CIVIL WAR VETERANS

STATE ENCAMPMENT OF THE G. A. R. BRINGS TOGETHER A LARGE NUMBER.

REVIEW OF THE LAST YEAR

Commander Mortimer and the Assistant Adjutant General's Report Tell of the Business of the Organization—Ladies of Auxiliary Associations Warmly Received by the Veterans.

Nearly 500 veterans of the Civil war assembled at Conover hall yesterday at the annual encampment of that grand old organization, the G. A. R. The gathering was a representative one, including delegates from 175 posts all over the state of Minnesota, coming within the jurisdiction of the Department of Minnesota.

The session lasted all day, and except for a short space during the morning it was closed to all except the wearers of the blue. The morning session was given up largely to routine business. In the afternoon some unfinished ends were picked up, and an impressive memorial service was held in memory of the department's dead and Commander-in-Chief James A. Sexton, who passed away a short time ago.

The social side of the gathering was evident at the Commercial club in the evening, when a reception was tendered the visiting veterans by the city. The spirit of fraternalism which has ever been evident at gatherings of the G. A. R. was not missing yesterday, and the inroads made by the grim reaper and the thinning out of the ranks only made the spirit of brotherly love and patriotism stronger in the breasts of those who defended the Union in the 60's.

SOLDIERS' HOME AID.

The most important matter taken up by the department was the question of the restoration of the annual $20,000 appropriation for the maintenance of the Minnesota State Soldiers' home.

Four years ago the legislature failed to make the usual appropriation, and since that time a continuous draft has been made on the soldiers' relief fund, with the result that over $15,000 has been used in maintaining the home at Minnehaha park. Without a dissenting voice, the gathering voted to go on record in favor of the restoration of the appropriation. To this end a committee was appointed, consisting of John Day Smith, of Minneapolis; M. W. Bates, of Duluth; F. B. Doran, St. Paul; L. L. Wheelock, Owatonna, and G. A. Whitney, Owatonna, to draw up suitable resolutions and make a report to the meeting today. The committee is also designated as a legislative committee, and it will present the matter to the legislature, with suitable memorial and indorsements.

A pleasing feature of the afternoon session was the presence of committees from the Woman's Relief corps and Ladies of the G. A. R. bringing the greetings of both organizations. Mrs. Van Sant, from the former organization, presented to the session the plan which the ladies were furthering with the desire to secure sufficient funds to erect a cottage home at Anoka for the old soldiers and their wives.

FUSILLADE OF DOLLARS.

One of the comrades in the front row tossed a dollar on the stage in response to Mrs. Van Sant's appeal for financial aid. It was the signal for a general fusillade of dollars, which came from all parts of the house. Before the amazed officials occupying places on the stage could realize the situation, dollars were coming from all parts of the stage. When they were all collected it was found that nearly $100 had been contributed towards the home. The incident only served to show the sentiment which was strongest in the hearts of the old soldiers.

The morning session was called to order by Commander E. W. Mortimer, of Minneapolis, and followed by the reception of the colors. A beautiful stand of colors was borne down the isle to the platform. In reverence the old guard of the Grand Army stood and saluted the nation's emblem of liberty and freedom.

The Brant post quartette, of Minneapolis, sang the beautiful anthem, "Flag Without a Stain."

Mayor Kiefer, who was to have delivered the address of welcome, was unable to be present, and Capt. J. C. Donahower, of Minneapolis, welcomed the delegates to the Twin Cities.

Capt. Donahower asserted that it was an occasion of genuine pleasure to him to greet his comrades of the days and nights on the field of battle. St. Paul as the capital city of the state always extended a warm welcome to the old soldiers. He spoke happily of the progress of the national and state organization of the G. A. R., and spoke with feeling of "auld lang syne."

JUDGE HICKS TALKS.

