THE GRAND ARMY.

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

DISTRICT REUNIONS.

Department Commander Powell Answers an Inquiring Comrade.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Will Gen. W. H. Powell please answer the following question through your paper: In organization by Congressional Districts, does the membership include all old soldiers of those districts or only those in good standing in the G.A.R.? We have in this town over 100 old soldiers and sailors with good records who have either been dropped for non-payment of dues or are too poor to join the Order.—E. M. Wilcox, Rock Island, Ill.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I am in receipt of E. M. Wilcox's inquiry, coming through your office, requesting me to answer through your columns, to wit: "Does the membership of the Congressional District Reunion Organizations effected in the State of Illinois consist of all old soldiers in the district, or does it only include those in good standing in the Grand Army of the Republic?"

For a better and more efficient system of Reunion work, through which the entire field could be covered by the Department Commander, the Congressional District Reunion system was organized in the interest of and for the better accommodation of the members of the G.A.R. and all other soldiers, sailors and marines, whether members of the G.A.R. or not, including all citizens of all classes and conditions. The purpose of old soldiers' Reunions, as conducted by the G.A.R., is to keep alive and active the old-time devotion of the boys in blue to flag and country, and to keep the Campfires of comradeship burning brightly as we touch elbows in the discharge of our duties to each other.

There is no guard on duty to demand the countersign as you approach a soldiers' Reunion. It is to be deeply regretted that there are to be found so many good and true soldiers who served under the flag in 1861 and '65 who are not members of the G.A.R. All should be in line now as in the field. The organization of the Grand Army of the Republic has in the past, and will in the future, influence and effect all legislation in the interest of the soldiers in the late war. To it, as the custodian of the soldiers' interest, we must look. Soldiers not members, as well as those who are members, are recipients of its grand work. There is room for all within its lines. We labor to have every soldier in possession of an honorable discharge wear the little bronze button also. The fault is yours if you do not. The purpose of our District Reunions is to bring the comrades into closer and more frequent contact—that a revival in their patriotism may be effected which will result in the payment of their dues and their good standing in the G.A.R. Try it, Comrade Wilcox.—W. H. POWELL, Commander, Department of Illinois, Belleville, Ill.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CALIFORNIA.—Admiral D. D. Porter Post, 169, Oakland—Com., J. R. Scupham; S. V. C. Charles E. Lancaster; J. V. C., Charles H. Redington; Surg., J. Hamilton Todd, M. D.; Chap., J. G. Lemon; Adj't, H. Sidney Smith; Q. M., Andrew Hollywood; S. M., C. B. M. Barrows; Q. M. S., Jacob Jenne; O. D., S. P. Babcock; O. G., George A. Hussey.

ILLINOIS.—Alfred Harrison Post, 152, Palestine—Com., George W. Walker; S. V. C., Wm. T. Allen; J. V. C., Orrin Apple; O. D., Dan. B. Mills; O. G., Press Carver; Q. M., J. W. Leaverton; Chap., Lem. J. Essex; Surg., Rob't N. Martin; S. M., P. Brimberry; Q. M. S., Benj. Wood; Adj't, Geo. B. Sweet.

INDIANA.—Comrade E. Tower, Junior Vice Commander, Hammond Post, 231, Marengo, writes: "Hammond Post was organized, Sept. 18, 1883, by Gen. James C. Veatch as Mustering Officer. We now number over 40 members in good standing. We have a commodious hall, built during the last year, and have just put down a new carpet, the gift of Comrade W. H. Hobson, who is a helpless invalid. Meade Camp, S. of V., is also in a flourishing condition, and a great help to us. We meet every Tuesday evening, and the latchstring hangs on the outside for all comrades who may chance to visit our town."

Shiloh Field Post, 198, Elkhart—Com., Henry H. Stearns; S. V. C., Harrison W. Godfrey; J. V. C., Frank Dunbar; Chap., J. C. Stuck; Q. M., W. M. George; Adj't, Theo. F. Upson; Surg., J. A. Bigelow; O. D., Nelson Bressan; O. G., John Allison.

IOWA.—Cloutman Post, Ottumwa—Com., George H. Wheelock; S. V. C., T. R. Bickley; J. V. C., M. L. Kirk; Adj't, J. L. Harmon; Q. M., David Throne; O. D., Levi Hills; Surg., Dr. W. L. Orr; Chap., Rev. I. P. Teter; O. G., Capt. Crawley.

KANSAS.—Abilene Post, 63, Abilene—Com., H. A. Keve; S. V. C., M. Gardner; J. V. C., E. S. Lanning; Q. M., D. Matteson; Chap., W. S. Anderson; O. D., L. Lipps; O. G., D. Lightner; Surg., E. S. Kellar; Adj't, M. P. Jolley.

