SALUTE THE FLAG.

Every Boy and Girl Should Be Taught Patriotism.

Doings of the Kansas W.R.C. Convention. Gen. Clarkson in Sympathy With the Work of the Order—Flo Jamison Miller's Candidacy Booming—Busy Times for the Order.

To show that the country was ripe for the introduction of patriotic teaching into the public schools, we need but refer to the fact that while Col. George Balch, whose patriotic salute has been officially adopted by the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, was formulating a system and making a test of the same in the Children's Aid Society schools of New York City, a teacher in San Francisco was teaching her children to salute the flag in a little private school in that city. This teacher was Miss Eliza D. Keith, who, over the signature of "Di Vernon," has contributed widely to the public press on patriotic subjects.

Miss Keith began her patriotic work by hanging the flag over the door so that the children would pass under its folds upon entering. She taught them to march to their own music; to sing patriotic airs and National anthems.

In 1891 she was a substitute teacher, her duties taking her at least once a month into every school in the city. Everywhere she went she spoke on patriotic subjects, and had the flag saluted. She first advocated the founding of an Order of school children, to be known as the Order of the American Flag.

September, 1891, Miss Keith took the platform of the Pacific Coast Woman's Press Association to declare that patriotism must be taught in the schools; that the flag must be saluted, and that the first duty of the public school teacher was to make American patriots of the children.

Through her efforts, the San Francisco Board of Education decided to observe Columbus Day, 1892, and authorized the different schools to take up collections among the children to purchase class-room flags for the daily salute. The Balch salute having come to her attention was at this time substituted for the one she had used, being, as she says, shorter and more easily remembered by the children. This salute is: "We give our heads and our hearts to God and our country; one country, one language, one flag."

In February, 1892, the San Francisco Board of Education ordered that the last Friday of each month be observed as Flag Day, with special patriotic exercises. The other California cities at once inaugurated the movement, and for California Miss Keith claims a foremost place in patriotic teaching, their movement having originated within the State, as has been indicated.

Miss Keith is a member of the Committee on Patriotic Teaching of the National Council of Women, of which Kate B. Sherwood is Chairman, and by request outlined the work in California for the Boston meeting of the Council.

HOW FLAG FRIDAY IS OBSERVED.

Flag Friday is observed in every school in San Francisco County. Class rooms are decorated and visitors invited and patriotic exercises carried out, which embrace declamations, recitations, singing of National hymns and anthems, and quotations from American authors.

The distinctive feature of the day is the intense Americanism which is thus engendered. In some of the schools the exercises on Flag Friday are held in the school-yard at the close of the noon hour, when the children are lined up in military plan. On Flag Friday each child wears a patriotic decoration. Most of them wear tiny American flags, the most distinctive American decoration.

In many schools the salute is given every day from the school-yard; in others in the class-rooms. In Miss Keith's room at least 10 minutes are given every morning to patriotic exercises. She has a boys' school, and the first line is the Guard of Honor, privileged to stand in front of the class, and each boy in turn holds the flag during the recitation or song in progress. Since the children love to hold the flag, they all try hard to win the honor. A disorderly child is sent to his seat and not permitted to take part in the exercises, and is thus both punished and disgraced.

Miss Keith, like many other educators, has reached the conclusion that our public schools should be under National control; certainly to the extent of placing a National text-book on patriotism and citizenship in every public school in the land. She also believes that every public-school teacher in the United States should be required to take the oath of allegiance to the National Government. Writing of California, Miss Keith says:

"We need no flag law in our State, as all our institutions of learning, public and private, secular and religious, fly the flag on all possible occasions. The very children playing in the streets march behind a flag and sing the songs they have learned in the schools. Whenever class photographs are taken, such as the school exhibits sent to State Centennial Expositions, the class flag is prominent in the group. A foreigner posing the children placed some of them on the ground, with the flag used as a laprobe. The children protested, and said 'The flag should always be above our heads.'"

The California press has done good service in spreading patriotic sentiment by writing up class exercises and reproducing class pictures and flash-light pictures of children in the act of saluting the flag.

The Boys' Brigade and the Catholic Cadets of the League of the Cross march beneath the flag and protect it from insult. Last Summer a detachment of the Boys' Brigade, returning from Encampment, passed a newspaper office where they saw a flag defaced by an advertisement. The brigade was halted, and the youthful Captain informed the proprietor that the advertisement must come off, or the boys would haul down the flag. At first the man refused, but seeing that the boys were in earnest, he complied with the request.