Capt. Donahower was followed by Judge Hicks, of Minneapolis, who responded in the place of Robert Stratton, who was also detained from being present. He responded cordially to the greeting of welcome, and recalled St. Paul as the city of thirty-five years ago thrown open to receive the returning troops. He recalled that when the boys came back in '65 there was one old man present who had fought in the campaigns with Napoleon. That old man impressed him wonderfully and he took every opportunity to get a peep at him who fought at Austerlitz and Waterloo. Yet here today were men who fought, not with Napoleon, but with Grant and Sherman and Sheridan and Thomas, and the wonder was that the whole city was not present to extend greetings. There was no fear that the old boys would paint the town red except in defense of law and order. Of course, once in a while the veterans liked to have a good time, but when the critical moment came they were always to be found on the side of right and duty.

COMMANDER'S ANNUAL.

Commander Mortimer followed with his annual message, which was a well prepared and complete resume of the work and progress of the order since the last annual encampment. He said in part:

Inasmuch as the Grand Army has lost 13,853 members during the year ending June 30, 1898, it is not surprising that the department of Minnesota is growing smaller. The order will gradually diminish under the ravages of Father Time, and it cannot be helped. All should congratulate each other that the falling off is no greater and that enthusiasm increases as the membership diminishes.

Some attention was paid to the claim of the department against the Allemannia bank of St. Paul, amounting to $650. The offer for certificates of deposit running in five annual payments was declined, and efforts were made to compromise, but without satisfactory results having been attained. Suits were instituted, and finally the bank was compelled to pay $325 in cash and to give a certificate of deposit for the remainder.

Much attention was given to the death of Commander-in-Chief James A. Sexton and Assistant Adjutant General J. K. Mertz, in the loss of whom the department was caused the profoundest sorrow. Col. Sexton was an ideal soldier, entering the army as he did as a private and winning distinction and promotion on his merits alone. The Grand Army has suffered an irreparable loss, and each comrade has lost a true and faithful friend.

Of J. K. Mertz, "Our Jake," words hardly suffice to fully express the grief he felt. For years he had been the right hand of each department commander, and any one would willingly accept the responsibility of the place when they knew that Jake would always be at his side with his counsel and experience.

Not a single soldier's grave was overlooked on Memorial Day, as far as can be learned. Each was decorated with a flag and a garland.

The government should care for the needy and distressed soldiers, and the Grand Army boys should not be compelled to give from their scanty stores when the government was under obligations to those who have fought to preserve it. The army had spent $171,903.69 in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1898. A war veteran should have a better fate than starvation by the wayside and a pauper's home, which might be the lot of many, but for the kindly offices of their comrades, most of whom had but little themselves.

The noble mission of the Woman's Relief corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. was touched upon with much feeling, and the ladies were heartily thanked for their efforts. It was reported to him by Mrs. Mary A. Silloway, state president of the corps, that it had spent $4,580.84 during the year, of which three-fourths went to the relief of needy soldiers and their families and the remainder to the posts, with the exception of $25 to the Soldiers' home. Mrs. Julia E. F. Lobdell reported to him that the Ladies of the G. A. R. had disbursed $1,245.99 during the year.

The condition of the Soldiers' home was referred to as being satisfactory, considering the limited funds available. Under the circumstances it was the best managed home in the country. A state relief fund for the benefit of those who could not be admitted to the home, such as the widows and children or dependent wives and children of old soldiers, was badly needed, and every member of the order should let the legislature understand that the relief fund should be reestablished.

It was a fallacy to suppose that the pension laws provided for all the worthy soldiers. Men suffering from wounds and disease were met with almost daily. Their comrades would be satisfied if the laws were administered justly and liberally in accordance with their spirit rather than with regard to the views of some dyspeptic editor or cheap lawyer.

Post officers were cautioned to exercise a little tact with regard to suspensions, as many are frequently suspended when they are both willing and able to pay their dues. He cited the case of a friend who asked the postponement of the act of suspension of several delinquents until he had time to make personal investigations. In one hour this comrade had collected $35 from some who were three or four years in arrears.

All comrades were urged to attend the next national encampment to be held this year at Philadelphia, and were especially besought to give the incoming administration generous support. For himself, he had done the best he knew how.

D. E. Searle, senior vice commander, read his anual report, followed by a report from Junior Vice Commander D. A. Morrison.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

B. M. Hicks, assistant adjutant general of the department, presented his annual report, which was in part as follows:

The whole number of deaths reported in the department for the year 1898 was 147. The average age of those reported when mustered out of our ranks by death was sixty-five years.

