

ITEMS—GENERAL AND LOCAL.

The bombardment of Charleston still continues. In time we hope to see that hot-bed of rebellion reduced and her people brought to submission.

A most grateful change in the weather has occurred this week. The bright cheering rays of the Sun, the mild air and disappearance of ice and snow make us almost forget that we are in the month of January.

No new prisoners have arrived by flag of truce boat this week. We anxiously wait some arrangement through the efforts of general BUTLER, by which we may be able to give hundreds a cordial welcome, to the comforts of our Hospitals.

One of the most encouraging signs of success in this war is the numerous re-enlistments which are taking place. Nearly all the old regiments will enter the field again. The increased bounty is not the sole cause of this, but we believe our soldiers are convinced that there is no hope for our country, unless this wicked rebellion is subdued. And they are determined that it shall be.

The Hon. MONTGOMERY BLAIR delivered a brilliant and patriotic address, at the invitation of the members of the Legislature, on last Friday evening, in the State Capitol. Ex Governor HICKS, and the Hon. THOS. SWANN, also spoke. They expressed a hearty and decided co-operation with all action, that had in view the complete and final exclusion of Slavery from every portion of our country.

An entertainment of Tableaux Vivants came off on Monday and Tuesday evenings at Division Hospital No. 1. They were well conducted and afforded a fund of enjoyment to those who were able to see. We would respectfully suggest, however, when exhibitions of the kind are given, professedly for the amusement of patients in the Hospitals, that they should not be put in the back ground or crippled and weak, made to stand, while citizens are conducted to the best and most prominent seats.

We intended in our last issue to refer to the U. S. Sanitary Commission "Home," but a press of other matter prevented us. This Home has been established for the friends and relatives of the patients in and around Annapolis. They are accommodated here free of expense. Many of the mothers, wives and sisters of these brave, suffering boys, come here having little means for their support. But this "Home," invites them to come in and rest, without money and without price. The blessings of hundreds will rest upon the Sanitary Commission for this Home. We know of no arrangement or institution, existing through their benevolence, more worthy of praise and commendation.

We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. SWANK & SCHWAMB, found in another column. Beautiful and correct lithographic views of U. S. General Hospital Div. No. 1—Parole Camp and College Green Barracks, may be obtained at their store No. 11, Maine St. Any one wishing to give their friends at home, an idea of the different hospitals and barracks at this post, ought to purchase some of these pictures. It will surprise them to see what a delightful spot we have for the returned prisoner. They are reasonable, and will in after life be a pleasant relic of the war and the scenes of suffering through which many a brave soldier has passed.—We purchased a lot yesterday and we would not part with them for twice the price paid for them.

The kind welcome and public favor extended to the first number of the CRUTCH, encourages the publishers to go on in their efforts, to make it worthy of increased patronage. Of course it is only "a wee thing," a mere Bantam among the mammoth sheets of the day. But it will prove we are sure, a valuable Hospital register and be the means of preserving articles written by the soldiers and their friends among us. The unprinted sheet read every Tuesday evening at the Lyceum, and which contains many articles of merit that would be received as valuable contributions to any of our best literary papers, will, by the selections made, have much of its matter preserved from loss. The CRUTCH is glad to have so valuable a helpmeet. Our subscription list increases weekly, now numbering six hundred.

For the Crutch.

Benevolence.

Benevolence has perhaps, at no other age of the world, had such a wide field to display itself in, as that afforded, by the efforts of our government to subdue the rebellion. The disposition to relieve suffering, to do good to others, and to manifest that brotherly relation, and dependence, which ought to be seen everywhere among members of the same human family, will form one of the most striking features in the history of the war. We have no account in all the past, showing like noble deeds of kindness and self sacrifice. The hearts and hands of the people have been freely opened. Societies and individuals have vied with each other, in lavishly pouring out their wealth. Nothing could be asked, that our soldiers in the field or in the Hospital need for their comfort or happiness, but is readily and promptly given. An exhibition like this, of the better feelings of our nature, though war and an outbreak of all the fiercer passions of that nature, are to be seen, is an evidence that we are advancing in the principles of a just regard for each other and for each other's welfare and comfort. We are all in duty bound to cultivate this disposition. Selfishness is a marked trait of the human character. Self love is one of our chief faults, ever standing in the way of our love for one another, and a proper regard for the interests of all with whom we associate. The man who in every thing he does has only self before his eyes—self elevation—self glory—has only a narrow, stunted, contracted soul, that would feel no emotion of pity or sympathy for distress. It is nothing to him if his own ends are accomplished. He can calmly and with the utmost sang froid pass by on the other side like the Levite of old, consoling himself with the reflection that he is not his "brother's keeper." While it is true that benevolence is more fully developed at the present time and in our country as seen in no past period, yet it is not the less true that painful exceptions are to be seen on every hand, to a concern and disinterested regard for the happiness of others. They are easily discovered. Where all the thoughts and motives of the mind are centered on self, the individual himself may suppose, that his real character is not seen and read by others. But it is as plain as the noon day sun. It is not patriotism—it is not with a desire to ameliorate the condition of his fellow man—it is not to do what he can to bring about the period when man shall have secured to him, all the rights and privileges which belong to him as the inalienable heritage of his great Creator. But it cannot be hid that his acts and words and labors, however arduous, have no purpose in view beyond his own aggrandizement. Every one can call to mind just such persons, whom they have seen, as prominent actors in the affairs of our country. True benevolence is God-like. The more we cultivate this disposition, the more we assimilate in character to Him, whose goodness and love distill as the morning dew on our pathway through life. God so loved us as to give his son to die for us.—Who questions his benevolence. It is seen everywhere in the world, and whom can we imitate so excellent, so perfect as this great and glorious being? None surely. Now, to every one we would say, cultivate this love and desire for the happiness and welfare of your fellow man. Think not so much of self but of the common brotherhood of man. It is the improvement of the race, that pure benevolence seeks. We are all humanity, and the elevation of the race increases and secures the happiness of each individual. Let us have a large heart.—The more the heart expands and goes out in desires for the welfare of others, in the same degree do we increase our own happiness. The object for which we are prosecuting this war is to establish the grand principle of Union—that we are united by indissoluble ties as one nation. Then to accomplish this, in a manner that shall secure permanency and be less liable to change and separation, we should seek, as the great binding power, this praiseworthy and exalting virtue—benevolence.

