Inquiries Answered and Suggestions Made.

[All communications for this column should be accompanied by the true name and correct address of the inquirer. The reply, however, will be marked as may be desired. No attention will be given to anonymous inquiries. If no re-ply is printed within three weeks, write again.]

F. M. B., Rockford, O.-All claims for arrears of pay on account of military service during the late war are considered by the "Auditor for the War Department, Washington, D. C." Consult an attorney,

if you are not familiar with such matters. W. McQ., Streator, Ill.-An invalid pensioner drawing \$30 per month for inability disablement from a wound, might obtain a re-rating of his pension if as a matter of hospital fact he has been disabled in the same degree continuously since the commencement of the pension. The rate for this degree of disability was total of rank (\$8 for an enlisted man) until June 6, 1866, when the rate was made \$20 and continued such till June 4, 1872, when it was increased to \$24. The rate has been \$30

since March 3, 1883. J. H. D., Somerdale, O.-All invalid pension granted under the general law commences from date of discharge, if the disability was formally alleged by application filed in the Pension Bureau before July 1, 1480. There is no way of determining within what period an order for medical examination will issue after a claim is filed, or within what period after examina-tion the claim will be allowed. Six months in either case would ordinarily be a reason-

T. H., Perry, O.-See reply to J. H. D. S. Y., Banksville, Pa.—Three years volunteers enlisted in 1861 and discharged in 1864 were entitled to only \$100 original bounty, and to an additional bounty of

\$100 under the act of July 28, 1866. W. S. H., Baxter Springs, Kan.-As already stated in The National Tribune, pensioners who have received the list of questions being sent out by the Commissioner of Pensions are not obliged to furnish the desired information unless they choose to do so.

T. R., Lamasco, Tex.-If the soldier's death is shown to be due to the service and line of duty, his widow would be entitled to pension under the general law for the period of her widowhood, whether she applied before or after remarriage. A child of the soldier, under 16 at the date of his death and "insane, idiotic, or otherwise permanently helpless" before becoming 16. would be entitled to have the pension continued on after the date of the widow's remarriage, without regard to age at the date of the widow's remarriage.

J. C. C., Brainard, Minn. - Section 35 of the act of March 3, 1863, provided: "And be it further enacted. That hereafter * enlisted men, now or hereafter detailed to special service, shall not receive any extra pay for such service beyond that allowed o other enlisted men. This included teamsters. For extra duty rendered as such previous to March 3, 1863, the extra pay allowed is collectable if not heretofore

C. O. D., Exeter, N. H.-A pension claimant is not obliged to prosecute his claim. He may drop it at any stage, without affecting his rights thereunder or his rights to pension he is already drawing. Even while the practice and decisions of the Pension Bureau are unfavorable, it is not always well to discontinue the prosecution of a good claim. It is generally better to proceed, and rest on an unfavorable decision if necessary, rather than miss a possibly favorable decision.

G. W, Newton, Iowa -The National 'fribune reports only such pension decisions of the Interior Department as are thought to be of importance and general interest. It is impossible to say how many appeals are now pending in pension cases. but the number is very great.

C. W. F., Bentonville, Ark.-Except in claims for increase on pensioned disability there is no time limit as to the period within which an appeal may be taken from the action of rejection in the Pension Bureau. Upon the whole, the decisions rendered by or in the name of Assistant Secretary Davis of the Interior Department do not bear evidences of greater liberality than that manifested by the present Commissioner of Pensions.

C. S. C., Ionia, Mich.-There is no "law" on the subject of the frequency with which a pensioner may file claims for increase. A recent decision of Assistant Secretary Davis revokes the order of the Commissioner of Pensions, of December last, that claims for increase would not be considered within one year after a rior rejection or allowance, and reinstates the former practice that a claim for increase shall not ordinarily be settled within six months after a prior rejection or allowance.

W. H. D.-Ordinarily a claim for increase on pensioned disability is established or not according to the view taken by the Pension Bureau of the medical examination had in the claim, without other evi-

act. Consult the member of Congress from your district or a Senator of your State.

the world is beyond the praise of men; and yet we thank most of those poets who try. J. J., Brooklyn, N. Y.-Invalid ension under the general law is granted only on account of disability due to the service and line of duty. Hence, age is not taken into consideration in fixing the rate of pension under the general law.