The youngest comrade who died during the year, was Lyman Hotchkis, private, Company H, Sixteenth Wisconsin volunteeer infantry, member of Post No. 101, Brown's Valley, who died at the age of fifty-two.

The oldest comrade who died during the year was Rev. M. J. Kelly, chaplain of the Sixty-sixth Maine volunteer infantry and also of the United States army, a member of Post No. 119, of Minneapolis, who died at the age of eighty-two.

Twenty-nine posts show no change in membership. Thirty-five posts show a gain in membership for the year. And 130 posts show a loss in membership.

James A. Goodwin Post No. 81, of Owatonna, shows the largest aggregate gain in membership, being a gain of nine comrades.

Acker Post No. 21, of St. Paul, shows the largest aggregate loss during the year, being a loss of fifty-one members. There has been suspended in the department during the year 665. In 1896 the suspended list was 565, in 1897 the suspended list was 719. In 1898 the suspended list was 665. Now that the dead and down timber has been thoroughly cut from our Grand Army reserves, let us hope that the live timbers remaining, will stick to the good old Grand Army ship, until it is safely moored on the other shore.

The Grand Army, now in its sear and yellow leaf, cannot march to the nineteenth century imperial music of expansion, but we ought to adopt the Old Glory stanza, the Stars and Stripes, when once floating, must never come down, or once a member of the post, always a member.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

On motion a committee was appointed by the chair to prepare suitable resolutions upon the death of Commander-in-Chief James A. Sexton and Assistant Adjuant General of the Department of Minnesota Jacob K. Mertz. The committee was appointed as follows: Judge Ell Torrence, A. Barto, St. Cloud; P. Starkweather, Minneapolis. The hour for the memorial service was fixed for 3 p. m.

Before adjournment the following committees were named by Commander Mortimer:

Credentials—B. M. Hicks, Minneapolis; Hugh Longstaff, John Schafer, St. Cloud; Frank Bauter, Owatonna; William Richardson, Rochester; Henry Hasenwinkle, St. Paul.

Resolutions—L. W. Collins, Stillwater; B. A. Main, Winona; A. T. Sackett, Hugh Nelson, Appleton; J. H. Morris, Litchfield; G. S. Ives, St. Peter.

Officers' Reports—I. L. Mahan, St. Paul; J. S. Cooper, Northfield; J. A. Gray, Duluth; D. C. Maxwell, Duluth.

Upon convening in the afternoon brief reports were made by Chaplain J. N. Henry, of Anoka; Judge Advocate J. L. Dobbin, of Minneapolis; Department Inspector P. Starkweather, Minneapolis, and Assistant Quartermaster E. N. Leavens.

The Soldiers' home committee presented a report which spoke in a complimentary way of the Minnehaha park institution and was placed upon the files of the department.

When the hour of 3 o'clock arrived Judge Torrence rose and presented a set of resolutions upon the life of the late James A. Sexton, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, and also paid tribute to the dead of the department whose demise occurred since the last annual gathering.

The addresses were followed by "The Vacant Chair," by the Bryant Post quartette, of Minneapolis.

The encampment will close with a camp fire this evening at Market hall. The annual election of officers will be held this morning. Judge D. B. Searle, of St. Cloud, will have no opposition for the commandership, but it is quite likely that the election of senior vice commander will bring out a number of candidates. Once Lieut. Gov. G. S. Ives, of St. Peter, is strongly spoken of, and D. A. Morrison, of Rochester, and M. D. Flower, of St. Paul, are both in line for election.

Yesterday noon, in Odd Fellows' hall, Ellsworth Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., served substantial refreshments to visiting comrades and their ladies. Today Gen. Sibley circle will repeat the performance, beginning at 12 o'clock, noon. All G. A. R. people are invited. This afternoon, from 4 to 6, the past and present department officers of the Ladies of the G. A. R. will hold or give a reception in Odd Fellows' hall. All G. A. R. members are invited.

ROLL OF THE DEAD.

