

ITEMS—GENERAL AND LOCAL.

Surgeon CHRISTOPHER C. COX, U. S. Vols., will deliver an Address in the Chapel of Div. No. 1 Hospital, for the entertainment of its inmates, on Tuesday Evening, Feb. 16th, commencing at 8 o'clock. Subject—HENRY CLAY—the Man—the Orator—the Statesman.

We record with sorrow the untimely death of a sailor belonging to the Russian fleet, now anchored in the river opposite this Hospital. He was shot at a saloon in Annapolis. We refrain from any remarks in regard to the case. The particulars have been fully published in the daily papers. We know however that it was not the result of any national prejudices; but one of those unfortunate occurrences resulting from a too free use of that instigator of numerous strifes, Liquor was we believe the cause of this stranger's death. In another column we give an account of the funeral services performed according to the rites of the Greek Church.

In one of our exchanges published at one of the Hospitals in Washington, there is an intimation that the articles in the CRUCH, are not original but are selected from other papers. We have only to say, that rarely anything appears in our little paper, which is not the production of the patients or attendants in the Hospitals at this post. We select articles from the Knapsack; and for fear it may not be understood what this paper is, we will explain, though we have frequently, in previous numbers endeavored to make this plain. We have a Lyceum which meets every Tuesday evening. At the opening of these meetings, a paper is read called the Knapsack. This paper is not printed but is written, and each article in it is the production of some one connected with the Hospital. We print them for the benefit of those who are not able to be present at the meetings. Let it be remembered then that whatever appears in the CRUCH is, with a rare exception, original.

We have received the second report of the Maryland branch of the Christian Commission. This association is auxiliary to the U. S. Christian Commission.—The President is G. S. GRIFFITH, of Baltimore; Vice President—W. F. CARY; Secretary—J. HENCK; Treasurer—J. N. McJILTON. We have been deeply interested in reading this report. And the work of this branch of that noble organization is truly astonishing. Maryland has not been behind hand in her charitable efforts for the relief and comfort of the suffering soldiers. We acknowledge the prompt and liberal aid afforded us at this Hospital. We have received large supplies for our patients. Nothing has been refused whenever we have made application for stores. The map and the account of the battle of Gettysburg, are the best that have come under our notice. The whole report is truly a reliable document and well worth preserving for reference in after life.

The party given by Governor BRADFORD and his lady on last Tuesday evening, was a brilliant affair.—Everything was conducted in the most complete style and with a view to the enjoyment and comfort of the guests. The hall for dancing and the dining room were beautifully decorated. The American and Russian flags were displayed in a tasteful manner; and the whole arrangement and decoration reflected great credit on the designer. The supper table was provided with every luxury, and no one present felt that there was any want of effort to promote the comfort and enjoyment of the whole assemblage. Two excellent bands were in attendance; also the band from the Russian fleet.—Among the numerous guests we noticed General Lockwood and Staff, the Adjutant General of the State, and many others whose names we did not know. With these were present also the officers of the Russian fleet and the members of the Legislature. The Governor was in fine spirits and received his guests and friends with a hearty welcome. At 1 o'clock the band played a beautiful march, when all were conducted to the table spread with everything that could gratify the taste of the most fastidious epicure. The party dispersed between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, their minds filled with many happy thoughts. The occasion will be often referred to in after years with pleasant recollections.

Selfishness.

The selfish look upon themselves, as if they were all the world, and no man but themselves concerned therein; that the good state of things is to be measured by their condition; that all is well if they prosper and thrive, and all is ill if they are disappointed in their projects and desires. The good of their neighbor, or their country does not come under their consideration. This is the great spring of injustice and crime; for from hence it is that oftentimes men regard not what course they take, what means they use, toward the compassing of their designs; hence they trample upon right, they violate all laws and rules of conscience, they betray their friends, they supplant their neighbors, they detract from the worth and virtue of any man, they forge slanders and write them, and do anything which seems to further their designs. Selfishness therefore is the great enemy of the common weal; that which perverts all right, confounds all order, and spoils all convenience and comfort of society. Man was not made merely to serve himself, and to satisfy his single pleasure, his endowments are too large, his capabilities too grand, for so mean and narrow purposes. How poor a creature is man if he is made for nothing else. How worthless is reason if it serves for no better use. He debases himself who has so low conceits, and mean designs. Nay, even a due regard for our own good, will not warrant us to pursue too closely self interest. As we are all born members of the world and compacted into a commonwealth, as we are incorporated into society, as we partake in conversation and company, so by mutual support and defence, does not only the common welfare, but our own particular benefit subsist. On the contrary our thriving by the common prejudices, will in the end turn to our own loss.

An Editorial from the "Knapsack."

