

ITEMS—GENERAL AND LOCAL.

Surgeon B. A. VANDERKIEFT, U. S. Vols., Acting Medical Director of Hospitals at Annapolis, has been relieved by Surgeon CHARLES SUTHERLAND, U. S. A., who arrived in this City on Wednesday.

Act. Ass't Surgeon JOSHUA SWEET, U. S. A., has been relieved from duty at Camp Parole Hospital, by the Act. Medical Director, and reported to Surgeon in Charge for duty at this Hospital, on Monday.

Major General BUTLER, and Maj MULFORD, arrived by special train, from Washington, on Thursday last, and left on the Steamer New York, for Fortress Monroe.

The Vanderkief Literary Association had a delightful meeting on Tuesday Evening. It was graced by a large number of spectators, including many ladies, some from the City. The *Knapsack*, as well as the debate, possessed more than usual interest, and were highly applauded. We do not know a better place to spend an hour or two, and would recommend those who have not visited it, to avail themselves of the first opportunity to do so, as we are sure they will be amply recompensed.

The Flag-of-Truce Steamer New York, arrived at our wharf Wednesday morning. She started from Fortress Monroe, for Baltimore, Tuesday, with dispatches and mail, taking the place of one of the regular line.—She had a very boisterous time during Tuesday night, having met a heavy gale from north-west. When she arrived at the mouth of the Patapsco, there was too much ice in the river for her to proceed, and she was compelled to return to this port for coal. The Captain received a telegram to remain at Annapolis and await orders.

We learn by the New York, that there did not seem to be any probability or rumor, when she left, that the release of our soldiers at Richmond would be soon.

Subscriptions for the *Catch* still increase in number. We continue to thank our friends for their liberality, and hope they will go on in the work, and help us to make it one of the nicest, as well as one of the most useful little Hospital papers published. Without any disparagement to others, we say we have great pride in it.

Subscriptions may be left with the Rev. I. O. SLOAN, or copies may be had of him at his rooms at any time after the issue. We have a carrier who will deliver it to subscribers either in or out of the Hospital.

We would call the attention of merchants and others to the facilities we offer for advertising. We think the *Catch* is one of the best mediums that can be found for reaching buyers; soldiers see it, and they spend, sometimes, a great deal of money, especially after pay-day.

The State Fair Association of the women of Maryland, for the benefit of the "Christian and Sanitary Commissions," have issued a circular calling upon the loyal women of the State for their aid. The ladies of Annapolis have formed themselves into a Branch Association, and request the attention of the Ladies of this County to this circular, and invite their co-operation. The payment of one dollar constitutes membership, and the sum thus gathered will form a fund necessary for the purchase of materials etc. The Fair will be held the 19th of April.

Mrs. Dr. VANDERKIEFT has been appointed to solicit and receive contributions in this Hospital. Articles of every description will be accepted, especially those manufactured, or contributed by soldiers, which will have greater interest. A bone ring—a carved pipe—a pencil sketch—a bullet—or any relic of the battle field, or article associated with the war, will be acceptable, and will always sell on occasions of this kind, for a good price. Fancy, and useful articles, culinary preparations, for Hospital use, and "even an ironing-holder, quilted of old calico, will be acceptable," as well as "wood, hay, vegetables, etc." It is expected however, that the offerings be liberal, and the contributions from this Hospital, at least, be such as shall command the highest praise from others, and be a source of pride to ourselves, as well as be some little return for the great liberality shown towards us.

Passed Away.