D. W., Council Grove, Kan.-A soldier of

the late war was entitled to commutation of rations at the rate of 25 cents per day for the period of absence on furlough. If for any reason this allowance was not paid in any instance, the money can be collected on application to the Commis- she could be permanently cured. She is Chap., S. A. Houston, Lawrence: Adj't, Jay sary General of Subsistence, U. S. A., Washington, D. C." In general the original furlough must be filed. Section 1290 of the Revised Statutes provides: "When a soldier is [honorably] discharged from the funds it is feared Mrs. Gammons may be I. T.; Serg't-Maj., E. W. Hughes, berlin; service, * * he shall be allowed transportation and subsistence from the place of his discharge to the place of his enlistment, enrollment, or original muster into the service. The Government may furnish the same in kind, but in case it shall not Shall the L. H. W. stand quietly by and patriotism is abroad in our land and everydo so, he shall be allowed travel-pay and commutation of subsistence for such time our objects is to help those in need? into the service, computed at the rate of one day for every 20 miles."

I. W. K., Serena, III .- A three-years volunteer when discharged to veteranize was entitled to receive then the \$100 original bounty promised on his original enlist-

C. F. T., Giendale, R. I.-The salary of the Commissioner of Pensions is \$5,000 per year. The clerical force proper of the Pension Bureau numbers 1,756.

G. N. B., Redfield, S. D.-The law does not specify the number of pension examining surgeons, and as they are paid according to the number of examinations they make, and have no fixed salaries, it is impracticable to determine the exact cost from year to year of this branch of the work of the Pension Bureau.

L. M. S., Bullard, Minn.-A legal marriage may be proven by evidence of continuous cohabitation together as husband and the testimony of persons at the ceremony cannot be had. Public or church secord evidence of the baptism of children

will also be accepted as evidence of mar-J. H. C., Berlin, O. T.—It is held that a person, or the heirs of a person, who in the Confederate a person, who is turned toward the many members that are riage in such cases. served in the Confederate army or navy, so quiet as far as L.H.W. is concerned, that we would scarcely know but that they C. Schneider, Kankakee. June 27, 1890, notwithstanding that such | belonged also to that silent host, that might person subsequently enlisted in the U.S. speak if they could. None of us know This was the holding of the last Administration, which has been confirmed and tration, which has been confirmed and tration.

dier's Hand-Book, obtainable as a pre-live, loyal to our fallen heroes and are true Home Workers. T. F. C., Baltimore, Md.-Only the mini-

mum rate, \$6, is allowed under the act of June 27, 1890, for the loss of an eye, the same as for simply total blindness of one eye. Additional disability incurred since a rating under the act of June 27, 1890, was determined, properly serves as the basis of a claim for an increased rate under the

J. L. H., Rawson, O.-If a special examination was ordered in a pension claim last October, and has not yet been commenced, evidently the special examiner to whom the case has been assigned is in arrears with his work. The delays in the special examination of a pension case are sometimes very great.

H. B. T., New York City.-The rate of a widow's pension under the general law is determined by the rank the soldier held at the date of the origin of the disability re-sulting in his death, and not by the high-est rank attained by him during his serv-

W. S., Cincinnati, O.-If a pension claimant is under treatment at a hospital, and physically unable to go before the nearest board of examining surgeons, the affidavit of the house physician of the to perform manual labor, in consequence of hospital, showing his condition, should be sufficient to secure his examination at the

R. T., San Diego, Cal.-When a claim for re-rating of pension has been improperly or unjustly rejected, it is proper to appeal to the Secretary of the Interior. This action would be proper even though the favorable consideration of a claim on additional disabilities pending in the Pension Bureau would give the desired increase of rate of back pension. F. H. S, Rufus, Ore.-There is no law

providing an increase of pension for invalid pensioners because they have be-

SONS OF VETERANS. Loyal Young Men and Their Great

Order. Chaplain-in-Chief Harry Lawrence Veazey, Harriman, Tenn., has issued Memorial Day orders to the Sons of Veterans. He says in part:

"This Nation in mingled sadness and the valor and unselfish sacrifice of her defenders who have been transferred from the armies of earth to the legions of that mysterious world beyond the grave. The most beautiful and fragrant gifts of the God who dwelleth in nature will be laid upon the long, low mounds which rise above the noiseless but eloquent dust which in the vigor and suppleness of life protected the heart of the Nation. One by one those mounds increase. Day by day, with quickening cadence, the Grand Army marches into the invisible. With its passing, comes a larger responsibility to those upon whom falls its mantle of honorable heritage. "Memorial Day belongs to the veteran.

