PATRIOTIC NEW YORK

Important Work Accomplished by the G. A. R. Memorial Committee.

In THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of May 27 a letter was published emanating from the Memorial Committee, G.A.R., of New York City, in reference to the public schools. It was in obedience to the General Order of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson on this important subject, and the Metropolis led the procession in carrying out the good work. It will be remembered that several years ago the G.A.R. took up and indorsed the matter of military drill in the schools. New York City at once set to work establishing the American Guard, composed of the boys in the public schools. An Advisory Council was formed composed of the Committee of the Board of Education on Military Drill, the Principals of all male schools, and the Commanders of the 56 G.A.R. Posts in the City.

This body, of which Commissioner of Education J. A. Goulden, at that time Commander of Hancock Post, and the originator of the proposition in the Board of Education and the organizer of the Council, was President for two years, met monthly and had 20,000 boys organized into companies, battalions, and regiments, drilled and disciplined. On Memorial Day, 1895, 10,000 of these boys, known as the American Guard, in 16 regiments, three brigades and one division, with a full complement of officers, marched in the parade. Ex-President Harrison, who reviewed the parade on that occasion, paid a high tribute to the soldierly marching and manly bearing of the young soldiers. "They march like Regulars," was the opinion of Comrade Harrison.

The Memorial Committee on May 13, 1897, the same day the letter was sent to the Post Commanders, notified the Principals of the 200 schools in the city of the order of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson. The comrades responded generously. The applications for speakers came in with a rush, so that all the schools with but a few exceptions were honored by the presence of G.A.R. men in uniform at the celebration, May 28. The limited time following the receipt of the order from Gen. Clarkson made it a herculean task for the Chairman Col. J. A. Goulden, but right royally did he discharge his duty. The most satisfactory reports from the Principals and comrades have been received by him, showing the wisdom of the Commander-in-Chief in the matter. Below are given extracts from a few of these letters:

Accept warmest thanks for sending Col. Henry H. Adams to this school on Memorial Day. His address was one of the most interesting, instructive, and patriotic that I have ever heard. The 800 pupils were fascinated. It was a vivid picture, and his descriptive powers left a deeper impress of patriotism than a dozen addresses by civilians. I trust the G.A.R. will continue the praiseworthy work.—JOSEPH H. WADE, Principal, Grammar School No. 23, Mulberry and Bayard streets, New York City.

It gives me great pleasure to report that the object of your Memorial Committee to aid in teaching patriotism to the children of the public schools has most undoubtedly been attained by the eloquent and interesting addresses of Comrades Gen. G. M. Barry and Robert McGuire, delivered in this Department on Friday last. The veterans were enthusiastically received by the boys, and listened to with the closest attention. Their references to the patriotic feelings which cause the heart to throb and the blood to tingle in a person who suddenly beholds his country's flag in a foreign land gave the Memorial Day exercises a new significance to the pupils, and this was shown by the spirit with which the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung at the close of the addresses.—JOHN F. TOWNELEY, Principal, Male Department, Grammar School No. 12, 371 Madison street, New York City.

We were favored on Friday last. Col. E. O'M. Condon was with us, and gave an interesting talk to the school. We were simply delighted with him.—SAMUEL MOREHOUSE, Principal, Grammar School No. 44, 12 North Moore street, New York City.

The gentlemen whom you so kindly assigned to our school, Comrades Thomas Moore and Alfred J. Tier, gave very interesting talks to the boys. They were not of an oratorical nature, but were very instructive and interesting to the boys. I thank you in the name of the school for their services.—JOHN DWYER, Principal, Grammar School No. 8, 29 King street, New York City.

I desire to express my thanks for the members of the G.A.R. sent here to assist in the celebration of Memorial Day and in teaching that most important subject, patriotism, to the young Americans in my school. I thank you personally for all your efforts to help us make our program worthy of the day we celebrated.—J. FRANK WRIGHT, Principal, Male Department, Grammar School No. 7, 60 Chrystie street, New York City.

The comrades who have reported in glowing terms the satisfactory condition of the schools visited were Gen. W. H. Morris, Gen. Geo. B. Loud, Gen. G. W. Chappell, Gen. G. M. Barry, Cols. Adams, Badger, Owen, Scott, Reddy, Judge Steiner, Judge Langbein, Judge Jeroloman, Commanders Eckstein, England, McNally, Long, Moore, Tee, Lord, Smith, King, Scott, and others.

