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OF THE

Thirteenth Reg't New Jersey Volunteers,

* 1862—1865 *



SEVENTEENTH REUNION,

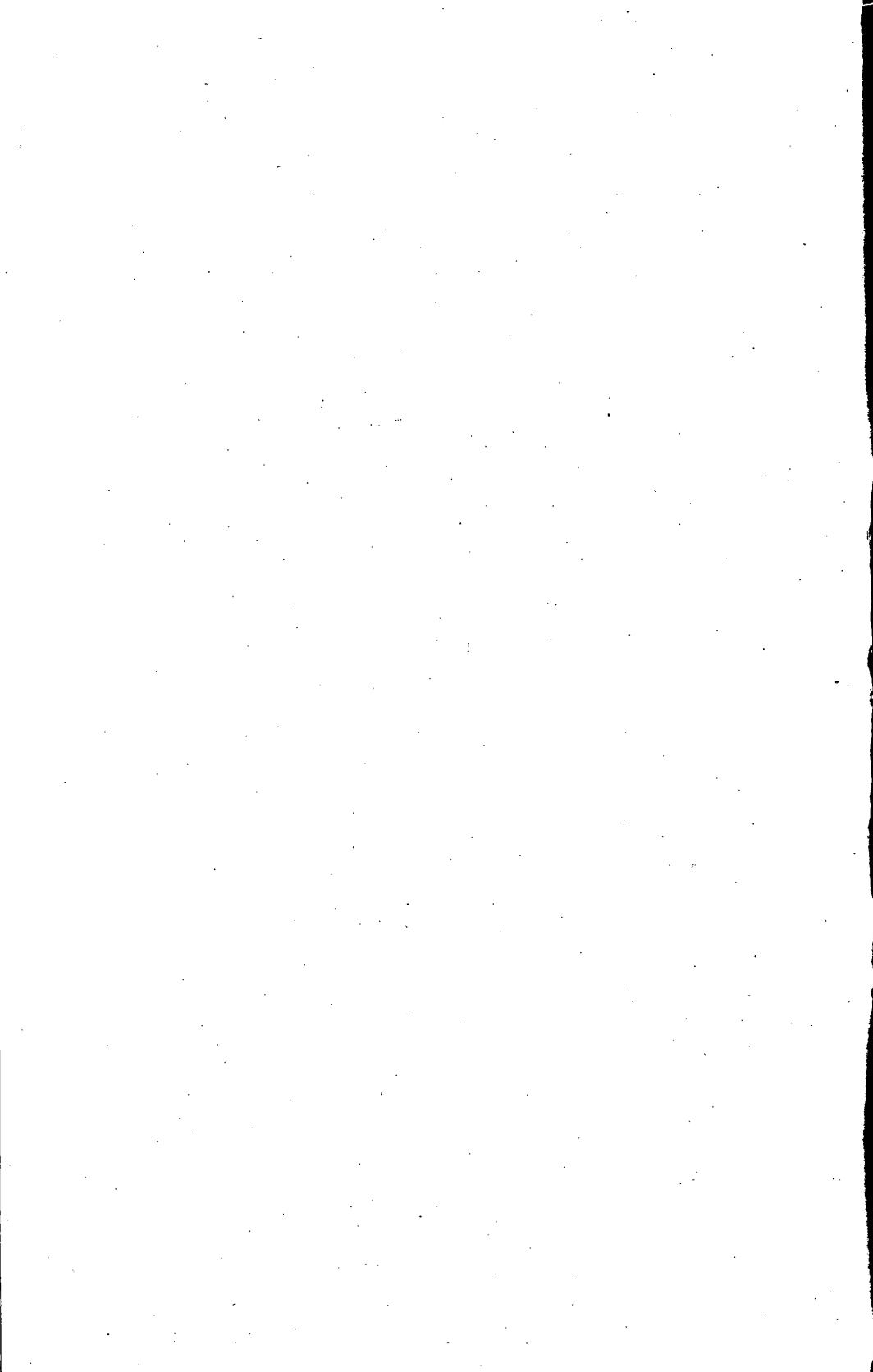
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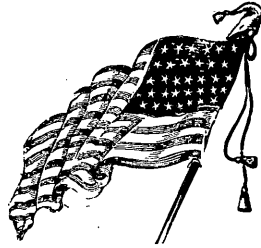
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"ONE UNION NEVER TO FALL !
ONE FLAG AFLOAT OVER ALL !"



