

ITEMS—GENERAL AND LOCAL.

The United States Senate on Wednesday passed the bill reviving the grade of Lieutenant General in the army, after striking out the House recommendation of General GRANT for the position.

As we predicted, or guessed in our last number, the severely cold weather of last week has given way to soft and spring-like weather. The ice that so quickly formed has as quickly disappeared, and the sun is shining as brightly and warmly as if it never had deserted us. We welcome him, an ask a longer stay than before.

The twenty-second of February, was celebrated in every loyal State with unusual enthusiasm. From every direction, we learn the people turned out with joyous hearts and patriotic spirits, shouting the song of liberty and our country, and giving homage to the occasion in a way that would have done honor to the spirit of '76.

The second lecturer for the series, Rev. JOHN G. MORRIS, D. D., of Baltimore, has been invited to lecture before the Vanderkief Literary Association, on Tuesday evening, March 1st. We have no doubt the Dr. will accept the invitation of the business committee, and favor us with one of his best efforts. From the high reputation and well known ability of Dr. MORRIS, we can almost vouch that we will not be disappointed.

On the 23d by previous invitation and arrangement the members of the Maryland Legislature paid a visit to the Russian fleet. A salute was fired from the *Variague* on their reception by the officers of the fleet, which was replied to by the authorities here. After spending about two hours aboard, they retired, under another salute, no doubt highly pleased with their visit, and the reception they received.

The war news is assuming a more definite aspect. The movements in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and Florida, gives evidence that active operations will soon commence. No doubt the campaign will open vigorously, and simultaneous attacks will be made in the quarters mentioned. Every attempt of the enemy to occupy territory now possessed by our troops, have been repulsed, and thwarted; and failing in this, his army is retreating to more defensible positions. We scarcely anticipate any untoward event will attend our armies this spring, but that the good work will go on as it has commenced, joyously to its completion. It is what we desire, it is what the country expects.

The twenty-second was celebrated in the evening in this Hospital by a beautiful variety of tableaux and a comic artistic entertainment, and a soiree. The first was held in the laundry, which was fitted up handsomely with stage, scenery, foot lights, etc., especially for the purpose. The audience was a very highly respectable one. Officers of the Russian fleet, officers of the army, connected with the post, and ladies, and citizens with ladies, their wives, daughters, etc., and the rest of the room was thoroughly packed with the soldiers, patients and attaches of the Hospital. The programme was as follows: Tableau—Defence of our Flag. Song—The Soldier's Dream. Comedy—My Neighbor's Wife.—Tableau—Gipsy Scene. Song—"Ould Irish Gentleman." Tableau—Innocent cause of the Rebellion.—Tableau—Tea Party. Dance, Crossing the Equator. Each person acted his or her part admirably. There was scarcely a fault, and one would have thought that he was witnessing the performance of old tried stars, instead of amateurs or tyros, making their debut. We could hardly believe but that one of the lady actresses had seen behind the curtain, or in the green room before.—She seemed perfectly at home, and was as natural as life could make her. The tableaux were elegantly and aptly rendered, and elicited much admiration and applause.—We cannot discriminate, as all were equally beautiful, nothing to be added or taken away. The performance closed without the least mishap, order and quiet and respectful attention being not the least pleasing feature of the entertainment. It closed a 9 o'clock, when many of the audience participated in the Soiree in Sec. 3, which was kept up to a late hour. Both entertainments will long be remembered by the inmates of the Hospital as well as by their invited guests.

Maryland the Pioneer.

Maryland is emphatically the pioneer of the border States, and indeed of the Southern States, on the subject of Emancipation. She who was looked upon at one time with a very suspicious eye by the Northern States; half believed to be traitorous in her policy; who suffered more from outside attacks, even when she was striving with all her might and main to throw the power of her influence for the government as it was, and is, than any other State has come out of the trial with flying colors, and put to shame those who would deride her. If the course that Maryland has pursued had been followed by all the border States, or even some of the northern States, the prestige of the southern rebellion would have been crushed long since. But letting others do as they might, she was determined that nothing should be left undone with her, even the overthrowing of an element that had been engrafted into her very being, and had grown with her growth and strengthened with her strength, that would retard the onward move of the great vital sentiment of the country, or give pabulum to the inflaming doctrines of her sister states. We say god-speed to Maryland; and may she never see the day when she may regret the great stand she has taken, but being the pioneer may she be the first to receive the plaudits of a grateful country, and be forever the brightest jewel in the crown of our nation's glory.

Learning to Think.