Department Commander Albert D. Shaw, who visited New York City on June 8 and 9, was so highly impressed with this matter that he will issue an order urging all Posts in the State to take up the subject at once and carry it to a successful issue. He will also consult State Superintendent of Public Education Skinner, and secure his co-operation in this laudable and patriotic movement.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PRESENT.

Happy Meeting of Pennsylvania Veterans at Johnstown.

The meeting of the Pennsylvania Department at Johnstown, June 3 and 4, was a grand success. The long line of veterans and the Johnstown firemen presented a grand spectacle.

At the meeting held following the parade these were elected: Department Com., Capt. W. D. Stauffer, Lancaster; S. V. C., Capt. W. B. Keller, jr., Johnstown; J. V. C., Samuel Scott, Pittsburg; Chap., Rev. John W. Sayers, Philadelphia; Medical Director, W. R. D. Blackwood, Philadelphia. The National delegates and other officers will be chosen to-morrow. The Woman's Relief Corps elected Mrs. Alice Starr Hauch, Mechanicsburg, President; Mrs. Delia Lord, Franklin, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. A. N. Hart, Johnstown, Junior Vice-President; Mrs. Abbie Lynch, Allegheny, Secretary.

A big Campfire was held in the evening. Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and Department Commander Darte delivered addresses, and were followed by others of prominence in State and National Grand Army affairs.

The Department has had a grievance against the Governor of the State since he refused to approve of the appointment of Comrade Thomas Sample, of Allegheny, and Comrade Morrison, of Philadelphia, to the Board of Commissioners of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. Comrade Sample was made Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions by Commander Darte. This Committee reported the following:

Resolved, That we commend the action of our State Commander in the appointments of Comrades Sample and Morrison as members of the Commission of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools, and that it is our belief and sincere wish that such appointments may stand as final, and as coming from the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic of Pennsylvania.

Department Commander Stauffer, after his installation, appointed Charles L. Leiper, of Philadelphia, Assistant Adjutant-General, and Charles A. Suydam, of Philadelphia, Department Inspector. He will make other appointments later.

ARIZONA COMRADES.

George Hoxworth, of Ransom Post, Chosen Department Commander.

The officers chosen at the recent Encampment of the Department of Arizona were: Department Com., Geo. Hoxworth, Ransom Post, 4, Flagstaff; S. V. C., George D. Kendall, Barrett Post, 3, Prescott; J. V. C., A. J. Doran, Negley Post, 1, Tucson; Medical Director, Chas. D. Belden, Owen Post, 5, Phœnix; Chap., C. P. Wilson, Ransom Post, 4, Flagstaff; Council of Administration, A. L. Grow, Burnside Post, 2, Tombstone; Ed Schwartz, Owen Post, 5, Phœnix; James Wiley, Alexander Post, 6, Globe; J. W. Dorrington, Fremont Post, 9, Yuma; D. F. Phelan, Sedgwick Post, 10, Williams; Delegate to 31st National Encampment, J. W. Ransom, Alexander Post, 6, Globe; Alternate, R. K. Farnsworth, Sedgwick Post, 10, Williams.

The following staff appointments announced: Ass't Adj't-Gen., W. F. R. Schindler, Barrett Post, 3, Prescott; Ass't Q. M.-Gen., P. P. Parker, Owen Post, 5, Phœnix; Judge-Advocate, Chas. H. Kuapp, Owen Post, 5, Phœnix; Chief Mustering Officer, Chas. H. Allabach, Barrett Post 3, Prescott; Ins., A. L. Grow, Burnside Post, 2, Tombstone; Chief Aid-de-Camp, Geo. W. Thurlow, Fremont Post, 9, Yuma.

All communications should be addressed to W. F. R. Schindler, Assistant Adjutant-General, Prescott, Ariz.

The proceedings of the Encampment were all that could be desired, and the delegates from other Posts were well pleased with the treatment they received at the hands of the members of Barrett Post at Prescott. The members of Woman's Relief Corps 3 outdid themselves in the way of entertainment and banquet, as the members of that grand organization always do in every place in this broad land of ours. God bless them.

"CORRECT SCHOOL HISTORIES."

Important Recommendations of Commander Stahl, of New Jersey.