INTRODUCTORY.

When Governor Franklin Murphy accepted the Presidency of this Association at Jersey City October 18th, 1901, he conditioned that the members and their guests should be *his* guests at the reunion this year, at his own residence in Newark; but indications later promised such a large attendance that it was decided to hold the reunion in a place where there would be more room. The Seventeenth Annual Reunion was therefore held at Achtel-Stetter's spacious and commodious rooms, 842-846 Broad St., Newark, the large reception rooms and assembly room being open after 2 P. M. when comrades and their lady guests arrived rapidly from Paterson, Orange, Jersey City, Bloomfield, Montclair, Newark, Rahway and elsewhere in New Jersey, also several from New York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia, exchanging greetings and renewing acquaintances.

At 3 P. M. the comrades gathered in the assembly room for their annual business meeting, the guests enjoying the time in the reception room.

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING.

Called to order by President Murphy, 92 members present. Chaplain Harris being absent, Comrade Thomas R. Devor led in prayer.

Ex-President George W. Lawrence requested the privilege of the floor and addressed the President as follows :

“Mr. President: Owing to conditions that prevailed one year ago, which to the members of this Association were very agreeable, and which later bore fruit in your elevation by the choice of the people to the highest office in the State—for which we all are proud—a duty of the then President was omitted; and at this time I take pleasure in passing to you this gavel. It is a token of the office of President for the honor of which I feel grateful to my comrades. Its custody is yours for use in presiding at our gatherings. The head is of wood taken from the Rebel ram Merrimack, the handle of wood taken from the Rebel gunboat Savannah, made and presented to the Association by our late comrade James P. Howatt. I commit it to better hands and trust you will treasure and use it with much enjoyment to yourself and entire satisfaction to the Association.”

President Murphy, accepting the gavel, replied happily, saying in substance that he was extremely glad to be present and to fulfil the duties of President of the Society; an honor which he appreciated, his experiences with the Thirteenth in camp and field being for vividness and interest the greatest of his life.

The regular routine of business was taken up.

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

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On motion, the reading of the minutes at this time was deferred.

Treasurer Garabrant reported :

Balance reported November 9th, 1901,	\$76.02	
Additional dues received in 1901,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$78.02
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Dec., 1901, paid S. M. Hulin, printing proceedings,	32.00	
“ “ “ A. Delano, envelopes, postage, etc.	5.25	
Jan., 1902, “ S. M. Hulin, printing letter heads and envelopes for 1902,	4.00	
Sept. 20, 1902, paid A. Delano, expenses. postage, etc., Aug. 1 to date,	10.40	
“ 22, “ paid Whitehead, Hoag Co., badges,	24.00	
	<hr/>	75.65
Sept. 24, “ A. M., balance		<hr/> \$2.37

On motion, report was received and accepted.

The Treasurer subsequently reported, Oct. 21st:

Sept. 24, 1902, A. M., balance reported,	2.37	
“ “ “ P. M., rec'd for dues and initiations,	117.00	
“ “ “ “ “ contributions,	2.00	
Oct. 6 “ received from Capt. Henry Guyer, contribution,	24.00	
	<hr/>	145.37
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Sept. 24, paid S. M. Hulin, menus and tickets,	7.75	
Oct. “ “ “ additional menu cards,	1.25	
“ “ “ W. S. Lambert, cash expenses,	2.00	
“ 15, “ Thos. R. Devor, expenses for vocalists,	15.00	
	<hr/>	26.00
Oct. 21, 1902, balance in treasury,		<hr/> \$119.37

Joseph T. Mead and Thomas Giles were appointed tellers.

Heber Wells, Samuel C. Shippen, Thomas Schell, George T. Witts and Charles Nix were elected members of the Association.

On motion, Resolved, that the present Executive Committee be also a committee to select and present nominations for election of officers.

Under suspension of the rules, Comrade James O. Smith urged that a decision be made at this time for the time and place for the next annual reunion. The Antietam Monument Committee, of which he was chairman, recommended that the Thirteenth Regiment Association meet next September at Antietam, and participate in the dedication of the monument to be erected there upon the spot where the regiment first went into battle.

The President suggested that it would be advisable to put the recommendation in the form of a resolution, whereupon it was on motion :

Resolved, That our next annual meeting and reunion be held at Antietam, Md., at the time of the dedication of the battlefield monument to be erected by the State of New Jersey, September 17th, 1903.