No other hand can so tenderly strew the blossoming emblems of God's undying love for men. No other voice can so touchingly utter the word of grateful and glorified memory. No other heart can be so solemnly impressed with the sacredness of the occasion, or so thoroughly appreciate its spirit and meaning. But this makes not less the duty and privilege of the Sons of

The Massachusetts Division shows a loss of six Camps and 106 members during the quarter ending March 31, 1898. At that date it had in good standing 126 Camps and 4,152 members.

Col. R. S. Thompson, commanding the

Indiana Division, calls upon the members

another call for volunteers. He says: "Within the last few days large bodies of soldiers have been enlisted in the United States Army. We receive with pleasu e the assurance that the true and loyal Sons gratitude will call to reverent remembrance of Veterans of Indiana heartily sempathize with their country; that they feel a deep solicitude in her welfare, and that they are ready and willing to take arms in defense of the flag their fathers followed on so many fields of battle. The time has arrived when we should show to the people of the whole world that we are true sons of noble sires; that we are ready to take up the flag of our fathers and offer our lives, if need be, in its defense. I cannot forbear an earnest appeal to the Camps of this Division to come to the defense of the Union, insulted as it is by a ruthless enemy. With this fact in view, I deem it wise and prudent for Camps to hold themselves in readiness from our membership one regiment, and to power. tender our services as a Sons of Veterans any emergency. Let us go to work at once, and in earnest. Not only should the work be confined to our membership, but all that such a command be recruited, that

THE GRAND ARMY.

What Veterans Are Doing for the Good of the Order. PATRIOTISM IN GEORGIA.

of his Command to be ready to respond to General Orders just issued from Headquarters of the Department of Georgia, Summerville, Ga., by Commander James O. Ladd call upon the veterans to once more rally to the support of the flag. In part Commander Ladd says "Our country, actuated by no desire for conquest, uninspired by hatred or revenge, desiring only to effect a permanent and prosperous peace where history has long been written in human blood, menacing our borders, disturbing our tranquillity, unduly and hopelessly taxing our resources in peaceful endeavor to avoid the contest waged by Spain in her conflict with Cuba, is finally confronted with war. In such a conflict our Nation is poised above all other considerations and dares do a humane National act for mankind which past conflicts have specially prepared her to accomplish. Our countrymen will accept the issue and band together, forming a regiment of Sons of Veterans. It is proposed to form our Government in every way in their

"That there may be none more surely or command. Let us prepare ourselves for devotedly to espouse the cause, uplift the hands and encourage the hearts of those who will participate in bearing "Old Glory" in this conflict, comrades of the Grand those eligible to our Order should be in- Army of the Republic, unable by reason of duced to join our ranks. It is desirable infirmities, or exclusion by reason of advanced years for military duty, will render

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ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Resolved, That McLaughlin Corps, 26,

Mansfield, Ohio, tender their services first

Resolved, That we unite with the Post in

while they are away from home during this

Resolved. That we as a body of Christian

women remember them daily in our prayers

(Signed) Laura Cherry, Ella Heckman, Lizzie Patterson, Almira Platt, Committee.

MUSTERED OUT.

medical views. When he realized the ob-

ject of the committee he replied in lan-

guage more vigorous than polite, and inti-

mated that when Dr. Mudd was detailed in

the hospital it would be to perform duties

that would be exceedingly unpleasant to

him. Dr. Mudd was kept at hard labor

wi ha ball and chain until Dr. Rice was

discharged. Dr. Mudd was afterwards de-

SMITH.-At Annawan, Ill., Lieut. Joseph

Post, 290.
THAYER.—At Tuscola, Ill., Alfred

B, 5th Ill. Cav., aged 78. He was a loyal member of Frank Reed Post, 409. He leaves

KIRKPATRICK .- At Auburn, N. Y.

