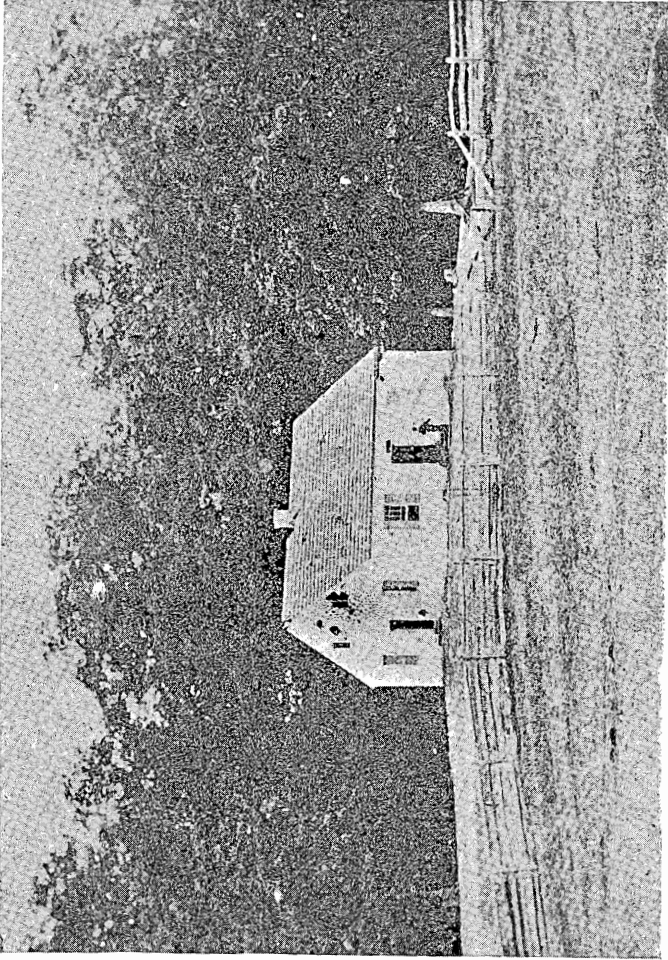
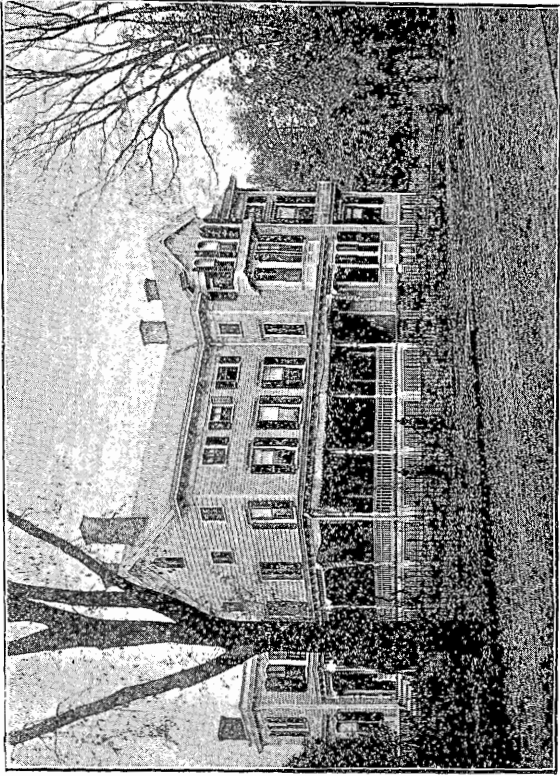


"WAR AND PEACE."



IN THE WOODS, NEAR SHARPSBURG, MD., SEPTEMBER, 1862.

The enemy had been partly driven from the woods around the church, but still had a force concealed in a ravine near its further edge, so that when the Thirteenth, pushing past the church, entered the woods, it soon became exposed to the assault of the concealed foe who, marching out of the ravine, attacked with great violence.—*Foster's New Jersey in the Rebellion, page 318.*



ON THE PARK. BLOOMFIELD, N. J., SEPTEMBER, 1899.