President Murphy remarked that should the weather be propitious, the occasion would be the most enjoyable reunion held since the regiment disbanded forty years ago.

The Executive Committee reported through James O. Smith, who said his necessary absence on duties connected with the Antietam Monument Commission had prevented him from sharing in the details of the arrangements for this reunion, but they had been left in good hands.

On motion, report was accepted and the committee continued until the close of this reunion:

The Committee of this Association on Antietam Battlefield Monument, as reorganized September 19th, 1900, reported as follows :

Sept. 24, 1902.

Mr. President and Comrades :

Your committee on Antietam Battlefield Monument tender you the following report:

Since the last report of this committee at our last annual reunion, the Legislative Assembly of New Jersey enacted a law authorizing the appointment by the Governor of three citizens of the State as Commissioners, who by the provisions of the law were charged with the duty of contracting for and erecting on the battlefield of Antietam such monuments as they should determine, commemorative of the services, and to mark the positions of the regiments and battalions of this State, who took part in the battle of Antietam during the war of the rebellion; and for such purposes and for necessary expenses connected therewith they set aside and appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be spent by said Commissioners.

The Governor of the State, Franklin Murphy, our Comrade and Honorable President of this Association; promptly signed the bill on its final passage by the Senate, thus completing the law.

In keeping with its provisions the Governor named as the aforementioned Commissioners the chairman of your committee, placing him as chairman of the Commission, thus conferring on him a very distinguished honor, and at the same time giving to your committee through its chairman the especial recognition it has always been his chief pleasure in life to practice toward the Thirteenth New Jersey Regi-

ment either to its members individually or collectively as a regimental organization.

The second member of this Commission, Joseph E. Crowell of Paterson, was also a member of the old Thirteenth Regiment, while the third, though a veteran with a very distinguished record as a soldier and in civil life, was not a Thirteenth man, he was a veteran of another Jersey Regiment and a Medal-of-Honor veteran—Col. John J. Toffey, of Jersey City.

The Commissioners appointed by the Governor have already determined that, in keeping with the generally adopted plans of the other States who have already placed monuments on this field; and in view of the amount appropriated for the purpose, that one imposing monument representative of the whole, the six New Jersey organizations that participated in this battle; with "markers" to locate the several positions occupied by each of them during the engagement was the best thing to be done.

They have selected a design, have made the contract for its making and erection; have visited the Antietam battlefield and selected a site for its location. This is at the junction of the Hagerstown Pike and a broad military road built by the Federal Government. This road crosses the Hagerstown road just where the left of the Thirteenth New Jersey Regiment was first in action on the morning of that eventful Seventeenth of September, just forty years ago. It may be opportune to say that the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment's monument is on the opposite corner of this position.

It is the purpose of the State Commission having this matter in charge to dedicate this monument on the next anniversary of the battle, September 17th, 1903. It is also

their purpose to try and secure the attendance at the ceremony of all the survivors who participated in that action, who served in New Jersey organizations. Should our present appropriation prove insufficient we shall ask the Legislature to provide sufficient additional money to enable us to furnish transportation to Antietam and return at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O. SMITH,
JOHN C. STANSFIELD,
JACOB WHITE,
WASHINGTON R. RUSSELL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and the committee continued.

The President here referred to the special bill passed by the last Legislature, making an appropriation for the erection of the Antietam monument, for which, he said, Representative William B. Garrabrants was entitled to much credit.

On motion, Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to Assemblyman William B. Garrabrants for his active and patriotic services at the last session of the State Legislature, in securing the appropriation by the State of \$10,000 for the State Battlefield Monument at Antietam, Maryland.

William B. Garrabrants was duly elected an Honorary Member of this Association.

Secretary Delano read the letters printed on the following page.

Thirteenth N. J. Vols.

25 Broad St., New York City,
September 24, 1902.

A. Delano, Esq.,

Recording Secretary.

My Dear Sir:

On my return from Gettysburg, where I witnessed the unveiling of my father's statue, I find your letter, inviting me to the 17th annual reunion of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers. I find that I cannot arrange to be away this afternoon, much to my regret. I hope that some of the members of your Association were at Gettysburg and will be able to tell you what a success the statue is, from every point of view.

Wishing you a most successful reunion, I remain,

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. SLOCUM.

Newark, September 20, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano, Recording Secretary.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of 15th inst. inviting me to participate with the Veterans in the proposed festivities on the coming reunion, is received. I have waited till now before replying, because of the uncertainties in regard to my being able to attend. It is with regret that I find I shall not be able. Thanking you sincerely, I am

Very truly yours,

AMZI DODD.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 22, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano, Secretary.

