

would not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars, and although the appropriation for the purpose met with no opposition to my knowledge, it was apparently by some inadvertence overlooked; and to meet our proportion of the first expenditures required on the Cemetery, I was forced to appeal to the liberality of the gentleman whom I had appointed the Trustee on the part of this State, and the amount for the time required was very generously advanced by Benjamin Deford, Esq., the Trustee referred to. I would now recall the case to your attention and earnestly recommend an early appropriation for the full amount of our State's probable proportion.

Under the authority of an Act of the last Legislature I appointed a General Agent to attend personally to the wants of the sick and wounded soldiers of this State in the Armies of the United States, and this agency has proved a most acceptable service to these meretorious men. By its means they are enabled to bring with little delay their wants to the knowledge of the proper authorities; to procure transfers whenever it is deemed expedient to make them, from one Hospital to another; to keep up a communication with their families at home, to secure a prompt supply of various small stores required by their condition, and to feel the comforting assurance which each visit of the Agent brings with it, that they are remembered and as far as practicable provided for. The first Agent appointed, Sebastian F. Streeter, Esq., contracted in one of his visits to the Army a disease which terminated his useful and patriotic career a few months after his appointment; his successor Richard King, Esq., is now assiduously discharging the duties of the Agency with several assistants, and the disbursements on its account as you will see by the report and accounts submitted to you have been kept within the limits of the appropriation made for the purpose.

The Flags ordered to be purchased and presented to such of the Regiments of the State as have distinguished themselves in the service have been nearly all provided. Eight of our Regiments in the field have received each a Regimental and a National Flag, with appropriate inscriptions and the evidence furnished in these gratifying testimonials, that the State has a proper appreciation of the services of her soldiers, will, I have no doubt, be productive of the happiest results. I hope and believe that I shall be able to provide the other Flags yet to be delivered, without exceeding the amount appropriated for the purpose.

#### THE STATE MILITIA.

I would earnestly invite your co-operation in maturing and perfecting the Militia system and the Militia organizations of