He suggested that all present should form in line, and so proceed to the home of Judge Dodd. This was done and the Thirteenth Regiment and its reinforcements, mustering in all about one hundred and fifty "ready for duty," marched up on the west side of the Park to Judge Dodd's house. — *Proceedings of 1899, page twelve.*

VETERAN ASSOCIATION

OF THE

Thirteenth Reg't New Jersey Volunteers.

FOURTEENTH REUNION,

HELD AT

BLOOMFIELD, N. J.,

Thursday, September 14, 1899.

PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

NEWARK, N. J.

1899.



FOURTEENTH REUNION.

PREFATORY.

As the Executive Committee duly appointed for this reunion did not make either a written or verbal report, and as the Chairman of said Committee, being away on his vacation, was not present, it seems to devolve upon the Corresponding Secretary to make a statement covering the non-appearance of said report.

Soon after the members began to arrive in Bloomfield on the afternoon of the 14th, and before the business meeting was called to order, the officers found themselves frequently buttonholed by inquisitive members who were not satisfied with the brief statements in the notice sent out for this reunion. They wanted to know more definitely "what the Committee had done," when, where, in what manner, and to what extent that "inner man" was to be "attended to," etc., etc. Nobody seemed able or willing to explain this important feature of the reunion. "See the Committee," was all the officers would say, and interviewing the Committee was equally unproductive of results. "Truthful James," one of the Committee, and usually a cyclopedia of reliable information relating to the regiment, could only say: "Ask Wheeler."

The business meeting developed nothing but more and yet more of this reticence, from President Wheeler down. This opening chapter of the annual proceedings may therefore be devoted to making amends for this delinquent report.

The Executive Committee appointed at Paterson to make arrangements for the reunion of 1899 held a meeting at Bloomfield early in July to consider that matter. The place

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of meeting was not then definitely decided upon, although Bloomfield had been selected and recommended. Before another meeting of the Committee was held I received a letter from Judge Dodd, of Bloomfield, one of our honorary members, of which the following is a copy:

THE CHECKLEY,
PROUT'S NECK, ME., JULY 19, 1899.

MR. S. M. HULIN.

My Dear Sir:

I have learned from Mr. Wheeler that the veterans of the Thirteenth Regiment Association will have their reunion next September in Bloomfield, and I write to say that if you know no reason why I should not invite them to my house for their refreshments usual on such occasions. I will be pleased to do so. How many are there now surviving? * *

Very truly yours,

AMZI DODD.

To this most important and entirely unexpected letter immediate reply was made as follows:

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., JULY 20 1899.

AMZI DODD:

Hon. and Dear Sir:

Your very kind letter is received. I have no doubt the members of the Committee of the Thirteenth Regiment Association will be most happy to accept your kindly offer of hospitality in case it is finally decided to hold the next annual reunion in Bloomfield, provided that in accepting so generous a provision we are not imposing too great a burden upon you. I will communicate with Secretary Delano and others at once, and one of us will write you again in a day or two. Generally about ninety of the regiment attend the reunions, from nearby towns; those scattered over the country who seldom or never come increasing the total number of survivors to probably 150. With sincere thanks for myself and from my associates, I remain

Very truly yours,

S. MORRIS HULIN.

Further correspondence and a meeting of the Committee on August 9th completed all necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the regiment. The duties of the Committee were very light, consisting mainly in doing nothing

and saying nothing, it being desirable that the entertainment feature should be as much as possible a pleasant surprise to the regiment. The only anxiety we had was on account of premature publicity by the press.

The day, as you all know, was unusually fine. About one hundred and fifty persons, members of the regiment, ladies and other invited guests came, the ladies meeting in the reception rooms while the others gathered in the large main hall for exchange of greetings.