The annual Encampment of the New Jersey Department opened in Atlantic City, June 9, with a parade of the veterans. Commander-in-Chief Clarkson and Department Commander Stahl reviewed the procession. The evening was taken up with social enjoyments.

The real business of the Encampment began Thursday. Commander Stahl presided. The annual report of Department Commander Stahl touched a variety of subjects, leading off with the practice in vogue at the Soldiers' Home at Kearney, where deductions are made from inmates' pensions. He desired the co-operation of the Department in securing legislation to prevent the practice.

The Commander called attention to the "importance of teaching the young of our land a correct history of our country, and more especially that part of it which relates to the war for the Union." He suggests the appointment of committees by each Post to examine the histories in use in the schools in their vicinity and report to Headquarters, so that the matter might be acted on in unison.

Assistant Adjutant-General Southwick's report showed number of Posts Dec. 31, 1896, 113; membership, 6,728; gain by muster, transfer, and reinstatement, 434; loss by death and otherwise, 763; net loss, 309; amount relief expended, $12,786.83.

Post 3, of Jersey City, introduced this resolution, which passed without a dissenting vote: "That we petition the Legislature to enact legislation creating a board to have in charge the Soldiers' Home, to be appointed by the Governor for a fixed term, to be selected from the Department of New Jersey."

Emanuel Sands, of Jersey City, was elected Commander to succeed E. C. Stahl. For Senior Vice Commander, S. G. Hayter, of Bloomfield, was elected; J. V. C., James Hogan Camp, of Paterson; Chap., Rev. Charles E. Hill, Red Bank; Medical Director, John Younglove, Elizabeth. Members of the Council of Administration and Delegates to the National Encampment were also chosen.

DEPARTMENT DOINGS.

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

A. A. Lord, Post 30; Jos. H. Stiner, Post 8; John S. Maxwell, Post 300; James F. O'Hara, Post 500, and Anselin J. Smith, Post 9, are members of the New York Council of Administration.

At a recent meeting of Frank Lloyd Post, 79, Department of New Jersey, South River, a resolution was unanimously adopted, reciting that the "existing custom of debarring all but members of the Grand Army from the meetings of this Post prevents us from properly maintaining our relations with the Sons of Veterans, and that the Sons are our rightful successors in continuing the work for which we are organized, after our generation has passed away, and their instruction in our ceremonies are essential." Therefore the Post resolved that "the delegates of this Post to the annual Encampment of the Department be directed to use their votes and influence to secure for members of the Camps the right of attendance at the meetings of the Posts of the G.A.R."

Gen. Albert D. Shaw, Department Commander of New York, announces William H. Boughton, Post 141, as Acting Assistant Adjutant-General, and D. F. Allen, Post 5, Acting Assistant Quartermaster-General.

TENNESSEE'S LOYAL ORDERS.

Three Most Influential Met at Nashville Simultaneously.

The annual Encampment of the Department of Tennessee, G.A.R., the annual Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Encampment of the Alabama and Tennessee Division, S. of V., met in Nashville the same days. The three bodies met together to hear the formal address of welcome, and were called to order by Commander H. B. Case. The address of welcome was delivered by Maj. A. W. Wills, Department Chaplain E. M. Cravath led in prayer. Harry L. Veasey, of Harriman, spoke for the Sons of Veterans. Miss Alida Rule, of Knoxville, President of the W.R.C., spoke for that body, and each of the Orders then held separate meetings.

The Grand Army meeting was well attended. Commander Case's report showed 62 deaths during the year. The total membership on Dec. 31, 1896, was 2,606. Knoxville was selected as the next place of meeting, and Feb. 26 as the date. Officers elected: Dep't Com., H. B. Case; S. V. C., Jacob A. Reep; J. V. C., W. F. McCarron; Medical Director, W. F. Green; Chap., E. M. Cravath. Council of Administration, C. H. Smartt, Joseph G. Lankester, Frank Weise, A. J. Gahagan, Thomas F. Stewart. Representatives to National Encampment, J. C. Mulvihill, W. H. Nelson, A. J. Steele, D. M. Stewart; Alternates, J. J. Henser, J. S. Menker, S. W. Pickens, G. W. Patton.

Commander Case appointed C. W. Biese Assistant Adjutant-General and G. W. Patton Assistant Quartermaster-General.

IN THE CEMETERIES.

Something About the Principal Memorial Day Exercises in Various Places.