We turn this evening from the many newspapers, which come to us from abroad, and halt once more on the march of life to unpack the Knapsack. We would gladly welcome to our columns the announcement of brilliant national achievements, such as the fall of Charleston, after its protracted siege, or the setting out of an indomitable force of arms, on the holy crusade of delivering our war-worn patriots, from far worse than Egyptian bondage. But the air is not yet voiceful with such good tidings, and patiently let us wait, knowing full well that the country is but taking breath, and will soon rouse itself to a decisive, perhaps, final assault upon our foes. We should not feel thus hopeful for the future, did we not believe that we have master minds at the helm of the ship of State—men who have controlled—who can and will overcome obstacles, though from the silence of champions of this idea, at our last meeting, one would almost be tempted to doubt the truth of such an assertion. We firmly believe that men are not the creatures, but under the guidance of the Divine Governor of the world, are the creators of their own destinies. Was man endowed with a will—the very glory of his soul—and stamp of God upon his brow, only that he might forever submit passively to blind chance or fateful fortune, like "dumb driven cattle?" Not at present to follow out the argument, let us take one of the thousands of instances, which by-gone centuries can show of men who have carried out their designs, in spite of most discouraging circumstances. The discovery of America—would Columbus have ever set his eyes upon the New World, had he dreamed his life away, in vague imaginations, that beyond the waste of waters there might be a Continent—or in wishing with vain longings, that a well prepared fleet, was ready at his bidding? Would Isabella ever have laid her queenly jewels at the feet of the bold adventurer, but for his oft-repeated and importunate entreaties on court and people?

The myriad mortals upon earth, are "multitudes in the valley of decision," and upon the will of each hangs his success in life, and all that is most noble and lofty in character.

We were rejoiced to see so many taking a decided stand last evening. The temperance meeting last night was a marked success. We have felt the need of such a society amongst us, and we hail its advent, as the dawn of a bright career for our warriors. We have never doubted their bravery to meet the stern dangers of the battle field; but are there not foes in the less exciting scenes of life to be met and vanquished? "Greater is he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city." May many of our soldiers, prove themselves conquerors of self, and temptation; this is the truest heroism.

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time."

For the Crutch.

Report of Changes in Divisions No. 1 and 2.

Division No. 1.

B. A. VANDERKIEFT, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

C. Meyers, Capt., 16th Mich. Vols., Feb. 7th, 1864.
Elias Hardesty, Private, B, Purnell Legoin, Feb. 6th.
David Baker, Private, B, 3d Del. Vols., Feb. 9th.

Returned to Duty:

S. S. Balk, 1st Lieut., 6th U. S. Cav., Feb. 11th.
Wm. M. Wheaton, 1st Lieut., 1st Vt. Cav., Feb. 11th.
Wm. Ewing, 1st Lieut., 17th U. S. Inf., Feb. 9th.
L. M. Hamilton, Lieut., 3d U. S. Inf., Feb. 9th.
Richard A. Barry, Private, B, Purnell Cav., Feb. 5th.

On Furlough:

S. W. Davis, Corp., A, 16th U. S. Inf., 30 days.
Geo. Q. Barlow, Corp., E, 20th N. Y. S. M., 20 days.
Simpson McLean, Corp., F, 29th Ohio Vols., 25 days.
Arthur Macy, Private, B, 24th Mich. Vols., 30 days.
D. B. Brown, Private, C, 17th Pa. Cav., 20 days.
Franklin Wessinger, Private, E, 67th Pa. Vols., 20 days.
T. E. Basens, Private, F, 11th Va. Vols., 20 days.
R. B. Darling, Private, F, 2d E. Tenn. Vols., 25 days.
E. Tinkham, Private, 119 Co., Invalid Corps, 20 days.
Franklin A. Hall, Private, H, 20th Conn. Vols., 20 days.
Thomas C. Perkins, Private, H, 20th Conn. Vols., 20 days.
Simon Perkins, Private, C, 75th Ohio Vols., 15 days.
Geo. W. Nagle, Private, F, 15th Pa. Cav., 15 days.
John F. Bonnell, Private, B, 122d Ohio Vols., 15 days.
M. Ingraham, Private, E, 104th N. Y. Vols., 20 days.
James Kinsela, Private, C, 71st Pa. Vols., 20 days.
Edward Lord, Musician, A, 141st Pa. Vols., 20 days.
A. M. L. Crawford, A. de C., U. S. Vols., leave of absence 20 days.