It may be stated that Judge Dodd's magnanimous invitation to receive in his house the Thirteenth Regiment, with its women folk, was extended also to the Civil War veterans of Bloomfield as guests of the Thirteenth. About twenty of them responded to the following special invitation:

BLOOMFIELD. N. J., SEPT. 13TH, 1899.

MR. _____

Dear Comrade :

As a Civil War Veteran you are cordially invited to meet the survivors of the 13th Regt. N. J. Vols. at their Annual Reunion and Campfire, in Central Hall, on Thursday afternoon, 14th inst. The Social Reunion and Campfire is from 3.30 to 5.00 P. M., after which the "old soldiers" will be entertained at the residence of an honorary member of our Association, who has most generously offered us and our guests his hospitality for this occasion. Hoping you will meet with us.

I remain, yours in F. C. and L.,

S. MORRIS HULIN,

Cor. Secy. V. A., 13th N. J. V.

Having submitted this unofficial report in behalf of the Committee, for general information, I trust it will prove satisfactory to all interested, when coupled with the succeeding incidents of this second Bloomfield reunion.

S. MORRIS HULIN,

Cor. Sec'y and Historian.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

MINUTES.

The meeting was called to order about 2.30 P. M. by President Wheeler, about 90 members present.

Chaplain E. Livingston Allen offered prayer.

President Wheeler made a short opening address.

Under a suspension of the rules, Secretary Delano read a copy of notice of annual reunion of Kearney's First New Jersey Brigade Association at Newark today, and moved that the following telegram be sent at once.

Motion was carried unanimously.

Copy of telegram :

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., SEPT. 14, 1899.

To Ed. L. Conklin, Pres. First New Jersey Brigade Society,

Lincoln Post Rooms, 840 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.

Thirteenth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers' Veteran Association, assembled at their annual reunion send greetings and congratulations as we drink from the same canteen.

GRANT A. WHEELER,

Attest : DELANO, Sec'y.

President.

Copy of reply received :

NEWARK, N. J., SEPT. 14, 1899.

To Grant A. Wheeler, President :

Your telegram just this moment received. We accept your greeting and return the same. Accept Kearney's, 1st Brigade.

E. L. CONKLIN,

S. D. ASPINWALL,

President.

Secretary

Secretary Delano reported that the minutes of the last annual meeting were printed and a copy mailed to each comrade in December last.

On motion the reading of the minutes at this time was omitted.

The Secretary reported deaths since last annual meeting of the following members of the regiment :

Comrade T. S. Perry, Paterson, — 1898.

- “ John T. Denmead, Jersey City, October, 1898.
- “ George A. Beardsley, Newark, Dec. 17, 1898.
- “ Marcus Dixon, Pine Brook, Jan. 18, 1898.
- “ Frederick H. Harris, Montclair, March 16, 1899.
- “ George H. Comer, Paterson, March, 1899.
- “ John Griffin, Newark, August, 1899.
- “ James H. Peterson, Paterson, August 10, 1899.
- “ Washington I. Romer, Newark, Aug. 28, 1899.

Henry Clark of Company K, residence Paterson, N. J., was elected a member of the Association.

President appointed as Committee to propose places for next reunion, Isaac Crawford, James O. Smith, George W. Lawrence, Jacob White, Joseph C. Stevens.

Executive Committee not present—no report.

Under Election of Officers for ensuing year, W. R. Russell and T. R. Devor, Tellers :

Isaac Crawford was elected President.

Geo. W. Lawrence elected Vice-President.

James E. Garabrant re-elected Treasurer.

A. Delano re-elected Recording Secretary.

S. M. Hulin “ Corresponding Secretary.

A. M. Harris elected Chaplain.

The President appointed as Executive Committee for next re-union, Jas. O. Smith, W. H. Van Iderstine, T. R. Devor, W. S. Lambert and Joseph E. Sloane.