Names of Those Who Passed Away During the Last Year.

Following is the official death roll of the department for the year 1898:

T. S. Moulton, Lt. Co. E, 11th Minn.
Christian Pfiemer, Pvt. Co. E, 7th Minn. In.
Dwite Beagle, Corpl. Co. A, 2d Wis. Cav.
Chas. H. Moore, Sergt. Co. E, 1st Mo. Art.
John M. Kelly, Pvt. Co. A, 1st N. H. Inft.
Michael Roemer, landsman U. S. Navy.
Albert W. Russell, Pvt. Co. D, 2d Vt. Inft.
Jacob K. Mertz, Corpl. Co. D, 51st Pa. Inft.
John Whytock, Maj. 2d Wis. Cav.
Robert Gardener, artificer Co. A, 1st Mo. Eng.
Henry Schrader, Mus. Co. A, 8th Ohio.
Chas. Thorle, Pvt. Co. D, 7th Minn.
Wm. Valinges, Pvt. Co. A, 6th Minn.
Milton B. Metcalf, Pvt. Co. G, 1st Minn.
E. J. Crossett, Pvt. 10th Wis. Vol.
James Cole, Pvt. 12th Mich. Inft.
Chas. Hiddeo.
W. A. Cory.
John McClure, Corpl. Co. C, 132d Pa. Inft.
Edwin C. Mason, Bvt. Brig. Gen, U. S. A.
B. W. Brunson, 1st Lt. Co. K, 8th Minn.
Wm. Cunningham, Pvt. Co. B, 6th N. Y. Cav.
Henry Tobaman, Pvt. Co. G, 48th Penn.
John Harrington, Pvt. 1st Minn.
Thos. Salisbury, 1st Lt. Co. B, 31st Ia.
W. F. Drescher.
Frederick Prechel, Pvt. Co. B, Bracket's Bat., Minn. Cav.
Geo. W. Shumway, Pvt. Co. F, 10th Minn.
G. A. Bullock, Pvt. Co. D, 12th U. S. Inf.
Chas. A. Reuss, Pvt. Co. K, 3d Mo. Inft.
Geo. A. Barclay, wagoner Co. I, 9th Minn.
F. X. Dafond, Pvt. Co. I, 9th Minn. Inf.
Walter C. Hogle, Pvt. Co. A, 5th Minn.
Jacob Schuck, Pvt. Co. I, 1st Mich. Cav.
H. H. Gooe, Pvt. Co. H, 5th Minn.
Orrin Comstock, Co. A, 117th N. Y.
H. S. Cole, Capt. Co. A, 1st Minn Cav.
Robert Glover, 1st Lt. Co. A, 13th Wis.
Robert McCune, chaplain U. S. A.
Henry P. Huey, Pvt. Co. B, 15th Ill.
John Shoultz, Pvt. Co. G, 4th Minn.
William Burk, Pvt. Co. E, 16th Wis.
Martin L. Webster, Mus. Co. E, 9th Minn.
E. K. Bell, Pvt. Co. E, 7th Ia. Cav.
Ira E. Stone, Pvt. Co. G, 1st Maine.
Wm. C. Hoeffe, Sergt. Co. G, 14th La.
Chas. E. B. Rowell, Corpl. Co. D, 128 Ohio.
Frank Mahowahl, Pvt. Co. A, 4th Minn.
Herman Enner, Pvt. Co. G, 9th Wis.
August Gueube, Pvt. Co. M, 1st Me. H. A.
John Kendall, Pvt. Co. F, 5th Minn.
L. A. Egolf, Pvt. Sig. Corps.
Wm. E. Chidster, Corpl. Co. K, 10th O. V. Cav., D 87th O. V. Inft.
G. W. Houston, Pvt. Co. K, 8th Me. Inft.
James Lucus, Pvt. Co. H, 56th Penn. Inft.
B. F. Goodwin, 1st Lt. Co. E, 14th Wis. Inft.
W. C. Campbell, 1st Lt. Co. C, 41st Ill. Inft.
Abram Smith, Pvt. Co. A, 65th N. Y. Inft.
John Hauvewas, Pvt. Co. E, 1st Minn. Rgs.
Joseph Melchler, Pvt. Co. F, 2d Minn. Cav.
John A. Sampson, Pvt. Co. A, Hatch's Bat.
Elisha W. Shaw, Pvt. Co. H, 5th Iowa Cav.
Lewis Keifer, Pvt. Co. A, 2d Minn.
Jos. Wessbecher, Pvt. Co. F, 2d Minn.