Nearly 5,000 graves of Union soldiers in the National Cemetery at Winchester, Va., were decorated Memorial Day. Mulligan Post, 30, met the Union Veterans Union of Washington and other visitors at the depot and acted as escort. Services were held in the afternoon. John J. Williams, Mayor of Winchester, welcomed the visitors. Gen. S. S. Yoder responded. Congressman W. L. Weaver delivered an address.

Comrade M. A. Upton, Commander of the G.A.R. Post at Sheridan, Wyo., writes that a special train carried veterans and their friends to the Custer Battlefield National Cemetery, where 1,200 soldiers' graves were decorated.

Appropriate exercises were held at Mills Spring Cemetery, near Somerset, Ky. Gen. R. M. Buckley, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, delivered the principal address. T. Z. Morrow, Commander of the Kentucky Division, made an address that was a credit to the Order he represents.

A St. Louis comrade writes of Memorial Day in that city: "The day itself was all that could have been desired. Gen. Noble, the Grand Marshal, and his staff had matters arranged in a very complete manner. The various Posts were out in full uniform. The Sons of Veterans also did themselves honor in lining up. The procession marched for some two miles through the principal streets of the city. The crowds and G.A.R. Posts then went to the barracks by the way of river, steam cars, and electric cars. Gen. Henry gave the G.A.R. and public the pleasure of a cavalry drill and an escort with a full column of troops to the Cemetery. When the column reached the Cemetery, Commander Alfred Proll delivered the address. The veterans and friends scattered flowers and planted flags at the 16,000 graves."

E. O. C. Ord Post, 100, City of Mexico, Mex., held Memorial services at the graves of American soldiers in the beautiful American Cemetery, just outside of the city. Besides members of Ord Post many prominent people from the American colony and visitors in the city were present. The beautiful and impressive service of the Grand Army of the Republic was read by Commander W. J. De Gress. The address of the day was delivered by Gen. Powell Clayton, United States Minister to Mexico. The request of Gen. Clayton that he be allowed to place some wreaths on the monument erected to the memory of the Military College cadets who fell at Chapultepec, in 1847, had been granted by President Diaz, and after the services at the American Cemetery the party proceeded to Chapultepec, where they were met by Gen. Villegas, of the Mexican army, and the graves were decorated after suitable exercises.

"Children Teething."

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

HER BOYS REMEMBER

Veterans Manifest Lively Interest in Mother Bickerdyke Day.

Clara Barton's Efforts for Greece—Praise for W.R.C.'s Patriotic Teaching—Progress of the Order All Along the Line.

Kansas is setting a noble example to the country generally by ordaining that one day shall be set apart to celebrate the deeds of a noble and heroic woman patriot, as recently noted. The day is July 19, and the woman thus honored is the beloved Mother Bickerdyke, idol of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Union army, and much interest is manifested in the event outside of as well as in the State.

Did ever anyone see in the heroic and placid face of Mother Bickerdyke a resemblance to George Washington? Mother Bickerdyke was one of the Ohio Balls of the Virginia line, and George Washington's mother was a Virginia Ball, the beautiful, golden-haired, high-strung maiden from whom Washington received his leading characteristics.

Who knows but that Mother Bickerdyke may be able to prove herself one of the heirs to the Ball fortune, waiting distribution in Philadelphia? Some of it is going to the Ohio Balls if they can furnish the necessary proof.

What is to be called Mother Bickerdyke Day is the 80th birthday of this grand woman, she having been born near Mount Vernon, O., July 19, 1817, the daughter of Hiram and Anna Ball. The latter was the daughter of a soldier of the Revolution—one of the Rogers family, among the Plymouth Rock Pilgrims. Little Mary Ball's education was limited. When quite young she was married, but in a few years Mr. Bickerdyke died, leaving her with helpless little ones to rear.

She became a nurse and when the war broke out offered her services, carrying to her work patriotic zeal and large experience. She was early identified with the Sanitary Commission, and when the supplies to the army were sent from Galesburg to Cairo she went as a delegate.

After the battle of Belmont she was assigned to a field hospital. At Fort Donelson she had her first sight of a battle and was for the first time under fire, an experience that was more and more frequent as the terrible years wore on.

Before there was a Christian and Sanitary Commission to collect supplies and stimulate National interest, Mother Bickerdyke went from place to place in the North, addressing audiences, superintending fairs and extending her "cow and hen mission," which furnished hundreds of cows and thousands of hens, to provide suitable food for the wounded soldiers.