KENTUCKY.—Comrade A. S. Cole, of Fearis, is a candidate for Department Commander. Croxton Post, 9, will place his name in nomination at the Maysville Encampment in April. Comrade Cole has served three terms as Commander of Croxton Post, and five successive terms as its Quartermaster. He has always taken an active interest in G.A.R. work.

Hancock Post, 87, Gap Creek—Com., F. M. Brisnett; S. V. C., J. L. Beck; J. V. C., N. J. Bertram; Adj't, C. W. Cattson; Q. M., T. J. Taylor; Surg., A. B. Davis; Chap., E. M. McGuffey; O. D., G. W. Ramsey; O. G., Thos. Burris; S. M., John Allen; Q. M. S., M. M. Upchurch.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The 29th annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department was held in Lowell last week. The harmony of action was something entirely phenomenal, and for the first time in many years business was so far advanced that nearly all the officers were elected during the first day's session. Commander J. W. Thayer presided with much ability throughout the meeting, and his annual address will long be remembered by those who heard it as one of the very best. During the first day's session the Encampment was honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief I. N. Walker and members of his staff; National President of the W.R.C., Mrs. L. A. Turner, and some members of her staff; and a delegation of ladies from the Massachusetts Department, W.R.C. All the visitors made brief addresses. At the close of business on Thursday, the annual banquet was given, at which many prominent guests were present. At the after-dinner exercises Commander Thayer was presented with a magnificent Past Department Commander's gold badge by members of his staff, and Ass't Adj't-Gen. Hubert O. Moore was presented with a beautiful gold watch and chain by members of the Order. The presentation of the former was by Comrade George W. Marsh, and the latter by Comrade C. D. Hendrickson, both in fine style.

The following Delegates were chosen: Henry J. Lacy, Charles S. Anthony, Henry W. Coye, A. J. Hunt, M. G. B. Swift, John W. Young, John K. Norwood, John Lancy, James E. Cutter, Charles D. Hendrickson, William P. Burrage, Eben W. Pike, F. S. Pevey, W. N. Tyler, Augustus Lovejoy, E. S. Locke, F. P. Harlow, George W. Powers, Franklin O. Barnes, Burrill Smith, Charles M. Smith, Gustavus B. Williams, S. F. Maynard, L. Edwin Dudley.

At the close of the business on Thursday the following newly-elected officers were installed: Department Commander, Wm. A. Derby, Springfield; S. V. C., John M. Deane, Fall River; J. V. C., John E. Gilman, Boston; Chap., Mark B. Taylor, Canton; Medical Director, Dr. Frank W. Graves, Woburn; Ass't Adj't-Gen., Hubert O. Moore, Lynn. Council of Administration, Charles Clark Adams, Post 113, Boston; Sidney Sibley, Post 19, Fitchburg; Charles T. Fish, Post 185, Lowell; Henry W. Downs, Post 62, Newton; Harvey Buck, Post 10, Worcester.

Past National Commander George S. Merrill was the installing officer.

The next annual Department Encampment will be held in Worcester.

The Massachusetts Aids on Commander-in-Chief Walker's staff entertained him most royally Saturday evening at the American House in Boston. The Aids assembled at 5 p. m., and shortly before 6 o'clock Comrades Ross and Thompson were chosen a committee to go to the Parker House and escort the Commander to the American House, where he was heartily received. Shortly after the line was formed, and marched to the banquet-room, where a supper awaited the company. Col. H. A. Thomas delivered the address of welcome. Among the speakers were Commander-in-Chief Walker, Department Commander Derby, Past Q.-M.-Gen. John W. Burst, Capt. Jack Adams, and others.

MICHIGAN.—Col. Chas. H. Town Post, 8, Negaunee—Com., Chas. Sheldon; S. V. C., Frank V. Saur; J. V. C., Thomas Welsh; Chap., W. H. Hall; Adj't, T. M. Day; Q. M., Donald McDonald; O. D., John Scott; O. G., James Cavinaw; Q. M. S., James McNeil.

MINNESOTA.—John Kennedy Post, 141, Osakis—Com., Paul Harmon; S. V. C., B. D. Judkins; J. V. C., Morgan Johnson; Adj't, W. H. Crowe; Q. M., W. B. Lyons; Chap., Jos. Bird; Surg., A. O. Berry; S. M., J. H. Rock.

MISSOURI.—Maple Grove Post, Maple Grove—Com., J. C. McKay; S. V. C., C. S. Bishop; J. V. C., R. W. Fishburn; O. D., H. C. Martin; Chap., D. W. Headlee; Q. M., S. C. Monnet; Surg., J. Lemasters; O. G., J. Tilton; Adj't, Wm. O. Adams; S. M., J. T. Driver; Q. M. S., E. L. Buck.