Dear Comrade:

Your invitation to be present at the Seventeenth Annual Reunion of the Thirteenth Regt. N. J. Vols. was this day received. Comrade Smith intimated that an invitation would be extended to me, and I

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agreed to be present, but unfortunately a business matter calls me out of the city, and I regret that I cannot be with you.

If the comrades that I have been associated with during the past week are a sample of the survivors of the gallant 13th, I know I shall miss a most enjoyable evening.

Trusting you may have a pleasant reunion, I am

Truly yours,

JOHN J. TOFFEY.

Mountain View, N. J., Sept. 22, 1902:

Dear Comrade Delano:

I find it will be impossible for me to be with you at our Seventeenth Annual Reunion. I regret it very much, and shall miss the pleasure of greeting you all and hearing your kind words of welcome and cheer. Kindly remember me to all my comrades, extending to them my best wishes and loving congratulations.

Your Comrade,

A. M. HARRIS.

Boston, Sept. 17, 1902.

Mr. James E. Garabrant, Treas.,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Comrade:

* * * * * I regret very much that I cannot be with you at the reunion next week. Please convey to Gov. Murphy and all the others my fraternal greetings and very best wishes.

It hardly seems possible that forty years have passed—forty years ago today when the regiment entered upon the first of that long series of engagements in which it won such renown. But notwithstanding the lapse of years, I think the scene on the Hagerstown pike, where brave Captain Irish met his death, and later the incidents of the fight in the woods near the Dunker Church, must be vividly impressed upon

the memory of every one of us. With me they are stamped as indelibly upon my mind as though these events had taken place but yesterday.

May God bless every one of my dear old comrades.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. HOPKINS.

St. Louis, Sept. 20, 1902.

Thirteenth N. J. Veteran Association.

Dear Comrades:

Again your call, not to arms but to the banquet board, reaches me, but I am unable to be present unless it be in an astral sense.

The receipt of the notice always brings to me a picture of our first fight, where the gallant Captain Irish fell. I was but a short distance from him at the moment, going over the fence, and I still can see him pitching forward.

I was over that portion of the field next day and have often wondered since why so few of us were killed, for the rails of that fence were literally riddled with bullet holes. I do not think there was six inches of space on any rail that did not have a bullet hole in it. But many of us were saved through that and other like scenes, and today some of you are enjoying the hospitality of Comrade-Governor Murphy, who endured with us the exposures, fatigues and horrors of that fearful strife.

May you one and all live to take part in many reunions to come, and may the only strife you engage in be that of striving to win the good opinion of your fellow men.

Yours sincerely,

JAS. B. WILDE.

Mayor's Office, Orange, N. J.,
September 19, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano, Secretary.

My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your kind invitation to attend the annual reunion of the Veteran Association of the Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers—an organization which can boast of having for its head the honored

Executive of our State. I should love to be with you, but just at present I am restrained by my physician from participating in any such repasts, and so I am reluctantly compelled to be absent from what would be an interesting occasion.

Very truly,
HENRY STETSON,
Mayor.

The Corresponding Secretary read the following letters :

Neenah, Wis., Sept. 21, 1902.

S. Morris Hulin, Bloomfield, N. J.

Dear Comrade :

I received this A. M. your greetings for the Old 3d Wisconsin from the 13th New Jersey, and I extend to the boys of the 13th the greeting of the 3d Wisconsin. During our session on the 16th and 17th we received telegraphic greetings from the 2d Massachusetts, 27th Indiana and the 107th New York, which were responded to in like manner. Your communication was sent to W. F. Goodhue, Milwaukee. His widow received it the 18th, too late for the reunion, and forwarded it to me. A copy of our 1901 Proceedings, which I am sending, will give you the particulars of Comrade Goodhue's death better than I can.

Fraternally,
L. A. PHETTEPLACE,
Secretary 3d Wis. Vol. Inf. Association.

American House, Boston.
Sept. 17, 1902.

S. Morris Hulin, Corresponding Secretary.

Dear Sir and Comrades of the 13th N. J. Inf. Association :

Your kind greetings are duly at hand, having been received and read by our late Adjutant, Major John A. Fox. As the Cor. Secy. of our Association I am most happy to return greetings to the officers and men of the Thirteenth, assembled upon your Seventeenth Reunion.