The Committee on proposal of place for next reunion reported in favor of Newark, and under suspension of the rules it was :

Resolved, that the next reunion be held at Newark and on the Wednesday nearest to the 17th of September, if possible.

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The report of the Executive Committee being again called for much amusement was caused by the apparent disinclination of any one of the Committee to make a definite report.

Secretary Delano read letters received, which will be found printed in full on last page.

Treasurer Garabrant reported:

RECEIPTS.

October 28, 1898, cash balance as printed	125.31	
Add for error in calculations	10.00	
		<u>135.31</u>

SUBSEQUENT RECEIPTS.

Contributions from Comrades toward memorial tribute to General Harris	33.00	
Funeral badges sold75	
Annual dues received to date	90.00	
		<u>123.75</u>
		\$259.06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 1898, paid S. M. Hulin, printing Proceedings,	32.00	
“ “ “ A. Delano, cash expenses, large envelopes, postage stamps, etc.	9.00	
Dec. 1898, paid A. Delano, sundry cash expenses,	2.25	
March, 1899, paid floral tribute, General Harris' funeral,	17.00	
“ “ “ G. A. Wheeler, cash expenses, “	1.53	
“ “ “ A. Delano. “ “ “	5.45	
May, “ “ S. M. Hulin, letter heads and envelopes,	4.25	
Aug. “ “ A. Delano, cash expenses, postage, etc.	5.75	
Sept. “ “ S. M. Hulin, printing and cash expenses,	7.15	
“ “ “ Telegram.36	
“ “ “ Rent, Central Hall,	15.00	
“ “ “ Whitehead & Hoag, Badges,	37.50	
		<u>137.24</u>
		\$121.82

(Before printing Proceedings Treasurer Garabrant made a final report as follows):

Sept. 15	"	Cash balance	\$121.82
"	"	Received Contribution from a friend of Regt.	20.00
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			141.82
"	"	Paid bill for cigars supplied at Reunion on 14th	10.00
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Oct. 12,	"	Cash balance,	\$131.82

The ordinary routine of business being finished, President Wheeler declared a recess, when all the ladies and other guests assembled in the main hall for general sociability.

Among the guests present was Mr. Wilberforce Freeman, of Orange, brother of Dr. J. Addison Freeman, formerly Surgeon of the Thirteenth Regiment, who died at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 20, 1864.

Comrade James O. Smith being called for responded in a short speech, in which he excused himself from rehearsing at this time the stories of "Truthful James," but at some other time might relate some of the reminiscences of the Thirteenth Regiment—"the grandest that ever marched out from any town." "I look forward to the 17th of September each year," he said, "when we can grasp hands and see how we are wearing in the battle of life. The Thirteenth made good soldiers and they have made good citizens. The dissolution of two great armies comprising millions of men, what the effect would be upon society, was a source of apprehension at the time they were disbanded, but these men have built up this nation, the greatest of all on the earth. The volunteer soldier was bound to make the good citizen."

Comrade Devor was called for and came forward, saying: "I am here at your service. Nobody but Comrade Smith could make that speech, but every one can sing what I am now going to lead." The war-time paraphrase of "Yankee Doodle," well known to all, was then sung by Comrade Devor, every one joining in.

Comrade and Chaplain-elect A. M. Harris was next called upon by the President. Chaplain Harris said that he never enjoyed himself better than when with his old comrades. He enjoyed these meetings as much as any he ever attended. Nevertheless he experienced a feeling of sadness when in looking around he missed some familiar faces and realized that the members of the regiment were growing old. "It would be a hardship for any of us," he said, "to march all day, as we once did, and live upon hardtack and bacon. We are fast dropping out of the ranks, but we can look forward to the 'evergreen shore,' where there will be no fighting and no fatigue." Chaplain Harris expressed himself glad of the privilege of saying a few words, and endeavored to impress upon the minds of his hearers the responsibility of each to become a member of that greater army whose Captain is Jesus Christ and whose banner is the cross.