O. H. Olson, Pvt. Co. I, 13th Wis.
P. D. Ruledge, Pvt. Co. C.
David H. Duryen, Pvt. 1st Minn. Cav.
M. E. Mullen, Corpl. Co. G, 6th Minn.
Philip Vaughan, Sergt. Co. G, 1st Vt. Cav.
Henry Berg, Pvt. Co. M, 1st Minn. H. A.
Wm. G. Dabey, Pvt. Co. B, 29th Wis.
Hans Peterson, Pvt. Co. F, 6th Minn.
J. C. Crandall, Pvt. Co. L, 1st Minn. H. A.
D. G. Martin, Pvt. Co. K, 42d Ill. Inft.
Andrew J. Hess, Pvt. Co. B, 6th Wis. Inft.
Henry N. Rue, Pvt. Co. C, 3d Minn. Inft.
Henry Morton, Sergt. Co. B, 23d Wis. Inft.
Robert H. Dilley, Pvt. Co. A, 7th Minn. Inft.
Horace Morrison, Co. I, 4th Minn. Inft.
N. Emerson, Art. Co. L, 1st U. S. Eng.
Anthony M. Olan, Pvt. Co. A, 12th Wis. inft.
Henry E. Cook, Pvt 161st N. Y. Inft., and 1st N. Y. Cav.
Frank Valley, Pvt. 1st Wis. H. A.
John Peters, Pvt. Co. B, 1st Minn.
George D. Green, Sergt. Co. A, Merrill Horse.
S. A. Pierce, Sergt. Co. I, 31st Wis. Inft.
W. W. Sweet, Corpl. Co I, 118 N. Y. Inft.
C. Dublon, Pvt. Co. D, 42d Ill. Inft.
Frid Knorr, Pvt. Co. D, 68th N. Y
George Beerlon, Sergt. Co. K, 3d Minn.
Dr. L. C. Cummins, Asst. Surg. 156 Penn.
Lyman Hotchkiss, Pvt. Co. H, 16th Wis.
Henry Luchert, Pvt. Co. H, 1st Minn. H. A.
F. J. Burnham, Lt. Co. E, 9th N. H. Inft.
Fletcher Hoyler Lt. Co. A, 1st Minn. H. A.
D. D. Finch, Pvt. Co. B, 2d Minn
Richard Bell, Pvt. Co. C, 5th Vt. Inft.
C. A. Alton, 6th Wis. Inft.
John Croey, Pvt. Co. F, 1st Minn. Rangers.
Robert B. Hilton, Pvt. Co. A, 11th Minn.
H. N. Avery, Pvt. Co. A, 7th N. Y. Inft.
Rev. M. J. Kelley, Chaplain U S. A.
Mathew C. Pester, Landsman U. S. Navy.
William Painter, Pvt. Co. H, 78 Penn.
Henry B. Bovd, Pvt. Co. H, 143 Ohio.
William S. Ernhart, Capt. Co. D, 33 Wis. Inft.
Fred R. Seelen, Pvt. Co. A, 2d Minn. Inft.
Don A. Daniels, 2d Lt. 3d Minn. Bat.
Jesse G. Jones, Com. Sergt. 3d Minn.
Geo. H. Spry, Pvt. Co. D, 44th N. Y.
M. C. Wilkinson, Capt. and Brev. Maj. 3d U. S. Inft.
G. T. Johns, Sergt. Co. D, 6th Ind.
C. H. Jamison, Pvt. Co. C, 104th Ohio.
A. M. Longstreet, Pvt. Co. K, 7th Ind.
James Carter, Pvt. Co. F, 2d Wis. cav.
O. O. Finhart, Pvt. 3d Minn. Bat.
A. McMillian, Sergt. Co. H, 1st Minn. Rgs.
Ole Nelson, Pvt. Co. B, 1st Minn. Rgs.
Joseph Foster, Pvt. Renvall Rgs.
D. F. Dibble, Pvt. Co. G, 1st Minn. H. A.
Jas. McLaughlin, Pvt. Co. H.
Volney A. Edgerly, Pvt. Co. B, 9th Minn.
Joseph Bird, Pvt. Co. B, 11th Minn.
Geo. W. Faylon, Corpl. Co. G, 11th Minn.
E. A. Campbell, 1st Lt. Co. D, 7th Wis.
J. E. Dook, 1st Lt. Co. K, 4th Me.
Herman Trucke, Pvt. Co. H, 2d Mo.
Frank M. Evettson, Pvt. Co. H, 5th Minn.
Elias Breckert, Pvt. Co. D, 7th Minn.
M. H. Sessions, Capt. Co. G, 21st Wis.
John Lenhart, Pvt.
Julius Behr, Pvt. Co. H, 8th Wis.