Our 31st meeting has been a glorious one, some seventy of the men being present. Our rolls contain the names of some 350 as survivors of the Old Second, and we feel that out of an enrollment of over seven hundred men that is a very fair showing. There may be others living whose addresses we cannot find, but we have the old boys pretty well located, and what a glorious thing it would be could we only all come together once more, call the rolls and line up again for a dress parade. But that can never be,

Tell the old boys the men of the Second will ever cherish a memory of those who stood with them during those long and weary marches, and were at our side in the time of peril when friends and comrades gave up the last hope of life a sacrifice to country and in defense of the flag we followed so long for freedom and the right.

Very truly yours,

JOHN R. MERRITT,

Cor. Secy.

Regimental Asso. of the 107th N. Y. V.,
Elmira, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1902.

S. Morris Hulin, Cor. Sec. 13th N. J. Vols.

Dear Comrade:

Yours received and read to the 107th boys last Wednesday. Its sentiments of comradeship were fully appreciated. I regret that the 107th and 13th have lost the "touch of elbows" for the past year or so. If it is my fault, I sincerely apologize and promise not to "lose step" again. We had a fine reunion and sent forty of our men to Gettysburg to the dedication.

Fraternally yours,

ARTHUR S. FITCH,

Secy. 107th N. Y. V. Association.

The Nominating Committee reported through James O. Smith, that it seemed to the committee eminently desirable to have Governor Murphy continue to be President of the Association for the coming year, for especial reasons, and hoped that he would not decline. The committee therefore reported for President Franklin Murphy and for Vice-President Daniel F. Shea.

President Murphy, responding to the report, said in substance: "You all know that I am an exceedingly busy man. I would prefer that you should choose some one else. It is an honor to hold this office and it is an honor that should be passed along. I hope you will all live long enough to be President. While this is so, next year, when you are to meet and dedicate your monument, it will be done in the eye of the whole nation. I can see that it will be an advantage for you to have the Governor of your State as your presiding officer. In this public view of it, perhaps it is best for me to do as you wish. I thank you, and will accept."

Election of officers:

Franklin Murphy was re-elected President.

Daniel F. Shea was elected Vice-President.

James E. Garabrant re-elected Treasurer.

Albert Delano " Recording Secretary.

S. Morris Hulin " Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. E. Livingston Allen elected Chaplain.

On motion, Resolved, That a list of the names of present members of the Association be printed along with the printed report of this reunion.

The President appointed as the Executive Committee for next reunion :

Capt. A. M. Matthews, 93 Berkeley Ave., Orange, N. J.

Jacob White, 248 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.

William S. Lambert, 875 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Thomas R. Devor, 740 Broad St, " "

Grant A. Wheeler, 131 Steuben St., East Orange, N. J.

At 5 P. M., adjourned.

ALBERT DELANO,

Recording Sec'y.

THE REUNION DINNER.

“There are no friends like old friends,
Friends of our boyhood days ;
No incense like their greetings;
No homage like their praise.

“Fame is a gaudy sunflower,
With senseless crown of gold ;
But friendship is a breathing rose,
With sweets in every fold.”

This beautiful sentiment, quoted by Governor Murphy toward the close of the evening's festivity, may well be transplanted and placed by itself, at the heading of this rehearsal of what all concede to have been the “best reunion” the Old Thirteenth has yet enjoyed.

The informal “good time” commenced immediately after the adjournment of the formal business meeting. The large room became at once well filled, transformed and brightened by the presence of the half-hundred ladies—the other-half-comrades, so to speak, who were now to have *their* say in these proceedings, and above all else desired to be presented to the Governor. This was easy of accomplishment, for there was an absence of frozen ceremony, or social red-tape, by which the conventional State reception is usually distinguished. For this occasion “democratic simplicity” prevailed.

The Governor himself broke the ice by circulating about the room, here, there and everywhere, with a jolly good word for everybody ; and if any comrade or lady did not meet Governor Murphy and exchange a few words with him and

have a "good time" generally during the delightful hour devoted to this hearty "go-as-you-please reception" they were themselves at fault.

At the hour of six close upon two hundred comrades and friends formed in line and entered the dining hall. The arrangement of tables was excellent and when the whole company was seated it would have presented a pretty picture for publication had the flashlight that somebody took proved a success. It was the one incident, or attempt, that somehow came short of expectation.

