

HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED
VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1880.

JANUARY 15, 1881.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

MANAGERS:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES; THE CHIEF JUSTICE; THE SECRETARY OF WAR—*Ex-Officio*.

General WILLIAM B. FRANKLIN, President, Hartford, Conn.
Col. LEONARD A. HARRIS, First Vice-President, Cincinnati, Ohio.
General RICHARD COULTER, Second Vice-President, Greensburg, Pa.
General MARTIN T. McMAHON, Secretary, 93 Nassau street, New York City.

Col. JOHN A. MARTIN, Atchison, Kans.
Maj. DAVID C. FULTON, Hudson, Wis.
General JOHN LOVE, Indianapolis, Ind.
General JOHN M. PALMER, Springfield, Ill.
General CHARLES W. ROBERTS, Bangor, Me.

Letter of transmittal of General William B. Franklin.

HARTFORD, CONN., *January 6, 1881.*

SIR: I transmit with this the report of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880. If it be possible to have 500 of these reports printed in addition to the usual number, I will be glad if that number can be ordered by the House.

Respectfully, yours,

W. B. FRANKLIN,
President.

Hon. SAM'L. J. RANDALL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME
FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 1880.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled :*

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in conformity to law, submits the following report of the institution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880 :

The last report was made in January, 1880, and gave the proceedings of the board in the execution of the trust for the last six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.

By the act approved June 16, 1880, six new members of the board were appointed, viz, John M. Palmer, William B. Franklin, and Charles W. Roberts to fill vacancies which occurred on April 21, 1878; and Martin T. McMahon, John Love, and David C. Fulton to fill vacancies which occurred on April 21, 1880.

The board met on July 8, 1880, there being present the Chief Justice and the three elected members who held over, and all of the newly-elected members except John M. Palmer. It organized by the election of William B. Franklin, president and acting treasurer, Leonard A. Harris and Richard Coulter, vice-presidents, and Martin T. McMahon secretary.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, the board held its regular quarterly sessions and made examinations and inspections of the four branches of the Home, and examined and audited the accounts of its acting treasurer and the treasurers of the branches. The reports from these branches in detail have been collated by the secretary and are appended hereto. They give full detailed information of all matters of interest connected with the Home and its administration. A printed copy of the proceedings of the board at its meetings during the fiscal year is also appended. An examination of these proceedings will show that the board executed its difficult trust with ability, honesty, and industry, and kept in view not only the interests of the beneficiaries, but those of the United States as well.

In the last report of the Board of Managers the special attention of Congress was called "to the fact that the pensions of the soldiers are not within the control of the Board of Managers at all where the beneficiary has a parent, wife, or child dependent upon him." The proper department has ruled that under the law the arrearages of pensions were to be paid to the pensioners themselves, without regard to the rules of the Home made by the Board of Managers in conformity to law, and they have been so paid. The result has been that many of the pensioner beneficiaries of the Home have been suddenly placed in possession of sums varying from several hundred to several thousand dollars. Inexperienced in the use of money, possessing a sum which, in their eyes, would soon lead them to fortune, these poor fellows have in nearly all cases left the Home with their money, and in the large majority of instances have returned in a short time penniless, shattered physically and morally, a source of mortification and expense to the Home, and in the greater number of cases ruined by the bounty of the government. If these sums could have been paid to the Home as pensions had been before the passage of the "arrears of pensions" law, the money would have been saved to the pensioners and their health preserved. It has also been decided by the proper department that pensions due to soldiers who have

wife, child, or parent dependent upon them, must be paid direct to such soldiers without the intermediation of the Home. Hitherto the Home has taken charge of this money and has disbursed it to the dependent "wife, child, or parent," as requested by the pensioner, investing the surplus in government 4 per cent. bonds for the use of the pensioner. The experience of the board enables it to assert that under this decision the money will no longer go to the dependent relative, but will be squandered as were the arrearages of pensions. The unrestricted payment of these moneys to one class of beneficiaries in the institution, all other classes having no money, except a few who earn a little from day to day, is extremely detrimental to the discipline and good order of the Home. The board therefore recommends the passage of an act, which will enable it to take charge of all moneys paid by the United States to the pensioner beneficiaries of the Home, in the following form :

Be it enacted, &c., That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers may, at its discretion, require the assignment to the Home of all pension moneys due from the United States to the soldiers in the Home during the time such soldiers shall remain therein or receive its benefits.

The regulations of the Government Hospital for the Insane, will not in general permit the admission of the insane beneficiaries of the Home to that hospital. This class of persons, as the Home grows older, increases in an increasing ratio, and the board is much embarrassed by the need of a proper place for keeping them. In the opinion of the board these persons should be cared for at the Government Hospital for the Insane of the Army and Navy, and as the present capacity of this hospital is not great enough to admit them, the attention of Congress is respectfully called to the fact, for such action as may be considered proper.

The report of B. F. Butler, acting treasurer, is appended hereto. It will be seen from it that the moneys appropriated have been properly disbursed and audited, and that the balance has been turned over to the present acting treasurer.

In conclusion the board respectfully calls attention to the fact that, Congress having retained the control of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in its own hands, under the management of its own appointees, no department or bureau of the government is charged with nor interested in bringing the needs of the institution to the notice of Congress. The submission of this report, therefore, in connection with the estimate for the annual support of the institution are the only methods by which the board can impress upon the law-making power its views of what should be done, and it therefore asks full consideration of its recommendations, and a critical examination of its proceedings and methods by Congress or any committee that may be assigned for such examination.

W. B. FRANKLIN,
*President of the Board of Managers
of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.*

HARTFORD, CONN., January 6, 1881.

The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in account with General Benjamin F. Butler, acting treasurer.

DR.			CR.		
1879.			1879.		
Sept. 30	To cash paid as per vouchers, duly audited, in carrying on the four branches for the quarter ending September 30, 1879 . . .	\$223,969 86	July 1	By balance due from last quarter	\$12,922 49
Dec. 31	To cash paid as per vouchers, duly audited, in carrying on the four branches for the quarter ending December 31, 1879 . . .	259,898 99	July 22	By United States Treasurer's check, amount of appropriations made by Board of Managers for quarter ending September 30, 1879	215,700 00
1880.			Oct. 29	By United States Treasurer's check, amount of appropriation made by Board of Managers for quarter ending December 31, 1879	253,382 26
Mar. 31	To cash paid as per vouchers, duly audited, in carrying on the four branches for the quarter ending March 31, 1880	209,521 34	1880.		
June 30	To cash paid as per vouchers, duly audited, in carrying on the four branches for the quarter ending June 30, 1880	196,135 28	Jan. 9	By United States Treasurer's check, amount of appropriation made by Board of Managers for quarter ending March 31, 1880	213,971 72
June 30	To balance due by acting treasurer, carried to next quarter..	3,406 02	April 17	By United States Treasurer's check, amount of appropriation made by Board of Managers for quarter ending June 30, 1880	196,946 02
					892,922 49
					892,922 49

E. and O. E.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the receipts and expenditures for account of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER,
Acting Treasurer National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in account with General Benjamin F. Butler, acting treasurer.

DR.			CR.		
1880.			1880.		
Sept. 11	To cash paid as per vouchers, duly audited, up to this date . .	\$2,514 14	July 1	By balance due from last quarter	\$3,406 02
Sept. 21	To cash paid General W. B. Franklin, acting treasurer National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers	892 23		By T. E. Major, to correct erroneous footing in his voucher in second quarter, 1878	35
					3,406 37
					3,406 37

E. and O. E.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate account of the receipts and expenditures for account of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers from July 1 to September 11, 1880.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER,
Acting Treasurer National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Report of the Secretary, containing consolidated post return, proceedings of the Board of Managers for the fiscal year, report of the Central Branch, report of the Northwestern Branch, report of the Eastern Branch, report of the Southern Branch.

NEW YORK, January 1, 1881.

GENERAL: I transmit herewith a consolidated post return of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the year ending June 30, 1880; also, the reports of the governors of the four several branches of the Home; also, the proceedings of the Board of Managers at the four stated quarterly meetings held during the year. These documents present in detail all possible information that can be sought for in relation to the Home and its general management.

It will be seen from the consolidated post return that the number of inmates in the several branches at the present time is 6,979 and that there were during the year, of original admissions, 1,559; of readmissions, 490; of discharges, 958; of deaths, 357. That the whole number cared for was 9,048; average number present and absent during the year, 6,921; of the whole number aided and cared for at the various branches there were, of the regular Army, 336; of the volunteer service, 8,599; of the Mexican war and the war of 1812, 323; of the Navy, 114. The whole number cared for since the organization of the Home was 24,254.

The new hospital-building at the Northwestern Branch was occupied by patients on the 21st of January, although not fully furnished until the 31st of March, 1880. It is admirably adapted to the purposes for which it is designed. It has ample capacity for and is now furnished with 160 beds. This number may be increased in case of emergency to 200.

The total expenditure for its construction, according to the detailed statement to be found in the report of the Northwestern Branch herewith submitted, was \$61,208.95.

Memorial Hall, at the Central Branch, was destroyed by fire on the 1st and 2d of May, 1880. An investigation was ordered, and the board to whom the subject was referred reported, after thorough investigation, that they believed the fire was accidental. An appropriation was made by Congress, in the last annual appropriation bill, of \$31,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the hall. The work is now in progress, and it is expected will be completed within the present fiscal year.

There has been no change in the system of management as set forth in the last annual report of the board, dated January 1, 1880.

Neither the ratio of new admissions nor the death rate among inmates exhibits any material difference from last year.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

M. T. McMAHON,

Secretary Board of Managers,

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Gen. WILLIAM B. FRANKLIN,

President Board of Managers,

National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

Post return for the year ending June 30, 1880.

PRESENT FOR DUTY.

Commissioned officers :	
Governor	1
Deputy governors	3
Treasurer and quartermaster	1
Surgeons	4
Secretaries	2
Steward	1
Chaplain	1
Matron	1
Total	14
Non-commissioned officers :	
Post adjutant	1
Sergeant-majors	4
Assistant steward	1
Commissary-sergeants	4
Quartermaster-sergeants	3
Hospital stewards	3
Lieutenant home guard	1
Sergeants provost guard	4
Sergeants	43
Corporals	8
Total	72
Privates	3, 205
Hospital :	
Sick	434
Attendants	113
Total	547
Extra duty :	
Non-commissioned officers	6
Privates	1, 419
Total present :	
Commissioned officers	14
Non-commissioned officers	77
Privates	5, 284

ABSENT.

With leave :	
Commissioned officers	0
Non-commissioned officers	2
Privates	1, 544
Without leave :	
Commissioned officers	0
Non-commissioned officers	0
Privates	72
Total :	
Commissioned officers	0
Non-commissioned officers	2
Privates	1, 616

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Total present and absent :	
Commissioned officers	14
Non-commissioned officers	79
Privates	6, 900
Aggregate :	
This report	6, 993
Last report	6, 864

CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT.

Gain.

Commissioned officers :	
By appointment	0
By transfer	2

Privates:	
By admission.....	1,559
By readmission.....	490
By transfer.....	173
By return from desertion.....	2
Total.....	2,224

Loss.

Commissioned officers:	
By resignation.....	0
By transfer.....	2
By death.....	0
Privates:	
By discharge.....	877
By summarily discharged.....	24
By dishonorable discharge.....	57
By desertion.....	202
By dropped from temporary at post.....	346
By transfer to other branches.....	179
By transfer to insane asylum.....	47
By death.....	357
Total.....	2,089

HEALTH.

Number treated in hospital, daily average.....	5
Number treated in quarters, daily average.....	50
Total daily average.....	55

EDUCATION.

Number of teachers.....	1
Number of pupils.....	40

LIBRARY.

Number of volumes.....	22,691
Number of daily papers.....	133
Number of weekly papers and periodicals.....	564
Number of volumes read.....	70,736

CITIZEN EMPLOYÉS.

Males:	
On construction Northwestern Branch, masons.....	1
Foremen carpenters.....	2
Foremen blacksmiths.....	2
Engineers.....	3
Superintendents of farm and stable.....	7
Assistant surgeon.....	1
Band leaders.....	3
Landscape gardeners.....	2
Citizen clerks.....	3
Steward.....	1
Musicians.....	6
Teamster.....	1
Acting quartermaster.....	1
Plowman, Southern Branch.....	1
Baker, Northwestern Branch.....	1
Females:	
Cooks.....	2
Laundresses.....	2
Seamstress.....	0
House-cleaner.....	1
Total.....	40

REMARKS.

Average present during the year.....	5,603
Average present and absent during the year.....	6,921
Average cost of ration during the year.....	\$17 42

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME
FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

REVERE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS., *July 8, 1879.*

The board met at the Revere House, Boston, Mass., July 8, 1879, at 12 o'clock m.

