PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

J. A. E., Franklin, Ind.—The provision of the act of June 27, 1890, for the extension of the pension of idiotic, insane or otherwise permanently helpless children to beyond the age of 16, is held not to apply to children over 16 at the date of the soldier's death, or over 16 at date of application, if their claim is under the act of 1890, or whose disablement did not exist when they were 16.

S. R. H., Santa Ana, Cal.—All applications for restoration of pension should be made to the Commissioner of Pensions.

T. D. L., Oliver Springs, Tenn.—There is no special rate of pension for blind or otherwise permanently helpless children. See reply to J. A. E., above.

A. D., Bedford, Tenn.—The Gibson bill, referring to pensioning, under the act of 1890, certain ex-Confederates who subsequently served faithfully in the U. S. army or navy, is no longer before Congress, as the last Congress came to an end without action and the new Congress does not convene till December.

E. J. D., Millensburg, Ohio—Section 1, of the act of June 27, 1890, relates to all pension claims of dependent parents, whether on account of the war of rebellion or not. It applies to claims arising from the Spanish and Philippine wars.

A. W. S. D., Lowell, Mass.—Unless the soldier has an honorable discharge from each and every term of enlistment contracted during the period of the war of the rebellion, he cannot obtain pension under the act of 1890. If he receives an honorable discharge from the enlistment under which he incurred pensionable disability, he might obtain pension under the general law. If the soldier had served at least six months faithfully before May 1, 1865, and deserted (from volunteer service) after that date, the charge of desertion may be removed and an honorable discharge secured under the act of March 2, 1889. The Board of Pension Appeals of the Interior Department is over 30 months behind in the work. Very likely the appeal will have to wait several weeks, even if it were made "special," as there are, necessarily, hundreds of appeals made special.

P. R., Marble Hill, Mo.—The numerator of the fractions used to represent ratings in the reports of Pension Examining Surgeons represents dollars. Thus, 6-18 would be understood as $6. But the sum of the rating for various disabilities, as reported by Examining Surgeons, by no means represents the rating the claimant is likely to receive. All Examining Surgeons' reports are subject to more or less radical revision by the Pension Bureau.

S. H., Ionia, Mich.—Pension claims in the Pension Bureau are referred to the Board of Review with a recommendation of allowance, rejection, or reference to a Special Examiner. The Board of Review may disregard the recommendation and in some cases recommended for allowance or rejection may see fit to order an investigation by a Special Examiner.

Old Soldier, Washington—Where a soldier was married under a name not his own, of course it is necessary to show by the testimony of persons who know the facts, that he was married under that name.

C. E. S., Glenwood, Iowa—There is no law allowing a helpless child "$12" per month in addition to what the widow receives. If, however, the widow dies or remarries, said child will receive thereafter the pension the widow received, besides the $2 per month.

D. W.—Considerable strong evidence is required to overcome an adverse report of Pension Examining Surgeons. One doctor's evidence might do it. Nine witnesses testifying from personal knowledge of the origin or existence of certain alleged disabilities in the service ought to be sufficient without an official record of the disabilities.

A. F. S., York, Pa.—Even after the rejection of a pension claim is sustained by the Secretary of the Interior on appeal, the claim may still be re-opened on additional evidence or error in the decision being shown.

P. N. M., Portland, Mich.—The act of March 2, 1895, provides that "the mailing of a pension check, drawn by a Pension Agent in payment of pension due, to the address of a pensioner, shall constitute payment in the event of death of a pensioner subsequent to the execution of the voucher thereof." If the check does not exceed $100, the Auditor for the Interior Department will, on application, make the same payable to the heirs entitled thereto. If it exceeds $100, it will be made payable only to a duly qualified executor or administrator.

J. A., Evening Shade, Ark.—Service in the Confederate army or navy is a bar to pension under the act of June 27, 1890 (or May 9, 1900). Pension can be obtained by the soldier, or his heirs, only under the general law, on account of disability originating in U. S. service.

J. J. W., Faulkner, Ga.—See reply to J. A., above. No new law has been enacted debarring ex-Confederates from pension for loyal service.

A. F., Wautoma, Wis.—$8 and $2 additional for each child of the soldier under 16, is all a widow can obtain under the act of June 27, 1890 (and May 9, 1900.)

Work of the Pension Office.

The report of the certificates issued for the week ending June 15 shows:

Army invalid: Original, 10; increase, 495; reissue, 24; restoration, 22; renewal, 36; supplemental, 2; duplicate, 9; accrued, 36. Total, 758.