The Committee that had made arrangements for the dinner, with carte blanche from President Murphy, consisted of Comrades Smith, Van Iderstine, Wheeler, Devor and Lambert. Their efforts bore fruit in the elegantly spread tables, at each plate being placed a menu card of suitable design, the inside pages of which are here reproduced by request, to enable members of the Association who were not present to have a copy of the menu and poem written by the Corresponding Secretary for this occasion. On the outside of the card was printed the portrait of General Williams, also reproduced by request on the last page of this book.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH

1862

A Reminiscence

By THE ADJUTANT'S CLERK.

ONE week it was after Antietam's big fight :
Forty years, looking backward, from this
joyous night !

Where were you, Old Comrade, at "Reveille ?"
Call over the roll, Sergeant SHEA, let us see
How many volunteers now number we
Of those who on *that* day were mustered in camp
On Maryland Heights—after battle and tramp :
Forty I guess, or say sixty—all told ;
Boys we were then, and now ? We're not old !

Yes, there we stacked arms and in rows on the sod
Bivouacked bravely, 'neath the canopy of God !
Not for one night—but a good month went by
There in those brush-houses under the sky.

So we season'd for veterans, thro' sun and rain,
While of us a hundred had been wounded or slain.
Shelter we had not, but of "grub" FIELD brought some,
The wagons at Rockville—would our tents never come ?
"Haversack's empty" was a chronic disorder,
"Fall in" and "*B lively !*" I hear "ANDY" shout,
"Fall in for your hard-tack !" good Government fodder ;
Same order to-night, but none will "fall out" ;
Cooked "rations" are plenty, of this have no doubt.

Call the roll, Sergeant, and softly, once more :
There are many "at rest" on the "Evergreen Shore."
Tell their deeds—name the battlefields o'er and o'er,
From Antietam to Bentonville, their valor to prove,
From IRISH to INGRAM—HARRIS, BEARDSLEY, LOVE.

While here we sit down to partake of this cheer,
Reinforced by our friends—no "enemy" near,
God's blessing for all, from greatest to least,
With thanks for this banquet—our GOVERNOR'S FEAST.

Thirteenth N. J. Vols.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY-FOURTH

1902

"Cooked Rations"

OYSTERS

Blue Points on Ice

RELISHES

Stewed Tomatoes Olives Pickles Celery

SOUP

Cream of Chicken, à la Reine

FISH

Baked Bluefish, à la Creole

English Potatoes

ENTREE

Tenderloin of Beef with Mushrooms

Green Peas Duchesse Potatoes

ROAST

Philadelphia Turkey, stuffed

Watercress Cranberry Sauce

SALAD

Lettuce and Apple with Mayonaise

DESSERT

Mixed Ice Cream Cake

Fruit

Café noir

When the "cooked rations" had been vanquished and the waiters "ordered to the rear," "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by all, led by Comrade Devor. The Governor opened the after dinner program, saying that he knew of no better way of beginning than with a little music, and asked the Mendelssohn Quartette to sing "The Flag of Our Country." The Quartette, consisting of Messrs. Wm. R. Williams, T. M. Ward, Henry D. Northrup and C. G. Nuessle, responded to the call and sang the piece with fine effect.

President Murphy in making the opening speech said it was his duty and privilege to say a word to his assembled comrades, yet he hardly knew how to begin. "Forty years ago this summer you and I started from Camp Frelinghuysen for the South. Could we have seen what was before us, could we have looked ahead and seen the marches and the battles; the suffering and the hunger; the wounded and the dead: it would have taken more nerve than most of us had to continue that march. But now that it is all over it is regarded by every man as a blessed heritage—something that no other experience could replace. Last week at Gettysburg I heard an orator say, speaking of the dead and of what the soldier had done for the country, there was yet something to be done for him, and that was to make up the difference between the pay that he received, the currency of that time, and the gold standard. I replied that there was something worth more to the old soldier than that:—the knowledge and the satisfaction that he had gone forth, without thinking of his pay, to do what he could to preserve the government. The value of that service could not be measured by all the money in the United States Treasury. "If you remember," the Governor said, addressing his

comrades, when the Thirteenth offered its services the paying of bounties to induce enlistments was unknown. "You and I went because the country was in danger, and if necessary we would have gone without pay. The Old Thirteenth did not go out for the *pay*, and we resent the talk about paying the old soldier more than the pensions that are honestly his due.