There were present, General B. F. Butler, Chief Justice M. R. Waite, Hon. George W. McCrary, Secretary of War, General John H. Martindale, Governor Frederick Smyth, Hon. Hugh L. Bond, Dr. Erastus B. Wolcott, General Richard Coulter, and Col. John A. Martin.

A quorum was in attendance, and, on motion, the board adjourned to meet at the Eastern Branch, at Togus, Me., July 9, at 12 o'clock m.

EASTERN BRANCH, TOGUS, ME., *July 9, 1879.*

The board met pursuant to adjournment at the Eastern Branch, at 12 o'clock m.

There were present, General B. F. Butler, president; General J. H. Martindale, secretary, with the other members who had been present at the meeting on the previous day.

A quorum being in attendance, the board proceeded to business.

REPORTS.

The regular quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, examined, and placed on file.

The board proceeded to consider applications of discharged soldiers for readmission to the several branches of the National Home.

READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Edgar K. Clemmer, late Captain Simmonds's Company, First Kentucky Battery.

Robert Manford, late Company H, First Virginia (Mexican war) Volunteers.

Henry Steiger, late Company H, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteers.

Thomas Manning, late Company H, Fifth Ohio Volunteers.

Henry Diestel, late Company K, One hundred and seventh Ohio Volunteers.

John McCann, late Companies A and E, Fifteenth United States Infantry, and K, Ninth Michigan Cavalry.

Patrick McLaughlin, late Company C, Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteers, and I, Nevins's Battery.

James McCloskey, late Company B, One hundred and nineteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Henry Hartley, late Company E, Seventh Kansas Cavalry.

Beauford Webb, late Company I, Eighteenth Indiana Volunteers.

Peter Faren, late Company B, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Frank Dell, late Company F, Seventieth New York Volunteers.

Michael Grimes, late Company F, Seventy-first New York Volunteers.

Henry Meyers, late Company G, Thirty-seventh Ohio Volunteers.

Robert Hervey, late Company C, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William E. Bradshaw, late Company K, Ninth Indiana Volunteers, and United States Navy.

Benjamin Jones, late Company A, Fifth United States Colored Troops.

John Goetz, late Company I, Thirty-fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

Robert E. Green, late Company H, Twenty-seventh United States Colored Troops.

Benjamin Tuttle, late Company F, First Michigan Volunteers.

Mathias Sutter, late Company C, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers.

Wesley Crandall, late Company H, One hundred and forty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

John Van Zandt, late Company B, First New Jersey Artillery.

John Faulkner, late Company C, Sixty-first Illinois Volunteers.

William Graham, late Company A, Ninety-fifth New York Volunteers, and H, Eighth New York Heavy Artillery.

James H. Anderson, late Company H, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Asbury Blakely, late Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteers.

Conrad Reizler, late Company F, Fifty-eighth New York Volunteers, and Company B, Seventh New York Heavy Artillery.

Lewis Evans, late Company F, Twenty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William Herron, late Company A, First Massachusetts Light Artillery.

George J. Nicholas, late Company H, Seventy-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Robert W. McCracken, late C, One hundred and seventieth New York Volunteers.

John R. Steere, late Company K, Twenty-seventh, and G, Eighteenth Illinois Volunteers.

Amos Jones, late Company I, First New York Cavalry; I, Twelfth, and A, Eighty-sixth, New York Volunteers.

Robert Gamel, late Company I, One hundred and first New York Volunteers, and L, Ninth New York Heavy Artillery.

The following are admitted on condition that they pay their own transportation to the Home:

Henry C. Jackson, late Company H, First Delaware Volunteers.

William H. Hardin, late Company C, Twenty-third Indiana Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they repay the cost of their transportation to the Home, by their labor:

Daniel Wise, late Company D, Seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Jacob C. Hopper, late Company K, Third Pennsylvania Reserves, and Company B, Sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, subject to semi-annual examination as to his disability, by the surgeon:

Patrick Collins, late Company E, Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign to the National Home the whole of their pensions for the period of one month:

Timothy McCormick, late Company A, Fifth Kentucky Volunteers.

Robert Smith, late Company C, Tenth Illinois Cavalry.

And the following are admitted on condition that they severally as-

sign to the National Home one-half of their pensions for the period of two months :

Wm. L. Sweet, late Company A, First Rhode Island Light Artillery.
James Lamb, late Company H, First United States Artillery.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign to the National Home one-half of their pensions for the period of three months :

Lewis V. Morrow, late Company F, Eighty-third Ohio Volunteers.

William Everstein, late Company F, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following is admitted, on condition that he assign to the National Home one-half of his pension for the period of one year :

William J. Robinson, late Company F, Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally labor, as the governor may direct, without pay, for the period of two months :

Charles Stokes, late Company B, One hundred and sixteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

David Cahill, late Company D, Tenth Tennessee Volunteers.

Joseph Schmidt, late Company I, Twenty-eighth Kentucky Volunteers.

Henry Steltz, late Companies K and M, Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and Company B, Thirteenth United States Infantry.

Isack H. Miller, late Company A, Thirty-fifth New Jersey, and D, Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally perform such labor as the governor may direct, without pay, during the period of three months :

William Schmeder, late Company F, Nineteenth Indiana Volunteers.

James O'Connor, late Company I, Ninth New York Artillery, and A, One hundred and sixty-fourth New York Volunteers.

Louis Roesch, late Company C, Fifteenth Missouri Volunteers.

John McIntyre, late Company G, One hundred and forty-second New York Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally do such work or duty as the governor shall direct, without pay, as long as they continue inmates of the Home :

John Bohon, late Company F, Second New Jersey Volunteers.

John Brussow, late Company H, One hundred and eighth Ohio Volunteers, and F, Fourteenth United States Infantry.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that the cost of his transportation to the Home shall be reimbursed out of his pension money, and his case is to be reported by the governor to the Soldiers' Home, in Washington, in order that he may be transferred there, if admissible :

Patrick Carey, late Company E, Second United States Infantry.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he labor without pay, as the governor may direct, for the period of three months, and be subjected to quarterly examinations by the surgeon, as to his disability :

Isaac I. Kenyon, late Company E, First Pennsylvania Artillery.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he reimburse to the Home all the cost of his transportation thither, and support and clothing to this date, to be charged to his pension-money account, and taken therefrom as soon as payment of his pension shall be resumed :

Christopher Elliott, late Company D, Fiftieth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he pay his own transportation, and assign one-half his pension to the National Home, for the period of three months:

David Craig, late Company A, Ninth, and Company F, Eighth New York Cavalry.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that two-thirds of his pension money be regularly remitted to his wife by the treasurer of the Home, to be assented to and authorized by him at the time of his return to the Home:

Adolph Scheming, late Company H, Fifty-first Illinois Volunteers, and G, Eighth Veteran Reserve Corps.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he perform labor, as the governor may direct, for two months, without pay, and reimburse the National Home for his transportation thereto, by additional labor, as the governor may direct:

Nelson F. Clarke, late Company A, One hundred and fifty-third Ohio Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he be subjected to semi-annual examination:

Peter G. Nell, late Company H, One hundred and eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following may be readmitted to the National Home, on condition that he immediately return to the Northwestern Branch and perform labor there as the governor may direct, without pay, for the period of three months, and for an additional period long enough to reimburse the National Home for his transportation thither:

James Peacock, late Company B, First Michigan State Soldiers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign to the National Home, for the period of six months, one-half his pension money, and shall agree never to apply for readmission if he shall be discharged:

Robert F. Cones, late Company D, One hundred and forty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he comply with all the conditions of readmission heretofore imposed on the 10th December, 1877, and the further condition, that he perform labor, as the governor may direct, for the period of one month, in addition to the labor imposed in such previous conditions:

Thomas Delaney, late Company H, One hundred and fifty-fifth New York Volunteers.

The several applications for readmission of the following persons are refused:

John Jamieson, late Company C, Nineteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

William Denning, late Company H, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

William Knapp, late Company A, Third Missouri Volunteers.

READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Richard Green, late Company F, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

Francis G. Trowbridge, late Company D, One hundred and thirty-ninth New York Volunteers.

Michael Ringrose, late Company I, Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteers.

Martin Canfield, late Company B, Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following is admitted on condition that he assign one-third of his pension absolutely to the National Home for the period of two months:

Patrick Mooney, late Company G, Ninety-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign one-half his pension absolutely to the National Home for the period of three months:

Robert S. Watson, late Company A, Thirty-ninth New York Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign to the National Home absolutely one-half of their pensions for the period of six months:

Samuel R. Philips, late Company A, Second Massachusetts Volunteers.

James Harris, late Fifteenth New York Independent Battery.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign to the National Home absolutely one-half of their entire pensions for the period of one year:

William McIntosh, late Company D, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Henry Wrieth, late Company B, Twentieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he do such labor as the deputy governor may direct for the period of three months without pay:

Dennis Mahoney, late Company I, Ninth Maine Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally do such work as the deputy governor may direct during the period of four months without pay:

Charles H. Collins, late Company B, Thirteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Daniel J. Daly, late Company B, Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally do such work as the deputy governor may direct for the period of six months without pay:

Louis Depoilly, late Company F, One hundred and sixty-second New York Volunteers.

Michael Brodigan, late Company B, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he do such work as the deputy governor may direct, while an inmate of the National Home, without pay:

Thomas McMahon, late Company I, Seventeenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted unconditionally to be transferred to Soldiers' Home in Washington, if admissible there:

Henry Sanderson, late Company D, Fourth United States Artillery.

And the following applications for readmission are severally refused:

Michael McDermott, late Company B, Fifth Rhode Island Volunteers.

Thomas McGowan, late Company G, Third Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

READMISSIONS TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Louis Blum, late Company F, Eighty-second Illinois Volunteers.

John Henry Bruhl, late Company G, One hundred and twenty-seventh Illinois Volunteers.

George A. Armstrong, adjutant Ninth Indiana Cavalry.

Patrick Doyle, late Company H, Second United States Infantry.

Michael Flemming, late Company D, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Peter Farrell, late Company B, First New York Artillery.

Christian Luckhardt, late Company K, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Thomas Nixon, late Company B, Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteers.

Samuel G. Price, late Company A, Seventh Michigan Volunteers.

David Rothfus, late Company K, Twelfth Missouri Volunteers.

Edward Williams, late Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Anton Vogt, late Company G, Fourth Missouri Cavalry.

Isaac Young, late Company First, Fourth Maine Volunteers, War of 1812.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of their several pensions for the period of two months:

August Eberenz, late Regimental Band, Eleventh United States Infantry.

Elisha Lewis, late Fifth Regiment, Ohio State Service.

John Leary, late Company I, One hundred and sixth New York Volunteers.

John Muslinger, late Eighth Wisconsin Battery.

George H. Travis, late Company B, First Kentucky Light Artillery.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of his pension for the period of six months:

John Bulger, late Company C, One hundred and fifty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home the whole of his pension for the period of one year:

Daniel Kelly, late Company A, One hundred and twenty-sixth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he does such work as the deputy governor shall direct for the period of three months without pay:

William McKenzie, late Company I, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he do such work as the deputy governor shall direct for the period of four months without pay:

George Robson, late Company D, Sixth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he do such work as the deputy governor shall direct for the period of six months without pay:

Patrick Sweeney, late Company A, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery.

And the following is readmitted unconditionally because he is afflicted with unsound mind, and he is to be treated accordingly.

Peter Forster, late Company C, One hundred and sixteenth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign to the National Home absolutely five-sixths of his pension, equal to \$20 per month for the period of one year :

Josiah Nutting, late Company F, Nineteenth Maine Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign to the National Home absolutely one-third of his pension for the period of two months, the remaining two-thirds of his pension to be sent to his family by the treasurer while he remains an inmate of the Home :

Michael Sullivan, late Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home \$4 per month of his pension until the further order of this board, and the balance of his entire pension to be sent to his mother by the treasurer while he remains an inmate of the Home :

Henry G. West, late Company D, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

The applications of the following are refused :

Christopher Meyers, late Company F, Thirty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

James McCarthy, late Company D, Seventy-first New York Volunteers.

READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally :

Owen McCauley, late Company D, Fourth United States Artillery, Mexican war. (Is so admitted in consequence of his critical sickness and mental impairment.)

Mathias Goern, late Company B, Ninth New York Volunteers.

W. S. Aldrich, late Company B, Fourteenth United States Infantry. (This case should be reported to the Soldiers' Home at Washington.)

William H. Thomas, late Company K, Seventh Maryland Cavalry.

Andrae Talbot, late Company A, Fourteenth New York Artillery.

James Burns, late Company M, Fifth New York Cavalry.

Robert Brown, late Company D, One hundred and twenty-seventh New York Volunteers.