She helped to establish the Adams Block Hospital, Memphis, which accommodated 6,000 men, and was Matron of Gayoso Hospital, when 700 wounded men were brought in from Arkansas Post. She took charge of a smallpox hospital in Memphis and renovated it with her own hands, when nine men lay dead of the scourge.

WORKING AMIDST SHOT AND SHELL.

Through the battles of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and Chattanooga, Mother Bickerdyke nursed friend and foe alike. On the fields of Resaca, Kingston, New Hope Church, Cassville, Alatoona, Dallas and Kenesaw Mountain, she directed the nurses or gave personal care to 13,000 wounded men, "my boys," as she called them. When Sherman cut off his base of supplies in the Atlanta campaign, she went North and collected and forwarded vast stores of supplies. She went with Sherman's army to the sea, and when his forces entered Savannah, sailed for Wilmington, where she took care of the Union men liberated from Southern prisons. She performed like service at Beaufort, Averysboro and Bentonville, and at the request of Gen. Logan marched into Alexandria with his army.

At the final Grand Review in Washington Mother Bickerdyke, mounted upon a saddle horse, dressed in a calico dress and sunbonnet (her uniform throughout the war), accompanied the troops, and no knightlier honors were ever showered upon a lady in the old tournament days than "her boys" showered upon her. Her dress and bonnet were afterwards sold as relics of the war for $100.

Many anecdotes are told of Mother Bickerdyke and her services in our army to illustrate her force of character and success in making everything bend to the amelioration of the needs of the sick and wounded; how she jealously guarded the delicacies sent by the devoted women of the North, lest they should find their way to the Surgeon's table; how she was ready to meet every emergency when the regular medical stores were slow in coming up; how she discharged a drunken Surgeon for neglecting his trust, and how, when he appealed to Gen. Sherman for a redress of his grievances, he received the reply: "I can do nothing for you; Mother Bickerdyke outranks me."

Gen. Logan, through whose instrumentality Mother Bickerdyke was granted a pension, held her in the highest honor, and at Portland, Me., in 1885, in addressing an audience of 6,000 people, mostly Union soldiers, in attendance upon the National Encampment, G.A.R., he said:

"Old Mother Bickerdyke; I know her well. I have seen her helping the wounded soldiers from the battlefield when shot and shell were raining around her. Why, gentlemen, the hands of women are so connected with the hand of the Divinity that man without them would be a barbarian."

It was at the first grand Campfire ever held under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps that Gen. Logan spoke these words and held up Mother Bickerdyke to the women of the land as a type of all that was patriotic, noble and pure in American womanhood.

CLARA BARTON AND THE RED CROSS.

The name of Clara Barton will ever carry a thrill of emotion to the hearts of every lover of humanity. She has been called the "Angel of the Battlefield," and now Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, who represented the Secretary of the Interior at the great meeting just held in Washington in aid of the suffering Greeks, gives her the new and beautiful name of "The Queen of Humanity."

The Washington meeting was the first of a series to be held at the National Capital, with the view of attracting public attention to the needs of the suffering Greeks, and to the deplorable fact that the American branch of the Red Cross Society is the only one of the 40 great National associations which has no fund at its command, provided either by the Government or by private subscription.

It will be remembered that Miss Barton, who went to the relief of the suffering Armenians, was obliged to return because of lack of funds with which to carry out her beneficent plans. For the same cause she has not been able to make a prompt response to the several calls that have been coming from the Greek women through their chief, Queen Olga. Now her obligations have become the more imperative, from the fact that the International Red Cross Society, from their Headquarters at Geneva, have called upon all branch societies, including the American branch, to forward help to the Greek sufferers.

It would not be like Miss Barton to shrink when duty calls, and in response to her personal appeals a considerable sum has been collected in Washington, and all the churches are making contributions. As fast as $50 have been subscribed the sum is forwarded by telegraph, so that no one can say, in excuse of gifts withheld, that the money will be so long in reaching Greece that all want will be appeased, or all the sick dead, or all the wounded gone to their doom.

Even should hostilities never be actively resumed, there is more than the Greek women can do to care properly for the work in hand. And to America they are turning with all the hope and faith of Christian hearts, believing that America, of all countries, will be touched with a recital of their wrongs. The Washington meetings being the combined efforts of both Protestants and Catholics, show that their hopes are not wholly in vain.