"It is forty years since we went out; I was sixteen, some of you were older. Grant Wheeler says he was thirty-two. Some of our hair has disappeared, mine has remained. But our hearts are still young, our ties of affection still true to each other after all these years have passed. Governor Odell cannot understand the feelings of the old soldier, because he was not a soldier himself. You and I do understand each other, because of our common experience. At Antietam we found out what a battle-line was before we knew anything about a dress parade. There we participated in our first engagement, seventeen days after leaving home, and we want everybody here to go with us there next year."

Addressing Comrade Smith, the Governor said in conclusion: "Go down to Trenton when your representatives meet, and get a bill passed providing an appropriation for transportation for all survivors who participated in that battle, and I give you my word that I will sign the bill."

The Governor's patriotic speech, of which the above is an outline, was frequently interrupted by hearty applause. At its conclusion, when order was restored, Mrs. King sang by request, with well merited approbation, "The Stars and Stripes."

The President called upon Mr. John S. Gibson, late Comptroller of the City of Newark, a guest of the Association,

who made an eloquent address. Mr. Gibson said that he had attended many regimental reunions, but never without a feeling of embarrassment, realizing that he was outside of that comradeship which knit old soldiers together. Referring to Governor Murphy he said: "If I were in his place I would be willing to exchange the proud distinction of Chief Executive of the State for membership in the Grand Army, if I could get it in no other way." It had not been his privilege to be a comrade, but his memory as a lad of twelve carried him back to one of the most vivid scenes of his life, where, up in "Old Sussex," in the second year of the Civil War, he witnessed the raising of part of a regiment. The scene was in the old meeting house, where the call for volunteers to go to the front was made, and seventeen young men responded—a fair type of the men who went out in the Thirteenth. He remembered their departure, a green regiment that in less than three months was to meet the enemy at Fredericksburg. He paid a glowing tribute to the American soldier in a war the history of which eclipsed the valor of the armies and the battles of the Old World. The subsequent history of a third of a century had demonstrated by human effort and human responsibility the re-establishment and perpetuity of popular government.

Touching upon the heroism of the mothers of those who went out in the service of their country, Mr. Gibson said they could never be repaid for what they gave. He related a story of recruiting in Buffalo, as told him by an Irish minister, that in a meeting where men were asked to sign the roll, an Irish woman in the audience said to her husband, who hesitated, "Put your name on the gentleman's paper, Jamie, or I'll not name the gossoon for ye." It was this spirit

of patriotism pervading all ranks and classes that urged men forth to defend the flag and to follow it to any part of the world and uphold it in any land where it was once raised.

In closing the speaker discussed to some extent present day problems, to meet which called for the most exalted citizenship and wisdom, demanding a broadened patriotism and statesmanship commensurate with the development of this country.

The Mendelssohn Quartette sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," in the refrain of which the whole company joined.

President Murphy called upon Col. T. P. O'Reilly, and he responded wittily, speaking of both the pleasure and the pain of being called upon to make a speech. He said the old soldier was now enjoying his best days, but might still look for better to come. Peter Cooper had many years before remarked to him, when as a young man he had spoke of himself as a soldier in the Civil War: "Young man, your best days are yet to come." To illustrate this Peter Cooper told him of the pleasure and admiration he felt in listening to old Revolutionary soldiers fighting their battles over again to the glory of Washington, Lafayette and—themselves. "Boys, Peter Cooper was right." Col. O'Reilly said, and now we know it. "None of us would forego the pleasure of these meetings where we tell of the deeds we did in the war, and some things we *didn't* do."

The President here read the sentiment: "There are no friends like old friends," and called upon Comrade Thomas R. Devor. The brief speech he made was a prelude to the singing of Company D's song, "The Evergreen Shore."

which has been sung at almost every reunion of the regiment.

Comrade James O. Smith was called upon and told of his visit to Antietam the week previous. The Commission appointed by Governor Murphy, with Col. Carman and Capt. Matthews, rode over the entire field, starting from Keedysville and stopping at the point on the Hagerstown road where the boys were first taken into the fight. The Government had built fine roads over the battleground and it was at the junction of one of these with the Hagerstown road that the New Jersey monument would be placed, the Second Massachusetts monument being on the opposite corner.

Comrade Smith, on behalf of Comrade Charles Edmondson, presented to President Murphy a cane made from wood taken from a Spanish block house captured by American troops in the Cuban war. The handle of the cane is the carved head of an Irish hound, and below it is a gold band on which is engraved: "Sergeant Edmondson to Captain Murphy, Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers, 1902."