Charles Kirkpatrick, Cowan's battery. He

McCann, Co. E. 25th Mass., aged 67. Com-rade McCann was born in Ireland. He en-

listed in March, 1864, and served until March, 1865, when he was discharged on

account of wounds received at Arrowfield

Church, May 9, 1864, and at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864. He was a member of George

BENSON.-At Worcester, Mass., Andrew

J. Benson, Co. F, 15th Mass., aged 51. He

was born in Providence, R. I. He was an

honored member of George H. Ward Post,

LURA.—At Worcester, Mass., Charles Lura. Co. K, 65th N. Y., aged 49. He held membership in George H. Ward Post, 10.

ALBEC.-At Chicago, Ill., Freeland W.

FRENCH.—At Chicago, Ill., William French, Sergeant, Co. A, 109th U. S. C. T.

ornish, Sergeant, Co. A. 3d Wis, Cav. He

had been Chaplain of Eagle Post, 52, for

NICHOLS, -At Eau Claire, Wis., Wm. H.

H. Nichols, Seaman, Gunboat Benton. He

HERRON.-At Eau Claire, Wis., Jonathan

CHAPPELL.-At Minocqua, Wis., Lee P.

Chappell, Corporal, Co. F, 1st Miss. Marine

BURNETT.-At Eau Claire, Wis., Wal-

lace W. Burnett, Co. I, 186th N. Y., and member of Eagle Post, 52.

was Past Commander of Eagle Post.

Thayer, First Lieutenant, 21st Ill., and Co.

tailed in the hospital.

a widow and one daughter.

H. Ward Post, 10.

Albec, Co. F, 9th Me.

over five years.

Brigade, aged 52.

was buried with G.A.R. honors.

for their well being and safe return.

contention and strife; And

country's call.

to our country and then to the Grand THE PRIVATE FORMULA OF A Army Post of which we are auxiliary to NOTED PHYSICIAN SENT FREE serve them in any capacity that may seem advisable during the war between our TO EVERY MAN WHO country and Spain and to our own beloved WRITES FOR IT. boys who have responded so nobly to their

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The object of distributing this information free is to make men better acquainted with the remedies that exert an influence upon debilitated nerves and wasted vigor. Each different drug is thoroughly explained and the sufferer will thus know what he should use in his particular case in order to get the desired results. Write to-day. Smith, 64th Pa. He was also a veteran of the Mexican war and a member of T. T. Dow genuine.

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rational way, use Dr. Peter's Blood Vitalizer

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CORNISH.—At Eau Claire, Wis., John H. No Drug-Store medicine; is sold only by regular Vitalizer agents. Persons living where there are no agents for Dr. Peter's Blood Vitalizer car, by sending \$2.00 obtain twelve 35-cent bottles direct from the proprietor. This offer can be obtained only once by the same person

Herron, Co. B, 6th Iowa Cav. BULKLEY.—At Auburn, N. Y., David M. Write to DR. PETER FAHRNEY, Bulkley, 3d N. Y. Art. 112-114 South Hoyne Ave., Chicago. HURD.—At Hudson, Wis., Dennis G. Hurd, 3d Wis. battery, and member of ammunn Eagle Post, 52. Comrade Hurd was killed in a railroad wreck. His home was at Eau



the individuality of the Sons of Veterans every valuable service possible to the Veterans upon this day. For us, and for the Nation of which we are a part, these be not lost sight of in other movements." | country. Every comrade unable to percome 60 years of age. STORES STORES CO 12 INCH STORES C SHELL ROOM LUNGS LUNGS AND MAGAZINE MAGABNE

THE ORGANIZATION OF A FLOATING WAR-MACHINE.

boilers are lungs which give power to its screws and rudder, which may be likened to the made.