Army invalid (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 574; increase, 1,160; additional, 125; reissue, 19; restoration, 31; renewal, 45; supplemental, 3; duplicate, 11; accrued, 227. Total, 2,135.

Army invalid (war with Spain): Original, 84; increase, 3. Total, 87.

Army widows, etc.: Original, 65; reissue, 1; restoration, 1; renewal, 20; duplicate, 2; accrued, 3. Total, 98.

Army widows, etc. (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 452; increase, 1; reissue, 1; renewal, 4; supplemental, 3; duplicate, 5; accrued, 5. Total, 471.

Army widows, etc. (war with Spain): Original, 23.

Navy invalids: Original, 1; increase, 4; accrued, 5. Total, 10.

Navy invalids (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 81; increase, 41; additional, 1; restoration, 2; renewal, 2; accrued, 10. Total, 87.

Navy invalids (war with Spain): Original, 8.

Navy widows, etc.: Original, 1.

Navy widows, etc. (act of June 27, 1890): Original, 22.

Indian wars—Survivors: Accrued, 4.

Indian wars—Widows: Original, 7.

Old war invalids: Accrued, 2.

Mexican war—Survivors: Increase, 2; duplicate, 1; accrued, 4. Total, 7.

Mexican war—Widows: Original, 3.

Total: Original, 1,281; increase, 1,646; additional, 126; reissue, 51; restoration, 56; renewal, 107; supplemental, 8; duplicate, 28; accrued, 420. Total, 3,723.

Present Pension Laws Good Enough.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I wish to sound a warning against the legislation advocated in a recent issue by Comrade D. J. Vance, of Mankato, Kan. All who wore the blue should consider wisely before they advocate any such law. While it no doubt would benefit some it would just as surely bring hardship and misery to more than a hundred thousand of our poor comrades, who just as patriotically gave themselves to their country as Comrade Vance, but who succumbed to disease, and were forced to leave the service before their term had half expired. I cannot conceive of any true comrade advocating a measure that would so surely reduce to beggary and want so many old and feeble comrades. No, comrades, we have plenty of pension laws now. Let us stand as one man for the same just and liberal interpretation of them that Congress intended when it enacted them. That will do justice to all.—GEO. W. JACKMAN, Webster, N. H.

A Fine Kidney Remedy.

Mr. A. S. Hitchcock, the clothier, East Hampton, Conn., says if any person suffering from a kidney or bladder disease will write to him he will tell them what he used. He is not a medicine dealer, and has nothing whatever to sell—just directs you to a simple home cure that does the work.

WISCONSIN ENCAMPMENT.

Slight Loss in Membership Shown by Assistant Adjutant-General's Report.

Wisconsin veterans assembled in Annual Encampment at Sheboygan, Wis., June 18. The W. R. C., Sons of Veterans and other patriotic orders held their meetings at the same time. The city was gayly decorated, and it is estimated that over 5,000 visitors attended the several meetings. Mayor Dennett welcomed the veterans at their opening session at the Opera House and Col. E. A. Bryant responded. A big parade took place in the afternoon of June 19. It was a monster affair, and the manufacturers of Sheboygan made a splendid exhibit. This was a new departure and something decidedly novel. The various civic organizations also participated.

The business sessions of the Grand Army were especially interesting. Department Commander James and Ass't Adj't-Gen. McFarlin read their reports. The financial condition of the Order, Commander James stated, was entirely satisfactory, and besides rendering aid to needy veterans in Wisconsin, the various Posts have made a large contribution to the Galveston storm sufferers. He reported the State Home at Waupaca well managed and inmates satisfied with their condition. He regretted that the Legislature did not allow the $30,000 needed to erect another building at the Home and pay off liabilities incurred in building a hospital and power house; however, the Home secured an appropriation of $20,000. He reported some very valuable legislation that granted the Grand Army permanent Headquarters in the Capitol Building, and making a Memorial Hall dedicated to the soldiers and sailors of Wisconsin, with fixtures and cases wherein army relics may be deposited. The subject of Wisconsin troops at Vicksburg and Shiloh was also taken up by Commander James. In closing his report he paid a well-earned tribute to the W. R. C. under Mrs. Myra Grinnell and the Ladies of the G. A. R. under Mrs. Irene Jones.