Governor Murphy, accepting the gift, asked Comrade Edmondson to rise and then said he would treasure it as Comrade Murphy, because the brave man who carried the colors of the regiment bravely in battle gave it as a comrade.

The singing of "America" by the whole audience, led by the Mendelssohn Quartette closed the evening's festivities.

Among the invited guests present were: E. O. Doremus, President American Insurance Co., of Newark; Thomas Hindle, of Orange; Theodore F. Alston, formerly of 2d Regt. N. J. Vols., of Orange; John Stagg, formerly of 11th N. J. Vols., and Chief of Fire Department, Paterson, N. J.,

Dr. Layton, (son of Capt. Layton, late of 13th N. J. Vols.)
 First Lieutenant of Hugh C. Irish Camp, S. of V., Paterson,
 N. J.; George B. Senior, Honorary Member, Paterson, N. J.;
 Wm. F. Ryerson, formerly of 2d So. Car. Cavalry, C. S. A.,
 of Newark; Samuel Clark, of Newark; James Hare, of
 Brooklyn, L. I.

In the absence of the usual stenographic reports of the re-
 union dinner speeches the foregoing account has been pre-
 pared and is respectfully submitted by the

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ADDITIONAL LETTERS.

437 Main St., Orange, N. J., Oct. 2, 1902.

My Dear Mr. Delano:

It was a great disappointment to me not to be able to be present at
 the 13th Regiment Reunion last week, as I had up to almost the last
 moment expected to have attended. I had one of my severe headaches
 that day and it did not pass off in time for me to go and so I was de-
 prived of the pleasure which I always so much enjoy, especially this
 year, when I understood some extra features were to be added. I have
 since seen one or two of those who were present and they reported a
 most enjoyable occasion. Hoping you are well and that I may have a
 call from you soon, I am

Very cordially,

WILBERFORCE FREEMAN.

P. S. I shall plan to go to Gettysburg with you next year, as it is
 some time since I was there. My *first* visit was a few days after the
 battle.

New York, Sept. 17th, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano, Secretary.

My Dear Sir:

You will please accept my thanks for your cordial invitation to attend the 17th Annual Reunion of the Veteran Association of the 13th Regiment N. J. Volunteers, but I regret to say that I shall be out of town Wednesday, 24th inst.

Very truly yours,

J. E. REYNOLDS.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 17th, 1902.

A. Delano, Esq.,

Secretary.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Spottiswoode desires me to thank you for your kind invitation to the dinner of the 13th Regt. N. J. Vols, but he regrets his inability to attend owing to a previous engagement.

Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SPOTTISWOODE.

Orange, Sept. 23d, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano,

Dear Sir and Comrade:

I regret that I cannot be present with you all on the 24th.

Thanking you for your kind remembrance of me I remain

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH B. BRAY.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 19th, 1902.

A. Delano, Esq. Newark, N. J.

My Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for your invitation for the 24th, and regret my inability to accept it.

Yours very truly,

JOHN N. LINDSLEY.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 23d, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano, Secretary 13th Regt. N. J. Vols.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your cordial invitation to attend your annual reunion to be held to-morrow. In the absence of Mr. Hindle, who will attend, I must remain here, so regretfully decline. I trust that on some future occasion I may have the honor of being with you.

Yours,

EZRA C. WILLIAMS.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 23d, 1902.

Mr. A. Delano.

Dear Sir and Comrade :

Your very kind invitation to attend the festivities on the occasion of the Seventeenth Annual Reunion of the Veteran Association of the 13th Regt. N. J. Vols. was duly received and thoroughly appreciated. I regret to say I will be unable to attend on account of previous engagement.

Very truly yours,

CHAS. E. DODD.

Orange, N. J., Sept. 19, 1902:

A. Delano, Esq., Rec. Secy.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 15th inst. received. Am very sorry that a previous engagement on that date will prevent my accepting your kind invitation of 24th inst.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD A. EVERITT.

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DEATHS REPORTED TO SECRETARY SINCE OCT. 18, 1901.

James Soden,	Died Dec. 18, 1901, Newark, N. J.
Andrew Lefurge,	Died Jan. 5, 1902, Asbury Park, N. J.
Valentine Strobert,	Died Feb. 12, 1902, Orange, N. J.
John W. Ogden,	Died Oct. 17, 1902, Newark, N. J.



MAJ. GEN. ALPHEUS S. WILLIAMS.