Last Fourth of July the committee to encourage the presence of school children in the parade and to stimulate their interest offered silk flags as prizes for the schools producing the best floats illustrative of some Revolutionary scene or incident. The pride of the winning schools in their flags knows no bounds.

July 4, 1896, was the 50th anniversary of the raising of the American flag by Commodore Sloat at Monterey, an act that was preliminary to the acquisition of California by the United States. A feature of the celebration in charge of the Native Daughters of the Golden West was the marching of the school children of Monterey, dressed in red, white and blue, in the form of a gigantic American flag.

THE YOUNG PATRIOT.

The American child must be trained in civic pride, encouraged to improve his surroundings, to work in his school garden, to want his own city to have fine streets, parks, pleasure grounds, imposing public buildings, museums, art galleries. He should be enlightened as to humanity's need for improved sanitary conditions and every creature's right to pure water, sunlight and fresh air. For his encouragement and example must be honored those Americans who have been public benefactors. As an object lesson, to impress upon our children the duty that each one owes to posterity, every boy and girl should be encouraged to plant at least one tree a year.

In some sections of our country it may be impossible to introduce the patriotic text books, but even without their valuable aid it is within the power of any intelligent and patriotic teacher to imbue the children under her charge with respect for the principles of right Government.

Without one word of political meaning she may conduct an election according to the best political methods for the Captains of a spelling-match. Leading from the known to the unknown, the teacher will have done much to prepare the children to grow into the consideration of those larger National questions which affect our people and upon which depend the future of our country.

To those engaged in this glorious work, I send greetings and congratulations. Be not afraid of over-enthusiasm, of excess of zeal. Children are impressed by externals, and the dramatic presentation of an idea is worth a thousand repetitions of prosy precepts. America for Americans, and all for God, our Country and the Children.

KANSAS WOMEN MEET.

The 13th annual Convention, Department of Kansas, W.R.C., was largely attended, and an unusually large amount of business was transacted. Department President Chase had the Convention well in hand, and with the ready co-operation of officers and committees, everything was over and ready for the installation of the newly-elected officers jointly with those of the Grand Army. This was the more enjoyed, as it was the first joint installation in the Department of Kansas.

The Convention adopted the recommendations of President Chase relative to the newly-acquired Relief Corps Home property in Kansas. This property is the Grand Army Reunion Grounds at Ellsworth, which the Department Encampment of 1896 turned over to the W.R.C. upon condition that they would improve it and use it as a Home for dependent wives, mothers, and young children of soldiers, including Army Nurses, usually coming under the provisions of such a Home. Department President Chase went before the Legislature last Winter and secured an additional fund for repairs. The whole came before Convention for final action and approval.

In voting to accept the trust, Convention provided for a Board of Managers for Home and hospital, five in all, to serve for the period of five, four, three, two and one years, and thereafter one year, to fill the annual vacancy; also, for an ex-officio membership to embrace the Department Commander, G.A.R.; Department President, W.R.C., and Division Commander, S. of V. It was voted to call the property the Mother Bickerdyke Home and Hospital, a deserved tribute to the "Angel of the Battlefield," a name given by Gen. Logan to this heroic woman.

The Board of Managers, very properly headed by Julia Chase, is as follows: Dora E. Evans, Clay Center; Julia Campbell, Hutchinson; Edith M. Wood, Pittsburg; Dr. Addie Allen, Junction City. They will hold their first meeting at Ellsworth, May 4, to perfect plans.

The Grand Army, Relief Corps, and citizens of Chanute were warmly thanked for hospitable entertainment and fine decorations of city and halls. The officers of Convention follow: Pres., Margaret Griffeth, Emporia; S. V.-P., Sarah E. Dickanson, Chanute; J. V.-P., Ellen M. Kimball, Manhattan; Sec., Bell C. Harris, Emporia; Treas., Lydia Logan, Towanda; Chap., Amanda Scott, Independence; Counselor, Ida Moore, Abilene; Ins., Emma B. Alrich, Cawker City; Instituting and Installing Officer, Minnie D. Morgan, Cottonwood Falls. Executive Board, Louise Brown Hedrick, Olathe; Emma B. Wright, Pittsburg; Evalyn Bradford, Concord; Dora A. Wierman, Wamego; Cassie C. Fletcher, Clay Center.

GREETINGS FOR MAINE.

Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson paid a magnificent compliment to the Woman's Relief Corps while in attendance upon the Department Encampment of Maine, G.A.R., held in Lewiston. It was at the grand Campfire, when a basket of beautiful flowers was presented to him by Inzetta A. Small, on behalf of Custer Corps, of that place.

The Relief Corps Convention of Maine did not hold a Convention in connection with the Grand Army this year, on account of a request of the Grand Army Encampment of 1896 that the Department of Maine, W.R.C., and the State Relief should meet together at another time and place. In presenting the flowers Mrs. Small referred to this, and said that inasmuch as the Department of Maine was thus deprived of the privilege of meeting the Commander-in-Chief, through its official representatives she desired him to accept the flowers in token of the fraternal greetings of 3,000 loyal women of the Pine Tree State, with assurances of their support and best wishes.

In reply Commander-in-Chief Clarkson expressed his regret at being deprived of the pleasure of meeting with the Relief Corps in their Convention that he might have given his official encouragement in their work, and asked Mrs. Small to say to them that his heart was with them and that he realized the noble work they were doing. He closed by sending his fraternal greetings to the Department of Maine Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department President Nancy J. Colby was not in Lewiston at the time of the Encampment, and it was greatly regretted that she could not have accompanied her husband, Col. Colby, whose erect form and smiling face were conspicuous on the street and in the hall. She made a recent official visit to Lewiston.

At a Pillow Dex party—whatever that may be, and we are assured it is great fun—given by U. S. Grant Corps, Biddeford, benefit Andersonville Prison fund, the sport was varied by the Andersonville reminiscences of ex-Mayor Elisha E. Clark, a prisoner in that awful stockade for some months. Biddeford Post and Corps have a large hall, with dining-room and kitchen, in the new public building, heated and lighted, and all at public expense. Gratitude has not perished from the earth.

Past Department Commander J. C. Linehan, candidate for Commander-in-Chief, is lecturing on "Songs and Poetry of the War," for the benefit of Posts. U. S. Grant Corps placed the tickets for their Post with their usual success.

All the Corps of Maine report a busy Winter, and the latest failure to get an appropriation through the Maine Legislature, instead of discouraging them, has added to their determination to keep on working and pushing until their patriotic plea is at last heeded, and Maine has a Home worth her noble veterans.

ONE OF ILLINOIS' BRIGHT WOMEN.

Department President Mary F. McCauley, of Illinois, writing of the candidacy for National President of Past Department President Flo Jamison Miller, says:

"She is one of Illinois' brightest women, and so well known for her marked capabilities that words seem useless in writing of her. Her record as Department President is second to none and worthy the emulation of all. Illinois has not pressed the candidacy of Past President Miller upon the other Departments. The other Departments are asking for her. Letters come to me personally to this effect. We can pledge for our candidate, if elected, that her time and talents will be devoted to the Order we all so much love."

The Department Convention of Illinois will be held at Galesburg, May 4, 5, and 6. National President Agnes Hitt and National Secretary Ida McBride will be among the visitors. A reception will be tendered Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, National President Hitt, Department Commander W. G. Cochran and staff, and Department President McCauley and staff by the citizens of Galesburg.

The Grand Army and Relief Corps of Chicago are to unite in a W.R.C. Memorial service Sunday, May 30, which will be creditable to the Relief Corps, which has the matter in charge, and worthy the sacred day. Past National President Emma R. Wallace is interested. "The Memorial of the Flowers" will be given.

DOINGS IN THE BAY STATE.

Department President Emily L. W. Waterman, of Massachusetts, has received a souvenir from Nantucket, which she prizes highly. It is a Camp and Field Book, captured at Port Hudson during the siege.

President Fannie T. Hazen, of the Massachusetts Army Nurse Association, and Past President of Corps 2, Cambridge, has compiled her experiences in the civil war, which she has just given, in that city, to an interested radience in Grand Army Hall.

Ashland Corps is one of the most flourishing soldier societies in Massachusetts. They have just honored Past President Lefa M. Miller with a gift of a handsome banquet lamp in appreciation of her two years' service as Corps President.

Nine Corps participated in the reception given by E. F. Fletcher Corps, Medford, Mass., in honor of Department President Waterman and staff, in Memorial Hall. Dinner was served at noon.

Pretty menu cards, with the flag on the cover, graced the banqueting table of the 15th anniversary of Dahlgren Corps, South Boston. Dahlgren Post was represented by Commander Richard Walsh, and among those who responded to toasts were Past National Secretary Eleanor B. Wheeler, Department Secretary Mary E. Elliott, and Past President Lou Stuart Wadsworth, whose theme was "Our Flag."