MONTANA.—George G. Meade Post, 16, Anaconda—Com., Rodger Edwards; S. V. C., A. P. Stevens; J. V. C., D. Heffron; Adj't, J. Hallahan; Q.-M., N. H. Morley; Surg., J. M. Rockfeller; Chap., T. C. Davidson; O. D., E. Golder; O. G., K. Johnston; S.-M., J. Marchion; Q.-M.-S., D. Evans; Delegates, W. S. Whitney, J. Hallahan.

NEBRASKA.—Resolutions have been passed by Mason Post, 169, on the death of Comrade W. G. Stone, a member of the Post, and the charter will be draped for 30 days. Copies of the resolutions have been sent to the family of the deceased.

J. W. Moorehouse Post, 188, Tobias—Com., H. C. Welch; S. V. C., N. L. Standish; J. V. C., George A. Tyson; Q.-M., W. L. Miller; Surg., Wm. P. Metcalfe; Chap., B. D. Howard; O. D., T. J. Baty; O. G., Wm. Kassabaum; Adj't, Adam Bucher; S.-M., L. H. Muman; Q.-M.-S., Alex. Johnson.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—The 29th annual Encampment of the Department of New Hampshire was held at Concord last week. The attendance of past officers and delegates was unusually large, nearly every Post in the Department, including that recently organized at Coaticook—the only one on Canadian soil—being represented.

In his address Department Commander Buzzell stated that the year had been one of general prosperity in the Department.

"We started out with 4,696 members in good standing," he said. "A gain of 147 has been made by muster, 38 by transfer, 106 by reinstatement; making a total gain of 291. But look at the other side. Lost by death, 116; by honorable discharge, 27; by transfer, 53; by suspension, 293; by surrender of charter, two Posts with a united membership of 28; making a total loss of 427, and a net loss of 136, so that there are now in good standing 4,560 members.

"This loss by death we must face every year. It is the suspension list that is so discouraging. Some are unable to pay their dues, and I am of the opinion that these should not be dropped on account of their inability to pay, but those comrades who can pay and will not, should be dropped. Too soon the end must come, but until then let us stand firmly together shoulder to shoulder."

Department Commander Buzzell said that he believed that a liberal service pension law should be passed.

Officers were elected as follows: Com., Louis W. Aldrich, Westmoreland; S. V. C., James Minot, Concord; J. V. C., A. S. Twitchell, Gorham, N. H.; Medical Director, G. P. Conn, Concord; Chap., B. H. Lane, Antrim. Council of Administration, D. E. Proctor, Winchester; S. D. Smith, Sunapee; R. T. Leavitt, Pittsfield; E. H. Smith, Peterboro; K. L. Worcester, Rochester. Delegates to National Encampment, D. Arthur Brown, at large; A. C. Harris, Van P. Glazier, W. H. Berry, Albert W. Leighton, and Charles S. Hastings.

NEW YORK.—Canby Post, 17, Gloversville—Com., E. L. Beach; S. V. C., Jacob Van Renssalaer; J. V. C., George Shufelt; Chap., J. F. Hollett; Surg., Jacob Karker; Q.-M., John K. Dye; O. D., Thomas Purcell; O. G., C. R. Vansickler; Adj't, Wm. M. Harris; Janitor, R. E. Wells; Color-bearer, Robert Neil.

OHIO.—H. Bevard Post, 835, Canal Fulton—Com., Capt. W. G. Myers; S. V. C., S. G. Ott; J. V. C., Jeff C. Etling; Q.-M., S. M. Buckmaster; Surg., F. Hourlett; O. D., Dan Harmon; O. G., Philip Yockey; Adj't, Comrade Traister.

OREGON.—J. W. Nesmith Post, 32, The Dalles—Com., H. H. Leonard; S. V. C., E. N. Chandler; J. V. C., James Lemison; Surg., James Thomas; Chap., F. P. Esping; Q. M., W. S. Myers; Adj't, J. M. Patterson; O. D., R. L. Aiken; O. G., L. H. Nichols; S.-M., C. H. Brown; Q.-M.-S., H. Hall.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Capt. C. G. Jack Post, 159, Berwick—Com., O. H. Barnard; S. V. C., M. L. McHenry; J. V. C., Wm. Roup; Q.-M., Col. A. D. Seely; Adj't, J. P. Hayman; Surg., J. F. Chamberlain; Chap., B. F. Drusbach; O. D., John Dodson; O. G., Tilman Moharter; S.-M., Miner Hartman; Q.-M.-S., Henry H. Maitz; Trustees, J. P. Hayman, J. F. Chamberlain, Wm. Roup; Delegate, W. J. Scott.

VERMONT.—The 29th annual Encampment of the Department of Vermont opened at Rutland with a reception Monday evening, Feb. 10. More veterans were present than at any Encampment for several years past.