John Ryan, late Company F, Sixty-third New York Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally do such work as the deputy governor shall direct for the period of four months without pay :

Garret C. Kean, late Company F, One hundred and fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Jeremiah Hegarthy, late Company E, One hundred and sixty-fourth New York Volunteers.

—And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of their pensions for the period of two months :

James Garvey, late Company C, Eighteenth New York Volunteers.

Boyd Thompson, late Company C, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of their pensions for the period of three months :

David L. Shoals, late Company E, First New York Cavalry.

Timothy Taylor, late Company A, Fifty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-third of his pension for the period of six months :

William H. Tennant, late Company D, Second Maryland Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of his pension for the period of six months :

George Baars, late Company F, Ninth New York Cavalry.

And the following application for readmission is refused; provided further that the applicant shall not be admitted temporarily at post:

William Tag, late Company D, Second New Hampshire Volunteers.

The board then proceeded to consider the applications of several inmates for remission of penalties, and for effects of deceased inmates.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The applications of the following inmates for remission of penalties, heretofore imposed, are refused :

Thomas Pritchard, late Company E, One hundred and fortieth New York Volunteers.

William Morrissey, late Company F, Eleventh United States Infantry.

Thomas Quigley, late Company F, Twenty-fifth Michigan Volunteers.

James Duffy, late Company K, Seventh United States Cavalry.

Samuel Bateman, late Company I, Thirtieth United States Colored Troops.

John Reilly, late Company B, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

APPLICATIONS FOR EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The following applications are refused :

Robert Callaghan, for effects of James Callaghan, deceased, late Company C, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Gertrude Appel, for effects of Martin Aff, deceased, late Company E, First Maryland Cavalry.

E. Patterson, for effects of James Call, deceased, late Company F, Twelfth Pennsylvania Reserves.

Gustave Mueller, for effects of William Schleisner, deceased, late Company M, Third Wisconsin Cavalry.

Patrick Nugent, for effects of John Nugent, deceased, late Company B, Forty-eighth New York Volunteers.

Arnold Moser, in behalf of the widow of Christian Rothacker, deceased.

The application of Evan Williams, for effects of Hugh Williams, deceased, late Company H, Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteers, is granted, and the treasurer ordered to make payment accordingly.

The application of Andrew Planz, for effects of George W. Daniels, deceased, a soldier of the War of 1812, is granted, and the treasurer is ordered to make payment accordingly.

The application of Robert Cramer and two others (children), for effects of Charles Cramer, deceased, late Company I, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers, is granted, and the treasurer is ordered to make payment accordingly, and to turn over the specific articles applied for.

The application of Catherine Beedle (daughter), for effects of Francis L. Spring, deceased, is granted, and the certificate of deposit specified will be delivered accordingly.

The several applications of the following-named persons are granted, and the treasurer is ordered to make payment accordingly :

Mrs. Sallie B. Baird (daughter), for effects of Daniel Britton, deceased, late Fifteenth United States Infantry, War of 1812.

Herminia Ahlensdorf (mother), for effects of Herman P. Ahlensdorf deceased, late Company B, One hundred and eighty-first Ohio Volunteers.

Enos W. Proutz (administrator), for effects of Enos P. Trussell, deceased, late Company C, First New Hampshire Cavalry.

Mrs. Nellie Mund (widow), for effects of Frank Mund, deceased, late Company I, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

Mrs. Julia Hawkins, in behalf of John Williams (father), for effects of Joshua Williams, deceased, late Company G, Twenty-second United States Colored Troops.

Mrs. Lena Franz (daughter), for effects of John M. W. Loebig, deceased, late Company C, One hundred and thirteenth Ohio Volunteers.

Henry Clinton, for effects of William Blanchard, deceased, late Company K, Seventh Michigan Cavalry.

The application of Mrs. Mary Campbell for the effects of Henry Donaldson, deceased, late Company E, Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, is referred back for further examination and report to the next meeting of the board.

The application of Barbara Rothacker (widow), for effects of Christian Rothacker, deceased, late Company H, Second Ohio Cavalry, is referred back for further investigation and report to next meeting of the board.

The application of Joseph O. Gearhard (son), for effects of Joseph Gearhard, deceased, late Company H, Eleventh Ohio Volunteers, is granted, the effects to be surrendered to the son when applied for at the Home.

The application of Miss Mary J. McGlinchey (sister), for effects of Frank McGlinchey, deceased, late Company A, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, is granted to the extent that clothing and effects other than money due for labor at the Home be surrendered her when applied for. The remainder of the application is refused.

EASTERN BRANCH.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The applications of the following inmates for remission of penalties heretofore imposed are refused :

Bradley Hall, late Company I, Fortieth New York Volunteers.

Thomas Jones, late Company C, Second New Hampshire Volunteers.

Alexander Robinson, late Company G, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers.

Reuben Baker, late Company H, Fifty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The applications of the following inmates for remission of penalties heretofore imposed are refused :

John W. Dunn, late Company K, Third Wisconsin Volunteers.

Willis Reason, late Company H, Second United States Cavalry.

The application of Francis Ebert, late Company D, Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers, is granted to the extent that one-half of the pen-

alty is remitted, with liberty to renew the application at the next meeting of the board if any part of the labor imposed shall remain unperformed.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of Abraham Van Assim, late Company B, Fifty-first New York Volunteers, for remission of fines imposed for offenses is refused.

EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The application of Mrs. Harriet N. Paxon for the effects of Samuel W. Paxon, deceased, late Company C, First Delaware Volunteers, is refused.

The application of Mrs. Thomas Christie (widow) for the effects of Thomas Christie, deceased, is granted, and it is ordered that the sum of \$57.42 be paid to the widow of the deceased by the treasurer, and her receipt will be an adequate voucher therefor.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the application of Sophie Evenburgh for the effects of her deceased husband, Arthur Evenburgh, first lieutenant, First Pennsylvania Artillery, be referred to General R. Coulter for investigation and report.

In like manner, the application of Rosa Bell Herrin for the effects of Leonard Schmidt, deceased, late Company C, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers, be referred to Colonel Harris for examination, and report to the next meeting of the board.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

The president appointed a special committee, consisting of Chief-Justice Waite, Hon. Mr. McCrary, Secretary of War, and Colonel Martin, to prepare estimates for the necessary expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1880, and to report the same to the board.

The committee having prepared and submitted such estimates, the further consideration thereof was, at the suggestion of the Secretary of War, postponed to the next meeting of the board in September.

And it was further

Resolved, That all questions relating to the estimates for the home for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, be referred to a committee, consisting of the president of the board, the Secretary of War, and the Chief-Justice, for further investigation and report at the next meeting of the board.

Governor Smyth, from the Visiting Committee for the Southern Branch, reported that the committee had examined the accounts at that Branch for the year ending December 31, 1878, and found the same correct, and supported by adequate vouchers.

It being found that much embarrassment attended the examination of applications for the effects and moneys of deceased inmates, owing to the imperfect and uncertain proofs furnished by the applicants, it was—

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of the president of the board and two other members, be appointed to prepare the forms for the manner of investigation of claims for the effects and moneys of deceased inmates, to report at the next meeting of the board.

A communication having been received by the board relating to the assistant surgeon of the southern branch, the same was, on motion, referred to Judge Bond for investigation and report.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the traveling expenses of Dr. Hare, incurred in the removal of his family from the southern branch to the northwestern branch at the time of his transfer for duty as surgeon, be ascertained, audited, and paid by the deputy governor and treasurer of the northwestern branch.

On motion, the board took a recess until the next morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

TOGUS, ME., July 10, 1879.

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers met at 9 o'clock a. m., on this day, at the Eastern Branch.

Present, the same managers as on the previous day.

The application of William Drought, an inmate, for reimbursement of loss by fire at the Central Branch on the 15th November last having been considered, it was

Resolved, That the governor of the Central Branch direct payment to the several inmates their losses by said fire as ascertained and recommended for payment by the committee of investigation appointed for the purpose.

General Coulter was appointed a member of the committee on finance, in place of General Osborn, who is absent from the country.

The attention of the board was particularly directed to section 8 of the act of March 3, 1865, incorporating the National Military Asylum, wherein it is enacted that the Board of Managers shall make an annual report of the condition of the Asylum to Congress on the first Monday of every January after the passage of the act.

It being obvious that compliance with the requirements of that section was impossible, if the annual report was extended to embrace the condition of the Home up to and including the 31st day of December preceding the first Monday of the following January, it was

Resolved, That such annual report shall hereafter extend to and terminate with the end of the fiscal year, as established by law, viz, the 30th day of June in each year; and that the governors of the several branches shall hereafter make their reports to the secretary of the Board of Managers for the preparation of the annual report in conformity with this resolution on or before the first Monday of December in each year.

It appearing to the board that the necessities of the Central Branch required the construction of one additional barrack, similar to those heretofore authorized and recently erected there, it was

Resolved, That \$10,000 be appropriated for that purpose, and that such barrack be located by Col. L. A. Harris, local manager, and the governor.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president of the board then presented the estimates for the additional funds required for the purposes of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the quarter ending September 30, 1879, which, after careful revision, were agreed upon as follows:

Out-door relief and incidental expenses	\$4,000 00
Central Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs	110,000 00
For construction for additional water supply	5,000 00
For construction of new barrack	10,000 00
Northwestern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs	28,000 00
Southern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs	23,750 00
For repair and construction of road	500 00

For new boiler.....	\$800 00
For sewerage	1,000 00
For payment of outstanding accounts of Mr. Clough for services and expenses and for materials in construction of buildings at the Southern Branch	1,150 00
Eastern Branch :	
For current expenses and repairs	29,000 00
For construction in extension of barracks	2,500 00
Total	215,700 00

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate, out of moneys which may be provided by law, the sum of \$215,700, as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending September 30, 1879, and for construction, repairs, outdoor relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter; and that the acting treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain the sum of \$215,700, the amount so appropriated, from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

The general business being concluded, it was thereupon unanimously

Resolved, That the Board of Managers have heard with sincere sorrow of the death of Mrs. E. F. Brown, wife of the governor of the Central Branch. Long associated with that branch of the National Home, she had in her sphere signally contributed to its successful management, making it in fact as well as in name a *Home* for the Disabled Soldiers.

The board hereby place on record their appreciation of her worth, and their sympathy with Colonel Brown in his bereavement.

The board then adjourned to meet at the Central Branch, near Dayton, Ohio, on Tuesday, the 16th day of September, 1879, at 10 o'clock a m.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

CENTRAL BRANCH, DAYTON, OHIO,
Tuesday, September 16, 1879.

The managers met at the Central Branch, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There were present, General B. F. Butler, the Chief Justice M. R. Waite, General J. H. Martindale, Governor Frederick Smyth, Dr. E. B. Wolcott, Judge Hugh L. Bond, General Richard Coulter, Colonel John A. Martin, and Colonel Leonard A. Harris; constituting more than a quorum.

The board was received by the officers and men of the Home, and, escorted by the Brown Guard, proceeded to an inspection and review.

Assembling in Memorial Hall Chaplain Earnshaw presented an address, and General Butler and several other members of the board responded.

The board then organized for business, the president, General Butler, in the chair.

REPORTS.

The regular quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, examined, and placed on file.

Certain correspondence and papers were laid before the board relating to the payment of arrears of pensions, and several applications for

readmission by discharged inmates who had insisted on the receipt of such arrears of pension directly to themselves. Thereupon, upon motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take and consider certain correspondence and papers relating to the subject of payment to inmates of arrears of pensions, and to report thereon, and recommend such measures as they may deem expedient, to counteract the irregularities and evils consequent on such payment to inmates directly.

Thereupon the president appointed as such committee Judge Bond, Colonel Harris, and General Martindale.

To this same committee the board referred divers applications for readmission by persons who had refused to transfer arrears of pensions to the treasurer of the National Home, and had been discharged—most of whom, having squandered their money, were now seeking to be readmitted.

The following are the names of such applicants :

CENTRAL BRANCH.

Richard Starkey, late Company L, Third Michigan Cavalry.
John E. McGannon, late Company B, Fourth New Jersey Volunteers.
Walter R. Baker, late Company B, Seventh Missouri Volunteers.
William T. Van Woert, late Company I, Tenth Minnesota Volunteers.
Albert Metzner, late Company I, Forty-sixth New York Volunteers.
Thomas Curtis, late Company K, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

Joseph Wilson, late Company A, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The president of the board, as chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting to examine and report upon certain questions relating to estimates for the Home, presented the following report :

Boston, September 8, 1879.

GENTLEMEN : Your committee appointed at the last meeting of the board, for the revision of the estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, for submission to Congress for appropriations for the support of the Home for the year, beg leave to report.

Detailed estimates were called for from the several Homes, were received and carefully compared. Other statistical facts have been digested from the reports showing the appropriations by the board of managers for the support of the Homes for the year ending June 30, 1879, and also the number of beneficiaries in the year ending June 30, 1878, and June 30, 1879, and an average taken of the per cent. of increase. That has been compared with the increase of estimates for the several Homes.