Returned from Furlough:

Joel Yaw, Corp., 118th Co., Invalid Corps, Feb. 9th.
Wm. Warren, Private, F, 18th Conn. Vols., Feb. 6th.
Jacob Jerome, Private, D, 120th N. Y. Vols., Feb. 6th.
Robert Aldrich, Private, C, 2d R. I. Vols., Feb. 6th.
Jesse R. Chisom, Private, F, 14th N. Y. S. M., Feb. 8th.
John Gunderman, Private, C, 126th N. Y. Vols., Feb. 9th.
Jacob Coon, Private, D, 70th Ohio Vols., Feb. 9th.
H. B. Ritter, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps, Feb. 10th.
Peter Driebelbis, Private, I, 6th U. S. Cav., Feb. 11th.

Transferred to Madison, Ind., Feb. 8th:

H. S. Lovjoy, Sergeant, Co. G, 15th U. S. Infantry.
H. Juncan, Sergt., B, 10th Wis. Vols.
D. A. Robinson, Sergt., A, 80th Ind. Vols.
Philip Uehlinger, Sergt., E, 15th Missouri Vols.
William Luck, Sergt., A, 1st Ala. Cavalry.
N. P. Haines, Corp., D, 13th Ohio Vols.
Phillip Engleman, Blacksmith, F, 4th Ind. Cav.
D. C. Warren, Private, A, 1st Mich. Art.
Charles Brown, Private, I, 15th Ohio Vols.
Wm. Keiser, Private, E, 93d Ohio Vols.
Levi Price, Private, F, 101st Ohio Vols.
J. Shaffstall, Private, F, 101st Ohio Vols.
N. Kimble, Private, C, 101st Ohio Vols.
B. W. Singer, Private, E, 2d Ky. Cav.
J. S. Woldridge, Private, I, 5th Ky. Cav.
John Bryant, Private, D, 5th Ky. Cav.
Wm. Hopewell, Private, H, 5th Ky. Vols.
John F. Elliott, Private, A, 5th Ky. Cav.
W. B. Holdaman, Private, F, 6th Ky. Cav.
James Moore, Private, H, 15th Ky. Vols.
James Russell, Private, A, 7th E. Tenn. Vols.
Henry Maske, Private, K, 2d Mo. Vols.

Discharged:

James Cross, Captain, 99th Pa. Vols., Feb. 9th.
Abram Setley, 1st Lieut., 99th Pa. Vols., Feb. 9th.

Division No. 2.

G. B. PARKER, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

James McGunnigal, Sergeant, M, 6th U. S. Cav.
Joseph Kress, Private, H, 140th N. Y. Vols.
George Mallaiseu, Private, G, 111th N. Y. Vols.

Returned to Duty:

George Burgess, Private, B, 70th Wis. Vols.
William Morrow, Private, F, 9th Md. Vols.
John Morrow, Private, H, 9th Md. Vols.

On Furlough:

James B. Jackson, Sergeant, 119th Co., Invalid Corps.
Perry Baxter, Corporal, I, 154th N. Y. Vols.
Robert Hay, Private, 119th Co., Invalid Corps.
Rowley Ambury, Private, K, 116th Ohio Vols.
Francis H. Noons, Private, A, 18th Mass. Vols.
Francis W. Ladd, Private, D, 2d U. S. S. S.
Albert Story, Private, G, 26th Wis. Vols.
Luther E. Hall, Private, H, 17th Me. Vols.
Thomas Kennedy, Private, I, 1st Mass. H. Artillery.
William Sloan, Private, I, 12th N. J. Vols.
Alfred E. Beaver, Private, I, 162d N. Y. Vols.

Transferred:

James Fitzgerald, Sergeant, E, 10th Wis. Vols.
Benjamin P. Strong, Sergeant, A, 101st Ohio Vols.
Ira Campbell, Private, B, 16th U. S. Infantry.
James B. Morehouse, Private, G, 1st Wis. Vols.
Matthias Nekola, Private, E, 4th Mo. Cav.
Charles M. Crabtree, Private, M, 12th Ky. Cav.
Theodore F. Brown, Private, E, 2d Mich. Cav.
Charles Morse, Private, C, 13th Mich. Vols.
John Hesser, Private, D, 15th Ohio Vols.
Henry W. Nestall, Private, E, 23d Ohio Vols.
Henry Pry, Private, E, 33d Ohio Vols.
Amos Stricker, Private, F, 101st Ohio Vols.
Clayton S. Marshall, Private, H, 39th Iowa Vols.
John Kroblich, Private, B, 82d Ill. Vols.
Charles Sigler, Private, H, 82d Ill. Vols.
Soloman K. Meader, Private, A, 8th Kansas Vols.

Discharged:

John Bene, Private, 119th Co. Invalid Corps.

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A heart which has strayed away, or been stolen from the owner. It bears the impress of the ancient City of Annapolis. It gives signs of life, and with proper treatment, might entirely recover; but it has evidently suffered much from unsuccessful attacks. Upon sufficient proof it will be restored, or one given to fill its place. (Exchange preferred.) Address, Bux, 4005, Annapolis, Md.