Deaths at the Soldiers' Home—

John Freemark, Pvt. Co. C, 5th Wis.
Henry Hazelton, Pvt. Co. K, 15th Ind.
Frederick Wegelin, Pvt. Co. C, 10th Ohio.
Wilson Preston, Pvt. Co. K, 6th Cal.
H. Kloakenkamper, Cook Co. I, 32d Ind.
Andrew J. Hess, Pvt. Co. B, 6th Wis.
Isaac Hannah, Pvt. Co. E, 2d Col.
Isaac M. Heath, Pvt. Co. E, 14th Me.
Herman Troke, Cook Co. D, 2d Mo.
Benjamin Lent, Pvt. Co. I, 1st Minn.
Alonzo C. Lewis, Pvt. Co. C, 30th Wis.
Patrick Hanley, Pvt. Co. D, 35th Penn.
Hugh Livingston, Pvt. Co. I, 2d Minn. Cav.
Simon B. Ryan, Pvt. Co. F, 30th Mass.
Henry B. Boyd, Pvt. Co. H, 143d Ohio.
Francis M. Goss, Pvt. Co. B, 2d Penn. H. A.
Simon B. Goodwin, Pvt. Co. A, 9th Minn.
William Pitt, Pvt. Co. B, 21st Ill.
George W Smith, Pvt. Minn. Militia.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Representatives of a Colored Circle Recognized for the First Time.

The seventh annual state convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. opened yesterday morning in Odd Fellows' hall on Wabasha street. There were over 100 delegates present, all but two of the forty-eight circles in the state being represented.

Department President Mrs. Julia E. F. Lobdell, of Minneapolis, presided. A feature of special interest was the presence of two delegates, Mrs. J. R. White and Mrs. Laura B. Hickman, from Biddle circle, the only colored circle in the state. This is the first time that a colored circle has been recognized in the state convention.

After the seating of the circles, according to number, Mrs. Lobdell read her report for the past year. It showed all the circles to be in flourishing condition, seventeen new circles having been organized during the year.

A committee on greetings was appointed, with Mrs. Flora M. Davey, of Duluth, as chairman, to carry the greetings of the circles to the Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Conover hall.

Just before noon memorial exercises were held for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Reams, of Champlain, formerly past department secretary. The services were conducted by Mrs. Wethern, past department president, and, in compliance with the request of Mrs. Reams, made just before her death, were very brief.

Mrs. Lobdell was presented with a regulation badge of solid gold from the different circles in the state. The presentation was made by Mrs. Flora Davey.

At the afternoon session the report of the committee of greetings was heard. On their visit to the convention hall of the G. A. R. they were met by a veritable shower of silver, the veterans of the Grand Army contributing $100 for the Widows' and Orphans' home at Anoka, now being constructed by the Ladies of the G. A. R. in Minnesota. Later in the afternoon a deputation from the G. A. R. called at Odd Fellows' hall, bringing the money subscribed by them in the morning. The deputation consisted of former Gov. Barto, Comrades Whitney, Peck, Pickford, Stone and Mullen, of Lake City.