The roster of the Department of Massachusetts, W.R.C., numbers 173 Corps; also, three Past National Presidents, two Past National Senior Vice-Presidents, three Past National Secretaries, and 12 Past Department Presidents. The names of officers of the Department of Massachusetts, G.A.R., also appear on the roster.

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SONS WILL MEET.

National Encampment to Be Held in Indianapolis, Sept. 9-11.

Commander-in-Chief J. L. Rake, Sons of Veterans, has just issued General Orders, No. 2, from Headquarters at Reading, Pa. The most important announcement is that the 16th annual Encampment will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 9-11. This conclusion was reached by unanimous vote of the Council-in-Chief upon the presentation of the question, after a personal conference with the Commander of the Indiana Division and others interested. The Commander-in-Chief says the most flattering assurances are given that the citizens of Indianapolis will leave nothing undone to make the stay of the Sons in that city most pleasant.

The following Division Encampments are announced: Colorado, Colorado Springs, May 11-13; Maryland, Annapolis, May 11 and 12; Minnesota, Princeton, June 8-10; South Dakota, Redfield, June 9 and 10; Pennsylvania, Towanda, June 8-10; Michigan, Flint, June 15-18; Oregon, Independence, June 15-18; Washington, Vancouver, June 17-19; Indiana, Marion, July 7-9. The Kentucky Division will meet some time this month at Lexington.

In accordance with the action of the 15th National Encampment, held at Louisville, the following committees are announced: To attend National Encampment, G.A.R., Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell, La Crosse, Kan.; Commander W. G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill.; William DeSteese, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Past Division Commander E. W. Hatch, Buffalo, N. Y.; Past Captain Alfred Darte, Commander Department of Pennsylvania, G.A.R., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The committee to act with a similar committee of the G.A.R. on Monument to the Women of the War of 1861-'65, it is deemed wise shall be appointed by mutual selection from the foregoing committee of five, after having attended the coming Encampment of the G.A.R.; this committee to consist of three, and to be chosen from among their number. It is deemed desirable to adopt this method of appointing this committee, giving it the opportunity of advising with the similar committee of the G.A.R. during the Encampment in question.

On Testimonial to Gen. I. N. Walker, Indianapolis, Past Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.: Commander R. B. Oglesbee, Indianapolis, Ind.; Q.-M. Gen. R. Lobenstein, Chicago, Ill.; Commander William G. Dustin, Dwight, Ill. By the action of the 14th annual Encampment, a memorial was ordered to be prepared for Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas G. Lawler, of the G.A.R., Rockford, Ill., which has thus far not been provided. The above committee will, therefore, also assume charge of this matter at this time.

National Legislation affecting the Order as a Reserve of the U. S. Army: Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell, LaCrosse, Kan.; Past Division Commander E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.; Charles D. Rooney, Winchester, Mass.; Commander W. G. Patton, Green Bay, Wis.; Past Division Commander E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn.

The Committee on Peace Monuments appointed by action of the Encampment at Knoxville is reminded that it is continued, as per proceedings of the 15th annual Encampment, page 126.

The attention of the members of the foregoing committees is directed to the conditions prescribed by vote of the Encampment authorizing their appointment, by which service is to be without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Charters of Camps have been revoked upon recommendation of Division Commanders as follows: Kansas Division—Camp 7, Bluff City; Camp 10, Parkersville; Camp 8, Independence; Camp 211, Liberty. Maryland—Camp 11, Eastville, Va.; Camp 26, Beaufort, S. C. Indiana Division—Coffin Camp, 91, Russiaville. South Dakota—Camps 1 (Howard), 3, 5 (Chamberlain), 12, 14, 22, 25, 27, 33, 34, 36, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57. A number of these Camps have been in arrears for several years, are no loss, having been previously suspended, and are now constitutionally dropped, others having been organized with corresponding numbers.

A LOSS OF ONLY NINETY-THREE.