Miss Barton, both because of her nearness to the soldiers of the Union and by reason of her services to the Woman's Relief Corps, has never heretofore called in vain to this class of friends and supporters, while to all classes of citizens she has endeared herself by her services in floods and fires, in fevers and pestilence. The present financial stress has greatly crippled her resources, but as "every mickle makes a muckle," as the canny Scotch have it, it is encouraging that many little offerings are coming in to her support.

It would seem to be the duty of our Government to make adequate provision for a Red Cross fund, so that our great country may be ready to respond quickly to calls of this kind, and it is to be hoped that the present emergency may lead to such provision. At the same time direct giving is what enlarges the heart and quickens the sympathies. Rev. Dr. Gilbert, who was one of the speakers at the Washington meeting, said he believed God was preparing the way for a united Christendom, by the many calls before us for the exercise of Christian charity, since "gifts cause love and bring nations together."

PERSONAL REPORTS AT CONVENTIONS.

What we would like to see inaugurated, in connection with Department and National Conventions, would be a system of five-minute talks by the organizations represented through their Presidents. This would greatly enhance the value of the consolidated reports and bring about a closer relationship between the Departments or Corps officers, as the case might be.

This presentation should take place at the opening of the Convention, immediately following the President's address. The call of States could be made in the National Convention, and as each State was called the President could rise in her seat, give her name and date of organization of her Department, the number of Corps and members represented, amount of money raised and expended and for what purpose, and the special work to which her Department is committed, whether it be Soldiers' Home, Relief Corps Home or work for the soldiers' orphans. Brief attention could also be given to patriotic teaching and to the growth of patriotic sentiment in her State or community.

These talks should be strictly limited to three, four or five minutes, not to exceed the latter. Thus the double purpose would be served of giving a State recognition from the very opening of Convention, making all familiar with its chief representative, and of warming all hearts anew to the work of the Order by having it presented from the personal point of view with the sympathy and magnetism that always goes with the special representative of any cause.

For many years this has been a great need of the Relief Corps Convention. The time could not possibly be spent more profitably, especially as the reading of consolidated reports is now very generally dispensed with, the delegates having these in printed form before them.

Too much is taken for granted in our Conventions in supposing the delegates to be informed as to the work in sister organizations akin to their own, but in which they have no immediate interest.

Surely it would be a proud moment for the President of New York to rise in National Convention and relate the wonderful story of the opening and furnishing of the New York Relief Corps Home; for California to say how she got her big appropriation for the current year; for Ohio to tell the thousands of soldiers' orphans to whom she gives Christmas presents every year at the State Home; for Illinois and Michigan, Iowa and Kansas, Colorado and Minnesota, Massachusetts and Maine to tell of their untiring efforts for their Homes, and so on through all the long roll of States.

The moral stimulation would put every woman on her mettle, and the sessions, instead of being prolonged and made tiresome with detail, would take on all the glow and glory of a grand revival of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

RELIEF CORPS AND CITIZENS' CORPS.

Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson made a plea for associate members of the G.A.R., in which he used the Relief Corps as an example of the assistance and encouragement the Grand Army might have through coming into closer relationship with patriotic citizens.

Illinois is Commander Clarkson's native State, and he urged the Encampment to send a delegation to Buffalo that would take the initiative to organize a Citizens' Corps of the G.A.R. It would then be known as the C.C. of the G.A.R. Commander Clarkson said:

"Comrades, no one has for the W.R.C. a higher regard that I. We would not have been where and what we are, as an organization, or stood as high in the estimation of the public but for the efforts of the noble women of the W.R.C. All praise and credit to them as long as life shall last with us and as long as the G.A.R. shall exist.

"But we need more assistance. Many men who could not go to the war did all in their power to assist Honest Old Abe, the dearest and best of all great men to us, and to aid us in putting down the rebellion. Now these men can do for us at home and in legislative halls what we cannot do ourselves. Let us ask them to organize into such a body as an auxiliary to the G.A.R.

"I am as jealous of the rights of those wearing the bronze button as any living man, but they do not ask to attend our meetings, nor do the W.R.C. ask to attend. But they as men will carry on the work in their way, the same as the W.R.C. do in theirs. Comrades, we need their help and we can have it if we ask it."