A modern battleship is a war-machine whose parts perform the functions of a living | feet. In its bowels are also the engines, which correspond to a human heart, and whose organism as nearly as human invention can devise. Its breast is sheathed in steel; the throbbings give life to the other parts of the great body. Upon the bridge is the eye of the ALEXANDER.—At Hudson, Wis., Dr. Charles Alexander, Surgeon, 16th Me., aged 71. He belonged to Eagle Post, Eau great funnels are nostrils, through which the monster draws its breath. Its mouth and ship, in its range finder, which enables the gunners to tell exactly where an enemy is. It teeth are the heavy guas it carries, which look out from barbettes and port-holes. Its has nerves in speaking-tubes and electric wires, which connect all parts of the machine with furnaces perform the functions of the stomach and devour food in the shape of coal. The its brain to be found in the conning tower aloft. In many other ways comparisons may be Claire,

heroes, both living and dead, freely offered

LOYAL HOME WORKERS. Notes About the Members of the Association and Their Doings.

Washington in May. Washington is very beautiful now in the fullness of the Springtime, and as one looks down over it from the West front of the Capitol, it seems a dream city set in a forest, so green are its streets, parks and gardens, and all about it lie the wooded hills, grassy stretches and the shining river. A soft, blue mist half vails the distance everywhere, softening the line of tower and wall, riverside and slope. From the rose gardens, from the linden trees in the streets, from the late-blooming magnolias in the parks and from the snowy blossoms of the blackberry vine along the country roadsides comes a full, sweet scent. Birds sing everywhere and the children playing in the sunshine all day long add the music of their merriment to the pleasant season. One cannot help but to say to himself as he watches the blue sky and green earth, The poets are right; but not Homer, nor Shakspere, J. C. S., DeLancey, Pa.—All claims for Chaucer, Browning, Tennyson, nor the pension not covered by the general law penny poet in the corner of our evening must be presented to Congress for a special | newspaper, has sung it all. The beauty of

> -Elsie Pomeroy McElroy. L.H.W. Contributions.

Dear L. H. W.: I am sure you all remember Mrs. Mattie E. Gammons, at one ime one of our most loval workers. Before she was taken sick, and since, her pen has furnished many interesting articles for our columns, and that she has been ill for nearly six years with spinal trouble. Some months ago she was taken to New York to see an eminent specialist, who said improving slowly, and the doctor assures M. Sweet, Wichita; Q. M., H. Meade Lewis, her that she will walk again. cloud overhangs all. Owing to lack of son; Mustering Officer, R. C. Day, Vinita, obliged to return home without being cured. Q. M. S., R. Rickards, Valley Center.
You cannot realize, dear friends, what that The war with Spain has revived interest would mean to her now. The treatment in the Sons of Veterans. Col. Redmond, in see her return home not cured when one of where love of country and its institutions

duty to do this. I saw her about five weeks ago, and again the past week, and know that she deeply appreciates everything done for her. Do not delay, dear L. H. W., but send the next six months, double our memberto-day your offering to Mrs. Mattie E. ship." Gammons, 170 W. 97th St., New York City. The -Carolyn E. Arnold, Secretary, Roundout,

Dear L.H.W.: These balmy days, when the cherry trees look as if they had been "popping corn" and peach trees dying them some "rose-pink" robes, and

"O'er worlds of green a scurrying swirl Of golden discs and feathery clocks; For Spring has raised her gates of pearl, And losed the dandelion flocks'

causes one to remember that Memorial Day is drawing nigh. My thoughts turn to the many dear L.H.W. friends who will never Church, of Chicago, Commander; Guy L. and wife, recognizing each other and being recognized as such, when there is no public or church record of the marriage, reading one of her kind letters, full of Cleveland, Prophetstown, was chosen Senior Vice Commander, and Charles H. Egbert, Streator, Junior Vice Commander. George patriotism and interest in the work, written | C. Cambell, Lincoln; L. M. Smith, Knoxto my sister, who has now spent four ville, and W. C. Stine, De Kalb, compose Memorial Days in the Better Land; then | the Council. The Division will be repre-

adopted by the present Administration.

T. P.—The National Tribune does not Amos L. Seaman, Belle Smith, Zoe E. publish the table of invalid pension rates independent of The National Tribune Solling Book and Bell Anderson— speak up and let us know that you still Adjutant's report for the past quarter, Dec.