The presidents of the different circles read reports showing their respective circles to be in flourishing condition.

The department secretary's report showed the amount expended for veterans and their families to be $1,245.99; for soldiers' home, $20; widows' and orphans' home, $22; memorial fund, $11.70; special relief for veterans and their families, $817.45; amount given to G. A. R. posts, $374.84. A committee from the ladies of the G. A. R. called during the afternoon on the Woman's Relief corps, in session at Plymouth church.

The convention adjourned till 9:30 this morning. The most important business today will be the election of department officers. Mrs. Lobdell, the present department president, has declined to have her name mentioned in connection with the office for another year. The most prominent names before the convention for the office of department president are Mrs. George Irish, of St. Paul, and Mrs. Mary F. Ingalls, of Minneiska.

Among the delegates present this morning were: Louisa Whitney, Wadena; Ida M. Johnson, Kasota; Amanda I. Wethern, Champlain; Mary F. Ingalls, Minneiska; Lorela M. Buell, Waterville; Mary E. Carter, Maggie E. Goodwin, Austin; Minnie King, Hattie Lenscit, Kimball; Catherine Lent, Grand Rapids; Bertha Scott, Emily Arnold, Wayzata; Georgina Camson, Annandale; Jane Whittemore, Glenwood; Alida Laurisch, Minnesota Lake; Lena N. Mues, Bertha Kruger, Winona; M. E. Collins, Anna Boutwell, Clearwater; Mary L. Voligriy, Rebecca Carimehall; Mrs. L. E. Breckenridge, Carrie Hodge, Pine City.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS

Has Increased in Membership and Had a Prosperous Year.

The fifteenth annual convention of the Women's Relief corps opened yesterday morning at Plymouth church, corner of Wabasha and Summit. Mary A. Silloway, of Minneapolis, department president, presided. There was an unusually large attendance, delegates from every corps in the state being present.

Some of the delegates present were: Sarah Stearns, Owatonna; Louise B. Pendergast, Arzalia Parso, Windom; Carrie Buchanan, Sauk Center; Jennie Sturdevant, Spring Valley; Sarah A. Southwell, Clayton; Frances Flynn, St. Cloud; Bertha Hyde, Fairmont; Debbie M. Cadden, Fairmont; Jemima Clifford, Northfield; Hannah Legault, Minneapolis; Anna Lowell, Aitkin; Katie Keen, Minneapolis; Leona Trelawny, Brainerd; Beulah Ferris, Brainerd; Lulu Onstine, Chatfield; Mary Moores, Rickford; Ella Mahood, Cordova; Cora J. Fritz, Mankato; Mary Gillen, Ella F. Gearhart, Duluth; Ora Peck, Endora McBee, Shakopee; Rowena Haldeman, Montevideo; Margaret Chapman, Fergus Falls; Fannie J. Burton, Redwood Falls; Susan B. Bevans, Edgerton; Mary A. Wood, Faribault; Emily R. Villard, Sarah Brewster, Howard Lake; Susan Whiting, Concord; Nancy Taylor, Wells; Melphina N. Jones, Red Wing; Mrs. Phoebe Fuller, Mapleton.

Maria A. Soule, department treasurer, read her report for the past year. It showed the receipts to be $2,445; expenditures, $2,290; leaving a balance of $155. The department expended $133 for relief work during the year.

A delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic called during the afternoon. It consisted of Capt. Van Sant, A. W. Guild, of Minneapolis, and Judge Searle, of St. Cloud.

The report of the department secretary showed a gain of 293 in membership, and that $1,229.51 was turned over to the G. A. R. during the year; $1,572 was expended in assisting veterans and $1,012.68 for special relief work. Five hundred and seven members were initiated into the order during the past year.

During the time of the late war the national president called on the corps to establish an emergency fund, and this state expended for assistance to volunteer soldiers $813.75; for supplies, $515.40.

The report of the Soldiers' home committee showed cash received to be $124.67; disbursements, $105.04; contributions of goods from different corps to the value of $85.55.