The Adjutant-General's Consolidated Report for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1896, shows:

Division.	No. in Good Standing Last Report		In Good Standing Dec. 31, '96.	
	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee	19	451	18	425
California and H. I.	11	267	12	291
Colorado	8	184	10	209
Connecticut	29	851	29	802
Gulf	11	200	16	200
Illinois	61	1410	66	1431
Indiana	35	903	58	1316
Iowa	58	1202	60	1216
Kansas	77	1538	71	1538
Kentucky	10	234	10	257
Maine	46	1324	47	1301
Maryland	22	440	24	459
Massachusetts	139	4221	136	4132
Michigan	33	679	33	666
Minnesota	40	991	40	919
Missouri	53	1129	49	999
Nebraska	27	413	31	453
New Hampshire	19	634	19	600
New Jersey	29	862	26	770
New York	106	2993	114	3198
Ohio	88	2209	98	2148
Oregon	10	135	9	112
Pennsylvania	161	5630	149	5481
Rhode Island	15	418	14	410
South Dakota	19	345	18	286
Vermont	41	1004	37	870
Washington	31	678	31	670
West Virginia	12	245	13	228
Wisconsin	28	556	29	566
Totals	1238	32046	1267	31953

RECAPITULATION.

	Camps.	Members.
Number in good standing at date of last report	1,238	32,046
GAIN:	Camps.	Members.
By muster in	16	1,469
By transfer	...	91
By reinstatement	111	2,264
Total gain	127	3,824
Aggregate	1,365	35,870
LOSS:	Camps.	Members.
By disbanded	20	241
By death	...	53
By honorable discharge	...	101
By transfer	...	85
By suspension	78	3,437
By dishonorable discharge	...	.....
Total loss	98	3,917
Number remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1896	1,267	31,953

The Commander-in-Chief says: "It will be seen that for September quarter 32,046 members were reported as in good standing in the various Camps. For December quarter there were reported 31,953 in good standing; a loss of only 93 members. This we consider quite encouraging, for it must be remembered that the last report is for the period during which the greatest political campaign in the history of the Nation was waged, when interest in the Order was hard to maintain, and the organization of new Camps and mustering of recruits in the Camps in existence was greatly interfered with. We report a gain of 39 Camps for the last quarter, and we are firmly of the belief that our Order has reached the lowest mark, and from now on we will recover our lost ground and gain substantially. We earnestly appeal to the individual membership to assist us in the work of recruiting and placing the Order in the best possible condition."

As to Memorial Day he says: "Once more our thoughts go out from the living to the noble dead who answered that call to arms when the life of the Nation was assailed. From the sadness of our recollections there is room for joy that to us, the descendants of the men who rallied to the call of the martyred Lincoln, comes the pleasant duty of aiding the surviving veterans in strewing fragrant blossoms over the mounds that mark the sacrifices of the dreadful days of 1861-'65.

"While in the performance of this sacred duty, let no loyal Son be found so forgetful as to profane the day in worldly amusement. Let our ranks be represented by every Son now enrolled, and in the assistance which we owe to the comrades of the G.A.R. let us not give grudgingly our services, but with a loyalty and frankness which should characterize the sons of soldiers. Let every Camp volunteer to the nearest Post to share in the labors incident to the observance of Memorial Day, and thus substantially prove our devotion to the principles upon which we are founded."

NO JUNIOR GRAND ARMY.

Latham Camp, of Connecticut, Protests Against the Proposition.

F. G. Poole, Mystic, Conn.: A. C. Latham Camp, 19, wishes to add a protesting voice against the proposition to change the name of our Order from Sons of Veterans to Junior G.A.R. Let us remain as we are. We have not asked for such a change. Keep the old name, and glory in it.

Our Camp is small in numbers. We have but 24 members in good standing. Our average attendance is 16. We hope to recruit largely in the near future. More young men in Mystic are eligible. If the fathers would use their influence we could soon enroll most of them. The Grand Army men, however, do not seem to realize that they are one by one answering the last roll-call, and that the Sons of Veterans must take the place of the older Order.

Our Camp has never received 100 per cent., but has always stood first-class. We have the best First Sergeant and Quartermaster-Sergeant in the Connecticut Division, and both have been complimented as such by each Inspector. —FRED G. POOLE, First Lieutenant, A. C. Latham Camp, Mystic, Conn.

GRANITE STATE BOYS.

Annual Encampment of the New Hampshire Division.

The 15th annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans of New Hampshire, held at Plymouth, April 23, elected the following officers: Division Commander, W. S. Willey, Somersworth; S. V. C., H. E. Chamberlin, Penacook; J. V. C., C. H. Huntoon, Newport. Delegates to Division Council, A. M. Brock, of Rochester; L. B. Emery, of Troy; W. L. O. Stiles, of Manchester; Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, J. W. Duffrey, Somersworth; Delegate, George Cook, Concord.