Rev. E. Livingston Allen was called upon by the President to talk as a member of the color-guard of the Thirteenth Regiment. Chaplain Allen responded with his usual enthusiasm, relating a number of incidents to prove the appreciation of the regiment by members of other commands who served with the Jersey men, whom he had met since the war.

Comrade J. Howard Titsworth was the last member of the regiment called upon. His address, delivered with a good deal of earnestness, was as follows:

Ladies and Comrades: I need not tell you of my supreme joy in meeting you all at this time. I have anticipated this occasion for many months past, counting the days that separated us from this hearty reunion and handshake. I have traveled fifteen hundred miles to share it with you. Need I tell you that my heart is full, too full to say what I often would be glad to say and do, were I nearer you on these, your anniversary occasions. Twice before only

has it been my good fortune to meet with you since we laid aside our armor and habiliments of war. You know how hard it then was, after so long and close touch in camp and on many a weary campaign, or fierce contest in battle, to finally take each other's hand and struggle to utter "Good bye."

Many of our brave boys of the noble Thirteenth have crossed the dark river since then, and year by year our ranks are thinning out. Many have "dropped out," never more to "fall in line" at these gatherings. I miss their familiar faces of old. The time is rapidly coming when some *one* will only be left to call the roll, and he himself wait to give the answer, "*here.*" Who will dare vouch for whom that "one" may be? He will indeed be called a hero, upon whose head posterity will bestow respect and veneration.

But why anticipate this? It will come soon enough. Today we meet to rejoice and be glad, not to be sad, though we will not forget the absent ones, and while we drop a silent tear for them today, it can but crystallize into a joy over the memory of their noble and heroic deeds of patriotism and self-sacrifice. Today we bring afresh many a stirring scene, many a weary march and fierce struggle with the enemy.

We would not boast of our individual achievements, yet we are proud that we were American soldiers, enlisted to subdue the most gigantic rebellion that ever existed, and proud, too, that we—the few who still remain to share in these festivities—belong to the old Thirteenth New Jersey. The fact of our having helped to crush the rebellion is a source of much genuine joy and satisfaction now. It makes us nobler as American citizens every day as our years roll on. It brightens every button or badge that adorns our breast. It gives us courage in still maintaining our country's laws, in teaching loyalty to our children and to our grandchildren. We could not shoulder our muskets again and

tramp, tramp, as when fresh and vigorous in your young manhood. We joy in that our land is free from civil war and deadly strife now. Today we would be happy in each other's company as comrades of one family, as we in truth are. May the memory of this reunion today of the boys of the old Thirteenth New Jersey linger long with us, to cheer and unite us more closely in the closing days of life. And should it never be my lot to meet you again in a like reunion, may we strive to meet in a happy reunion with the saints in light, on that Evergreen Shore, whose redeeming song we have so often sung together. And may loyalty to our God and country ever be our motto and watchword.

President Wheeler at this hour, which was about five o'clock, stated that a warm friend of the regiment in Bloomfield, Judge Dodd, had generously offered his hospitality at his residence on Broad Street. He suggested that all present should now form in line and so proceed to the home of Judge Dodd. This was done and the Thirteenth Regiment and its reinforcements, mustering in all about one hundred and fifty ready for duty, marched up on the west side of the Park to Judge Dodd's home. Cordial greetings and a warm welcome to each was the experience of all. An hour of delightful sociability was spent in the spacious library and parlors, the large company being received and made welcome in every way. A fine collation was served, and at intervals an orchestra played appropriate music. The boys were more than surprised with this new departure from the usual routine of reunion entertainment, and the ladies were delighted.