In the noontide, in the glory of remembrance' brightest day; with a timid half-told story one has swiftly passed away. Just as sweetest golden showers, overcast the glowing sky, and the peaceful, sunny hours, glided most serenely by. Passed away as flits a meteor, through the azure mist of night; swift as hinds o'er cliffs, and fleet—fleet than the zephyrs flight. While the hoarfrost lay like jewels, sparkling in the withered grass; and the morn with fresh renewals, lighted up the eastern pass. One who was our very dreaming—was the prompter of each thought; filled our hearts with love's own beaming; taught us love as love we ought. Touched those deeper springs—and ringing, joined sweet voice with each sweet chord; every nobler impulse clinging, to each joyous happy word. But we gave too, friendship, burning with a warmth it could not hide; gave too, love, thus love returning—love, whatever may betide. Never hands so warmly fashioned, or with friendship filled more even! never heartlove so impassioned! none more wildy, freely given. And we looked out in the vista, of the many coming years; building castles in the air, ah! castles like the poet rears; castles in a dreamland, higher than the fleecy cloudrift's fly; near the crescent moon's soft fire, and the stars that 'round it shy. Daisy beds, and tulips, never spread a richer way than we; and the pathway led on ever to a cloudless felicity. Perfumes filled the waving breezes, like those of Italia's clime; where no dark mist forms, nor freezes, where 'tis always summer time. From this—out upon the lining, of the broad ethereal world, all the stars so sweetly shining, and the banners all unfurled; then we saw the east illuming, bright'ning as the new born day; but a sudden darkness coming left us only this to say—In the noontide in the glory of remembrance' brightest day, with a timid half-told story, one has swiftly passed away.—Just as sweetest golden showers, overcast the glowing sky, and the peaceful, sunny hours, glided most serenely by.

From the Richmond Enquirer.

General Butler and the Rebels.

The Richmond *Enquirer*, of January 15, than which no Rebel paper was more loud-tongued in its declaration that General Butler was an outlaw and could never hold official communication with the Rebel authorities, thus backs down from its high and ridiculous pretensions:

A flag-of-truce boat was reported, yesterday, to have arrived at City Point. If this news be true, we shall, probably, have advices from the United States to-day. It seems that the Lincoln Government have determined to keep Beast Butler in charge of the Confederate prisoners. Advices from the North, state that all our prisoners in the enemy's hands are to be concentrated at Point Lookout, in Maryland, and the Beast is to be given authority over them. We learn, from trustworthy sources, that Butler has assumed command at Point Lookout, and that the first intimation our imprisoned soldiers had of the fact, beyond a rumor in camp, was the promulgation of an order from him, positively prohibiting the citizens of Maryland from showing any sympathy to our men, or furnishing them with any necessities whatever.

Before that, owing to the kindness of the Maryland women, who are almost entirely Southern in their feeling and action, the Confederate prisoners had managed to bear the rigors of confinement with tolerable equanimity. Their condition now is deplorable. Butler is an outcast, and can never be recognized as entitled to the privileges accorded to a foe taken in lawful warfare; yet it may become a question whether our Government should not consult the feelings of the Confederate soldiers now lingering in Northern dungeons, and take the earliest practicable opportunity of releasing them. Treating with Butler will not release the piteous wretch from the ban of outlawry pronounced against him. We can still hang him, when we catch him; but catching is before hanging. He should, however, be executed, and doubtless will be, by the first Confederate officer in whose hands he may chance to fall.

The long expected Russian Fleet, we are told, is expected in this Harbor daily. We have no doubt it will create some excitement, and add interest to the City, as a large number from the cities and adjoining country will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit that which has caused so much talk and wonder throughout the Country.

Report of Changes in Divisions No. 1 and 2.

Division No. 1.

B. A. VANDERKIEFT, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

- Louis Voltaire, Capt., 98th Pa. Vols., Jan. 17, 1864.
- Henry R. West, Capt., 62d Ohio Vols., Jan. 17th.
- James Cress, Capt., 99th Pa. Vols., Jan. 20th.
- G. Williams, Lieut., 11th Maine Vols., Jan. 20th.
- Richard Robins, 1st Lieut., 11th U. S. Inf., Jan. 15th.
- C. H. Martin, Corp., Co. C, 2d Maine Vols., Jan. 15th.
- Jacob Reim, Musician, Co. E, 12th N. Y. Vols., Jan. 17th.
- John Webster, Musician, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, Jan. 15th.
- Joseph Stoll, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, Jan. 15th.
- Augustus G. Tinkham, Private, Co. A, 40th Mass. Vols., Jan. 17.
- Lewis Kuffman, Private, Co. B, 107th Pa. Vols., Jan. 17th.
- George B. Turpin, Private, 12th Pa. Cav., Jan. 20th.