CALIFORNIA REPORTS INCREASE.

Increased membership and a growth in patriotism is reported from the Department of California and Nevada. The Department Convention was a revival of patriotic interest, and the new administration enters upon its work with bright prospects for a year of prosperity and usefulness.

Odie Mae Irvin, of William H. Seward Corps, 20, Woodland, has been appointed Press Correspondent. The officers for 1897-98 are: Pres., Mary E. Hartwell, Los Angeles; S. V. P., Abbie D. Sylvester, Riverside; J. V. P., Edith Baker, Salinas; Sec., Esther C. Skinner; Counselor, Abbie Johnson; Instituting and Installing Officer, Louisa Buckles; Treas., Ida L. Jarvis, Pasadena; Chap., Jennie C. Briggs, San Jose. This Department will have four delegates to National Convention, besides the Delegate-at-large.

California is making much of patriotic teaching, and Sarah C. Borland, who proved herself such an efficient Chairman last year, continues in her place. Rawlins Corps, Stockton, gave a recent childrens' entertainment with fancy drills and songs and recitations, to arouse patriotic interest.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

A Corps has been instituted at Casselton, N. D.; Sarah H. Baldwin, President.

Faneuil Hall, Boston, has witnessed many a patriotic rally, but nothing could exceed in interest the entertainment given by children, under the auspices of Robert A. Bell Corps, for the purpose of securing a flag for the Bowdoin School. An array of distinguished speakers occupied the platform, including Past Department President Emma B. Loud, Department Commander Deane, Past Department President Mary G. Deane, Mrs. Lou Stuart Wadsworth, and others prominent in the work of patriotic teaching. Over five hundred school children participated.

A Kansas correspondent reports that the Board of Managers of the Mother Bickerdyke Hospital are arranging a four-days' Reunion for August, when the Home will be formally dedicated. Department President Griffith and the 6,000 members of the W.R.C. in Kansas are putting forth their best efforts to have everything in apple-pie order for the opening.

A Kansas correspondent calls attention to an error in the report of the recent Convention, W.R.C., which said that the Grand Army and Relief Corps had for the first time in that State held a joint installation. She has attended every Convention, beginning with 1886, and recalls but two instances that the officers were not installed at the same time and place.

The Department of New Jersey reports its affairs in flourishing condition under the management of Department President Mary M. Morse. They will bring forward a candidate for the National Executive Board at Buffalo.

Past Department Isabella Kirkendall, Helena, Mont., mourns the loss of her husband, Hugh Kirkendall, who died at his home after a brief illness. He was one of the earliest pioneers, having accompanied Col. Robbins when he was sent to explore the headwaters of the Yellowstone, in 1858. He had many a brush with the Indians, and became one of the most influential citizens of the State.

Wants Comrade Mack Elected.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I second the motion for Comrade I. F. Mack, of Sandusky, O., to be our next Commander-in-Chief. He and I enlisted in the same company at the same time in April, 1861.

Amongst the foremost to respond to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers, he served with credit till taken prisoner. He wore a Corporal's chevrons, but was worthy of a General's star. The same patriotic devotion to duty which took him into the army has characterized his record as a citizen.—M. M. ANDREWS, First Sergeant, Co. C, 7th Ohio, and Commander Post 419, Department of Michigan, Bay City, Mich.

SONS OF VETERANS.

Loyal Young Men and Their Great Order.

NEBRASKA'S COMMANDER.

W. H. Davis, Who Has Served the Order in Several Capacities.

Col. W. H. Davis, the new Nebraska Division leader, was born Sept. 5, 1869, in Saline County, Neb., and resides at Wilber. He was mustered into C. G. Harker Camp, 47, Wilber, March 27, 1888, as a charter member, gaining membership by reason of his father, S. D. Davis, who served in Co. D, 76th Ohio. He was elected First Lieutenant at time of muster, and the following year was elected Captain, which office he held for five years, declining the sixth term.

W. H. DAVIS.

He has served the Nebraska Division in several capacities, among which are: Member Division Council, Judge-Advocate, and Senior Vice Commander. On Feb. 19 he was elected Commander for the ensuing year. He says of himself: "I am a member of several other Orders, but first, last and all the time, I am a Son of a Veteran from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet."

INSPECTION HIS STRONG POINT.

Brother G. E. Johnson Knows What Makes a Division Strong and Healthy.