When all had partaken of the bountiful supper and some were departing, President Wheeler produced his gavel and rapped for order. Then Comrade E. L. Allen spoke as follows:

Rev. Mr. Allen:

On behalf of the Comrades, their wives and their daughters, because also of the fact that this is an unusual proceeding, inasmuch as the survivors of the regiment have had a very pleasant surprise, a very pleasing duty devolves upon me by request of the Comrades and their families, through you to present Judge Dodd our profound gratitude for his kindly consideration; and this to be put in the form of a motion, spread in full upon the minutes and published in the proceedings of the Association. And in making this motion I am to say for the Comrades and all who are present, Judge, that language fails to express to you that which we find in our minds and hearts for this unusual and pleasing surprise. We trust that this event may be at least one of the pleasing, if not the most pleasing of your later days, as certainly this tender upon your part has been to us, and will be through all the future, so long as we shall be upon this sphere, one of the bright spots in our history, one of the unexpected and most pleasing wind-ups of our annual gatherings. We also invoke the blessing of the All Wise upon you, as we remember your friendship for us in the days past as a regiment. No one now present, no one belonging to the Thirteenth Regiment Veteran Association, can ever recall this reunion without feelings of kindest regard for Judge Amzi Dodd. (Hearty applause.)

Comrade Devor:

I second the motion, Mr. Chairman, and in doing so I want to say that this is one of the most agreeable surprises the Thirteenth New Jersey ever had. When we were in the South they used to try and surprise us, but they never did, but when we come home, and after the lapse of thirty or more years, we find that even our friends can surprise us. (Cries of "That is right!" and laughter.) We have been asking the question: "Where are we going?" "Where are we going?" Nobody seemed to know, not even the Executive Committee. (Laughter.) When we were at

our business meeting the question was asked of the Committee, "Where are we going?" but none of the Committee seemed to know. The President of the Association wouldn't tell us, but all we had to do when we formed in line was to follow him. He took the lead and we followed. We came up Broad Street, I think it is, opposite the big park of Bloomfield, and we saw a big house, and the President turned into the house. We found that the house was big, but we have found that the owner and occupant, the man who invited us here, has a heart bigger than his house. (Applause.)

Judge Dodd:

Gentlemen, I am very grateful for the very kind words which you have used, and I assure you that this occasion has given me as much happiness as it possibly could have given any of you. As to the *surprise*, I am not responsible for that. (Laughter.) Why your Captain General, or whatever may be his official name, chose to involve it in this obscurity or uncertainty, you must ask him. (Laughter.) I certainly was not ashamed to have it known that the Veterans were going to honor me with such an attendance as they have. I feel very proud of it, and I thank you all for coming, and for bringing your wives. It was a good thing to do. (Applause.)

Now, it did not happen to me to go to the war, but I think few if any men took a deeper interest in those who did go than I. The Thirteenth and Twenty-sixth Regiments were especially dear to me, and I had the greatest concern for their welfare. As I have grown older the appreciation which I had then of the vast magnitude of the interests at stake have grown on me. No man's mind can measure the great interests that were bound up in the cause for which you gave your labors and shed, many of you, your blood; and I can only say that I feel glad and grateful for the opportunity to show you and your wives and all who

know anything about it, how much I appreciate what you did for your country. (Applause.)

And all I wish to say now, in response to the very kind wishes you have given for me is, that you may all go down the hill of life happily, and that you may have all the health and the good things that God can give you in this life and that to come. ("Amen, amen, amen," and applause.) I bid you all good bye. (Applause.)

Before dispersing the veterans gathered in the parlor and joined in singing the regimental hymn, "The Evergreen Shore," led by Comrade Devor, which always closes each yearly reunion.

Adjourned:

A. DELANO, Rec. Sec'y.

LETTERS.

TRENTON, August 29, 1899.

A. DELANO, Recording Secretary,

My Dear Sir:

I am greatly obliged to you for your cordial invitation to take part in the reunion of your Regiment in Bloomfield, Thursday, September 14. You perhaps know that I was seriously ill during the winter and am not yet fully restored to health. However, if I should find myself well enough to be with you that day, I am sure it would give me great pleasure.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM S. STRYKER.