It is found that the increase of beneficiaries is very nearly 8 per cent. during the past year, and that does not vary much at the different Homes. It is also believed by your committee that it is very probable that the percentage of increase of beneficiaries to be supported in the year 1880-'81 will be larger than the year 1878-'79. The examination further shows that the estimates for the year 1880-'81 range from 9 to 10 per cent. in the Northwestern, Eastern, and Southern Branches, increase, from the appropriations by the board, and for the last year for their support, which will be not substantially different from the probable increase of beneficiaries. But at the Central Branch the increase in the estimates over the appropriations of last year is over 30 per cent., while the increase of beneficiaries is about 10 per cent. Your committee has therefore deducted 20 per cent. from the estimates of the Central Branch, allowing the others to stand. We have also caused to be taken an accurate account of the clothing and bedding on hand, and made estimates for the prospective needs of the several Branches. We have also itemized, as carefully as possible, all other expenditures of the institution.

The papers containing these items will be found annexed hereto, marked A, B, C, D, and E, inclusive. The estimates of the several Branches are also herewith submitted, to which we desire reference.

Your committee therefore recommend that the sum of \$1,033,560.83, as the amount which will need to be appropriated by Congress for the support of the Home.

We have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servants,

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

GEO. W. McCRARY.

M. R. WAITE.

A.—*Post return for June 30, 1878.*

Branch.	Present.	Absent.	Present and absent.
Central	3,010	728	3,738
Northwestern	635	179	814
Eastern	786	254	1,040
Southern	595	161	756
	5,026	1,322	6,348

A.—*Post return for June 30, 1879.*

Branch.	Present.	Absent.	Present and absent.
Central	3,336	743	4,079
Northwestern	651	197	848
Eastern	822	284	1,106
Southern	652	176	828
	5,461	1,400	6,861

Increase in 1879, 513, or 8 per cent.

B.—*Suggested estimate to Congress for fiscal year ending June 30, 1881.*

Branch.	Amount.	Reduction from estimates made by several branches.
Central	\$611,330 29	\$148,379 33
Northwestern	143,948 25	None.
Eastern	146,802 75	None.
Southern	116,443 54	None.
Out-door relief and incidental expenses	15,000 00	
	1,033,560 83	

Appropriations by Board of Managers for year ending June 30, 1879..... \$898,750 33

[Increase in number of inmates for year 1879, over 1878, was about 8 per cent.]

Add 15 per cent. for estimated increase for years 1880 and 1881..... 134,810 50

Total..... 1,033,560 83

C.—*Appropriations by Board of Managers to several Branches for four quarters ending June 30, 1879.*

Branch.	September 30, 1878.	December 31, 1878.	March 31, 1879.	June 30, 1879.	Total.
Central	\$104,088 04	\$100,260 00	\$129,216 00	\$125,861 76	\$465,435 70
Northwestern	20,709 03	27,400 00	27,750 00	39,000 00	114,859 03
Eastern	28,165 00	26,074 28	29,013 15	29,201 55	113,112 98
Southern	23,800 00	23,213 36	25,132 16	25,187 10	97,342 02
	176,771 07	183,556 64	211,112 21	219,310 41	790,750 33

Total appropriations for four Branches for fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.	\$790, 750 33
For out-door relief and incidental expenses.....	24, 000 00
For clothing and bedding.....	84, 000 00

	898, 750 33
Appropriations by Congress for fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.....	880, 000 00

Deficiency.....	18, 750 33
Estimates by board to Congress for fiscal year ending June 30, 1879.....	898, 000 00

D.—*Estimates of several Branches to Board of Managers for year ending June 30, 1881.*

Branch.	Amount, including clothing and bedding.	Appropriations by Board of Managers for year ending June 30, 1879, not including bedding and clothing.	Increase asked for year ending June 30, 1881.
Central.....	\$759, 710 62	\$465, 435 70	30 per cent.
Northwestern.....	143, 984 25	114, 859 03	12 per cent.
Eastern.....	116, 802 75	113, 112 98	10 per cent.
Southern.....	116, 443 54	97, 342 62	9½ per cent.
	1, 166, 941 16	790, 750 33	

D.

Appropriations for four Branches for year ending June 30, 1879.....	\$790, 750 33
Appropriated for clothing and bedding.....	84, 000 00
Appropriated for out-door relief and incidental expenses.....	24, 000 00
Total appropriations for year ending June 30, 1879.....	898, 750 33

NOTE.—The estimates submitted by the Central Branch should be reduced about twenty (20) per cent. See statement showing number of men present and absent June 30, 1878–1879.

E.

Expenditure during 1878.

Out-door relief.....	\$2, 865 00
Traveling expenses of Board of Managers and committees.....	2, 575 00
Clerk to secretary.....	\$2, 000 00
Clerk to president.....	1, 500 00
Clerk to treasurer.....	2, 000 00
Messenger.....	120 00
	5, 620 00
Incidental expenses:	
Stationery, printing, and postage.....	430 00
Telegrams.....	110 00
New York office expenses.....	360 00
Boston office expenses.....	720 00
Washington office expenses.....	480 00
	2, 100 00
	13, 460 00

The report of the committee was accepted, and the board adopted the recommendations therein made as follows:

The Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, having carefully reviewed the quarterly expenditures at the four several branches during the fiscal year last past, do estimate the necessary expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1880,

and ending June 30, 1881, and authorize the president of the board to transmit the same to the Secretary of War as follows :

For current expenses, including construction and repairs at the Central Branch, Dayton, Ohio	\$611, 330 29
For current expenses, including construction and repairs at the Eastern Branch, near Augusta, Me	146, 802 75
For current expenses, including construction and repairs at the North-western Branch, at Milwaukee, Wis.....	143, 484 25
For current expenses, including construction and repairs at the Southern Branch, at Hampton, Va	116, 443 54
For out-door relief and incidental expenses.....	15, 000 00

Total amount required for the support of the National Home during the fiscal year	1, 033, 560 83
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The board proceeded to consider applications of discharged soldiers for readmission to the Central Branch.

READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally :

Patrick Peppard, late Company F, Forty-second New York Volunteers.

Owen Murphy, late Company A, Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteers.

John Witzen, late Company B, Tenth Kansas, and I, Forty-first Missouri Volunteers.

Daniel Bonbright, late Company E, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John Hockings, late Company M, First Missouri Engineers.

James F. Gormley, late Company D, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery.

John Schriber, late Company D, Fifth Ohio Cavalry.

George Gottstein, late Company I, Thirty-seventh Illinois Volunteers.

Edward G. W. Small, late Company K, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Henry Riemann, late Company A, Twelfth Maine Volunteer.

James G. Scott, late Company D, Seventy-seventh New York Volunteers.

James Graves, late Company F, First Pennsylvania Light Artillery.

John Lahey, late Company H, Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Danger, late Company H, Thirty-fourth, and E, Forty-second United States Infantry.

James Hague, late Company C, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Henry Fitzgerald, late Company A, Sixty-seventh, and C, One hundred and fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Frederick Drick, late Company K, Seventh New York Volunteers.

John McNeill, late Company M, Third Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Joshua Braley, late Company F, Eleventh Ohio Volunteers.

John Kelly, late Company H, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

George W. Gates, late Company I, One hundred and fortieth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the governor shall direct for the period of two months without pay :

John Malone, late Company M, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct for the period of three months without pay :

George Morgan, late Company E, Ninety-seventh New York Volunteers.

Charles Jones, late Company G, One hundredth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he does such work or duty as the governor shall direct for the period of six months without pay:

James Jackson, late Company A, Sixty-first United States Colored Troops.

And the following, on condition that they do such work or duty as the governor shall direct for the period of twelve months without pay:

William Parkinson, late Company F, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteers.

John Jamison, late Company C, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely to the National Home \$2 per month of his pension for the period of three months:

Charles Held, late Company F, First New York Veteran Cavalry.

And the following, on condition that he assigns absolutely to the National Home \$6 per month of his pension for the period of six months:

John Tewey, late Company F, Fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of his entire pension for the period of two months:

Henry Meyers, late Company C, Twenty-seventh Michigan Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-fourth of his entire pension for the period of six months:

Oliver Chevenow, late Company A, Seventh New York Heavy Artillery.

And the following, on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-half of his entire pension for the period of six months:

John Smith, late Company C, Seventy-third New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they pay their own transportation to the Home:

John Chambers, late Company F, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

George Lyons, late Company D, One hundred and fourth New York Volunteers.

John Gibaught, late Company F, Sixty-eighth Ohio, and I, Fifth Veteran Reserve Corps.

Jacob Behringer, late Company F, One hundred and third New York Volunteers.

Enoch W. Bower, late Company C, Thirty-third New Jersey Volunteers.

John McLoughlin, late Company I, Nineteenth Connecticut Volunteers.

Peter Conlin, late Company D, Fifth Massachusetts Volunteers.

The applications of the following for readmission are refused:

Benjamin Russell, late Company B, Ninety-eighth New York Volunteers.

James Preston, late Company I, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.

William R. Hawkins, late Company I, Fourteenth Maine Volunteers.

Robert G. Tryon, late Company G, One hundred and fourth New York Volunteers.

The board adjourned until Wednesday morning, September 17, 1879, at 10 a. m.

CENTRAL BRANCH, DAYTON, OHIO,
September 17, 1879.

The board met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the same members as on the previous day.

The board proceeded to business.

The application of John G. Cobb, an inmate of the New York State Soldiers' Home, at Bath, was referred to the superintendent, E. C. Parkinson, and the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas applications are frequently made to the managers by inmates of the New York State Soldiers' Home, established at Bath, in that State, for admission to the National Soldiers' Home:

Resolved, That such applications will not hereafter be entertained unless transmitted through the superintendent of the New York State Home, or shall first be referred to that officer for his indorsement and recommendation: and applications by inmates of the National Home for transfer to the State Home at Bath will be transmitted to the superintendent there, for his approval, by the governors of the several branches of the National Home.

The inmates of Central Branch, having been previously notified that the board of managers would hear personally the complaints of the several inmates, if they had any to make, as to the treatment received by them from the officers of the Home, a small number of inmates availed themselves of the opportunity to appear personally before the board, not one of whom complained of ill treatment from the officers of the Home.

EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

Colonel Harrison, to whom was referred the application of Rosa Bellherrin for the effects of Leonard Schmidt, deceased, late Company C, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers, reported that he recommended payment to an administrator and guardian to be appointed for a minor child. The board ordered payment to be made accordingly.

The following application is refused:

Barbara Rothacker, for effects of Christian Rothacker, deceased, late Company H, Second Ohio Volunteers.

The following applications were granted:

Ada F. McDonald, for effects of James McDonald, deceased, late Company C, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

George W. Wortman, for effects of Eugene Hancke, deceased, late Company C, Ninth Illinois Volunteers.

Mrs. Mary J. Flaherty, for effects of John Flaherty, deceased, late Company E, Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

O. B. Brown, administrator, for effects of Gottlieb Siedel, deceased, late Company G, Fifty-eighth Ohio Volunteers, to the extent of the certificate of deposit, amounting to \$250, and refused as to the rest of the application.

The application of Mrs. Mary Campbell for the effects of Henry Donaldson, deceased, late Company E, Sixty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, is granted.

The application of Mathilda Kleeberg, daughter, for effects of John S. Kleeberg, deceased, late Company F, One hundredth New York Volunteers, is referred back to Governor Brown, to procure satisfactory proof of the relationship of the applicant.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of Thomas Nugent, late Company H, Twenty-seventh Indiana Volunteers, is granted.

The following applications are refused :

John Fries, late Company I, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

William Dailey, late Company H, One hundred and twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

George W. Gates, late Company I, One hundred and fortieth New York Volunteers.

Thomas Quigley, late Company F, Twenty-fifth Michigan Volunteers.

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS.

The application of Josiah Nutting, late Company F, Nineteenth Maine Volunteers, is refused consideration, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That he be not readmitted temporarily at post without the order of the Board of Managers.

The application of Lorenz Breidenstein and ten others, Home bakers, for increase of monthly pay, is granted.

The application of Dennis O'Donovan, late Company I, Second District of Columbia Volunteers, is refused.

The board refused to entertain the complaint of Adrian Shaw, late Company D, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry.

The application of Charles Z. Pells, is not entertained. The regulations to which he refers are approved, and will not be vacated by the board.

The complaint of Eri Moffit, late Company I, First Kentucky Regiment, Mexican War, is dismissed.

The application of Frederick Winsche—Mexican war—late Company H, 20th Indiana Volunteers, is refused.

The application of John Bissert, late Company G, Thirteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, is refused.

The application of Michael Ast, late Company B, Fremont's Body-guard, for transportation, is refused.

