

MAIMED AND DISABLED SOLDIERS.

Some provision on the part of the State, seems to be demanded, for the maintenance and support, of the maimed and disabled soldiers, who have returned to their homes, from the bloody strife in which they have so bravely upheld the credit of their native State, during the four years of this rebellion. From the Potomac to the Rio Grande—upon every field which this conflict has made memorable, the blood of these gallant men has been poured out in defence of a government which they prized more than their lives. Maryland has just cause to be proud of her returned veterans. They are the cherished records of a conflict, which in the magnitude of its proportions, stands without a parallel in the world's history, and which in the probabilities of the future, giving all due weight to the excesses of human madness, can never be repeated in our own. At a time when the perils of war looked most portentous and threatening—when the fate of Republican government trembled in the balance—amidst the sneers and discouragement, with profound sorrow be it said, of a large class of our own citizens—these brave and patriotic men, flocked to the standard of their country. A border State, with the capital of the Union identified with its destiny, Maryland had her sympathies so indicated—could not have provoked the certain destruction of an encounter with twenty millions of freemen. But a nobler impulse governed her action. She loved the Union, because of the countless blessings which it had conferred upon her; she loved it as the only successful check upon the unbridled march of despotic power; she loved it as the home and centering point of that principle of universal freedom, which caused us to seek a home on this continent. When the old flag, glittering with the proud symbols of a nationality to which she was indissolubly bound, received the first shock of the brooding storm, the true sons of Maryland were among the first who rushed to its rescue; and these are the men for whom your sympathies are invoked. Without the ability to be any longer useful to themselves or their country—shattered and disabled by the toils and hardships of war, they throw themselves upon the protecting arm of their native State. The reference of their claim to a select committee of your body, may lead to the maturing of plans, which may do justice to the great services they have rendered, and show by your liberality, the appreciation in which they are held by a grateful and admiring people.

THE NAVAL ACADEMY—ITS REMOVAL FROM ANNAPOLIS.

In the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Navy objections are urged to the present location of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, chiefly upon the ground of the inconvenience arising