ORANGE, N. J., Sept. 15, 1899.

MR. A. DELANO,

Recording Secretary,

My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend the Reunion of the 13th N. J. Regt. (Veterans) at Bloomfield on the 14th inst., and it will afford me great pleasure to do so.

Very respectfully,

W. FREEMAN.

JERSEY CITY, N J., Sept. 9, 1899.

MR. A. DELANO,

Recording Secretary,

Veteran Association, Thirteenth N. J. V.

My Dear Sir:

Accept my thanks for the courteous invitation to attend the Fourteenth Annual Reunion of the Veterans. I regret that I shall be unable to attend this year.

You have my best wishes for a successful and joyous meeting.

Faithfully yours,

W. H. CORBIN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 12, 1899.

A. DELANO, ESQ., Sec'y, 13th N. J. V. A.

MY DEAR DELANO :

The notice to attend the 14th Reunion of the Old Boys was received by me just as I was starting East. Was in great hopes that I could remain there long enough to be with you, but was compelled to return without having a sight of any of the faces so dearly attached to me through the ties that bind us so closely together. Give my best love to them all, and reserve a copy of the Proceedings for me.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JAS. B. WILDE.

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E. BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 12, 1899.

MR. A. DELANO,

Recording Secretary,

My Dear Sir:

Your kind invitation to mother and myself to be the guests of the Thirteenth Regiment N. J. V. at their 14th reunion reached here yesterday, and I am sorry to say we cannot be present. I am now in business in Boston, and it would be impossible for me to leave at this time, and must also express mother's regrets in not being able to attend your meeting.

From boyhood I have looked forward anxiously to the time when I could be at the meetings of the Thirteenth and of Company "D." It is with a deep and sincere regret I must miss a chance to see the faces and hear the stories of men my father never tired of telling me about, as regarding their lives during the War. Once more thanking you for your kind invitation from the Thirteenth N. J. V., I am

Very truly yours,

GEO. A. BEARDSLEY.

GLEN RIDGE, Sept. 17, 1899.

MR. S. MORRIS HULIN, Sec'y,

Dear Comrade :

Upon arrival home last evening I found your cordial invitation to the Reunion of the Thirteenth New Jersey. Absence alone prevented me from joining you and enjoying your hospitality.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

GEO. W. PANCOAST.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18, 1899.

A. DELANO, ESQ., Sec'y,

My Dear Sir :

On my return to town I found your letter inviting me to attend the annuel reunion of the Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers. I regret exceedingly that I did not see the invitation in time to respond. I trust that you will accept my apology.

Yours very truly,

H. W. SLOCUM.

Officers of the Association.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1899.

ISAAC CRAWFORD, <i>President</i> , Address,	575 Broad Street., Newark, N. J.
GEO. W. LAWRENCE, <i>Vice-President</i> ,	33 Summit Street., Newark, "
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S. M. HULIN, <i>Cor. Secy. and Historian</i> ,	Bloomfield, "
REV. A. M. HARRIS, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	New Providence, "

HONORARY MEMBERS.

MAJOR GENERAL H. W. SLOCUM,	}	Elected Sept. 1887. Died April 14, '94.
Com. 12th and 20th Army Corps)	
HON. ROBERT S. GREEN,)	" " Died May, 1895.
Ex-Governor of New Jersey.))	
WM. S. STRYKER,)	" "
Adjutant-General of N. J.))	
COL. J. N. DUFFY,	}	" "
President Gettysburg Battlefield Com.)		
HON. WM. H. CORBIN,	}	" "
Secretary Gettysburg Battlefield Com.)		
HENRY W. SLOCUM,	"	Sept. 19, 1894.
J. R. SALMON,	"	Sept. 18, 1895.
HON. AMZI DODD,	"	Sept. 16, 1896.
GEO. B. SENIOR,	"	Sept. 21, 1898.