The list of visiting veterans was not only large but included many prominent men, among them being Gov. Woodbury, Lieut.-Gov. Z. M. Manzur, Maj. A. B. Valentine, Gen. W. Y. Ripley, Gen. C. C. Kinsman, Gen. L. G. Kingsley, W. W. Needham, J. B. Scully, Gen. T. S. Peck, T. T. Farrell, Col. H. E. Taylor, ex-Gov. E. J. Ormsbee, ex-Gov. Farnham, Past Department Commander E. D. Morgan, L. B. Harris, Gen. W. H. Gilmore, Capt. S. E. Burnham, R. A. Hathorn, Col. J. H. Bond, Past Department Commander Hugh Henry, Col. N. M. Puffer, A. D. Judevine, and Andrew Somers, and the Department officers.

Commander-in-Chief Walker attended the Encampment. In his address he severely criticised the present National Administration for its lax way of dealing with soldiers. He said that it was time that the laws in regard to pensions were enforced as they should be. Old soldiers must no longer be persecuted, dropped from the rolls without motive or reason. Their rights should be protected. Gen. J. W. Burst, Quartermaster-General under Gen. Lawler, also made an address.

A resolution changing the date of holding the Encampment from February to June was passed unanimously. This was probably the most important business transacted. It was not done, however, until after considerable discussion, which was participated in quite largely. Such a movement has been on foot for two or three years, but action on it has always been postponed. Veterans from the small towns favored the change, to a man; while those from the larger towns opposed in debate, but not by vote.

The following Department officers were elected: Com., Col. N. M. Puffer, Bennington; S. V. C., H. E. Perkins, St. Albans; J. V. C., D. W. Davis, Chester; Medical Director, J. D. Hanrahan, Rutland; Chap., W. S. Smart, Brandon. Representative-at-large to National Encampment, N. P. Bowman, Past Department Commander. Representatives to National Encampment, H. W. Sperry, A. W. Fuller, A. McGaffey, O. E. Evans, C. S. Pierce, P. S. Chase, Richard Smith, W. A. Smith, E. McIntyre, and Ozro Meacham. Council of Administration, L. B. Harris, Lyndonville; A. T. Woodward, Rutland; Chas. Wells, Waterbury; Henry Heath, Bethel, and E. R. Holden.

The Department again showed its great and enduring respect for two of its distinguished members, Gen. Wheelock G. Veazey, Past National Commander, and Gen. Stephen Thomas, who is now too feeble to attend the Encampments, but whose bravery is not to be forgotten. It was voted to send them kindly greetings and good wishes.

Personally Conducted Excursions to California.

Via the Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line, in upholstered tourist sleeping cars, leave Chicago every Thursday via the North-Western Line. Low rates, picturesque route, quickest time and careful attention are advantages offered to those who join these excursions. Cost of berth only $6.00. Ask your nearest ticket agent for full particulars.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from Departments.

ANGELS OF BUENA VISTA.

To Which the Woman's Relief Corps Has Been Likened, by a Member of the Louisville Press Whose Kith and Kin Were on the Other Side in the Great Struggle for National Union, but Who Wields a Pen Tipped with Patriotic Fire—The Continuous Story of Unflagging Work—A President Who Rises Before Daybreak to Attend a Corps Meeting on Far Pacific Hights.

HATS OFF, THEN.

Not from lack of appreciation of the beautiful tribute paid by Miss Elvira Sydnor Miller, the truthful "Tattler" of the Louisville *Times*, but solely for lack of space following National Convention and the busy holiday season, has THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE so long withheld from reproducing the tribute from her graceful pen paid the Woman's Relief Corps in 13th National Convention assembled in that city.

The tribute follows, and will be read with a thrill of pride by every woman devoted to the true work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and by every soldier who has had the opportunity to familiarize himself with its important and continuous work on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic and the principles it proclaims. Miss Miller said:

Too much honor cannot be accorded the Woman's Relief Corps, whose members are now the guests of the city. The war leaves its victims, and its path is marked by the wrecks of ruined homes and hearts, poverty, and sorrow. It is well to work when the battle rages, and the madness of enthusiasm spurs one on to great deeds; but how different when the lull follows the storm, when all the fever and excitement are over, and the Nation can hardly be aroused from its apathy to join in the work of renovation.

Everybody is tired and despondent, filled with the selfishness of sorrow which fancies its grief is the only grief in the world—oh, there is nothing like trying to inspire the people with energy and unselfishness after the band has ceased to play. This, however, is the work marked out for themselves by the women of the Relief Corps.

Like the angels of Buena Vista they watched the battle from afar, marked the wounded and the dying, and then, when the thunder of the guns was silenced and the grim struggle over, they went forth on the field, closing the eyes of the slain and providing shelter for the maimed and suffering.

Nay, more; as day followed day, and the memory of the civil strife grew dimmer with the years, when to the little children of the new generation it was a mere fairy story told around the firesides at twilight, they met together, sought out the helpless and destitute families of the old soldiers of the country, and put bread in their mouths and a roof over their heads.

