now tell you. The press of this country is a mighty engine for weal or for woe. It can annihilate character, remove ministers and Generals, and has often obliterated the hopes and day-dreams of fame that gilded the future of men in power, for when they attempted to grasp the golden fruit it turned to dust and ashes, like the apples of Sodom. Do not ignore the press; it is a sea of glass, and truly reflects character as seen by the external world. The press makes and unmakes men, and sometimes women. All you claim as reputation the people and the press made you, for you were unknown before.

What excuse can you offer in extenuation of your folly and neglect? The humblest mother that lays her offspring as a sacrifice upon the altar of Liberty, or the humblest wife who says to her husband, "Go, and return with your shield, or on it," has displayed a heroism and a patriotism that will live in history. You have a work to perform in the plans of the Creator for freedom. Can you wash your hands in innocency as an example of duty for the noble women of America? Have you practiced self-denial, or sacrificed anything since your husband pledged himself before the people? If not, God pity you! for I know many who have, and a few who have sacrificed everything.

I will say candidly that the indignation and the disappointment have a daily public expression against you; a blush of shame mantles the cheek of every loyal woman in the land at the manner in which you are conducting yourself. You are so frivolous and vain! You ought, above all others, to strive to exert a good influence in regard to public sentiment. It has been said a hundred times, and, I presume, printed as often in Southern journals, that you are pro-slavery in sentiment—that you favor the South. It has also been written with the finger of scorn that at least one inmate of the White House was disloyal. Is this true? Grave, if not malignant, charges to stand uncontradicted in the face of a rebellious foe! If so, "Ichabod" is written upon the walls in truth. It is a stigma upon your character, and an eyesore to your husband, whom the country believes to be true, earnest, and loyal. Your influence, then, is but as the dust of the balance against a mountain.

Can you delight in the house of revelry and wanton mirth, while "Rachel is weeping for her children, and will not be comforted because they are not"? Oh, favored daughter of the Free! will you sit like a Medusa at this bloody altar, with folly in your heart and levity upon your lips, and shock the sobriety of all the mothers in Israel by your extravagance and lack of sympathy? Your indifference, when the very existence of the Nation is threatened, is certainly without a parallel. Your motto, I suppose, must be, "After me, the deluge."

The liberality, energy, and industry of woman are eloquent with sympathy that responds to the call for help for our sick and dying soldiers. Trains are daily laden with some munificent offering of some generous association—something to alleviate the sufferings and hardships of a Winter's campaign. It is in your power to do much. You can prepare many articles with your own hands to comfort the remaining days of some dear one whose seat will be forever vacated at the hearthstone of home.

Have you, like a true Spartan mother, buckled the armor on a dear son and sent him away with a mother's blessing in defense of his country's rights? If not, God help you to pray for those who have! Esteem yourself blest that you do not live to picture the mutilated remains of husband, father, or son dragged with gaping wounds from the chaos and carnage of the battlefield. The women of the Nation are now straining every nerve to meet the half-supplied wants of our brave army. Will you listen in vain to this pleading call? Will not you assist them in your labor of love? Darkness hangs over the country. Listen to the thundering peals of battle as they vibrate on the air. Know ye not that the bravest hearts are troubled, and the "faces of the valiant are pale," and shrink in horror at the thought of this great heaven-favored Republic in ruins. Tribulations and universal calamity are now rife in the hearts and homes of every family. Will you, like the skeleton at the feast, stand aloof and gloat over the bloody scenes of ruin and death undismayed? Your indifference warrants this conclusion. Humble yourself in sackcloth and call upon God for assistance, lest He will do unto you as to others of old: "I will put hooks in thy jaw, and then turn thee, and then shalt know that I am the Lord."

How can you array yourself, at the mature age of two score years, in the style of contemned fashion—in your silks, satins, plumes, pearls, fibrous laces, and costly importations, and expend thousands of dollars for one evening's entertainment, when there is so much suffering within sight of your own door? The large sum you expended at your recent carnival would have mitigated a vast deal of suffering. Why not have donated that amount to build a hospital at Cumberland, where there are now 900 sick soldiers? If you had done this, the American daughters would arise and call you blessed. No, you are not the woman! Your golden moments have vanished unimproved. You could have organized Aid Societies, and earnestly appealed to the wives of Cabinet Ministers, Representatives, Senators, and all the ladies whose husbands are clerks in the various Departments in our Capital, to have co-operated with you; and I believe they would have willingly responded to your call. If not, there are more heartless women in Washington, now, than I suppose. God knows there are enough at any time. It is not too late yet, if you would but think it over properly. If you will not listen to the voice of the people, they can only say, "Let Ephraim alone; he is joined to his idols."

Have no more levees. I think your festivities are very inappropriate at this time, inasmuch as it has been said that we are on the eve of National bankruptcy. Do not fritter away your precious moments in studying and arranging your toilet in compliment to Queen Victoria. It is an ill-paid compliment to Her Excellent Majesty in her deep sorrow and bereavement. It is, Madam, a mockery!

Did you never look at the character of Florence Nightingale, and admire it? Compare her work with yours. Are you not awed into insignificance by your supreme selfishness? Ah, her name is emblazoned on the glittering sheen of fame! She wears an unfading crown of earthly glory, and an everlasting crown of fadeless gems is laid up for her above. She will stand as a Goddess of Mercy and way-mark to heaven through all the receding ages of time. Noble woman! She is a woman, and there is none more worthy of the homage of earth. Go thou and do likewise. Learn wisdom and mercy of England's brave daughter.