On motion of Colonel Harris, it was—

Resolved, That the application of Assistant Surgeon A. S. Dunlap for increase of salary be granted, and that the same be fixed at \$75 per month.

The application of Charles F. Reuss, late Company C, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry, is inadmissible.

The application of Richard Turpin, late Company G, Third Massachusetts Volunteers, for repayment of transportation, is refused.

The application of Charles V. Patrick, telegraph operator, for increase of pay, is refused.

The application of Moses Sweeny, for transportation to his home and return, is granted.

The application of James McGreevy, late Company D, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteers, for remission of sentence, is refused.

The application of William Kavanagh, late Company F, Thirty-sixth New York Volunteers, for an appointment, &c., cannot be entertained; but he is entitled to admission to the Home.

And thereupon the board adjourned, to meet at the Grand Pacific Hotel in the city of Chicago on the following day, September 18, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m.

GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL.,
Tuesday, September 18, 1879.

The board met pursuant to adjournment at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago, on the 18th September, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There were present General B. F. Butler, the Chief Justice M. R. Waite, General J. H. Martindale, Governor Frederick Smyth, Judge Hugh L. Bond, Dr. E. B. Wolcott, and Colonel John A. Martin.

A quorum being present, the board proceeded to business.

The president laid before the board the report of General Coulter, upon the application of Mrs. Sophie Erenburgh, for the effects of her deceased husband, Arthur Erenburgh, late First Lieutenant, First Pennsylvania Artillery, with recommendation that the application be granted, and the application was granted accordingly.

The president laid before the board a circular letter addressed by the secretary to the governors of the several branches for information as to the amount paid for services, &c., with a view to prepare the report called for by a resolution offered by Governor Smyth, and adopted at the meeting of the board held at the Central Branch on the 11th September, 1877 (see printed minutes, page 428), also, the reports and detailed statements of the governors of the several branches in answer to such circular letter. And thereupon it was—

Resolved, That such circular letter, reports, and detailed statements be referred to Governor Smyth for examination, comparison, and such recommendation as he may deem expedient, and to report to the next meeting of the board.

The board resumed the consideration of applications for readmission.

READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

William Keeler, late Company M, Eighth New York Artillery.

Reuben England, late Company G, Sixty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

The following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-half his pension for the period of three months:

Edward Redfield, late Company M, Seventh New York Artillery.

The following are readmitted on condition that they severally labor without pay during the period of three months:

Thomas McGlone, late Company A, Fortieth New York Volunteers.

Timothy Linehan, late Company E, Seventh Maine Volunteers.

James Dougherty, late Company G, Seventh New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they labor without pay for the period of six months:

Patrick Gilligan, late Company I, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

James Brown, late Company D, Seventh Connecticut Volunteers.

And the following applications for readmission were refused:

Thomas Cowley, late Company E, Fourth Rhode Island Volunteers.

Michael Silver, late Company D, Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following are readmitted unconditionally:

Frederick Noepel, late Company C, Fifty-ninth New York Volunteers.

E. M. Chendvill, late Company C, Twelfth Maine Volunteers.

Albert Hudgins, late Company F, First United States Colored Troops.

Le Gran I. Luckett, late Company A, First District of Columbia Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-half his pension for the period of four months:

Thomas Haley, late Company F, Eighty-fourth New York Volunteers.

And the following on condition that he make like assignment of one-half his pension for the period of six months:

Warren H. Joline, late Company B, One hundred and ninetieth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he make like assignment of one-half his pension for the period of one year—and his further continuance in the Home is declared to be dependent on his future good conduct:

Michael Welch, late Company H, Forty-seventh New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he make like assignment of his whole pension for the period of one year (this condition is especially imposed because the applicant has heretofore been dishonorably discharged for bringing whisky into camp):

James Riley, late Company I, Eighteenth Connecticut Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he make like assignment of one-half his pension for the period of two months:

William Sheridan, late Company M, First Missouri Artillery.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally labor without pay for the period of three months:

Richard Green, late Company D, Seventeenth New York Volunteers.

William Parisius, late Company E, Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry.

Michael Kelly, late Company I, One hundred and fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he work without pay for the period of four months:

James Healy, late Company F, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

And the applications of the following persons for readmission are refused:

James M. Weicher, late Company K, Two hundred and fourteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William R. Hawkins, late Company A, Fourteenth Maine Volunteers.

John Shea, late Company C, Fifth New York Cavalry, with leave nevertheless to renew his application.

John Evertson, late Company G, Eighty-second New York Volunteers, and no further application of this person will be considered.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of Boyd Thompson, late Company C, Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for such remission, is refused.

EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The application of Mary Ann Dolan, for effects of Patrick Dolan, deceased, late Company A, Forty-seventh New York Volunteers, is granted.

Thereupon the board adjourned to meet at the Northwestern Branch Milwaukee, Wis., on the following Saturday morning, September 20, at 10 o'clock a. m.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
Saturday, September 20, 1879.

The board met at the Northwestern Branch, Milwaukee, Wis., September 20, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There were present the same members as at the preceding meeting held at Chicago on the 18th September, 1879.

The board proceeded to consider applications of discharged soldiers for

READMISSION TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following are readmitted unconditionally :

John T. Edwards, late Company F, Twenty-first Iowa Volunteers.

Thomas Main, late Company B, Third Wisconsin Cavalry.

Jefferson Moore, late Company K, Fifty-third Ohio Volunteers.

John P. Roestrop, late Company K, Forty-second Illinois Volunteers.

Michael Regan, late Company K, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.

Joseph E. Riley, late Company B, One hundred and fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the Home one-half his pension for one month :

John Christopher, late Company C, Sixteenth Kansas Cavalry.

And the following on condition that they severally assign absolutely to the Home one-half their pensions for the period of two months :

Michael Hurley, late Company C, One hundred and first Illinois Volunteers.

William H. Gravell, late Company C, Eighty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John Hesson, late Company C, Eighty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely his pension to the Home for the period of three months :

John Smith, late Company A, Thirty-sixth New York Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign to the Home one-half their pensions for the period of four months :

Frederick F. Drake, late Company G, One hundred and fifty-first New York Volunteers.

George K. Wood, late Company F, Sixty-seventh New York Volunteers.

Christian Wenger, late Third Company Ohio Independent Battery.

And the following are readmitted on condition that they severally assign to the Home one-half their pensions for the period of six months :

Francis Dellabella, late Company D, Second Missouri Volunteers.

John Burns, late Seventh Wisconsin Battery.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign one-half his pension to the Home for the period of nine months :

Dennis Conley, late Company D, Twelfth Iowa Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he labor without pay for the period of two months :

James O. Beirne, late Company C, First United States Artillery.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he labor without pay for the period of three months :

David Scott, late Company D, Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he labor without pay for the period of six months :

George Warrick, late Company K, Twentieth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he labor without pay for the period of one year :

Owen McGraham, late Company H, One hundred and seventy-seventh New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign absolutely to the Home one-half his pension for the period of two months, and labor without pay for the same period :

Ferdinand Kirshner, late Company H, Twenty-sixth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that whenever he is sufficiently restored to health he shall labor without pay while he continues an inmate :

John R. Hewett, late Company B, Fiftieth New York Volunteers.

The application of Gottlieb Blessing, late Company G, Seventy-second Illinois Volunteers, for readmission, is refused on the ground that his disability was not contracted while in military service, and he is therefore not eligible under the laws of Congress.

And the same order is made and refusal in the case of Joseph Mishelbach, late Company G, First Oregon Cavalry.

The application of Robert Tigert, late Company A, Sixth United States Infantry, for readmission, is granted, in order that he may be sent to the Insane Asylum at Washington.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of John Leary, late Company I, One hundred and sixth New York Volunteers, is granted, provided that the money be remitted to his wife for her support.

The application of Willis Reason, late Company H, Second United States Cavalry, is granted so far that one-half the penalty imposed is remitted, and ordered to be refunded.

The applications of the following persons are refused :

Henry J. McGrane, late Company D, One hundred and sixty-fourth New York Volunteers.

Michael Sullivan, late Company K, Ninety-third Illinois Volunteers.

Henry G. West, late Company D, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

John Bulger, late Company C, One hundred and fifty-first New York Volunteers, but with liberty nevertheless to renew his application one year hence.

EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The application of Jane Boland, widow, for effects of Michael Boland, deceased, late Company E, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers, is granted.

The application of Mrs. Margaret Averill, widow, for effects of Peter Averill, deceased, late Company M, Fourth Missouri Cavalry, is granted.

The application of Harriet N. Nays, for effects of Louis Nays, deceased, late Company G, Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteers, is refused.

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS.

The application of Geo. H. Travis, late Company B, First Kentucky Light Artillery, to be transferred to the Southern Branch, is referred to Dr. Wolcott, with authority to examine the applicant, and if he deems it expedient, to order his transportation to the Southern Branch, the cost of transportation to be charged to the applicant's pension account. His application for remission of penalty is refused.

The application of J. H. Stearns, late surgeon at the Northwestern Branch, for additional compensation to defray traveling expenses, is refused.

Inquiries having been made by the governors of the several Branches as to the period of time to be embraced in their next reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, it was

Resolved, That such reports for that year need not embrace a longer period than six months, beginning with the 1st of January, 1879, for the reason that their last annual reports embraced a period ending on the 31st December, 1878.

And it was further

Resolved, That the annual reports shall hereafter be prepared by the several governors and transmitted to the secretary on or before the 1st day of November following the termination of the fiscal year.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter application for remissions of penalties must be made and presented in writing, and not in person by the applicants, except in cases where a personal application is especially recommended by the governor in charge.

The committee, consisting of Judge Bond, Colonel Harris, and General Martindale, to whom was referred the subject of the payment of arrears of pensions to inmates, and to whom were also referred applications for readmission by numerous disabled soldiers who had refused to deposit with the treasurer the arrears of pensions received by them, and had consequently been discharged, made the following report :

The applications for readmission referred to the committee disclose the serious evils which have been inflicted on the inmates by the payment to them directly of their arrears of pensions. The money has been squandered by all but one of these applicants in a few weeks, their health consequently impaired, and their characters degraded.

These cases demonstrate the absolute necessity of the rules of the National Home which require that all pension-moneys payable to inmates should be deposited with the treasurer, according to the prescribed terms of admission. At the time of admission the applicant is required to assign his pension certificate and the moneys thereby secured by a written assignment which contains a further provision, as follows: "And I hereby authorize and empower the treasurer of the Home to draw the said moneys, and to hold and dispose of the same subject to the laws of Congress, and the rules, regulations, and orders which have been or may hereafter be made by the board of managers of said National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers."

The rules of the Home relating to pensions are authorized by two sections of the act of Congress of March 3, 1865, incorporating "The National Military Asylum." (The word "home" was substituted for the word "asylum" by act of Congress, approved January 23, 1873.)

The first section of the act of incorporation empowers the board of managers "to make by-laws, rules, and regulations for carrying on the business and *government* of the Asylum, and affix penalties thereto, provided that such by-laws, rules, and regulations are not inconsistent with the laws of the United States."

The fourth and seventh sections of the act of incorporation define the persons entitled to admission to the Asylum. They are such officers and soldiers who served in the war for the suppression of rebellion "who have been or may hereafter be disqualified for procuring their own maintenance and support by reason of wounds received or sickness contracted while in the line of their duty." The seventh section further provides, that "such of these as have neither wife, child, nor parent dependent upon them, on becoming inmates of the Asylum, or receiving relief therefrom, shall assign thereto their pensions, when required by the board of managers, *during the time they shall remain therein or receive its benefits.*"

In the opinion of this committee, the disorders in the Homes would be utterly subversive of discipline and intolerable, if pension-moneys "*due inmates of the Homes shall be paid to the pensioner direct, to be used by him as he desires without regard to the wishes or desires of any officer of the Home.*"

The policy and practice in the government of the Homes hitherto have been to accumulate pension-moneys under the direction of the board of managers, and invest them in United States bonds, when they could be obtained, for the benefit of the pensioners, to be paid to them when they severally took their discharge from the Home—except in cases where the pensioner had wife, child, or parent dependent in fact upon

him, and in such cases the pensions have been applied accordingly, to the extent desired by the pensioners themselves.

In cases of misconduct and readmission after the pensioner has been once discharged, judicious penalties and conditions have been imposed by the board of managers, and charged to the offender's pension account.

It ought not to be overlooked that the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the Secretary of War, are by the law of Congress made members of the Board of Managers. From the first organization of the board the Chief Justice and the Secretary of War have usually attended the meetings of the board. The late Chief Justice Chase and Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, were active in preparing "by-laws, rules, and regulations for carrying on the business and government of the asylum, and affixing penalties thereto." To say nothing of the legal experience and judgment of the other members of the board, it may fairly be assumed that the established "rules, regulations, and by-laws, and penalties affixed thereto," have the weight of executive and judicial authority which cannot properly nor respectfully be disregarded by subordinate officers entrusted with administrative duties in the Pension Bureau.