If one thing is more incumbent upon us than another, it is to learn to think well. But learning to think well will depend altogether upon the manner we educate our minds, or prepare them for thought. It is impossible to be able to think well without first giving the mind materials on which it can work. No mind can think well without having subjects for thought, and subjects for thought are not supplied unless they are sought by the most active industry. Sir JOSHUA REYNOLDS said: "invention is one of the great works of genius; but if we consult experience, we shall find that it is by being conversant with the inventions of others, that we learn to invent; as by reading the thoughts of others, we learn to think." Nothing can come from nothing, and if we would learn to think well, we must be familiar with and possessed of all the learning of our day, and every opportunity should be used to grasp it and to retain it.—"HOMER was supposed to have been possessed of all the learning of his time; and we are certain that MICHAEL ANGELO and RAPHAEL were equally possessed of all the knowledge and the art which had been discovered in the works of their predecessors," and hence they learned to think well, and to act rationally upon what they thought. And so it is with every man, the one who strives to gain knowledge, not only learns to think well, but learns to put in practice what he learns. As learning precedes thought, and thought action, so ignorance precedes imbecility, and imbecility exhibits the rudeness of our nature. The one is as certain as the other is inevitable.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in Post Office at U. S. General Hospital, Div. No. 1, Annapolis, Md., February 24th, 1864:

Ash, John	Frost, Marion	Percy, Jeremiah
Allen, M. A.	Hofewell, Wm.	Philbrook, H. B.
Brown, John A.	Hine, Jonathan	Robinson, John
Bare, Dewitt	Holland, John H.	Robinson, D. A.
Barnes, Thomas	Hadley, Henry H.	Reed, Judson A.
Bryant, John	Jones, James M.	Riem, Jacob
Beaver, Alfred	Jeffer, Wm. H.	Sprague, John W.
Beever, Edward	Jaquith, A. S.	Simpson, Kid
Brown, Charles 3	Kents, John B.	Strong, Benjamin
Busyis, George	King, Harvy B.	Smith James E.
Bareford, Richard	Lewis, George F.	Sautter, John C.
Bailey Nathan	Lucus Gilbert D.	Speirs, E. F.
Brand, Jacob	McKinzie, Daniel	Van Warner, C.
Billingsworth, David	Montgomery, Wm.	Wilks, D.
Bender, George	McGinnis, Henry	Wilcox, A. P.
Barnhard, John	Mitchell, Samuel	Woodhead, W. S.
Case, Frank B.	Mathews, Joseph	Williams, George 2
Easterly, Freeman		Wharler, A. R.
Ewell, Thatcher		

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Report of Changes in Divisions No. 1 and 2.

Division No. 1.

B. A. VANDERKIEFT, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

Admitted:

John T. Hill, Major, 12th N. J. Vols.
Henry Rogers, Captain, 58th Pa. Vols.
M. S. Jones, Is Lieut., 149th Pa. Vols.

Transferred from Annapolis Junction, Feb. 23d:

Charles Leonard, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps.
Henry Mayers, Private, 138th Co., Invalid Corps.
H. L. Narnmore, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps.
J. H. Holland, Private, 118th Invalid Corps.
James Pettis, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps.
James Phillips, Private, 118th Invalid Corps.

Returned to Duty:

G. Mallory, Lieut. Col., 13th Pa. Cav.
William A. Douglas, 2d Lieut., 14th U. S. Infantry.
Charles W. Lovejoy, Corporal, 1st R. I. Cav.
Orville W. Stringer, Corporal, 1st Mich. Vols.
Francis Basse, Private, 1st U. S. Artillery.
Frederick Buch, Private, 5th U. S. Cav.
Jacob Card, Private, 18th U. S. Infantry.
David Blanchard, Private, 1st Me. Vols.
B. H. Blinn, Private, 4th Me. Vols.
S. G. Morton, Private, 17th Me. Vols.
Wm. H. Hill, Private, 1st Mass. Cav.
Geo. H. Hobson, Private, 28th Mass. Vols.
James Furgerson, Private, 28th Mass. Vols.
Joseph Newhall, Private, 40th Mass Vols.
Samuel Jackson, Private, 7th Conn. Vols.
Tracy Rogers, Private, 18th Conn. Vols.
James Keenan, Private, 14th N. Y. S. M.
Robert McCarrick, Private, 20th N. Y. S. M.
Philip Sang, Private, 67th N. Y. Vols.
Wm. H. Fairfield, Private, 130th N. Y. Vols.
Lorenzo Hoard, Private, 142d N. Y. Vols.
Wm. Featherston, Private, 147th N. Y. Vols.
John Lambert, Private, 1st N. J. Cav.