Respectfully yours, VIOLA M. CUNDIFF.

A DESERVED MENTION.

There is no more able or excellent worker in the ranks of the W.R.C. than Elizabeth Mansfield Irving, who has held responsible offices in Corps, Department and National circles. Since the serious invalidism of her husband she has taken direction of his large insurance business, concerning which the Toledo *Journal* says:

"Among the many brave women who are meeting the tide of adverse fortune bravely," said a gentleman yesterday, "none, I think, are deserving more of admiration than is Mrs. John D. Irving. Taking up the burden of her husband's affairs since his prolonged illness, she has battled continuously and successfully, and remained as cheery and pleasant as though the smiles of good fortune were peering through roseate clouds. It is worth something to see a woman thus step out and take up anxieties and cares under which strong men are supposed to stagger, and do it without a murmur, and do it ably withal."

A NATIONAL CHARTER MEMBER.

Emma Alrich, Past Department Senior Vice-President of Kansas, will be a candidate for Department President before the Convention to be held in Lawrence February next, and is having strong support throughout the State.

She was one of the founders of the Relief Corps in Kansas, a National charter member, has attended every Department Convention save one, and visited and inspected more Corps than anyone in the State.

She has been twice Secretary of Convention, preparing the minutes for publication, and as Department Corresponding Secretary and editor-at-large she has kept the Sunflower State well up at the front. She has plans to unify and magnify the work of the W.R.C., should she be elected, which now seems probable.

SHERIDAN CORPS ANNIVERSARY.

First Corporal, Co. I, sends a glowing account of the anniversary of Phil Sheridan Corps, 10, Clay Center, Kan. The celebration was called a tin wedding, and it was a success in every particular.

Grand Army Hall was draped with bunting from ceiling to floor, with all the arms in possession of the Post displayed at intervals on the walls.

Phil Sheridan Post, 88, and Sheridan Camp, 5, S. of V., were guests of the evening, and upon assembling they found a splendid supper awaiting them in the dining-hall.

This over, a Campfire of songs, speeches and recitations, closing with tableaux illustrating the services of the Army Nurses, followed in the main hall.

During the evening a squad of the S. of V. entered with a long pole, upon which was strung new, shining tin-cups, which they proceeded to present to the Corps. The Post added another surprise in the way of a big tin coffee-boiler, flanked on each side with nickel pouring-pots. So we imagine that that Camp and Corps will not suffer for a good morning cup of coffee whenever they come together.

The souvenir W.R.C. badge was of tin, suspended from a yellow ribbon attached to a pin. Every guest received one.

"Three times three for Phil Sheridan Relief Corps, No. 10," says First Corporal, Co. I, "and long may they live to enjoy similar entertainments."

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: As we come to the beginning of a new year with all its hidden possibilities before, let us continue the good work with renewed zeal, "doing with our might what our hands find to do."

Some will lay down the responsibilities that others will assume, and as the duties are transferred, so let us transfer our earnest support and co-operation to those who shall become the leaders of our Corps.

Corps are being instituted, bringing in the mothers who have borne the heat and burden of the day, and the younger women, who will learn many a profitable lesson from their experience. It is well that we should mingle together in this grand work, and that activity should become one of the prime factors connected with our patriotism.

We should see to it that our hearts are in touch with the principles for which we are organized, and then we feel assured that our heads will be the more ready to comprehend all the governing laws of our Order.

Collingwood Corps, 124, of Plymouth, have celebrated their fifth anniversary. During their comparatively short existence they have expended $1,079.78 in relief, and have turned over to their Post $1,021.58.

Their total receipts have been $3,921.98, and at the present time both their relief and general funds are in excellent condition. At the anniversary celebration, President Anna E. Bowditch welcomed the guests, after which remarks were made by Commander Leach, of Collingwood Post, attesting the appreciation of the Post of their helpful auxiliary.

Among the many pleasing features of the evening was the history of the Corps in rhyme by the efficient Secretary, Abbie D. Danforth, who has been in consecutive service since the organization of Corps 124, filling her office most admirably.

Corps 18, Northampton; 29, Lynn; 50, Peabody; 72, Milford; 92, South Braintree; 117, North Attleboro; 136, Whitman; 152, Leicester; 163, Kingston have held fairs or entertainments; and Corps 58, East Hampton; 102, East Weymouth; 132, Sandwich, and 149, Lee, held socials, all of which have proved successful, socially and financially.

Two more Corps have been instituted under most promising circumstances, and Post 205, of Bridgewater, has unanimously voted to organize a Corps.

Hattie A. Bray, Department Press Correspondent, Lynn, Mass.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Mollie North, Press Secretary, reports that Geo. W. Stough, 59, have closed a successful year, and start out the new with a good staff of officers and good works for the poor. Comrade J. W. Clemson, of Crawfordsville, added about $100 to their fund in December, giving his "Union Scout; or, Marching Through Georgia."

Patriotism will have a prominent part at the National Council of Women, which meets in Washington February next. Special rates will be given by the railroads to all in attendance; dates, Feb. 19