George E. Johnson, Inspector of the New York Division, was born at Tarrytown, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1872. His father, Cornelius B. Johnson, enlisted Aug. 9, 1862, in Co. F, 5th N. Y. H. A., and was discharged therefrom on June 10, 1865—two years and 10 months.

Inspector Johnson joined the Order in June, 1890, as a member of Schuyler Camp, 163, Tarrytown. While a Lieutenant he acted as Captain for eight months during 1891. He was instrumental in organizing John C. Shotts Camp, 2, Yonkers, and transferred to that Camp in February, 1896.

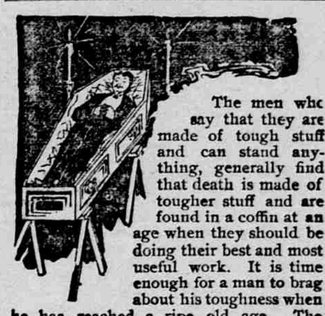
Inspector Johnson was appointed Aid-de-Camp upon the staff of Division Commander Holmes in 1892, and reappointed by each Commander until June, 1896, when he accepted the position of Division Inspector.

G. E. JOHNSON.

He attained special mention in the annual report and orders of the various Division Commanders, and has just completed one of the best inspections ever made in the New York Division.

Brother Johnson has twice been elected Delegate to National Encampment. He is Chairman of a Committee appointed at the Waverly Encampment to revise the Division By-laws, and of the Transportation Committee of 1897. He has organized and mustered several Camps, strengthened many weak ones, and has been detailed upon special duties at various times by the Division Commanders.

Brother Johnson is popular with all who know him. He is Deputy Postmaster, and a Notary Public. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and other societies, including the Order of Chosen Friends. Recently he organized a Council at Tarrytown, and is now serving as President. He will attend the Auburn Encampment of Sons of Veterans, and his friends are booming him for a higher office.



The men who say that they are made of tough stuff and can stand anything, generally find that death is made of tougher stuff and are found in a coffin at an age when they should be doing their best and most useful work. It is time enough for a man to brag about his toughness when he has reached a ripe old age. The men who live long lives are the ones who take care of their health in youth and maturity. They realize the truth of the old saying that "a stitch in time saves nine." The ones who don't do this die off of nervous prostration, heart failure, and consumption.

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PROMINENT IN STATE AFFAIRS.

New Commander of Ohio Division is Lieut.-Gov. Asa W. Jones.

The recent Encampment at Massillon was one of the most successful meetings in the history of the Ohio Division. Although the attendance was not large, the business of the Encampment was conducted in a manner which showed plainly that all present were intensely interested.

Division Commander D. Z. Marrow presided. His report was brief. Although there had been a slight loss of membership during the year, he said, those Camps which still remained were in a healthy condition, financially and numerically. Col. Marrow asked that some plan might be adopted by which the expense of maintaining the Commandery-in-Chief might be reduced.

The Adjutant's report and that of the Quartermaster were read by E. V. Banere, Division Adjutant, as he had attended to the duties of both offices since the resignation of H. V. Speelman several month ago. These reports showed that while the balance in his hands was scarcely $150 the Division had been maintained and a great many outstanding obligations canceled.

Gov. Bushnell and party on their arrival were escorted to the hotel by the entire membership of the Encampment. A banquet was served in the evening. Daniel S. Gardner was Chairman of the Local Committee.

The entire second day was devoted to business. Various committees reported. The election of officers resulted as follows: Com., Asa W. Jones, Youngstown; S. V. C., C. H. G. Palmer, Cleveland; J. V. C., A. B. L. Booth, Lockland. Council, A. W. H. Martin, Lisbon; Clark Metzgar, Massillon; E. V. Banere, Hillsboro. The delegates are: Delegate-at-large, Jacob Wise, Massillon; Delegates, Ed. Archer, Columbus; H. V. Speelman, Columbus; A. L. Bickum, Dayton; Dr. L. H. Perce, Bucyrus; George Esgate, F. W. Timmons, East Liverpool, was made Alternate-at-large.

Columbus was selected as the place for holding the next Division Encampment.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Col. L. W. Friedman Establishes Headquarters and Makes Appointments.

Col. L. W. Friedman, who was elected Commander at the Nashville Encampment of the Alabama and Tennessee Division, has assumed command and established Headquarters at