Ass't Adj't-Gen. McFarlin in his report gave the following tabular statement of membership in the Wisconsin Department:

Total members in good standing Dec. 31, 1899	10,193
Gain by muster	132
Gain by transfer	92
Gain by reinstatement	211
Total	10,628
Loss by death	144
Loss by honorable discharge	20
Loss by transfer	101
Loss by suspension	183
Total	448
Total members remaining in good standing June 30, 1900	10,178
Second term ending Dec. 31, 1900:	
Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1900	10,178
Gain by muster	97
Gain by transfer	61
Gain by reinstatement	107
Total	10,343
Loss by death	136
Loss by honorable discharge	23
Loss by transfer	50
Loss by suspension	297
Total	506
Total members in good standing Dec. 31, 1900	9,837

Showing a net loss of 356. The loss by death during the year as shown by the reports on file is 280.

Two hundred and fifty Posts have reported and paid the per capita tax for the term ending Dec. 31, 1900, one Post has surrendered its charter and eight Posts have failed to report.

Allen H. DeGroff, of Buffalo County, was elected Department Commander; W. N. Root, of Sheboygan, Senior Vice-Commander, and George W. Morton, of Berlin, Junior Vice-Commander.

Col. J. H. Woodnorth, of Milwaukee; David G. James, of Richland Center, and William Wilson, of Appleton, were elected trustees for the Veterans' Home at Waupaca.

MICHIGAN ENCAMPMENT.

Flint Entertains 5,000 Veterans and Friends.

The 23d Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, held at Flint, June 11, 12 and 13, was attended by over 5,000 veterans and their friends. The enthusiasm was equal to the attendance, and Michigan comrades never held a more enjoyable Reunion. Mayor Dibble in a splendid address welcomed the comrades to Flint. Commander E. M. Allen responded in feeling terms.

Commander Allen made a brief report. During the year 233 deaths have been reported, but the Department shows a loss in membership of only 170, considerable recruiting having been done by the different Posts. This prevented the membership from decreasing rapidly.

The Michigan Posts contributed $301.32 through Department Headquarters to the Galveston sufferers, and much other relief was given by the Posts that cannot be estimated.

Commander Allen paid a well-earned tribute to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army; also, to the officers of the Grand Army, who have contributed so much to the success of his administration by their loyal support.

The following interesting statistics were contained in the reports submitted by Department Inspector Chas. R. Miller to Ass't Adj't-Gen. C. R. V. Pond:

Total number of Posts, 375; total number of members in good standing, 14,932; number of Posts inspected, 284; number of Posts not inspected, 91; attendance of officers and members at Posts, good; number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified, 263; number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped, 52; number of Posts where members are fully uniformed, 22; number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept, 281; number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded, 282; number of Posts having a relief fund, 54; aggregate of Post relief fund, $1,833.35; aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief, $1,721.95; aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters, $14,861.02; aggregate value of other property owned by Posts, $63,129.26; number of Posts reported with Woman's Relief Corps attached, 296; number of Posts reported with Sons of Veterans attached 32.

The following officers were elected: Com., James VanKleeck, Bay City; S. V. C., M. C. Barney, Flint; J. V. C., H. A. Backus, Detroit; Medical Director, Dr. W. W. Roof, Mason; Chap., H. S. White, Romeo; Council of Administration, O. Tomlinson, Plainwell; W. Claxton, Detroit; W. J. Just, Ionia; Albert Dunham, Jackson; A. M. Van Wormer, Grand Haven; Delegate-at-Large, J. R. Stevens, Grand Rapids; Alternate, A. B. Morse, Ionia; Delegates, William Davey, Detroit; D. J. Willson, Jackson; Chas. M. Stephen, Battle Creek; R. D. Dix, Berrien Springs; D. R. K. VanRaalte, Holland; D. S. Howard, Pontiac; Robert King, Lapeer; W. M. Stocker, St. Joseph; H. W. Simms, Bay City; B. F. Smith, Ithaca; C. D. Blanchard, Marquette; Ren Barker, Reed City; W. H. Russell, Cilo; A. L. Bryant, Mayville; H. S. White, Romeo; E. W. Wheeler, Sherman; M. M. Andrews, Bay City; John Devlin, Detroit; R. T. Warren, Charlotte. Alternates, I. Eugene Muffat, Detroit; Fred J. Buch, Adrian; H. P. Weaver, Reading; Ed Finch, Otsego; George Fletcher, Lake Odessa; Theo. K. Potter, Lansing; E. S. Port, Port Huron; W. E. Morris, St. John; J. W. Brakeman, Muskegon; E. S. Dickenson, Sallings; I. N. Stevens, Stanton; P. O. Filfield, Menominee; F. E. Millett, Flint; Charles S. Wilson, Grand Rapids; Joshua V. Noah, Stanton; W. C. Cornwell, Lyons; D. C. Briggs, North Branch; H. A. Chapin, Paw Paw; N. N. Green, Hadley.