The election of officers will take place today. Mrs. Ella F. Gearhart, of Duluth, and Mrs. Agnes W. Savage, of Osseo, are both prominently mentioned for the office of department president.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

Dr. O. S. Pine Elected Commander for the Ensuing Year.

The Minnesota Association of Ex-Prisoners of War held its annual meeting last evening in Parlor B, of the Windsor hotel. The following officers were elected:

Commander—Dr. O. S. Pine.
Vice Commander—C. L. Weber.
Chaplain—Rev. J. A. Mitchell
Adjutant and Quartermaster—C. W. Fisher.
Executive Committee—Gen. E. M. Pope, A. W. Guild and I. C. Seeley.

Geo. N. Lamphere, of Moorhead, was elected a member of the association.

There was a general discussion of the future policy of the association, and it was decided to branch out during the interval between the next annual meeting and secure as many additional members for the organization as possible. The objects of the association being merely of a social nature, a good part on the evening was taken up with short reminiscences by members. Future gatherings and social meetings were left to the descretion of the executive committee. The following were present: L. C. Stevens, R. W. Mars, J. A. Mitchell, C. W. Fisher, D. Dres, A. W. Guild, W. S. Tanner, E. E. Bromley, L. C. Bisbee, Charles Claydon, L. O. Clark, Frank B. Doran, John Gunther, William Gundlach, J. O. Milne, W. H. Mead, G. W. Pomery, E. M. Pope, J. C. Price, Dr. O. S. Pine, W. S. Reed, I. C. Seeley and Victor E. Strong

NAVAL VETERANS, TOO.

The State Association Listens to Reminiscences of Old Timers.

The Naval Veterans' association held a meeting last night at the Metropolitan hotel. The evening was spent listening to narrations of war time experiences by the members of the association and some invited guests from the G. A. R.

A committee, consisting of I. C. Seeley, F. B. Doran and Geo. N. Lamphere, from the Ex-Prisoners of War association, waited upon the meeting and brought greetings from their organization. Each of the three committeemen made neat speeches, expressing a cordial feeling towards the mariners.

Those present were: Rear Admiral J. F. R. Foss, Capt. Runge, Shipmates Floyd, Martin, Wylie, Sutton, Lowell, Bickett, Voerge, Curry, Pray, Gregg, Phelps, Dann, Barber, Ourlmann, Haslet and Mars.

Considerable routine business was disposed of.

RECEPTION TO DELEGATES.

Twelve Relief Corps of the Twin Cities Arranged the Affair.

The reception given by the ladies of the twelve relief corps of the Twin Cities to the visiting G. A. R. delegates and their families at the Commercial club last evening, was a distinctively successful event. The club parlors were none too large to accommodate the crowd which came in during the evening, and at times the rooms were crowded to their fullest capacity.

The general committee, representing all the Twin Cities' organizations, was in charge of the affair, and served frappe and light refreshment in the dining rooms of the club. Mrs E. H. Milham, as chairman of the general entertainment committee, looked after every detail of the reception and entertainment.

In the receiving line were Capt. S. R. Van Sant, Commander W. E. Mortimer, Department President Mary A. Sullivan, of Minneapolis; Senior Vice Commander Flora Wilson, Red Wing; Junior Vice Commander Mary Plymat, Mankato; Chaplain Mary Biggerstaff, Councilor Madaline Bissell, Department Inspector Ada May, Stillwater; Installing Officer Alice G. Parker, Farmington; Chief of Staff Martha Gordon and Press Corespondent Jennie Hasty.

The rooms were handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, and all the old soldiers wore little flags on their lapels, which were presented by the ladies committee.

During the evening a select musical and literary programme was given by those affiliated with the various G. A. R. organizations.

A string orchestra was in attendance and the Bryant Post quartette gave a number of selections, eliciting a popular encore in each case. Miss Burns sang the "Star Spangled Banner," and Mrs. Fred Hauser contributed with a recitation. Mr. and Mrs. Weishoon gave a couple of vocal numbers. Miss Jesicka Bearley gave a reading, followed by a violin and piano duet by the Misses Gundershoot. W. I. Nolan and Miss Morse also contributed to the programme.

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