Year after year they have continued their good work. They have inspired others, even the most lukewarm, with their own heavenly zeal, and there is never a day that the welfare of the unfortunate with a claim upon the heart and purse of the people does not receive their attention.

These soldiers' wives and children are debts of honor owed by the Nation, and it is the women of the Relief Corps who are paying them off. Hats off, then, to these, and in some brighter country may they find a receipt in full registered to their credit on the books of the recording angel.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

Five hundred plates were laid for the banquet of the 28th anniversary of Richard Borden Post, Fall River, held in Music Hall. National and Department officers were among the hundreds of guests.

Department Commander Thayer in his Campfire speech said that in Fall River, as elsewhere in the State, he found the G.A.R. and W.R.C. working together not only as friends of the soldiers and sailors, but doing much for the cause of patriotism. He closed with Tiny Tim's benediction, "God bless you, every one."

Then National President Turner made one of her characteristic speeches, closing with a complimentary reference to Junior Vice Commander Deane. After being received with three cheers and a tiger and a Chautauqua salute, she renewed the movement for the woman's auxiliary, started in 1883 at Denver, and which had grown to large proportions and to great service as a helper of the Posts. "We had very little money the first year," she said, "but we established credit, and to this time we have spent $1,300,000 for the comrades. The money we have contributed came from work. Remember, that whenever you buy a ticket for the Woman's Relief Corps, whatever you pay for it, that ticket goes to some one in need."

She addressed the Sons of Veterans as no more boys but men—older men than many of their fathers were when they went to the war—and bade them take up the responsibilities of citizenship and go forward and show the world that they are worthy of its confidence. The Massachusetts Sons of Veterans contribute enough money yearly to buy flags for every man who died in Andersonville Prison. This placed them in good standing before the public.

After referring to the very pleasant emotions which were hers that night, she said there was still a touch of sadness in them; it came from the thought that she had, she believed, come to look for the last time upon the face of the Junior Vice Commander of this Department; "yet," she added, "it is with gladness in our hearts that we look forward to see him Senior Vice Commander."

The Woman's Relief Corps had a prominent part in the exercises of the evening. Hattie A. Bray reciting with much enthusiasm.

FRATERNITY IN TEXAS.

Louise Cluskey, Department Correspondent of Texas, writes of the joint installation of Davy Crockett Post and Corps, Waco, largely attended by members of both Orders and a representation from Pat Cleburne Camp, Confederate veterans, as invited guests.

Department President Lavantia Conger conducted the installation services for the Corps in a very impressive manner, the officers present being Mrs. Carnahan, Senior Vice-President; Vera H. Conger, Secretary; Helen Conger, Treasurer; Edith Conger, Guard; Mrs. L. Smith, Conductor.

Mrs. Jennie Carnahan was elected delegate to Department Convention, and Mrs. Emma Abell Alternate. Cora Wilcox was installed President and Dora Crow Junior Vice-President at a subsequent meeting.

A PATRIOTIC PLEA.

Lyon Corps, 29, Xenia, O., has a very active and influential committee on patriotic teaching, of whom Henrietta B. Smith, Charlotte D. Davidson, and Jennie Martin are members.

Since their appointment last July they have accomplished wonders. They have secured the placing of a flag in every schoolroom in the city, white and colored, of the public schools, and the Catholic parochial school, also in the schools of the Green County Children's Home.

It is needless to add that flags were already in the schoolrooms of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, located near Xenia.

One hundred and fifty manuals of the Balch Salute have been distributed among the teachers of Green County, and a circular issued to the several Boards of Education and Township Trustees of Green County, of which the following is, in part, the text, showing the value of systematized work:

Believing the aim of all true instruction is the formation of strong, noble characters, and that the strongest, noblest characters are those in which love of God and love of country predominate; and believing that the teaching of patriotism, love of country and of flag, cannot begin too early in the life of the rising generation, and that daily association with the flag will foster a love for it and the principles it protects, it becomes our pleasant duty to endeavor to secure the placing of a flag in every schoolroom in the County.

To this end we ask your co-operation. Will you undertake to place a flag in the schoolroom under your supervision, and advise the general use of the "Balch Salute" to the flag? We have found that we need only call attention to the matter to have a ready response given and plans immediately adopted by which to secure the flag.

RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

The attendance was unusually large at the Department Convention of Vermont, W.R.C.; Department President Emily F. Fish presiding. The presence of National President Lizabeth A. Turner, and National Treasurer Harriette L. Reed gave increased inspiration to Convention, and they were extended a royal welcome.

The National officers accompanied the Department President to the Encampment to extend greetings to the Rhode Island veterans. The doors were thrown open, and the balcony was soon filled with women of the W.R.C. and others.