Of course, no Encampment would be complete without the usual Campfire and social feature. This Campfire was held at the Opera House, and was well attended both by the veterans and their friends. The best speakers in Michigan were in attendance and the interest was kept at a high pitch.

Col. C. V. R. Pond, who for the last five years has been Assistant Adjutant-General for the Department of Michigan, has been re-appointed. The announcement of this reappointment was made during the session of the Encampment, and created much enthusiasm among the veterans present. His administration as Assistant Adjutant-General has given such perfect satisfaction that the sentiment is "keep him in for life."

Pontiac secured the Encampment for 1902.

Michigan Ladies of the G.A.R.

The Michigan Ladies of the G. A. R. held an enthusiastic Convention at Flint during the State Encampment, and elected the following officers: Pres., Mary Jameson, Marine City; S. V. P., Mrs. Julia Baird, Buchanan; J. V. P., Emily Tatman, Benton Harbor; Treas., Mary B. Holly, Detroit; Chap., Clara A. Cowles, Battle Creek; Councilor, Teressa Proudfoot, Gagetown; Council of Administration, Mary Christenson, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Celia Barbour, Caseville; Mary Randolph, Gagetown; Delegate-at-Large, Mary E. Wilms, Holland; Alternate, Nellie Fonda, Battle Creek; Delegates to the Cleveland Convention, Mrs. Sarah Birdsey, St. Joseph; Alternate, Allie S. Mallett, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Elanor Starkey, Detroit; Alternate, Mrs. Ella M. Stevens, St. Joseph.

The new officers were installed by the National President, Mrs. Etta Lee Toby, of Logansport, Ind.

The next meeting will be held in Pontiac in 1902.

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Call upon the Commander and Adjutant of the G. A. R. Post; also the President and Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps; also the Captain of the Sons of Veterans. Get their subscriptions, as well as their assistance and advice as to getting other subscriptions.

Call upon almost any good, patriotic American. THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is a paper that will please him, whether he is a veteran or not.

Vermont Encampment.

The 34th Annual Encampment of the Department of Vermont convened at Burlington, Vt., June 19, with 225 officers and delegates in attendance.

Commander U. A. Woodbury called the delegates to order and prayer was offered in opening the session by Rev. C. H. Dunton, Acting Department Chaplain. The business was largely of a routine nature. Committees were appointed, the roll of delegates prepared by the Committee on Credentials was accepted, and an adjournment taken at 11.30 until 2 o'clock. Previous to the adjournment the Commander appointed as a Committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps in session at the Masonic Temple: Hugh Henry, A. A. Niles and Milo Lyman.

The Encampment elected officers as follows: Com., Joel H. Lucia, of Montpelier; S. V. C., William H. Ward, of St. Johnsbury; J. V. C., George Murray, of Montreal; Medical Director, Dr. L. M. Blanham, of Burlington; Chaplain, C. T. S. Pierce, of Vergennes.

The appointments of Assistant Adjutant-General and Assistant Quartermaster-General were deferred.

The following delegates and alternates to the National Encampment at Cleveland were elected: Kittredge Haskins, Brattleboro, Delegate-at-Large; Joel C. Baker, of Rutland; H. W. Allen, of Burlington; W. H. Gilmore, of Fairlee; A. C. Sleeper, of Newport; Seymour H. Ward, of St. Albans. Alternates, R. E. Hathorne, of Ludlow; C. M. Ferrin, of Essex Junction; L. W. Hubbard, of Lyndonville; C. L. Erwin, of Newport, and H. D. Belden, of St. Albans.

Department Council, Kendrick Richmond, of Newport; Fred S. Smith, of Montpelier; C. H. Dunton, of Poultney; S. H. Harmon, of Brattleboro; S. A. Andrews, of Vergennes.

The Department Encampment adjourned at 4 o'clock, the officers having been installed by Past Department Commander T. S. Peck, of Burlington.