Staff officers were announced as follows: Chap., E. W. Drew, Troy; Surg., F. L. Hawkins, Meredith; Q.-M., J. W. Duffrey, Somersworth; Ins., C. D. H. McLinn, Plymouth; Mustering Officer, H. A. Brown, Penacook; Judge-Advocate, F. C. Smith, Enfield; S.-M., W. H. Bellows, Bennington; Q.-M.-S., H. N. Gilman, Tilton.

Past Commander M. Crowley, of Boston, installed the newly-elected officers. The Encampment will be held at Tilton next year.

DIVISION SNAP SHOTS.

What the Boys are Doing in the Several States.

Inspector Townsend, in his report to Commander W. J. Patton, of Michigan, says: "In almost all Camps I have found that the chief stumbling-block is the matter of finances. Failure to collect dues invariably results in the loss of numbers whose dues are allowed to accumulate until they allow themselves to become suspended rather than pay up. Strict regulations must be made to govern this fault, if the Camps expect to prosper. Discipline also seems to be slack in many Camps, resulting in lack of interest."

Jacob Dumand, Co. I, 54th Ohio, Walla Walla, Wash.: J. J. Stevens Camp, 23, Division of Washington and Alaska, is all right. We are out of debt and have money on hand. A gain of 17 members was made during the first quarter of 1897. Phillip Pauley, our Captain, is a worker. A good many of us are taking THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

William McKinley Camp, 16, has been mustered at Maple Plain, Minn., with 29 charter members, by Past Capt. L. E. Hale, of Camp 4, Minneapolis. Several more applications are out that will be mustered in the near future; one at Currie and one at Grand Meadow.

A four-days' field Encampment of the Minnesota Division will be held at Princeton in June. The local committees are hard at work, and a royal reception is promised the visiting brethren.

At the 12th annual Encampment at Wells, Minn., last year, a recommendation of the Division Commander was adopted; viz, That the brother who submits a plan of insurance to the Insurance Committee, that meets with the approval of the Encampment, shall receive a warrant on the Quartermaster for $15. Division Commander Kelly believes that a number of plans will be submitted by brethren.

John A. Otis Camp, 38, with 17 charter members, was mustered at Diamond Bluff, Wis., April 17, by Capt. J. T. W. Ames, of Tom Porter Camp, 2, New Richmond, Wis. Officers: Capt., D. C. Judd; First Lieut., Curt Baker; Second Lieut., Charles Hope.

Charles Throckmorton, Mt. Holly, N. J., writes that Camp 45 is just one year old. The boys have received the entire support of Post 26, which has been of great help to them. The ladies of Logan Circle have also assisted. The Camp is uniformed, and purchased 16 first-class rifles; is free from debt, and has $40 in the hands of the Quartermaster.

New Connecticut Aid.

The Ladies' Aid Society auxiliary to Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp, Middletown, was mustered recently with 36 charter members, by National Aid Anna Haviland. The following were elected: Pres., Lizzie B. Spencer; Past Pres., Mary E. Earle; V.-P., Anna Schlochter; Chap., Nellie Southwick; Treas., Mrs. Frank Youngs; Sec., Mrs. Walter Spatcher.

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I could not stand very long without feeling sick and vomiting. I could not breathe a long breath without screaming, my heart pained so.

I also had female weakness, inflammation of ovaries, painful menstruation, displacement of the womb, itching of the external parts, and ulceration of the womb. I have had all these complaints.

The pains I had to stand were something dreadful. My husband told me to try a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, which I did, and after taking it for a while, was cured. No other kind of medicine for me as long as you make Compound. I hope every woman who suffers will take your Compound and be cured.—MRS. J. S. MCGILLAS, 113 Kilburn avenue, Rookford, Ill.

HONOR TO HEROES.

Gen. Clarkson's Call Upon Patriots to Observe Memorial Day—Visit to Buffalo.

Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson makes of his General Orders, No. 6, an eloquent appeal for a magnificent observance of Memorial Day. He says:

"The Nation's Sabbath Day—that day upon which patriotic people gather together everywhere to do honor to their sacred dead—is again upon us. Let us, as is most fitting, unite in making the solemn services of Memorial Day as impressive as possible by appropriate exercises, and by strewing beautiful flowers upon the graves of our comrades, and so show to the world that as citizens we appreciate their great sacrifices for their country, and as comrades we revere their memories; and to the rising generation that he who dies for his country dies nobly. In the words of the lamented Logan: 'If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts cold, in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us.'