The official visitors were escorted to the platform and received a fraternal and enthusiastic welcome. The addresses from the National and Department officers were greeted with rounds of applause.

The Department President presented the Grand Army a purse of $75 from the Relief Corps, which Department Commander Ballou acknowledged as a timely gift. Upon retiring the W.R.C. delegation were given a rousing "three times three."

The Convention was pleasantly and harmoniously conducted, and the reports most encouraging, showing an advancement in the work of the Order, especially in the line of patriotic teaching.

At the noon hour a delegation of 14 girls from the public schools marched into the hall, with music and banners, and sang "Awake, Salute Old Glory," written by Kate Brownlee Sherwood, Past National President, and arranged to the music of "Maryland, My Maryland" by Col. J. C. O. Redington.

The Bellamy Salute was then given in a fine manner. The Convention arose and gave the handkerchief salute as the girls retired. It was a most inspiring sight; and the large audience were more than ever impressed that the fires of patriotism were brightly and steadily burning in the little but loyal State of Rhode Island.

The Convention was visited by a delegation from the Grand Army, who presented the Department President with a basket of flowers, accompanied with encouraging words and assurances of their appreciation of the work of the Order, as the "only Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic."

The officers, elective and appointive, are as follows: Department President, Julia P. Nasau; S. V.-P., Bessie M. Seymour; J. V.-P., Mary J. B. Clark; Treas., Lizzie E. Prentice; Sec., Ella F. Burt; Chap., Edna F. Chappell; Counselor, Emily F. Fish; Instituting and Installing Officer, Mary E. Paddleford; Inspector, Anna Budiong.

The officers were installed by the National President. Addresses by the National officers, music by the Ladies' Orchestra, and the presentation of a basket of flowers to the National President closed the business and pleasures of a notable day in the history of Rhode Island Woman's Relief Corps.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: John Buford Corps, 10, Everett, was organized last October by Past Department President Helen Burke with a charter membership of 55. We feel quite proud of this, as it is the largest Corps ever organized in our Department, and it is one more item on the bright side for the Department President, as so many of the Corps feel the effect of the financial depression. I think the outlook encouraging, however, and there seems to be a more hopeful spirit. Some of our feeble Corps are decidedly looking up, though not in the way the M. E. minister reported his church at conference, "looking up because they are on their back and can look no other way."

J. B. Steedman Post and Corps, Whatcom, rejoice in returning prosperity. Last year the Corps expended for relief, cash, $37.46; other than money, $82.60; turned over to the Post, $15. They made 504 visits to the sick.

Gen. Geo. Wright Corps, 8, Cheney, cleared $45 from a bazar and supper. Judge Buck, Department Commander, was present at the joint installation and banquet; also, J. M. Comstock, Assistant Adjutant-General, and wife; Past Department Treasurer Comstock, and Capt. and Mrs. Galbraith, all of Spokane. Mrs. Comstock installed the Relief Corps officers and Mrs. Galbraith gave interesting recitations.

Nancy J. Inman was installed Corps President for the third term at the joint installation at Kelso, Department Inspector Annie Knapp Installing Officer.

The Corps furnished choice refreshments, the Post adding fruits and candies, while one generous comrade brought in a plum-pudding steaming hot.

This Corps has furnished a room at the Soldiers' Home from the proceeds of suppers, netting $65.

Stevens Corps, 1, Seattle, reports 109 members, and last year turned over $100 to the Post. A Christmas entertainment netted $72, and next came a successful masquerade.

WHERE PATRIOTISM FLOURISHES.

Past-Department Treasurer Comstock, of Spokane, in a racy and very interesting letter, describes her trip to inspect E. J. Houghton Corps, 28, of Harvey, one of our new Corps. She left Spokane in the early morning by cars to Meyer's Falls, then "took what is by courtesy called a stage" to Kettle Falls; then another stage to Harvey; then changed to a farm-wagon, and went three miles further, "climbing up above tree-tops after tree-tops"—600 feet above the Columbia River.

On reaching her journey's end she was warmly welcomed by the Secretary of the Corps and her husband, a veteran, whom she soon found was a member of the same regiment with Comrade Comstock. So they were old friends at once.

The next day the whole family accompanied her to the hall, three miles, where Post and Corps meet at the same time and in the same building. The mother is Secretary of the Corps, the daughter Treasurer; the father belongs to the Post, and the son to the Sons of Veterans. A little girl of six, being too small to be left at home alone, went along. But here comes the cream of my whole story.

The President, who has been present at every meeting during the year, and whose husband is Commander of the Post, comes fifteen miles, getting started before daylight, these short days, and returning home in the evening. The Senior Vice-President and her husband, who lost a leg in the service, come 12 miles. One woman, 65 years of age, comes six miles on horseback, and came in the storm that day and staid to the Campfire.