New York Ladies of the G.A.R. Convention.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The Eighth Annual Convention of the Department of New York, Ladies of the G. A. R., was held in Rochester, June 6 and 7. Considerable business of interest to the Order was disposed of. The reports of the officers showed that we are in a prosperous condition. We were visited by Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur, who is a member of our Order, and one of his Council. Commander Rassieur made a few remarks in regard to our work and the comrades. After he concluded Sister Smith sang "When the Roll is Called." It was unexpected, and there were few dry eyes in the hall. Commander Rassieur supposed it was a pre-arranged affair, and when he found it was not sent his thanks to Sister Smith by Department President Chamberlain. We were also visited by Past Commander Pond and the new Commander (Orr) and two members of the Department staff. They spoke a few kind words to us and were obligated as honorary members of our Order. The following officers were elected and installed: Pres., Mrs. Mary A. Walsh, Buffalo; S. V. P., Mrs. Beasley, Brooklyn; J. V. P., Mrs. Ella Wolever, Fulton; Treas., Mrs. Garner, Troy; Chap., Mrs. Smith, Buffalo; Counselor, Mrs. E. M. Chamberlain, Albany. Council of Administration, Miss Minnie Spierre, Albany; Mrs. Titus, Penn Yan; Mrs. Drummond, New York. Delegate, Mrs. McKee, New York. Alternate, Mrs. Harmer, Frankfort. Delegate-at-Large, Mrs. Sweeny, Buffalo. Alternate, Mrs. R. Brainard, Buffalo. Miss Anna L. Cronin, Buffalo, was appointed Secretary.—FRANCES E. WAUGH, Department Press Correspondent, Fulton, N. Y.

Convention of Nebraska Ladies of the G.A.R.

Mrs. W. E. Hess, Department Corresponding Secretary, North Plattsmouth, Neb., sends a very interesting account of the 10th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R., at Plattsmouth, Neb. The meeting was well attended and had many interesting features. Mrs. Annie E. Marshall, Department President, of Hastings, Neb., presided. Commander-in-Chief Leo Rassieur visited the Convention and paid a well-earned tribute to the work of this Order. Department Commander Reese also spoke and Chaplain McMasters related many pathetic incidents of army life. The following officers were elected and installed: Pres., Mrs. Ruby Stout, Hastings; S. V. P., Mrs. Jennie Knight, Lincoln; J. V. P., Mrs. Etta Tyler, Arapaho; Sec., Mrs. Anna E. Marshall, Hastings; Treas., Mrs. Alice Truel, Lincoln; Chap., Mrs. Ida Thorn, Minden; Conductor, Mrs. Inez Yarton, Omaha; Guard, Mrs. Cyntha Moyers, Omaha. Executive Board, Mrs. P. Metcalf, Omaha; Mrs. W. Nichols, Scribner; Mrs. Martha Grey, Harvard. Delegate-at-Large to National Encampment, Mrs. Agnes Haze, Omaha. Mrs. Sarah Mason, Past National Senior Vice-President, was the installing officer.

The next Convention will be held at Omaha.

A Pleasant Minnesota Reunion.

Mrs. Hattie Bassett, President of the W. R. C. Association of Southwestern Minnesota, Rushmore, Minn., writes that the G. A. R. and W. R. C. had a very enthusiastic Reunion at Fairmount, Minn., June 11, 12 and 13. This city is one of the most prosperous of southwestern Minnesota, and its citizens loyally entertained the visitors. The following officers were elected: Pres., Hattie Bassett, Rushmore; S. V. P., H. Downey, Fairmount; Chap., M. Juelt, Fairmount; Treas., Olive Thompson, Madella; Sec., Nellie Fitch, Worthington.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION.

Business and Social Features of the Annual Meeting.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: The 18th Annual Convention of the Department of Michigan, W. R. C., was held in Flint, June 12 and 13, and the following officers were elected:

Pres., Jennie L. Pond, Lansing; S. V. P., Agnes M. Wiley, Albion; J. V. P., Helen M. Burbank, Flint; Treas., Elizabeth Kenney, Lansing; Chap., Cindonia Jacobs, Corunna. Executive Board, Emma E. Cole, Jackson; Carrie Torrey, Rochester; Lydia C. Hopkins, Detroit; Eunice B. Haynes, Flint; Kate Redner, Hubbardston. Delegate-at-Large, Ella M. Herndon, Three Rivers. Alternate-at-Large, Vina Redfield, Jackson. Delegates, Mary A. Vaughan, Holly; M. Elliott Thompson, Adrian; Sarah Shaw, Charlotte; Ada A. Van Vleck, Sturgis; Florence L. Mason, Plainwell; Emilie Wilson, Grand Rapids; Clara French, Ithaca; Nettie Barney, Flint; Eliza Snell, Midland; Mary M. Ford, Big Rapids; Stella L. Ralph, Escanaba. Alternates, Eveline Kreusere, Detroit; Anna Ames, Hudson; Ruth A. Adams, Concord; Adelphia E. Kane, St. Joseph; Lina Rickman, Kalamazoo; Mary Hanna, Grand Rapids; Millie Wooley, Bannister; Mary Vanlieu, Otsuville; Juliet Van Vleck, Bay City; Eliza Barker, Reed City; Ada McCammon, Iron Mountain.