"Let us invite to our assistance in this patriotic work that noble band of workers, the Woman's Relief Corps, who have done so much toward the success of our great organization, and also the Sons of Veterans, who must soon take up the work which the ravages of time shall compel us to lay down.

"In the interest of patriotic instruction to the children it is earnestly hoped that the laudable work of talking to the children of the Public Schools on the subjects and lessons of Memorial Day by a Veteran, now so general throughout the Order, will be observed this year and hereafter in every Public School.

"Let every Post, in accordance with usual custom, attend divine services in some church, in a body, on the Sunday before Memorial Day. The 30th of May falling this year on Sunday, Memorial Day will be observed according to the Rules and Regulations on the preceding day, except in such States as by law or custom observe the succeeding day.

"Comrades, as we grow older let us be more particular in the observance of this sacred day, and let us discourage the holding of games and frivolous amusements thereon by thoughtless people in every possible way.

"By resolution, the 30th National Encampment recommended that the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address be made a special feature of Memorial Day exercises held under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, J. C. Winans, Chief-of-Staff; Maj. Wagner, Aid-de-Camp, and A. J. Burbank, Quartermaster, visited Buffalo on their way to New York City to take part in the dedication of Gen. Grant's tomb. The four visiting officials were met at Encampment Headquarters by all the prominent Grand Army men of Buffalo. Gen. Clarkson presided. Secretary Turner, of the Citizens' Committee, read a brief report showing the progress made by the various sub-committees. The Commander-in-Chief expressed himself highly pleased with the work accomplished, and thought there could be no doubt about the success of the meeting. Later in the day he telegraphed Adj't-Gen. Burmester to issue a General Order convening the Encampment.

WAS A PRISONER OF WAR.

The Man the New Hampshire Veterans Chose for Commander.

Comrade James Minot, recently chosen Department Commander, was mustered as a charter member of one of the first Posts in western New York, Nov. 29, 1866, and a few months later transferred to a Post at Concord, N. H. In 1881 he was elected Commander of E. E. Sturtevant Post. For two years he was a member of the National Council of Administration, and for four years served as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of New Hampshire. In 1895 he was elected Junior Vice Commander, and last year Senior Vice Commander.

JAMES MINOT.

Comrade Minot was born at Clarkson, N. Y., April 20, 1843, and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, his grandfather having served in that war. At the age of 19 he enlisted in Co. A, 140th N. Y., and served with his regiment in the field until May 5, 1864, when he was permanently disabled in the battle of the Wilderness, and taken prisoner. He remained in prison until the following September. His wound was such that he was unable to leave the hospital until after his discharge, in June, 1865. During the past 30 years Comrade Minot has been engaged in the banking business, and is now a Director of the National Bank in Concord, where he resides.

MAINE'S NEW COMMANDER.

Comrade Carleton, a Bright Lawyer and Forceful Speaker.

Leroy T. Carleton, the new Department Commander of Maine, was born at Phillips, Me. He enlisted in 1861 in Co. F, 9th Me., while that regiment was stationed at Hilton Head, S. C., but on account of sickness was sent home. He re-enlisted in Co. E, 32d Me., as Corporal, and was promoted to Sergeant. In one engagement he received four wounds from a bursting shell.

HON. L. T. CARLETON.

After the war Comrade Carleton took a course of study at the Phillips High School and Maine Wesley Seminary. He then read law, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He settled in Winthrop, where he has since resided, and has been eminently successful in his profession, having been four times elected County Attorney. In politics Comrade Carleton is a Republican, and during the last campaign was much in demand as a speaker. He is Chairman of the Maine Fish and Game Commission.

Maine Headquarters have been established at Winthrop by Department Commander Leroy T. Carleton. Comrade Lorenzo B. Hill, of Post 13, Augusta, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General.

DEPARTMENT DOINGS.

Items of Interest from Various Local G.A.R. Bodies.

Comrade Stahl and several of his staff visited Atlantic City last week to complete arrangements for the Encampment of the Department of New Jersey. The veterans will hold a Campfire; the parade will take place June 9, and over 8,000 old soldiers from Philadelphia and vicinity are expected to join in the exercises of the day. A committee will invite President McKinley to be present. Among those who have already promised to attend are Vice-President Hobart, Gov. John W. Griggs and Commander-in-Chief Clarkson.