-M. Ettie Fuller, Spring Lake, N. Y.

even their lives, in order that we, and all men, might enjoy the inestimable blessings of personal liberty and nat onal unity. For the proper observance of this day

we are handed together. So let every in-fluence be exerted to check the growing tendency toward making this a day of thoughtless sport and vulgar amusement. Let us emphatically, even sternly, insist that this day shall be religiously observed in memory of the patriots and heroes of '61. Let the busy marts of trade be closed. Let the hum of industry cease. Let the amusement halls be vacant, and in the peaceful cities of the dead let us gather to pay tribute to the spirit which is above all selfishness and love of gain. May the whole American people stand in the hushed presence of the God of nations and the spirit of the hero-dead, and reconsecrate this country to principles made sacred by the blood of martyrs and the blessing of the

Memorial Sunday, falling this year on May 29, should be more generally observed than ever before. This Nation is again involved in a righteous war. For the sake of suffering humanity, and in behalf of those eternal principles of right upon which our Nation is founded, the United States have declared the people of Cuba free and independent, and now stand, as the champions of liberty, with unsheathed swords, ready to assist the liberty-loving people of Cuba in maintaining their independence. In the midst of such conditions the invocation of Righteousness and Equity is a peculiarly appropriate privilege. Let the ranks be filled, the worship sincere; the event is in the hands of God."

KANSAS DIVISION AFFAIRS. Col. John Redmond has established

Headquarters of the Kansas Division at Wichita, and appointed the following staff: has made itself known. The Order of Sons

The Sons of Veterans Guard, a military cox, Emporia, is recruiting rapidly. This body was not recognized by the Governor remember that Memorial Day was not set in his first call for volunteers, although he was strongly urged to do so. A second call for troops is expected, when it is hoped a fenders, who so nobly gave their lives as full regiment of well-drilled men can be a sacrifice to their country. offered.

ILLINOIS DIVISION ENCAMPMENT.

The 16th annual Encampment of the bright Minnie Gogarn, Mabel Plummer, sented at the Omaha Encampment by Isaac Col. Church has established Headquarters at Chicago, and appointed R. R. Longenecker Adjutant and Wm. L. Ekvall

DIVISION NOTES.

A creditable gain is shown in the mem-bership of the Missouri Division. In the 31, 1897, the membership was 41 Camps and 849 brethren. In three months this was increased to 44 Camps and 901 members.

Ladies of the G.A.R. form military duty, and all others, are en-

National President Flora M. Davey has issued Memorial Day orders from National Headquarters, Ladies of the G.A.R., Du-

luth, Minn. She says in part:
"Let this be the time when an object lesson shall be given not only the youth of our land but every citizen, showing them the appreciation due the defenders of liberty. Discountenance every tendency towards devoting this day to pleasures of any kind. It is hard to reconcile the idea of games and races on the day of the anniversary of a funeral that affects the whole Nation. Not a hamlet but has its sad memories on this day, scarce a household that has not cause to recall with sorrow the name of a dear one sacrificed, While we honor and garland our dead, let us not forget our living. As we prepare flowers for the absent let us plan for the widow and orphan in our midst; let us see to the comfort of the crippled and aged comrade. Remember also those who were once of our own number who now await our

coming to complete a circle which shall never be broken. The National President asks that service be arranged for "those we know not where their bodies lie." A list should be prepared, and as the names are read by the Chaplain the war record and name of battlefield or prison where they died may be given by a comrade. National President Davey and National Inspector Agnes J. Winslow, of Chicago,

the guidance and blessing of the God of instituted a Circle in Bridgeport, Conn., recently. Many members of the G.A.R. were present and were made honorary members. There are 30 names on the charter and the new Circle starts out very hopefully. The officers of the Circles are: Pres., Mrs. Jennie E. Nichols; S. V. P. Mrs. Adeline Wallenta; J. V. P., Mrs. Nellie M. Berrien; Chap., Mrs. Sarah Tangue; Sec., Mrs. Josephine M. Downes; Treas., Mrs. Carrie Wells; Conductor, Miss Alma Wallenta; Guard, Mrs. Frances Breit; Organist, Miss Georgiana Walsh. Just now, when hope is high, a little Judge-Advocate, J. F. Lawson, Hutchin- of soldiers, spilors, marines or purses are of soldiers, sailors, marines or nurses are eligible to this society.

A member writes in protest against the decoration of any but soldiers' graves on Memorial Day: "I am a reader of The National Tribune, and I see that Sarah J. Martin, National President of the W.R.C., in requesting W.R.C. to aid and assist the G.A.R. in strewing flowers on t'e graves of as may be sufficient for him to travel from the place of discharge to the place of his enlistment, enrollment, or original muster.