Another woman comes on horseback with two children, and so on. Others come less distances, but all have to make an effort. The children are left in the ante-room.

The Corps was found in good condition, much better than some older Corps visited. Only one of them had ever been in a Corps before, and then only three or four times, long ago.

It seems to me too much cannot be said in commendation of that faithful band of workers, so far from all means of instruction, so loyal and heroic. It is in just such communities that "Uncle Sam" will find his best recruits, if he needs them.

Mrs. Comstock gave them a little talk in the evening. It was the first open meeting they had ever held, and they all enjoyed it. She describes the ride of three miles home, that evening, as "inky blackness."

Press Correspondent.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: An interesting feature of the joint installation of Robert Anderson Post and Corps, York, Neb., was the display of a beautiful red, white and blue bed-quilt, arranged in the form of the American flag, made entirely by our honored Army Nurse, Juliet G. Howe, who, on account of her lameness, was unable to be present.

Mrs. Howe is one of the oldest and most enthusiastic of our W.R.C. members, hence was greatly missed. The boys gave three hearty cheers for "Mother Howe" and the red, white and blue. The quilt she presented to the Branch Soldiers' Home at Milford.

Sully Corps, 27, North Bend, is prosperous. They have united with Sully Post and loyal citizens in a movement to build a soldiers' monument, to be dedicated on next Memorial Day.

After the joint installation of Russell Post and Corps, Fairbury, the new officers gave a banquet to all the retiring officers, and at a recent meeting the Post surprised the Corps with a visit, bringing a fruit lunch. The Corps often entertain the Post, serving light refreshments.

President Sanders, upon retiring from office, was presented a beautiful silver castor. The Corps made a great forward push last year, taking a foremost place in the Order.

Russell Post early in the season went in a body to the home of a soldier's widow and prepared wood enough for her use during the Winter, while the Corps cautiously, with well-filled baskets, stole behind. After a day spent socially all returned gratified to think such a perfect surprise had been carried out so pleasantly.

This but illustrates the perfect harmony existing between the Posts and Corps of Nebraska, except in a few instances where rival Orders have sprung up.

The 13th annual Convention, Department of Nebraska, W.R.C., will be held in Omaha, Feb. 12 and 13. A reception will be held the first evening at the Board of Trade rooms, to which all G.A.R., W.R.C., and Sons and Daughters of Veterans are invited.

Martin Stowell Corps, 190, has been instituted at Peru, and William Burgess Corps, 191, at Spencer.

Helen E. Cook, Department Press Correspondent.

M. ANTOINETTE MILLETT.

DEAR TRIBUNE: M. Antoinette Millett, who has recorded a very successful year as Department President, is by education, but not by birth, a Maine woman, having removed from the State of New Hampshire when very young to Portland, Me., where she received her education in the public schools of the beautiful Forest City.

Her ancestors were in the War of the Revolution, and her patriotism was inherited from loyal parents. She has ever been an earnest supporter of the principles that form the basis of our free Government.

MRS. M. ANTOINETTE MILLETT.

Mrs. Millett is the wife of Col. Henry K. Millett, of the 5th Me., a gallant soldier and patriot, who has a warm heart and willing hand to assist his fellow-comrades less fortunate than himself. She is of a genial disposition, and has many warm friends; is identified with the social and public interests of the town in which she resides, and is noted for her devotion to Grand Army interests.

She was elected President of John K. Adams Corps in 1888, and re-elected in 1889. She has served as Department Aid three terms; was a Delegate to National Convention in 1891, and was on the Department Executive Board in 1894.

She was unanimously elected Department President at the Convention held at Skowhegan, February, 1895, and is at present Aid on the National President's staff. She is also a member of the Maine Relief Corps Home Board. The Department of Maine are again unanimous in their desire for her election as Department President the second term; but her health forbids her to take the responsibility another year.

Inzetta A. Small, Department Press Correspondent, Lewiston, Me.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Feb. 12 and 13, in Odd Fellows Building, Lowell, will be held the 17th annual Convention, Department of Massachusetts. Official invitations have been sent to L. A. Turner, National President; Harriette L. Reed, National Secretary, and Kate B. Sherwood, of Ohio, Past National President, to attend.

Mary G. Deane, Past Department President, has been elected Secretary of the Daughters' of the American Revolution of Fall River.

Richard Borden Post, 46, and Borden Corps, 106, held a January Campfire; Mary J. Deane, Chairman Committee. National President L. A. Turner and Mesdames Helen Brigham, Hattie A. Bray, and Emily L. W. Waterman were present as guests.

Later a superb Navy flag (Union Jack) was presented to the Post by Past President Bullock on behalf of the Corps, it being the last of a series of three—State, National, and Naval—which have been tendered from that auxiliary.

