

owing to the very extraordinary exertions of our officers and men. The Marshal, Deputy Marshals, Captains, Lieutenants, and Sergeants, with each and every man, deserve our highest commendation for the noble manner in which they discharged their respective duties, and believe that the citizens and military authorities will bear us out in saying the police force aided them largely on many important occasions in preparing for the defence of the city.

The city, as is known to most of your honorable body, is divided into four Police Districts, as follows: Eastern, Middle, Western and Southern Districts, all of which are as nearly equal as circumstances will admit, excepting the Middle, which, being in the centre of the city, has one-third more men than either the other Districts.

The entire force consists of 349 officers and men, whom we believe to be polite, courteous and attentive in the discharge of their duties to citizens and strangers at all times and under all circumstances; indeed, often have the members of the Board been complimented by strangers visiting our city, for their gentlemanly bearing, and their marked attention extended to them at the several railroad depots and on the great thoroughfares.

During the July excitement, at the urgent request of a large and influential committee of citizens, the Board employed 375 extra men for four nights only.

The Detective force of five men have been faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duties. This part of the force has rendered good service to the General Government, in many instances, which would not be proper to state.

The report of the Marshal as to the number of arrests, and the amount of goods and money recovered and returned to the owners from the 17th March, 1864, to December 31st, 1864, you will find appended to this report.

This force has been in existence nearly three years, each year giving experience for future profit.

There has been three elections during the year, yet the good order of the city has been preserved.

The discipline of the force we believe to be equal to that of any city in the Union.

This discipline is preserved by placing on the force men of reputation, who are interested in maintaining the good character of the force, and are willing to observe the rules.

In order to preserve the discipline of the force, it has been the duty of the Board to dismiss forty-one officers for violation of the rules.

There have been twenty-nine resignations and three deaths during the year.