Are these by-laws, rules, and regulations, made inapplicable to arrears of pensions granted under the recent acts of Congress, passed January 25, and March 3, 1879? Do those acts of Congress justify the pension agent in writing to the governor of the Central Branch of the National Home as he did write in his letter of the 14th July, 1879, that "*it is held by the department that the arrears of pensions due inmates of the Homes shall be paid to the pensioner direct, to be used by him as he desires without regard to the wishes or desires of any officer of the Home*"?

Plainly this assumption of authority by the "department" is utterly subversive of the rules and regulations established by the Board of Managers to promote the health and happiness and orderly conduct of the inmates of the National Homes. The bad consequences to inmates who have heard of and acted on the assumption of authority by the Pension Department may be seen in the applications for readmission submitted to us and herewith returned to the Board of Managers. In our opinion the acts of Congress giving arrears of pensions were not intended to and do not in the least qualify or supersede the authority vested in the Board of Managers by the act incorporating the National Home in 1855.

The law gives to the Board of Managers discretionary power to take *all* the pension moneys of inmates not expended for the support of dependent wife or child or parent of the pensioner.

The law gives like power to prescribe as the condition of admission to the Home that the pensioner shall *not* receive any pension-moneys himself, but they shall be received by the treasurer during the time the pensioner remains in the Home and receives its benefits.

We know that this regulation is indispensable in numerous cases to prevent drunkenness, debauchery, and gross insubordination. The Board of Managers are required by the act of incorporation quarterly to examine into the condition and details of government and administration of the affairs of the several branches.

Clothed by the same act with ample power to make and modify regulations for government, and to affix and remit penalties, as the exigencies of the Homes and their welfare may require, it is difficult to understand that the Commissioner of Pensions has any right or desire to revise and override these regulations.

We have ordained that pensioners shall not receive their pensions while they remain in the Homes, except subject to our regulations, but the treasurer shall receive them. We are notified by the pension agent that "*inmates of the Homes shall receive their pensions directly,*" and he adds the extraordinary words already quoted, "*to be used by the pensioner as he desires, without regard to the wishes or desires of any officer of the Home.*"

Our ordinance is just and wholesome to the pensioner, and cannot be dispensed with if the government of the Homes is to be maintained by judicious regulations.

It is true that section 2 of chapter 23 of the laws of 1879 authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Pensions to adopt such rules and regulations as "*will be necessary to cause to be paid*" to the pensioners all such arrears of pensions as they may be entitled to under that act.

Statutes *in pari materia*, relating to the same subject-matter, "*are to be taken together, as if they were one law.*"

Did Congress, the law-maker, intend to interfere with the powers confided to the Board of Managers, and transfer any of them to the Commissioner of Pensions? "In order to form a right judgment, it is a good way to suppose the law-maker present, and that you have asked him this question: 'Did you intend to comprehend this case?' Then you must give yourself such answer as you imagine he, being an upright and reasonable man, would have given."

The Commissioner of Pensions is not, by law, assumed to have any knowledge of the necessities of the Homes, or vested with power to regulate their government. The

Board of Managers, with the President, Chief Justice, and Secretary of War at their head, are required to investigate and understand the necessities, and to prescribe suitable regulations. Did the "law-maker" in this regard intend to put the uninformed Commissioner of Pensions above the President, Chief Justice, and Secretary of War, who have thorough information about the subject-matter?

When a pensioner ceases to be an inmate of the Home, the authority of the Board of Managers over him and his pension-moneys thereafter accruing, ceases. But while he is an inmate he must be held under our government; the Commissioner of Pensions ought not to seek him there and tempt him to insubordination and vice and misery, by the violation of our rules.

Finally, it is the judgment of the committee, that the receipt of arrears of pensions by inmates of the Homes from the pension agent directly, is a violation of the rules established by the Board of Managers, utterly subversive of good government, and injurious in high degree to the pensioners themselves—and that such receipt should be considered just ground for immediate discharge.

Whether the inmates so discharged shall be readmitted, and if so, on what terms, cannot be well decided without further understanding with the Commissioner of Pensions.

The committee therefore recommend that the whole subject, together with the several applications for readmission by inmates who have been discharged and received and squandered their arrears of pensions, be referred to the members of this board *ex officio*, viz, the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and the Secretary of War, for consideration, appropriate action, and further report to this board at the next meeting. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and the whole subject accordingly referred to the members *ex officio*.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president of the board then presented the estimates for the additional funds required for the purposes of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the quarter ending December 31, 1879, which, after careful revision, were agreed upon as follows :

For out-door relief and incidental expenses.....	\$4,000 00
For clothing	25,000 00
Central Branch :	
For current expenses and repairs.....	105,033 14
For construction of reservoir for water supply	3,000 00
For additional heating apparatus	6,000 00
For construction of new barrack	10,000 00
Eastern Branch :	
For current expenses and repairs.....	29,509 12
Southern Branch :	
For current expenses and repairs.....	24,340 00
Northwestern Branch :	
For current expenses and repairs.....	25,000 00
For completion of new hospital, as per resolution of the Board of Managers. (See printed minutes, p. 516).....	15,000 00
For boiler and appurtenances for heating new hospital	6,000 00
For steam-pump for new hospital	500 00
Total	253,382 26

Thereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate, out of moneys which may be provided by law, the sum of \$253,382.26, as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending December 31, 1879, and for construction, repairs, clothing, out-door relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter; and that the acting treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take

such measures as may be necessary to obtain the sum of \$253,382.26, the amount so appropriated from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

The board then adjourned, to meet at the Surgeon-General's Office, in the city of Washington, D. C., on Friday, the 21st day of November, 1879, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME
FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., November 21, 1879.

The Board of Managers met at the office of the Surgeon-General, U. S. A., at 10 o'clock a. m., November 21, 1879.

There were present, General B. F. Butler, president; General J. H. Martindale, secretary; Governor Frederick Smyth; Dr. E. B. Wolcott; Col. John A. Martin, and Col. Leonard A. Harris, being less than a quorum of the board.

An informal investigation was thereupon had of the affairs of the several branches of the Home, and put in form, to be presented to the board when it should convene on the following day.

At 10 o'clock p. m. the board adjourned, to meet at the same place on the following morning, November 22d, at 10 o'clock a. m.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *November 22, 1879.*

At 10 o'clock a. m. the board met at the Office of the Surgeon-General, U. S. A., pursuant to adjournment.

The same members were present who had convened on the preceding day, and there were also present the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, and the Chief Justice of the United States.

A quorum being now assembled, the president of the board, General Butler, took the chair.

REPORTS.

The regular quarterly reports and estimates and returns from the several branches of the National Home were read and ordered on file. The secretary submitted the annual reports from the governors of the several branches, brought down to the close of the fiscal year, viz, June 30, 1879, which were read.

The president of the board was instructed to report the same, together with his annual report, in behalf of the board, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Governor Smyth, to whom had been referred certain papers relating to the salaries of officers, and the compensation paid for services, &c. (see page 546 printed minutes), reported verbally, and recommended that the papers be placed in the hands of the president of the board, in order that he may call the attention of the officers at the several branches to the by-laws and resolutions of the board regulating their salaries and allowances.

READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally :

Israel Welcher, late Company G, Thirteenth New Jersey Volunteers. The governor is also authorized to furnish the applicant with free transportation to the Home.

George B. Brown, late Companies A and B, Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Martin Borgmann, late Company G, Twelfth Missouri Volunteers.

William A. Dunlap, late Company D, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Warren H. Guthrie, late Company E, Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

William Gray, late Company I, First New Jersey Volunteers.

Jacob Harvey, late Company F, Seventy-first Ohio Volunteers.

John Long, late Company D, Fifty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

William McMahon, late Company K, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteers.

Henry Miller, late Company C, First Maryland Cavalry.

Lawrence McGivern, late Company G, Fifth Kentucky Volunteers.

John A. Parker, late Company K, Fifth Kansas Cavalry.

Jeremiah Reed, late Company B, First Illinois Light Artillery.

John C. Stewart, late Company C, Thirty-fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

George T. Seely, late Company E, Sixth Ohio Cavalry.

John J. Toomey, late Company A, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Joseph Wolf, late Company F, Seventh New York Volunteers.

Louis Weideman, late Company I, First New York Artillery.

Joseph W. Tompkins, late Company C, Fourth Michigan Volunteers.

James Dowling, late Company B, Eighth United States Cavalry. But his application for the remission and return of the penalty heretofore collected is refused.

And the following, for sufficient reasons, are readmitted, except upon the condition that no one of them shall be again discharged at his own request :

William Denning, late Company H, Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

John W. Geiger, late Company D, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Charles Redburg, late Company K, Thirty-first Ohio Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted without conditions, except that each and every of them shall be subjected to semi-annual examination :

Hamilton Cushing, late Company F, Eighty-sixth, and Company I, One hundred and twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteers.

Jeremiah Calden, late Company K, Fifth Ohio Volunteers, and Company K, First United States Veteran Reserve.

Michael Seigel, late Company B, Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry.

Nicholas Weiler, late Company H, One hundred and ninty-sixth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally perform three months' labor without pay :

Charles H. Thompson, late Company B, Seventeenth Michigan Volunteers.

Henry Welds, late Company F, Fifth Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he do such labor without pay, while he remains in the Home, as the governor may direct,

and that he be summarily discharged from the Home in case of misconduct:

John A. Ryan, late Company B, One hundred and eighty-second Ohio Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he labor without pay for the period of six months, and be summarily discharged in case of misconduct:

Nathan M. Jackaway, late Company E, Tenth New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he be subjected to semi-annual examinations, and labor without pay while he remains an inmate of the Home:

Charles Butler, late Company I, One hundred and sixth Ohio Volunteers.

The several applications of the following for readmission are refused:

Charles Hubert, late Company A, Seventy-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John F. Hassett, late Company H, One hundred and sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers. Another application from this man will not be again heard by the board, except when accompanied with a recommendation by a manager.

READMISSION TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Ferdinand Korp, late Company I, Twenty-sixth Michigan Volunteers.

Richard Melitz, late Company D, Twenty-third Kentucky Volunteers.

John McGinty, late Company H, Forty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Thomas Murphy, late Company F, Twelfth Illinois Volunteers.

Charles F. Parker, late Company L, First Wisconsin Cavalry.

James Ryan, late Company C, Second Illinois Light Artillery.

Michael Walsh, late Company B, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.

John Downey, late Company D, Twelfth Illinois Cavalry.

James Drennan, late Company G, Ninetieth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally labor without pay for the period of two months:

Thomas O'Brien, late Company F, Third Ohio Cavalry.

Frank Pollath, late Company B, Thirty-second Illinois Volunteers.

John Pringle, late Company A, Ninety-seventh New York Volunteers.

Amos W. Ray, late Company G, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteers.

Francis N. Davis, late Company H, Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally labor without pay for the period of three months:

Frederick Kingsley, late Company C, Fourteenth New York Heavy Artillery.

George W. Norris, late Company D, Nineteenth Wisconsin Volunteers.

Edward H. Barron, late Company B, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he labor without pay for the period of six months:

George Acley, late Company C, One hundred and forty-second New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, abso-

lately, to the National Home, one-half of his pension for the period of two months:

Francis C. Shanley, late Company A, Sixth Minnesota Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his pension for the period of four months:

James Ryan, late Company K, Sixteenth Illinois Cavalry.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, the sum of \$45 of his pension, in satisfaction of a penalty heretofore imposed and remaining unpaid, and that he also assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his pension for the period of nine months, in addition to the sum of \$45 above stated:

John J. Icklin, late Company C, Eighteenth New York Volunteers.

And the following applications for readmission are severally refused:

James Ford, late Company E, One hundred and eighty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

James Harrigan, late Company E, Fifth Iowa Volunteers.

Dennis Conley, late Company D, Twelfth Iowa Volunteers.

Isaac H. Rawlings, late Company F, Fortieth Missouri Volunteers.

The refusal in this case is obligatory on the board, because the disability stated in the application occurred after the discharge of the applicant and the termination of the late war, and does not come within the terms of the act incorporating the National Home.

READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

John Dailey, late Company K, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteers.

John L. Spaulding, late Company K, Second Maine Volunteers.

Adelbert D. Godley, late Company L, Twenty-first New York Cavalry.

John Morris, late Company I, Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Connor, late Company H, One hundred and thirty-first New York Volunteers.

Patrick Quinlan, late Company E, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

The following is readmitted, on condition that he labor without pay for the period of two months:

John S. Fairchild, late Company B, First New Jersey Artillery.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally labor without pay for the period of three months:

Myron C. Baily, late Company B, Fifth Connecticut Volunteers.