The newly-installed Commander received the gift in a few well-chosen words, and called upon Comrade Dingley to respond on behalf of the Navy. That comrade paid high tribute to the heroism of the naval commanders, and the victories achieved by those who went "down into the sea with ships."

At a joint installation of officers of James A. Perkins Post and Corps, Everet, Past Department Commander Ely W. Hall officiated for the Post, and National President Turner for the Corps.

A reception to National President Lizabeth A. Turner, Past National President Emma R. Wallace, National Secretary Harriette L. Reed, and others, followed.

After congratulatory remarks by Mesdames Turner and Wallace and Past Department Commander Hall, a fine supper was served.

Post 119 and Corps 97 had a joint installation, Past Department Commander William M. Olin and Department Inspector John E. Gilman acting for the Post, and Past Department President Mary E. Knowles, assisted by Mesdames Gilman and Burrows, for the Corps. Post and Corps hold fortnightly socials, which greatly develop fraternal interest. The Corps have presented the Post a copy of "Lincoln's Words."

Corps 97 is proud of having as a member Mrs. Martha A. Parker, aged 94. She enjoys good health and has a remarkable memory. After her initiation she recited a poem she had committed in 1824.

Department Commander Thayer and Department President Cook installed, respectively, the officers of Post 66 and Corps 5, Medford.

National President L. A. Turner was present as a guest, and presented the Corps, as a memento of war days, a towel sent her by the Sanitary Commission.

Among recent callers at National Headquarters, W.R.C., were Past Department President Mary E. Bancroft and Mary E. Gormley, Columbus, O.; Capt. E. B. Lyon, Dayton, O.; Past Department President Emily F. Fish, of Rhode Island; Past Department Inspector Carl N. Bancroft, Columbus, O., and Past Department President Emily L. Clark, of Massachusetts.

Annie M. Warner, assisted by Elizabeth B. Raymond, instituted a Corps at Ashburnham, Jan. 22.

There was a joint installation of Post and Corps. The Corps is 171, auxiliary to Serg't Plunkett Post.

Ray E. Lane, Department Press Correspondent, Wakefield, Mass.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Past National President Emma R. Wallace is now visiting in New York at 110 West 12th street, after a delightful sojourn of some weeks in Boston.

Past Department President Flora Wulschner, of Indiana, is the translator of some beautiful German songs, published in German and English by Emil Wulschner & Son, Indianapolis. She has just been unanimously elected President of the Woman's Business and Social Union of the Roberts Park M. E. Church, of Indianapolis.

Sweeny Relief Corps, Runyon, Ill., served a New England dinner at a Campfire given by Sweeny Post on the evening Feb. 14. Gen. Stibbs, of Chicago, was the drawing card of the occasion. Kate Runyon has been appointed Corps Correspondent, and we hope to hear frequently of Corps prosperity.

"O. B." reports the joint installation of James Price Post and Corps, Waterville, O., followed by a supper; Louisa M. Phelps, Installing Officer, Quen Ranney, Corps President.

Mrs. R. U. Gillespie, Yulan, Cal., was one of the winners of a beautiful school flag offered by THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. "In two days it was placed over our school, where it now floats," she writes, "and now I want to have the flag drill introduced." She hopes someone will send her the drill.

Department President Eva T. Cook and National President L. A. Turner attended the installation of Maj. Fletcher Corps. The toasts at the banquet were unique and humorous.

Past President S. O. Thompson, of Corps 6, Hollister, Mass., was the recipient of a beautiful onyx banquet lamp at the installation of her successor.

Past National President Sarah E. Fuller installed the officers of the Corps of Hopkinton, Mass.; a Campfire and collation followed.

Free to All Women.

I have learned of a very simple home treatment which will readily cure all female disorders, painful periods, leucorrhoea, displacements or irregularities, and will gladly mail it free to any suffering woman. Add's Mabel E. Rush, Joliet, Ill

NAVAL VETERANS.

Rear-Admiral Samuel Alman Announces Several Staff Appointments.

In last General Orders from Headquarters National Association Naval Veterans, 227 Division Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., Rear-Admiral Samuel Alman announces the appointment of the following:

National Aids—Martin H. Gerry, Minnesota Association, 3333 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.; John L. Lewis, Michigan Association, 321 National Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Samuel A. McCurdy, Commodore Hopkins Association, California National Home, Los Angeles County, Cal.

Members of National Executive Committee—John H. Pray, Minnesota Association, 118 17th St., East Minneapolis, Minn.; Oscar A. Chapman, Michigan Association, Battle Creek, Mich.; Timothy Sullivan, Commodore Hopkins Association, National Home, Los Angeles County, Cal.

Thomas H. Barrett, of Farragut Association, New York, has been appointed Fleet Engineer, vice George L. Seavey resigned. Shipmate Barrett's address is 90 West 103d St., New York City.

The Illinois Naval Veterans Association, 15, of Chicago, has surrendered its