Here is a most worthy case, and one which should touch the hearts of us all. Is ship, Charity and Loyalty, should now be able to bring into its ranks many young loving hearts and helpful hands, once now. I am sure every one will feel it a men who have heretofore held back and busy for good of the Post and Corps, have Here is a most worthy case, and one of Veterans, with its principles of Friend- our Nation's dead, says: 'Shall we not remen who have heretofore held back and busy for good of the Post and Corps, have refused to join, or who have been members | been stilled forever in death? Let their and dropped out because of lack of in- graves, too, be adorned by the bloom of

"Mrs. Martin says, the W.R.C. remembers that Memorial Day was founded by organization made up of members of the order, and commanded by Col. W. P. Wil-John A. Logan.

apart for the decoration of our friends'

graves, but for those of the Nation's de-

"There is another thing to which I wish to call the attention of the W.R.C., La- | violation of law, I earnestly call upon every dies of the G.A.R., and all other loyal | Corps to at once proceed by soliciting dona-Orders: It is our duty to teach patriotism tions, giving entertainments or in any and love of country. We cannot begin in other manner that may suggest itself to a more fitting place or time than on Memorial Day. Let us teach the boys and girls what the day means. Begin by setting an example, so that they may, when we are gone and our heads are laid for the support of nurses sent to the front, low, know that Memorial Day was for the Nation's dead, and not for loyal women. "If all the graves be decorated with flowers and flags, then will it cease to be a special memorial for the Nation's dead .- A Member of the Ladies of the the good work begin now. We know not G.A.R. Circle, Wellsville, Kan. Miss Anna Beth organized a Circle of

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MARY H. SHEPHERD, Mention The National Tribune.

hope for a successful careor.

Ladies of the G.A.R. in Oconto, Wis. Geo.

joined to in every proper way encourage the enlistment and enrollment of any volunteer contingent ordered by the President, instructing all who will enroll, that annoying delays, hindrances and discouragements may not dampen their ardor or try their patriotism.

"Volunteers not desiring to enlist for immediate active field service should be encouraged to enroll in the National Volunteer Reserve. Every attention and proffer of advice and encouragement to those desiring, or who may decide to enroll, is a high and patriotic duty. The experience of veteran comrades will enable them to impart much valuable advice and instruction to recruits that will stand them in good stead, and which they will only too surely recall in camp, on the march and on the field of battle. No pains should be spared to instruct fully in the matter of duty, soldierly qualities and the highest order of integrity.

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

The comrades of Lieut. George Post; Humansville, Mo, have passed resolutions indorsing the war against Spain, and about 40 members have signified their willingness to go to the front. N. H. Hamblen, 123d Ill., is Adjutant.

Williams Post, 55, Mystic, Conn., offers the services of its members to the State or Nation to protect the flag and the interests of this country on land or sea. The action of the President is indorsed. R. P. Wilbur is Commander and Philip A. Irons Adjutant.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

News and Gossip of the Great Auxiliary.

GENERAL ORDERS. Headquarters Woman's Relief Corps,

Auxiliary to the G.A.R. Brookfield, Mo., May 4, 1898. Confidently relying upon the patriotism and loyalty of our great organization, and feeling assured that our entire membership would commend the action, I, immediately upon the passage of the resolutions of Congress which were virtually a declaration of war, and before they were signed by the President, wrote to him pledging, in case of war, that what women may do for this Nation and its defenders, in this new-struggle for the rights of man, the Woman's Helief Corps will do, whether it be to care for those who suffer from wounds and disease on the field, or for the dependent ones at home of those fighting under the

The war, which was then only a contingency, has now actually begun, a great naval battle has been fought, fleets sailing under the banner of stars are now sweep ing the seas in search of the enemy, 125,-000 American volunteers are marching to the front, and I now confidently ask a prompt and loyal support on the part of Departments and Corps to aid me in making good the pledge made to the President and to the Nation on your behalf. In view of the fact that the funds in our

Treasury are pledged for other patriotic purposes and may not be diverted without if necessary, or for the relief of dependent members of the families of volunteers and for the purpose of securing hospital necessaries and delicacies. Let there be no delay in this matter; let

what day the call for help may come. Let our great, loyal, patriotic organization, the Woman's Relief Corps, be ready to answer to the call.