James Boyle, late Company A, Twenty-fifth Missouri Volunteers.

John Schaebe, late Company C, Thirty-ninth New York Volunteers.

John Hill, late Company H, First Massachusetts Cavalry.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they assign, absolutely, to the Home, one-half of their pension for the period of two months:

John W. Anderson, late Company E, Third Rhode Island Cavalry.

Michael Abbotton, late Company E, Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half of his pension for the period of three months:

Robert Campbell, late Company K, Fourth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the Home, one-half of his pension for the period of six months:

John Brazier, late Company G, Twenty-sixth Missouri Volunteers.

The application of the following for readmission is refused:

John Bingman, late Company G, Fifty seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were for sufficient reasons readmitted unconditionally:

Henry Frink, late Company B, Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves.

Francis Kelly, late Company B, Eighth Ohio Volunteers.

William L. Crossett, late Company E, Thirty-second Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally labor without pay for two months:

Samuel McGowan, late Company H, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Daniel Hax, late Company I, Third New Jersey Cavalry.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he labor without pay for the period of four months:

John Smith, late Company C, Forty-eighth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign absolutely to the National Home one-fourth his pension for the period of three months:

John Thurlkill, late Company C, Thirty-first United States Colored Troops.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-third his pension for the period of three months:

John White, late Company D, Second Maryland Volunteers.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

CENTRAL BRANCH.

The application of Louis Klein, to be relieved of the penalty heretofore imposed on him, namely, to work without pay while an inmate of the Home, is respectfully returned to the governor of the Central Branch, who is vested with authority to remit the performance of the penalty from time to time in his discretion.

The application of Charles H. Carmody, late Company K, Forty-fourth United States Colored Troops, is granted.

The application of Martin Wiedericht is refused.

REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The application of R. J. McIlvaine is granted so far, that Deputy-Governor Woodfin is authorized and directed to remit the sum forfeited to the wife of the applicant for her support.

EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The application of Mrs. Mary Bell, for effects of William Bell, late Company A, First New York Cavalry, is refused.

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS.

The application of John Sheiber and Leopold Miller, at the Central Branch, for increase of wages, is refused.

The complaint of Messrs. Michael Olt and others, citizens owning lands near the Central Branch at Dayton, who represent that a natural stream of water, taking its rise in the Home grounds, is injured by its use for drainage, was considered by the board, together with the report made thereon by General Coulter, recommending such change as will prevent the alleged injury to "our neighbors," and it was thereupon

Resolved, That the subject-matter be referred to Colonel Harris, local manager, and Governor Brown, with power to direct the construction of sinks with suitable outlets in a manner to remedy the matters complained of.

Certain complaints of Henry P. Robinson, a veteran soldier of the Mexican war, and an inmate of the Northwestern Branch, were formally presented to the President of the United States, and by him respectfully referred to General B. F. Butler, on whose motion they were referred to Colonel Martin and Colonel Harris, as a committee, for examination and report. The committee made the following report:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred the affidavit of H. P. Robinson, an inmate of the Northwestern Branch, complaining of the conduct of subordinate officers of that branch, respectfully report that the letters and affidavit conclusively establish the fact that he is a man of weak or unsound mind. As he expresses entire confidence in the commandant of the Home, General Hinks, we recommend that his letters and affidavit be returned to that officer for such disposition as he may deem proper.

JOHN A. MARTIN.
L. A. HARRIS.

The report of the committee was accepted, the recommendation therein contained was approved, and the board made an order accordingly.

A communication was received from Colonel Brown, governor of the Central Branch, relating to the carriage of the mails to and from the Home at that branch, and presenting reasons for the selection of an inmate as carrier in place of a mail contractor who cannot be subjected to the rules and discipline of the Home.

The communication was, on motion, referred to General Butler, with authority in the premises, to confer with the Postmaster-General, and to make an arrangement on the subject.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee on clothing be authorized, if upon examination they shall find it to be for the interests of the National Home, to extend existing contracts so as to include clothing and bedding required at the several branches for the six months ending June 30, 1880.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the auditing committee of the board as now constituted remain unchanged until the next quarterly meeting.

The application of Henry Bayard, treasurer's clerk at the Central Branch, was, on motion, deferred for further consideration at the next meeting of the board.

The application of Dr. C. E. Richards, late acting surgeon at the Northwestern Branch, for additional remuneration for services, failed to state the compensation paid to him by the surgeon, and was not granted.

The Hon. George W. McCrary, Secretary of War, from the committee of members *ex-officio*, to whom was referred certain correspondence and applications for readmission by persons who, as inmates of

the National Home, had refused to assign their arrears of pensions and had been discharged, and the report of a previous committee on the subject (see Printed Minutes, page 255), made the following report:

The *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers, to whom the within report and accompanying papers were referred, respectfully recommend that the several applicants referred to therein be readmitted upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Managers may see fit to impose.

GEO. W. McCrARY,
For Committee.

NOVEMBER 22, 1879.

Thereupon, on invitation of the President of the United States, the Attorney-General of the United States appeared in the session of the board, and a conference ensued on the subject of the arrears of pensions, and the power of the board to prevent payment thereof to inmates of the Home directly, and to require such payment to be made to the treasurers of the several branches. After such conference, on motion of General Butler, it was

Resolved, That the board, having through its committee considered the application for readmission of several of the late beneficiaries of the Home, find the facts to be as follows:

That all of these applicants of this class are men who have received very considerable sums, and some of them very large sums, as arrearages of pensions. Under the ruling of the Commissioner of Pensions, sustained by the opinion of the Attorney-General, those large sums of money were paid to those unfortunate men, severally; and in every instance, so far as the board can ascertain, have been used in drunken debauch, which has added to their disability. They now return upon us to be supported out of the funds appropriated by the beneficence of the government for the support of the well-conducted disabled soldiers. In addition to the cost of their return to the Home in transportation, many of them will only be fit subjects for extensive hospital treatment. Such being the operation of the construction of the law which put the arrears of pension in the hands of these unfortunate and improvident men, the Board of Managers have no option except to receive them back again. And while we propose to readmit them, we think it but just to the government, and just and right to their comrades, who find their own comforts more or less shortened by the necessary economy of administration which the board will be obliged to use, that their pensions which are assigned to the use of the Home during their receipt of its benefits, should be taken from them and kept by the board, so that they may not be used as aid in further misdoings, the sums received to be applied to such purposes as the board shall in its discretion appoint. The board not being informed so fully as is desirable as to the exact status of each of these applications, hold themselves at liberty to re-examine their cases in the light of their future good conduct to determine hereafter under the circumstances as they shall then appear, whether the order of the board shall extend and be carried out. And therefore the board do order,

That the several applicants for readmission hereinafter named be readmitted to the branch of the Home which they left, upon condition that they assign absolutely to the Home, to be used at the discretion of the board for any purposes whatever, all their pension money until the further order of the board.

And further, that after each applicant for readmission has been informed of these terms of the board, he will be required to elect in writing, and by a special assignment of all pensions granted, whether he will return to the Home upon the terms proposed. And whoever refuses to return shall thereafter never be received even temporarily at post, except after a vote of the Board of Managers.

Under the foregoing resolution and upon the terms and conditions therein prescribed, the following may be readmitted:

CENTRAL BRANCH.

Albert Metzner, late Company I, Forty-sixth New York Volunteers.
William T. Van Woert, late Company I, Tenth Minnesota Volunteers.
Thomas Curtis, late Company K, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.
Walter R. Baker, late Company B, Seventh Missouri Volunteers.
John E. McGannon, late Company B, Fourth New Jersey Volunteers.
Richard Starkey, late Company L, Third Michigan Cavalry.

Edward J. Kavanaugh, late Company G, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteers.

Theodore Shuster, late Company B, Eleventh Indiana Volunteers.

James Young, late Company I, One Hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

Joseph Wilson, late Company A, Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Isaac J. Laren, late Company F, Fifty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

Richard Spencer, late Company K, First Michigan Cavalry.

Henry Sterber, late Company E, Twelfth Missouri Volunteers.

Samuel Aldrich, late Company F, Third Michigan Volunteers.

Philip Kern, late Company I, First New York Artillery.

The application of George Thomas, a disabled sailor, who had never been a soldier, and was not therefore admissible to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, was respectfully referred to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, and recommended to his consideration.

On motion of Colonel Harris, the following questions were suggested and entered upon the minutes, in order that a special record of the subject-matter of these questions may be kept by the governors of the several branches, and special reports made thereon by them severally to the next quarterly meeting of the board, and to each subsequent meeting:

QUESTIONS.

First—How many beneficiaries have received arrears of pensions? Mention the names, the several amounts so received, and the aggregate amount.

Second—How many beneficiaries and who have left the Home after receiving such arrears of pensions, distinguishing such as have been discharged at their own request.

Third—How many of them, mentioning their names, have made application for readmission, stating the date of the several applications, and in each case the condition of the applicant at that date.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president of the board then presented the estimates for the additional funds required for the purposes of the National Home for the Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the quarter ending March 31, 1880, which, after careful revision, were agreed upon as follows:

For out-door relief and incidental expenses.....	\$4,000 00
For clothing and bedding	23,500 00
For boots, shoes, and stockings	8,500 00
Central Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	100,000 00
Eastern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	27,783 20
Southern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	22,688 52
Northwestern Branch:	
For current expenses and repairs.....	27,500 00
Total	213,971 72

Whereupon the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate, out of moneys which may be provided by law, the sum of \$213,971.72 as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the home for the quarter ending March 31, 1880, and for construction, repairs, clothing, and bedding, boots, shoes, and stockings, out-door relief, and incidental expenses of the National Home for the quarter; and that the acting treasurer be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain the sum of \$213,971.72, the amount so appropriated from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

Apprehensions being entertained that the appropriation by Congress for the support of the National Home for the current fiscal year might prove inadequate, it was

Resolved, That the president of the board call the attention of the governor of the Central Branch and of the deputy governors of the other branches to the fact that there is remaining of the appropriation made by Congress for the support of the National Home during the current fiscal year a sum so small for the last quarter that we are exposed to the danger of a serious deficiency, and the duty is imperative to use the utmost circumspection in preparation of estimates and reduction of expenditures for that quarter.

The board then adjourned, to meet at the Surgeon-General's Office, U. S. A., Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1880, at 12 o'clock m.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C., Tuesday, March 30, 1880.

The Board of Managers was convened on this day at 12 o'clock m., at the office of the Surgeon-General, in Washington, D. C.

There were present: General Benjamin F. Butler, president; Governor Frederick Smyth; General Richard Coulter; Col. Leonard A. Harris; General John H. Martindale, secretary.

There being no quorum in attendance, the members present proceeded to consider, provisionally, the affairs and business of the National Home, in order that the same might be dispatched when a quorum of managers should assemble.

Thereupon the quarterly reports from the several branches, including returns, estimates, &c., were received, read, and ordered on file.

Colonel Harris, from the committee appointed to audit accounts at the Northwestern Branch, made the following report :

To the honorable Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers :

GENTLEMEN: The committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Northwestern Branch, General Edward W. Hincks, commandant and treasurer, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and that they have found the same correct, with the exception of \$250 paid one O'Connor.

Said O'Connor seems to have been a man-of-all-work; he and his wife living in the gate house and keeping the gate; and he also driving the general's carriage, taking care of the horses, and acting as orderly. He was employed in this capacity by the former commandant, Colonel Woolley, and has been engaged in the same capacity ever since.

General Hincks, deputy governor, had his duties largely increased by adding thereto the office of treasurer, and in performance of said office had frequently to visit or send

confidential messengers to Milwaukee. Mrs. Hincks quite often attended to this business, at the same time making private calls, O'Connor driving the horses.

This man was paid as a private servant by General Hincks up to January 1, 1879, when, as he says, he informed the board at its meeting in Washington, March 5, 1879, that this service should be paid for by the board, and that there was a general acquiescence therein; and also, that Dr. Wolcott knew of and approved of said employment and mode of payment, and that since that time O'Connor has been carried on the Home roll.

Taking into consideration these facts, we are of the opinion that only so much of said account should be charged to General Hincks as dates from the receipt by General Hincks of the president's (General Butler's) letter, November 30, 1879, calling attention to the by-laws and resolutions of the board regulating salaries and allowances.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted and approved, and the accounts of the treasurer at the Northwestern Branch were directed to be adjusted and audited accordingly.

Certain charges having been made against General Hincks, governor, and Captain Lough, secretary, of the Northwestern Branch, involving the regularity and objects of certain expenditures for the support of that branch, on motion it was resolved that those officers be directed forthwith to exchange copies or originals of the charges preferred, the one against the other; that each take from the archives of the Northwestern Branch such documents as may be required to support the charges, and appear before the board at the Surgeon-General's Office in the city of Washington, on the 3d day of April, 1880, at 10 o'clock a. m., prepared for a hearing.