Department President Pond appointed the following officers: Sec., Cella Lozee, Lansing; Counselor, Mary McConnelly, Flint; Inspector, M. Jennie Carpenter, Saginaw; I. and I. Officer, Isabelle M. Jones, Grayling. Legislative and Annex Committee, Allaseba M. Bliss, Saginaw; Abbie R. Flagg, Battle Creek; Laura C. Foote, Kalamazoo. Relief Committee, Annie E. Udell, Three Rivers; Maria Bontecou, Petoskey; Emorette Reynolds, Cold Water.

It will be seen that Flint captured four offices, an honor which was not sought by the home Corps, and yet so royally did they entertain the guests that the delegates could scarce resist turning over the "whole thing" to Crapo Corps. Never was better entertainment provided for visitors. The most elegant homes were opened for their reception, and no minor detail was left undone that would add to their comfort. The buildings were elaborately decorated, and eight magnificent arches spanned Main street, gay with ribbons of bunting.

In perfect harmony with these faultless arrangements was the Convention itself. It has passed into history as one of the most successful and harmonious Annual Meetings ever held.

Department President Annie Udell was a presiding officer with rare ability and tact, and she held the delegates to the business in hand with such interest and grace that half the work of the Convention was out of the way before, in years gone by, it was well begun. Nothing was omitted, yet everything was closed, even to the installation of the new officers, before 6 o'clock of the second day. There were about 300 voting members present and many visitors, yet at no time did the reins slip from her grasp and precious moments go to waste.

It goes without saying that the Convention hall was handsomely decorated, and flowers in profusion were lavished upon the Department officers.

The Department Secretary reported 243 Corps in good standing, with a few delinquent, and a total membership of 8,127 in good standing.

Amount of relief expended in cash and otherwise, $5,602.64; number of soldiers assisted, 1,833; number of members assisted, 399.

Of the Corps with the largest membership No. 7, of Lansing, ranks first, followed by No. 23, of Flint; No. 28, of Ionia; No. 77, Port Huron; No. 10, of Detroit. Corps expending the greatest amount for relief is led by No. 10, of Detroit, with $312.50 to its credit; followed in order by No. 147, Grand Rapids, with $212.91; No. 185, Portland, with $170.82; No. 57, Saginaw, with $164.02, and No. 237, in the little village of Goblesville, with $87 to its credit.

The Department Treasurer reported the business of the year of the Department as reaching $5,034.74, with a cash balance in the treasury of $924.79.

Department Chaplain reported 4,461 members of the Order taking part on Memorial Day. Number of soldiers' graves decorated, 14,013; number of children taking part, 19,040; amount expended by Corps for the occasion, $716.91; amount of money sent South for Memorial Day, $69.02; monuments to the "unknown dead," 147; monuments dedicated Memorial Day, 8.

While the above is a brief report of what is being done in Michigan Department, it but faintly expresses the good that is being accomplished, or the unbounded interest and enthusiasm that prevails "from Saginaw's tall whispering pines to Lake Superior's farthest mines," and to the southern border and from the shores of Lake Michigan to Lake Huron. With a strong Corps of new officers the Department Ship of State starts out upon a new fiscal year with fine ballast and sails all up and filled with the breeze of prosperity. The Convention will meet next year in Pontiac.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Governor Bliss brought greetings from the Grand Army to the W. R. C. and delivered a short, eloquent address to the ladies, citing many instances where Corps were towers of strength to the failing Posts, and expressing keen appreciation and admiration of their work. He was accompanied by Congressman Washington Gardner, who never fails of paying a loyal tribute to the auxiliary. Mr. Gardner surpasses most speakers in always saying the right thing in the right place.

The Convention laid aside its work for a time to listen to several fine pieces of music by Gardner's Band, who yielded to an invitation of the ladies to enter the hall. They received an ovation they must long remember. This band was the one that won the first prize in 1876 at the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, when 115 bands competed. They disbanded many years ago and are widely scattered. The leader, Mr. Gardner, was in Philadelphia several years, and is now a resident of Ohio. A Reunion of the band brought a large number of them together, and, oh, the music they gave us will vibrate in our memory for many months.

Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, Chairman of the Woman's Annex Committee, reported an appropriation of $15,000 by the Legislature of 1901, and explained the improvements that were to be made in the Woman's Building. After years of persistent energy in this direction, their efforts have been crowned with success.