David Anderson, Private, 1st N. J. Vols.
John Waters, Private, 8th N. J. Vols.
Henry Scott, Private, 68th Pa. Vols.
John Fisher, Private, 74th Pa. Vols.
Lewis Kuffman, Private, 107th Pa. Vols.
Abram Hill, Private, 150th Pa. Vols.
John Brown, Private, 1st Del. Vols.
David Baker, Private, 3d Del. Vols.
John J. Garrison, Private, 19th Mich. Vols.
Lorenzo Taylor, Private, 7th Wis. Vols.
Levi Nawlin, Private, 1st Ohio Vols.
Samuel B. Matthews, Private, 110th Ohio Vols.
Samuel Southern, Private, 6th Parnell Legion.
William Mills, Private, 5th Md. Vols.
Thomas C. Gibson, Private, 8th Md. Vols.
D. A. Dougherty, Private, 1st Va. Artillery.
Augustus Clark, Private, 1st Va. Vols.
Issac Bunch, Private, 2d Ky. Vols.

On Furlough:

Charles J. Bond, Sergeant, 17th Me. Vols., 20 days.
J. M. Henderson, Sergeant, 1st Iowa Vols., 30 days.
Henry Lowe, Sergeant, 8th Minn. Vols., 30 days.
David W. Jones, Private, 18th U. S. Infantry, 20 days.
J. J. Jarvis, Private, 37th Conn. Vols., 20 days.
Wm. D. Bird, Private, 1st Mich. Cav., 25 days.
George Brown, Private, 1st U. S. S. S., 20 days.
Mathew Colyan, Private, 17th Conn. Vols., 20 days.

Returned from Furlough:

Harry Hunter, Sergeant, 100th Ohio.
O. H. Wolcott, Sergeant, 118th Co. Invalid Corps.
O. D. Blake, Sergeant, 17th Me. Vols.
Henry B. Griswold, Corporal, 10th N. Y. Cav.
Harper Rex, Private, 18th Pa. Cav.
S. Reedy, Private, 79th Ill. Vols.
G. W. Reedy, Private, 79th Ill. Vols.
Wm. W. Welch, Private, 105th Pa. Vols.
Richard Haughton, Private, 1st 22 Mass. Vols.
Richard J. Averill, Private, 72d N. Y. Vols.
Joseph Meeks, Private, 140th Pa. Vols.
Lorenzo Taylor, Private, 7th Wis. Vols.
Lewis S. Thurston, Private, 7th Me. Vols.
Wm. H. Hill, Private, 1st Mass Cav.
Morris Brannison, Private, 1st Conn. Vols.
M. Nash, Private, 1st Ohio Artillery.
T. J. Burns, Private, 1st Va. Cav.
George W. Nagle, Private, 15th Pa Cav.
J. B. Chandler, Private, 118th Co., Invalid Corps.
George R. Bush, 6th Vt. Vols.
Franklin Wessinger, Private, E, 67th Pa Vols.
Frederick Schaffer, Private, B, 114th Pa. Vols.
James W. Pamens, Private, 1st U. S. Artillery.
Aldea F. Murch, Private, E, 3d Me. Vols.
Mark E. Hatch, Private, K, 16th Me. Vols.
James Keen, Private, B, 20th Conn. Vols.
Charles D. Beach, Private, I, 15th N. J. Vols.

Transferred:

John Myers, Private, L, 4th Ohio Cav., to Cincinnati Ohio.
James McDowell, Private, B, 149th Pa. Vols., to York, Pa.

Deserted while on Furlough:

Wm. O. Pope, Private, K, 18th Mass. Vols.
L. D. Worden, Private, A, 20th Conn. Vols.
Albert Sullard, Private, C, 20th Conn. Vols.

Discharged:

C. Meyers, Captain, 16th Mich. Vols.
William Crawford, Private, 9th Mich. Cav.

Division No. 2.

G. B. PARKER, SURGEON IN CHARGE.

On Furlough:

Lewis A. Campbell, Hospital Stewart, U. S. A., 20 days.
Shusal Geer, Corporal, 119th Co., Invalid Corps, 30 days.
Wm. H. Christman, Private, 119th Co., Invalid Corps, 20 days.
J. J. Fell, Private, B, 5th Pa. Vols., 20 days.
Eli Wentling, Private, G, 115th Pa. Vols., 20 days.

Returned from Furlough:

Lewis A. Campbell, Hospital Stewart, U. S. A.
Robert L. Hopkins, Sergeant, D, 2d N. Y. Cav.
John J. Casey, Corporal, C, 5th Mich. Vols.
Thomas Carrigan, Private, C, 1st Vt. Cav.
Robert Hay, Private, 119th Co., Invalid Corps.

Discharged:

Henry B. Calahan, 149th Pa. Vols.

Deserted:

Thomas Verco, Private, C, 57th Pa. Vols.

Returned from Desertion:

Edward Carver, Sergeant, A, 10th Wis. Vols.
Thomas Verco, Private, C, 57th Pa. Vols.