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The Subscribers take pleasure in announcing to the Soldiers and public in general that they have for sale a good quality of Letter paper with

Lithographed Headings of U. S. General Hospitals, Divisions No. 1 and 2, and College Green Barracks. A great deal of pains has been taken to secure true and correct pictures. Persons desirous of sending home to their friends, pictures of the above places, can secure them by applying to SWANK & SCHWAMB, No. 11 Main Street.

P. S.—Pictures of Parole Camp, large size, and letter heading, will be ready in a few days. 31f

Report of Changes in Divisions No. 1 and 2.

Division No. 1.

B. A. VANDERKIEFT, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

G. Mallory, Lt. Col., 13th Pa. Cavalry, Jan. 22d, 1864.
E. B. Greene, Private, U S Signal Corps, Jan 23d.
W. Ewing, 1st Lieut., 17th U S Infantry, Jan 23d.
John W. Cecil, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, Jan 23d.
Abram Setley, 1st Lieut., A, 99th Pa Vols., Jan 27th.
James A. Blades, Private, D, 2d E S Md Vols., Jan 26th.

Returned to Duty:

M. J. Chamberlain, Capt., 106th N Y Vols., Jan 22d, 1864.
W. W. Mills, 1st Lieut., 14th U S Inf., Jan 23d.
Henry E. West, Capt., 62d Ohio Vols., Jan 23d.
Charles M. Reynolds, Private, F, 9th N Y S M., Jan 24th.
Robert Hancock, Private, E, 2d Md Cavalry, Jan 27th.
George Thomas, Private, B, 2d E S Md Vols., Jan 27th.
Charles C. Cox, Private, B, 2d E S Md Vols., Jan 27th.

On Furlough:

Peter Dreifoblis, Private, I, 6th U S Cavalry, 20 days.
Sylvester W. Russell, Private, H, 32d Mass Vols., 20 days.
Y. P. Sylveria, Private, F, 1st Mass Cavalry, 20 days.
James M. Smith, Corp., G, 2d Mass Cavalry, 20 days.
John Jameson, Private, D, 9th Mass Vols., 20 days.
W. Warren, Private, D, 12th Mass Vols., 20 days.
Wm. O. Pope, Private, K, 18th Mass Vols., 20 days.
Joseph Newhall, Private, A, 40th Mass Vols., 20 days.
Wm. H. Wilcoxson, Private, 2th Conn Battery, 20 days.
Daniel W. Finch, Sergeant, H, 126th N Y Vols., 20 days.
Isaac E. Rose, Private, E, 141st N Y Vols., 20 days.
Lorenzo Hoard, Private, C, 142d N Y Vols., 20 days.
Wm. H. Wible, Private, G, 14th Pa Cav., 20 days.
Harry Hunter, Sergeant, H, 1st Ohio Vols., 20 days.
Conrad Haverland, Private, A, 13th Ohio Vols., 20 days.
Levi Newlin, Private, I, 36th Ohio Vols., 20 days.
John McGinley, Private, B, 1st Va Light Artillery, 20 days.
William Pussey, Private, B, 1st Va Light Artillery, 20 days.
Joel E. Yaw, Corporal, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, 15 days.
James W. Parnus, Private, I, 1st U S Artillery, 25 days.
Jacob R. Godwin, Private, E, 11th U S Infantry, 25 days.
Alden F. Murch, Private, E, 3d Maine Vols., 25 days.
Louis L. Thurston, Private, D, 7th Maine Vols., 25 days.
George D. Weston, Corporal, I, 16th Maine Vols., 20 days.
Mark E. Hatch, Private, K, 16th Maine Vols., 25 days.
Edmund Dawding, Private, B, 14th Mass Vols., 20 days.
Macus M. Raymond, Private, C, 18th Mass Vols., 20 days.
George L. Wilson, Private, K, 18th Conn Vols., 20 days.
Daniel B. Shaw, Private, G, 130th N Y Vols., 20 days.
John Helsser, Private, L, 14th Pa Cav., 20 days.
Henry Scott, Private, D, 68th Pa Vols., 20 days.
Lorenzo Taylor, Private, F, 7th Wis Vols., 25 days.
G. W. Reedy, Private, F, 79th Ill Vols., 25 days.
S. Reedy, Private, F, 79th Ill Vols., 25 days.
Henry B. Ritter, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, 15 days.
David Anderson, Private, E, 1st N J Vols., 20 days.
Joseph Meeks, Private, D, 140th Pa Vols., 25 days.
E. Bedford, Private, K, 144th Pa Vols., 20 days.
Abraham Heck, Private, A, 6th U. S. Cav., 20 days.
Isaac J. Monk, Private, E, 16th Maine Vols., 10 days.
L. D. Worden, Corp., A, 18th Conn Vols., 10 days.
Albert Sullard, Private, C, 18th Conn Vols., 20 days.
Peter Fitterman, Private, I, 12th Pa Cav., 20 days.
Richard W. Milner, Corp., E, 11th N. Y. Vols., 20 days.
Spencer Whitlock, Private, G, 154th N Y Vols., 20 days.
John B. Van Nest, Private, I, 11th N. J. Vols., 15 days.
Harpin Rex, Private, A, 18th Pa Cav., 20 days.
A. C. G. Slocum, Private, C, 75th Pa Vols., 20 days.
M. Nash, Private, K, 1st Ohio Art., 25 days.
Nathan Bailey, Private, C, 8th Ill Cav., 30 days.
John Matmiller, Corp., G, 74th Ill Vols., 30 days.
Julius F. Bennett, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, 20 days.
Solomon Ulrich, Private, 119th Co., Invalid Corps, 20 days.

Returned from Furlough:

John S. Stannard, Corp., G, 14th Conn Vols., Jan. 27th.
Charles Crelin, Private, C, 8th N J Vols., Jan. 27th.
M. J. Chamberlain Capt., 106th N Y Vols., returned from leave of absence Jan 21st.

Transferred to Newark, N. J.:

W. Montgomery, Corp., A, 1st N J Cav.
F. H. Cobden, Private, H, 2d N J Cav.
Frederick West, Private, E, 5th N J Vols.
Levi Hall, Corp., D, 5th N J Vols.
William Carey, Private, C, 5th N. J. Vols.
George W. Major, Corp., K, 7th N J Vols.
Patrick Riley, Private, I, 8th N J Vols.
Charles A. King, Private, G, 11th N J Vols.
Charles Stevenson, Private, G, 11th N J Vols.
George Hallaway, Corp., G, 11th N J Vols.
Stephen Ward, Private, F, 13th N J Vols.

Discharged:

Neal McIntyre, Private, F, 10th Mo Vols., Jan. 22d.
James Tait, Corp., D, 140th N Y Vols., Jan. 26th.
Alpheus Woody, Private, E, 14th Pa Cav., Jan. 27th.
A. C. Fox, Private, 6th Mich Cav., Jan. 27th.

Died:

Wm. F. Payne, Private, K, 21st Ill. Vols., Jan. 22d.

Division No. 2.

G. B. PARKER, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Returned to Duty:

Joseph Bigelow, Private, E, 14th Pa Cav.
Thomas Lydon, Private, I, 2d Mass Vols.
Henry Swartz, Private, A, 54th N Y Vols.
Peter Mulligan, Private, I, 61st N Y Vols.
James Barnes, Private, H, 94th N Y Vols.
Harvy McQuay, Private, B, 110th Ohio Vols.
August Kissel, Private, 5th Me Battery.
Sylvester Cook, Private, H, 94th N Y Vols.
Francis Anthony, Private, H, 94th N Y Vols.

On Furlough:

Lafayette Stanhope, Private, B, 1st Vt Cav.
Daniel Shaw, Private, A, 18th Con Vols.
William Waley, Private, I, 125th N Y Vols.
Isaac McGee, Private, F, 145th Pa Vols.
John Casey, Corp., C, 5th Mich Vols.
Thomas Verege, Private, C, 67th Pa Vols.

Transferred:

John W. Cecil, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, to Div. No. 1.
James A. Blades, Private, D, 2d E. S. Md., Vols., to Div. No. 1.