Among the spacious, elegant homes in Flint that were opened to guests of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. is one rich in historical association and reminiscences. It is the home of Ex-Governor Crapo, who filled that high office and guided the Ship of State through the unsettled years of '65 to '69. Though all the changes that have taken place as improvements have been made from time to time as modern conveniences have been introduced, care has been taken to preserve the dear old home as it was a half century ago.

As your correspondent wandered through the house, fascinated by the air of elegance and refinement caught from rare paintings, engravings and bric-a-brac from other climes, she listened to the echoes of bygone days when Gov. Crapo was so much to so many; she heard the tramp of little feet, and the merry laughter of childish voices as the doting father unfolded some new surprise of pleasure, as he was wont to do, to his seven happy children; she heard, also, the Governor's greeting to the returning soldiers as they came marching home from the war; she roamed over the artistic lawns and saw the pioneer planting the small trees and shrubs that today are monuments to his artistic soul; she turned to meet his gracious daughter, Mrs. Wilson, and realized what it meant to be endowed with such a heritage. Mrs. Wilson is the wife of Dr. Jas C. Wilson, who was Surgeon of the 10th Mich., and she is a member of Crapo Corps. She is a winsome, gentle lady, and you immediately open your heart and place her in the tendrest niche in it. Through her thoughtfulness a bouquet of flowers from Gov. Crapo's garden was sent to Governor Bliss, who turned them over to Mrs. Bliss to be enshrined imperishably in their memories.

Mrs. Stoddard, of Corps No. 10, of Detroit, reported that Gov. Crapo's proclamation greeting to the returning soldiers in 1865 had been presented to her Corps by the widow of Luther Willard, Michigan's agent for the Christian Commission, and was to be framed and hung upon the walls of their hall.

A sad ending to this most auspicious event must now be recorded. The morning following the closing of Convention, Mrs. Thos. Applegate and her sister Mrs. Wm. Humphrey, both of Adrian, and Maj. Geo. W. Buckingham and daughter Annie, of Flint, were instantly killed by the cars while out driving prior to the ladies leaving for their homes. All four were widely known in social and political circles, as well as prominent in G. A. R. and W. R. C. Both the Adrian ladies were delegates to the Convention. They were both widows, and were inseparable in life, and in death they were not parted. They lie side by side, each beside her husband in the Adrian Cemetery. The whole State mourns.

A FEW ECHOES FROM DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S MEMORIAL DAY NOTES.

At Lansing, a rebel soldier presented the Post with a beautiful floral piece bearing the motto, "Unity Ever." The same Post received a 31-foot flag from the widow of a deceased comrade.

Hon. Chas. Hackley presented Phil Kearny Post with a Phil Kearny monument, which was unveiled on Memorial Day, Corps 105 taking part in the ceremonies.

In Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, a memorial chair and urn were dedicated. A beautiful ceremony took place on Belle Isle Bridge, in memory of our naval heroes. The memorial service was given by the veterans and at the proper moment the flowers were thrown upon the river and floated down the stream.

Wauconsta dedicated a soldiers' monument.

A monument to John C. McGowan was dedicated at West Branch. Mt. Clemens dedicated two cannon in their cemetery with impressive services, one to Gen. Macomb, the other to the soldiers and sailors of Macomb County. No. 152, of Petoskey, has given its monument fund of $500 to finish a private room in the City Hospital. A bronze tablet is to be sunk in the wall, stating that the room was finished by Corps 152, in memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Many of the smaller Corps seem more diligent and enthusiastic in the observance of Memorial Day than the larger ones. Nineteen Corps conducted public Memorial services. No. 78 held special services at the grave of Past Department Chaplain Lucy A. Reed at Hubbardson.—CORNELIA S. PERRY, Department Press Correspondent.

Vermont Convention.

Over 200 delegates and members, representing the 71 Corps of the State were present at the Annual Convention of the Department of Vermont, in Burlington, Vt., June 19. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags, flowers and potted plants.

The morning session was opened at 10 o'clock by the President, Mrs. Olive F. Puffer, of Bennington. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Mrs. Harriet Sleeper, of Newport. After the singing of America the business was begun, Lucy J. Gibson, of Bennington, acting as Secretary.

The President in her annual address, touched upon all points in which the Order is interested. She recommended that a collection be taken each year for the purpose of decorating the graves of those who die at the Soldiers' Home at Bennington. She spoke of the munificent gifts of the Order to the veterans and of the relief work done. She dwelt upon the formation of Sons of Veterans Camps and urged more work in this line. In conclusion, she thanked all with whom she had been associated during the past year for their efficient aid.