The Kentucky Encampment will be held at Lexington, May 10 and 11, and on that occasion, for the first time since the war, the Blue and Gray will mingle in peaceful Reunion in that city. John T. Gunn, Commander of E. L. Dudley Post, 54, has invited the officers of John C. Breckinridge Camp, Confederate Veterans, to become its guest during the week and take part in all the public exercises. John Boyd, Commander of the Camp, has accepted the invitation.

The 14th annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee will convene at Nashville, June 2. The Commander expects a large attendance. The Department Convention of the W.R.C. and the Encampment of the Alabama and Tennessee Division, S. of V., meet at the same time and place, and it is hoped that there will be a joint conference between the three bodies, and which will result in the growth of all the Orders.

RENEWING OLD TIES.

Reunions of Veterans Who Stood Shoulder to Shoulder in the Dark Days.

Johnstown's old company, the famous Zouaves, which answered President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, and was mustered as Co. K, 3d Pa., will hold a Reunion during the Department Encampment in Johnstown in June. Of the 70 young men who composed the company more than half re-enlisted in other regiments at the expiration of their terms, and many were officers of high rank later in the war.

Comrade John G. Springer, Secretary, Springfield, Ill., announces that the State Board of Agriculture has assigned Wednesday, Sept. 29, for Old Soldiers' Day. In addition to the usual regimental and other Reunions, there will be one or more grand Campfires in the evening, to which prominent Grand Army speakers will be invited. Besides these meetings comrades will have an opportunity to visit Memorial Hall, where may be seen the flags carried by the soldiers of Illinois, as well as many interesting relics of the war, and will be welcomed to Lincoln's residence and tomb.

The annual Reunion of the 10th Mass. Battery Association, at Young's Hotel, Boston, was attended by over 40 members and friends. John D. Billings was chosen President, W. E. Endicott and W. G. Gross Vice-Presidents, and Augustus C. White Secretary and Treasurer.

A pleasant Reunion of the 2d Mass. Battery Association and Co. A, 42d Mass., was held at the Quincy House, Boston, the other day. Officers elected: Pres., W. J. White; V.-P., S. A. Cushing; Sec. and Treas., W. P. Carpenter.

The historic old 6th Mass. Regimental Association celebrated its 36th anniversary of its passage through Baltimore in 1861 by holding a Reunion in Boston. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., John F. Noyes; V.-P.'s, J. S. Clark and Joseph Safford; Sec., E. D. Sisson; Treas., H. F. Woodward. Mrs. Lizzie Clawson Jones Rogers, daughter of Col. Jones, of this regiment, was a guest of honor. Fully 125 persons were present.

The 6th Iowa, at Albia, Sept. 21 and 22. Henry H. Wright, Secretary, Centerville, Iowa, requests that members communicate with him at once.

Rousseau's Brigade Meets.

The eighth annual meeting of Rousseau's Brigade Association was held in Madison, Ind., April 7. It was the anniversary of the second day's battle of Shiloh, in which Rousseau's famous brigade participated.

The meeting was called to order by President P. C. McGannon, of North Vernon, Ind. Hon. Ellison D. McGuire, Mayor of Madison, delivered the address of welcome. The following were elected: Pres., John C. Cline; V.-P.'s, John Bake, James F. Simpson, Samuel Tuttle; Chap., Rev. J. M. Oldfather; Historian, Alfred W. Harris. The Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed by the President. The next Reunion will be at Dayton, O., April 7, 1898.

A Voice from Ohio.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I am the daughter of a soldier who served three years in Co. B, 110th Ohio, and I am proud to say that I belong to the Ladies of the G.A.R. We have a Circle numbering 75 ladies and about 30 comrades.—MRS. NANNIE C. HILL, Past Chaplain, Elyria Circle, 27, Elyria, O.

Time for Samaritanism.

D. M. Younkman, Past Commander, Overturf Post, 36, Dale, Okla., writes: A cyclone destroyed almost the entire city of Chandler, Okla., on March 30. Of course, the members of our Order are among those who had their property swept away, and are losers of what little they did possess. About a year ago the Woman's Relief Corps of that city bought a building, which they kindly donated to the G. A.R., as a hall, and which was all paid for except $70. That hall is a total wreck, and so it has been suggested that we ask the members of our Order to donate to Chandler Corps a small sum from each member or Post, to aid the noble Order of W.R.C. of that stricken city to rebuild their hall.

Remember, comrades, that if you but contribute a dime to this worthy cause of charity, you are doing a duty of friendship, and showing to your comrades and the W.R.C. that loyalty for which we as an Order feel pledged. The building was not insured as a cyclone risk, and hence is a total loss.

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