Returned to Duty:

- John Barry, Lieut., 1st U. S. Cavalry, Jan. 14th, 1864.
- Harrison Robertson, Private, Co. E, 1st U. S. S., Jan. 18th.
- J. Robinson, Private, Co. C, 1st U. S. S., Jan. 18th.
- Amos Corliss, Private, Co. C, 17th U. S. Inf., Jan. 18th.
- Peter Maloney, Private, Co. E, 12th N. Y. Cavalry, Jan. 18th.
- E. H. Whittemore, Private, Co. K, 76th N. Y. Vols., Jan. 18th.
- J. Fisher, Private, Co. A, 86th N. Y. Vols., Jan. 18th.
- Patrick Callan, Private, Co. C, 2d N. J. Vols., Jan. 18th.
- Thomas W. Dunn, Private, Co. A, 5th P. R. V. C., Jan. 18th.
- Edward McFarlan, Private, Co. A, 6th Pa. Vols., Jan. 18th.
- Emos Jones, Private, Co. D, 18th Ohio Vols., Jan. 18th.
- John Hill, Private, Co. I, 5th Mich. Cav., Jan. 18th.
- Michael Creevy, Private, Co. H, 13th Mich. Vols., Jan. 18th.
- James Burke, Private, Co. A, 1st Md. Art., Jan. 19th.

On Furlough:

- H. V. Hobart, Sergt Major, 6th Mich. Cavalry, 30 days.
- William G. Davis, Sergt., Co. I, 8th Kansas Vols., 60 days.
- Erastus Hull, Corp., 6th Mich. Cavalry, 25 days.
- Jesse B. Chisom, Private, Co. F, 14th N. Y. S. M., 20 days.
- Jacob Jerome, Private, Co. D, 120th N. Y. Vols., 20 days.
- John Gunderman, Private, Co. C, 126th N. Y. Vols., 20 days.
- Adolph Zindel, Private, Co. G, 12th Mass. Vols., 30 days.

Returned from Furloughs:

- Birney Hoyt, Sergt., Co. A, 6th Mich. Cavalry.
- W. W. Miller, Capt., 8th Ohio Vols., ret'd from leave of absence.
- G. B. Love, Hosp'l Steward, U. S. A., reported at this Hospital.
- Joshua Sweet, Act. Ass't Surgeon, U. S. A., reported for duty at this Hospital, Jan. 17, 1864, pursuant to Special Order No. 5, dated at Medical Director's Office, Annapolis, Md., Jan. 16th, 1864.

Transferred:

- P. Shields, Private, Co. D, 6th Wis. Vols., to Phila., Jan. 14th.
- George W. Demster, Private, 122d Ohio Vols., to Camp Chase, Ohio, Jan. 20th.
- Godfrey Lambert, Private 118th Co., 2d Batt., Invalid Corps, to Washington, D. C., Jan. 15th.

Discharged:

- W. W. Miller, Capt., 8th Ohio Vols., S. O. No. 8, A. G. O., Jan. 12.
- Andrew J. Moffit, Sergt., 3d Va. Cav., Jan. 18th.
- John H. Elliott, Private, 96th Ohio Vols., Jan. 18th.

Died:

- Philip Kiefer, Corp., Co. F, 75th Pa. Vols., Jan. 15th.

Division No. 2.

G. B. PARKER, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Returned to Duty:

- Herman F. Sprague, Private, Co. D, 2d Md. Cavalry.

On Furlough:

- James McGonagle, Sergt., Co. M, 6th U. S. Cav.
- Thomas Carrigan, Private, Co. C, 1st Vt. Cavalry.
- Henry Cumaley, Private, Co. G, 14th Pa. Cav.

Returned from Descriptions:

- Abraham Cash, Sergt., Co. C, 57th N. Y. Vols.
- William Morrow, Private, Co. F, 9th Md. Vols.

Discharged:

- Cornelius W. Menear, Private, Co. C, 3d Va. Mounted Inf.

Deserted:

- George Dole, Private, Co. E, 1st Va. Vols.

The greatest benefactor to society is not he who serves it by single acts, but he whose general character is the manifestation of a higher life and spirit than pervades the mass.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT!!

An entertainment of Tableaux Vivants, will be given

FOR THE

Amusement of Patients in Gen'l Hospital,

Division No. 1.

On Monday Evening, January 25th, 1864.

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