The report of the Secretary showed that there were 71 Corps in the State, with a membership of 2,352. During the year relief had been extended to 960 soldiers, their families, members of the Corps and their families. The report showed that $1,097.86 had been turned over to Posts in the State.

The Treasurer, Electa Murphy, of Bennington, reported that the receipts for the year had been $1,412.91 and the expenditures $1,044.26, leaving a balance of $368.65. The sum of $116.50 was sent to Galveston at the time of the disaster in the Spring.

The report on patriotic instruction by Nellie A. Brown, of Bellows Falls, was one of the most interesting, as it told of a work to which much attention is being paid by the Order. She reported that the number of schools in the State teaching patriotism was 363, the number of rooms having the flag 321, the number of rooms giving the flag salute 285, and the number of children giving the flag salute 6,510.

The election resulted as follows: Pres., Sarah F. Hovey, of St. Johnsbury; S. V. P., Hattie Palmer of Underhill; J. V. P., Mary B. Goodwin of Wells River; Sec., Nellie M. Smythe of St. Johnsbury; Treas., Delia Ranney of St. Johnsbury; Chap., Calista B. Bangs of Brattleboro; Counselor, Olive F. Puffer of Bennington; Inspector, Olive Wheelock of Montpelier; I. and I. Officer, Lottie Carpenter of Wells River; Patriotic Instructor, Laura Lampson of Springfield; Press Correspondent, Edna Jewett of Swanton.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Hughes, of New Hampshire.

Officers of the Connecticut Department.

At the 18th Annual Convention of the Connecticut W. R. C. at Guilford the following officers were elected:

Pres., Marietta A. Wright, Norwich; S. V. P., Ellen S. Kirkham, East Haven; J. V. P., Kate G. Coe, Noroton Hights; Treas., Mary J. Hayden, Pine Meadow; Chap., Mary E. Griswold, Guilford. Executive Board, Frances L. Stone, Chairman, Hartford; Fannie M. Packer, Mystic; Flora D. Lester, New London; Anna M. Hart, Meriden; Esther M. Page, Danbury. Delegate-at-Large, Frederica M. Beach, Branford; Delegates, Mary E. Whittlesey, New Haven; Fannie J. Joyce, South Norwalk; Emma O. Wildman, Danbury; Carrie A. House, Hartford. Alternate-at-Large, Virgelia S. Green, Putnam. Alternates, Esther A. Lewis, Stafford Springs; Maria C. Newell, Rockville; Julia Flanders, Guilford; Irene A. Smith, Bristol.

The following appointments have been announced:

Sec., Nellie E. Bailey, 230 Franklin street, Norwich, Conn.; Insp., Carrie A. House, room 15, Cheney Building, Hartford, Conn.; Counselor, Elizabeth H. Bevin, East Hampton; I. and I. Officer, Bertha A. Morse, Wethersfield; Patriotic Instructor, Ella M. Palmer, Box 91, Danielson.

North Dakota G.A.R. Officers.

At the 18th Annual Encampment of the Department of North Dakota, at Sioux Falls, the following officers were elected:

Com., Geo. W. Snow, Springfield; S. V. C., J. M. Preston, Howard; J. V. C., D. G. Grippen, Hot Springs; Chap., J. J. McIntyre, East Sioux Falls; Medical Director, A. H. Daniels, Mitchell; Council of Administration, F. D. Powers, Mitchell; Thomas Fitch, Milbank; J. R. Stowell, Aberdeen; W. H. Louks, Trent; J. R. Cruson, Custer. Delegates to National Encampment, B. D. L. Dudley, Canistota; C. W. Gurney, Yankton; L. A. Drake, La Delle; C. S. Blodgett, Kimball. Alternates, J. W. January, Dell Rapids; S. W. Hoffman, Elk Point; W. A. North, Watertown; Charles Barrett, Sioux Falls.

Commander Snow has announced the following appointments: Ass't Adj't-Gen., A. T. Bridgeman, Springfield; Ass't Q. M. G., J. L. Turner, Springfield; Judge Advocate, T. E. Blanchard, Pierre; Insp., Warren Osborn, Yankton; Chief Mustering Officer, B. H. Wood, Tyndall.

Chief of Staff, Philip Lawrence, Pierre; Ass't Chief of Staff for the Black Hills, J. F. Baker, Hermosa.

Another Plan to Recruit the G.A.R.