C. Norton Circle, 11, has started out with 30 charter members and many honorary ones from the G.A.R., and it has every I earnestly request that all Corps report promptly to Department Presidents in regard to the work done in this matter, and that Department Presidents report to the National Secretary. Which Corps and Department will be first on the roll of honor?

Yours in F., C. and L., SARAH J. MARTIN, National President.

National Secretary.

WHAT TO EXPECT.

Some Features of The National Tribune for the Current Year.

We have sent to the front as our special war correspondent Maj. Henry Romeyn. He is heard from in this week's issue. His record as a soldier and his talents as a writer warrant great

We have made arrangements for a series of special articles from the pen of Miss Kathleen Blake, the only woman granted a passport by the War Department to accompany the Army to Cuba. She is a well-known writer and a bright, practical, woman who will treat of the social and economic side of life in Cuba. All who are interested in the Cuba of the future would do well to read her articles carefully.

We shall also have a frequent letter from Ass't Surg. Guy C. M. Godfrey, of the U. S. Light Artillery. Awake and imbued with the spirit of this enterprising age, we have stopped at nothing in the way of trouble and expense to secure attractions. Our object is to enlist the largest army of readers marshaled under the flag of any publisher in America.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is a current review of the great questions which occupy men's thoughts from week to week. The interests of the Nation are paramount, and therefore such important matters as the Spanish-American war, Hawaiian annexation, British complications, and Alaskan gold discoveries are treated in a cyclopedic manner as they arise. With all these features THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is a pictorial

paper, illustrated as well as any monthly magazine. We are now publishing The Story of Paul Jones. By Augustus Buell, author of "The Cannoneer." This writer needs no introduction, as his place; In the regards of the readers of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is estab-

iished. A File of Infantrymen. By John McElroy. The American Conflict. By Horace Greeley. The most trenchant review of the events of the war period extant. A com-

plete history. Fighting Them Over. Brief stories of thrilling incidents contributed by soldiers themselves. The Forbes War Pictures. The truest and most spirited sketches of army life produced by any artist of the war.

Uncle Snowball. Pussonal Rekollekshuns of an Army Cook.

A series of inimtable sketches depicting the ludicrous side of camp Napoleon and His Marshals. By J. T. Headley. Splendidly

Si Klegg as a Veteran. One of the most popular stories "Three Months in the Confederacy." By Col. (now Lieut .-Gen.) Fremantle, of the British Army.

The following, among other things, will appear in future at A Loyal Home Worker Abroad. By Elsie Pomeroy Mc-

Elroy. This is a series of letters from Europe by this gifted young writer, with whose work our readers are familiar. Inside of Rebeldom, By Dr. J. P. Cannon. A second installment of this graphic narrative, going back to the beginning of

The Truth of History. This will be the actual history of the war, drawn from official sources, told in an interesting way, and set in opposition to the rebel side of the story. Battle Days of the Roundheads. A sketch of the famous

100th Pa. By J. R. Holibaugh. Public Buildings of Washington. By Kate Brownlee Sher-

The Brady War-Views. From photographs taken during the The Santa Fe Trail in the Old Days, and A Journey to the Manitoba Country in 1849. Both by Gen. John Pope. Reminiscences of Gettysburg. By Jas. Fulton, M. D. War Events in East Tennessee. By W. E. Doyle.

Sabers Again to the Front. By Birney McLean. The Shelby Raid. By Wiley Britton. The Pennsylvania Reserves. By R. E. McBride. The Firing on Fort Sumter. By a young Ohio mechanic. The Filibusters. Recollections of Survivors of the Famous Lopez Expeditions to Cuba. By Irvin Mote and S. S. Scotts.

We shall soon begin the publication of The Adventures of Corporal Pike, a thrilling nar-rative of frontier life and daring service during the War of the Rebellion.

A Timely Work.

"Adventures in Philippines." By M. Gironierre. This narrative of 20 years of wild life in the Philippine Islands is to be begun very soon and is a feast that is very opportune.

This paper contains from week to week the best history of the war with Spain.