The board caused notices to be given of such hearing.

The board then proceeded to consider applications for readmission, for remission of penalties, and effects of deceased inmates, at the several branches.

READMISSIONS TO CENTRAL BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

William Landis, late Company H, Sixth United States Infantry, and Company C, Fifteenth United States Infantry.

Benjamin F. Heath, late Company A, Sixth Connecticut Volunteers.

William Hosey, late Company A, Eighth New Jersey Volunteers.

Jerome H. Johnson, late Company A, Fifteenth United States Infantry.

Peter Jero, late Company F, Sixty-fifth New York Volunteers.

John Hoover, late Company F, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Patrick Hunt, late Company A, One Hundred and twenty-first New York Volunteers.

James Heally, late Company G, Sixteenth New York Volunteers.

John Hart, late Company A, Sixth Kentucky Volunteers.

Francis M. Davis, late Company B, First Battalion, Eighteenth United States Infantry.

John Duffy, late Company I, Fourth Delaware Volunteers.

Richard Follos, late Company K, Seventy-second New York Volunteers.

George Free, late Company A, Thirteenth Indiana Volunteers.

Robert W. Bell, late Company B, Seventh Illinois Cavalry.

Oscar Coon, late Company I, Ninth New York Volunteers.

Robert Courtney, late Company B, Eighth New York Artillery.

Michael Donnelly, late Company M, Seventh New York Heavy Artillery.

John Dick, late Company C, One hundred and sixty-third New York Volunteers.

William Daily, late Company H, One hundred and twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

Thomas J. Allen, late Company F, Ninety-seventh Illinois Volunteers.

Valentine H. Ault, late Company E, First Ohio Light Artillery.

Edward Allen, late Company A, Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Joseph Ball, late Company I, Seventieth Ohio Volunteers.

Samuel L. Morrison, late Company K, First Massachusetts Artillery.

Samuel Myers, late Company G, Third Michigan Cavalry.

Joseph McConnell, late Company I, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Anton Meyer, late Company B, Fourth Michigan Volunteers.

John McDonald, late Company D, Seventh Missouri Volunteers.

Adam W. Meek, late Company A, First Indiana Artillery.

Enos P. Robinson, late Company H, One hundred and twenty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Andrew J. Willis, late Company E, Ninety-third Indiana Volunteers.

George W. Watson, late Company C, Fortieth Ohio Volunteers.

Peter Pfeifer, late Company E, Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

Benjamin R. Pratt, late Company G, Third Ohio Volunteers.

John Probasco, late Company G, First Ohio Artillery.

Henry Rein, late Company G, Sixth United States Cavalry.

And the following are readmitted, subject to semi annual examination as to their disability:

Christian Nuding, late Company A, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteers.

Benjamin Russell, late Company B, Ninety-eighth New York Volunteers.

John Buzberger, late Company G, First Rhode Island Artillery.

Thomas Conlin, late Company K, Fifteenth Kentucky Volunteers.

Charles A. Hosmer, late Company H, One hundred and second New York Volunteers.

Henry Kaine, late Company C, First New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, subject to quarterly examination as to his disability, notwithstanding his bad record, it appearing that his health is so much impaired that he cannot probably long survive:

Joseph Odell, late Company F, Fourteenth, and Company I, Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they do such work as the governor shall direct for the period of two months without pay:

John Hubacker, late Company I, Third Ohio Cavalry.

Mathias Fritsch, late Company D, Thirty-second Indiana Volunteers.

Robert McFadden, late Company G, First Missouri Engineers.

Michael Nash, late Company D, Fifth New Jersey Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they do such work as the governor shall direct for the period of three months without pay:

Antoine Aetina, late Company A, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteers.

Ezekiel Burney, late Company D, First Ohio Cavalry.

Jolin Nutman, late Company B, Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they do such

work as the governor shall direct for the period of six months without pay :

Robert McCauley, late Company C, Fifty-sixth New York Volunteers.

Richard Capell, late Company D, Eleventh Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

John Ryan, late Company E, Sixteenth and One hundred and forty-second New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they labor without pay, until further order of the board :

Edward Tisdell, late Company F, Third New York Volunteers.

Anthony Dean, late Company A, Twenty-fifth New York Volunteers.

Stephen Leak, late Company D, Fortieth Ohio Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally assign to the National Home, absolutely, one-half their pension for three months :

Andrew White, late Company H, One hundred and fifty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Andrew Robertson, late Company E, Seventy-ninth New York Volunteers.

William Sippy, late Company C, First United States Colored Troops.

James Cosgrove, late Company E, One hundred and forty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Thomas Gillespie, late Company K, Forty-second Illinois Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign to the National Home, absolutely, one-half pension for six months :

Warren Hamlin, late Company F, Second New York Engineers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally assign to the National Home, absolutely, one-half their pension for the period of twelve months :

John Gillen, late Company G, Fifth New York Volunteers.

John Egan, late Company C, Third New Hampshire Volunteers.

William Roach, late Company E, Second Michigan Volunteers.

Andrew Gallup, late Company A, Sixth Connecticut Volunteers.

Josephus F. Rial, late Company A, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

Joseph Lewis, late Company D, Eighty-eighth New York Volunteers.

This last-named person, Joseph Lewis, to be returned to the Eastern Branch.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally assign, absolutely, to the National Home, their whole pension for the period of twelve months :

Russel F. Dimmick, late Company E, First Wisconsin Volunteers. This man to be returned to the Northwestern Branch.

Willis T. Willhoite, late Company I, Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they severally assign to the National Home, absolutely, their whole pension for the period of six months :

Ogden M. Clow, late Company I, Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers.

Freeman Atwood, late Company B, Forty-eighth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign to the National Home, absolutely, one-third his pension for the period of one year :

Thomas Manley, late Second Indiana Battery.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign to the National Home, absolutely, two-thirds his pension for the period of one year :

Peter Sweeny, late Company B, Tenth New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, one-half his pension for the period of one year, and do such labor without pay as the governor may direct for the period of three months:

Michael Purcell, late Company G, Eighty-third New York Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, his whole pension during the whole period that he remains an inmate, but with discretion rested in the governor to make to him therefrom such reasonable allowance as he may deem expedient for his personal comforts. This applicant has a most unfavorable record, and appears to have received and squandered \$1,018.60 arrears of pension; but in view of the fact that he is subject to epileptic fits and paralysis, the board have permitted his readmission as an inmate:

John Hickey, late Company A, Eighty-fifth New York Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, upon the conditions subjoined to their names respectively:

Joseph Nehren, late Company I, Thirteenth Connecticut Volunteers, on condition that he assign one-half of his pension to the treasurer for one year to be sent to the applicant's dependent sister.

Thomas McCrossin, late Company G, Seventh New Jersey Volunteers, on condition that he assign one-half his pension to the treasurer for one year to be sent to the applicant's dependent mother.

James Joyce, late Company A, Fifth Kentucky Volunteers, on condition that he assign one-half his pension to the treasurer for one year to be sent to the applicant's dependent children.

Henry Bigler, late Eighth Indiana Battery, on condition that he assign two-thirds of his pension to the treasurer until the further orders of the Board of Managers to be sent to the applicant's wife.

William Hearn, late Company F, Thirty-third New Jersey Volunteers, on condition that he assign three-fourths of his pension to the treasurer for one year to be sent to the applicant's dependent children.

John W. Egleton, late Company F, Seventy-first New York Volunteers, on condition that he assign his whole pension to the treasurer until the further orders of the Board of Managers to be sent to the applicant's wife.

The applications of the following for readmission are refused:

Patrick Moran, late Company G, Fourteenth Indiana Volunteers.

James Barr, late Company A, Eighty-second New York Volunteers.

CENTRAL BRANCH—REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The applications of the following inmates for the remission of penalties are refused:

Jeremiah Sullivan, late Company O, Fourteenth Ohio Volunteers.

Thomas Curtis, late Company K, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

The application of the following named soldier, to amend the order readmitting him, is so far granted that the treasurer shall take the assignment of his entire pension and transmit the same to the applicant's wife and daughters:

James Young, late Company I, One hundredth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The application of the following inmate is granted to the extent that the treasurer be instructed to transmit the penalty, to wit, \$42, heretofore received, to the applicant's wife:

James Duffy, late Company K, Seventh United States Cavalry.

The application of the following is granted:

William T. Van Woert, late Company A, First Minnesota Volunteers.

CENTRAL BRANCH—EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The following applications are refused:

Frank Bruggeman, for the effects of Simon McMann, late Company C, One hundred and nineteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Ralph West, for effects of John West, late Company E, Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteers.

The several applications of the following-named persons are granted, and the treasurer is ordered to make payment accordingly:

James C. Willis, for the effects of William Willis, late Company G, One hundredth New York Volunteers.

George Allenpack, for effects of Frank Allenpack, late Company I, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Mathilda Kleeberg, for effects of John S. Kleeberg, late Company F, One hundredth New York Volunteers.

Martha Kennelly, wife, for effects of John Kennelly, late Fifteenth Ohio Battery.

James Rourke, for effects of Edward Lafferty, late Company E, Fifty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, to the amount of \$5.

Mary Troup, for effects of the same Edward Lafferty, except the sum of \$5 awarded to James Rourke.

Mrs. Margaret Duffy and Anna Soley, for effects of Michael Heally, late Seventeenth Ohio Battery, to the amount of \$7.90; and their application for remaining effects is refused.

READMISSION TO NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

The following-named soldiers, heretofore discharged, were, for sufficient reasons, readmitted unconditionally:

Jacob Arendt, late Company E, Fifth Kentucky Volunteers.

William Boak, late Company E, One hundred and twenty-fifth Illinois Volunteers.

David Cotter, late Company I, Twenty-fifth New York Volunteers.

Christopher Coffee, late Company C, Twenty-first Wisconsin Volunteers.

Pemberton R. Eves, late Company G, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry.

Henry Gerber, late Company E, Twelfth Missouri Volunteers.

Michael Judge, late Company G, Thirty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteers.

James McBride, late Seventh Wisconsin Battery.

John Olinger, late Company G, Fifty-seventh Illinois Volunteers.

John O'Halloran, late Company K, Sixty-third New York Volunteers.

Samuel H. Pierce, late Third Iowa Battery.

Bryan Sullivan, late Company D, First Washington Territory Volunteers.

John Walsh, late Company I, One hundred and tenth New York Volunteers.

Charles Weisgerber, late Company K, Fifty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.

John Zentner, late Company I, Third Wisconsin Cavalry.

Charles A. Stevenson, late Company H, Ninetieth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that they do such work without pay as the deputy governor shall direct, for the period of two months:

Albert H. Hotchkiss, late Company E, Thirteenth New York Volunteers.

Patrick Higgins, late Company G, Ninety-seventh New York Volunteers.

Peter Rooney, late Company C, Sixth New York Volunteers.

Ezekiel R. Stewart, late Company A, Forty-seventh Ohio Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work without pay for the period of six months:

George N. Barber, late Company E, Third New York Volunteers.

And the following, on condition that he do such work without pay for the period of twelve months:

Philip F. Kern, late Company I, First New York Artillery.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home one-half his pension for the period of two months:

Sidney O. Wanzer, late Company K, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home one-half his pension for the period of three months:

William J. Armstrong, late Company G, Seventh Wisconsin Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home one-half his pension for the period of one year:

John W. McCardle, late Company B, Ninetieth Illinois Volunteers.

The following is readmitted on condition that he accept the terms heretofore imposed, to wit, that he forfeit and assign absolutely to the National Home two-thirds of his pension while he remains an inmate; and, in addition, that he pay his own transportation:

John Cromwell, late Company I, Eighty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

The following is readmitted on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home two-thirds of his pension until the further orders of the board:

Michael Ziesak, late Company A, Ninth Wisconsin Volunteers.

The application of Patrick Mullady, late Company C, Eighty-eighth New York Volunteers, was postponed for further consideration at the next meeting of the board, to be then submitted by the deputy governor if desired by the petitioner.

The applications of the following are refused:

Thomas Crotty, late Company I, Tenth Ohio Volunteers.

Thomas O'Neill, late Company D, Twenty-fourth Michigan Volunteers.

Julius Schmidt, late Company B, Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH—REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of Thomas Brazell, late Company A, Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteers, is refused.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH—EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The following applications for effects of deceased inmates are approved, and the treasurer is authorized to pay over the same, taking proper vouchers therefor:

Mrs. Sarah Bushey, for effects of her deceased husband, Charles S. Bushey, late Company G, Third Wisconsin Volunteers.

Mrs. Lydia Bellows, for effects of her deceased husband, William Bellows, late Company G, Sixth Kansas Cavalry.

Mrs. Catharine Frank, for effects of her deceased husband, Philip Frank, late Company H, Seventeenth Illinois Volunteers.

Mrs. Hannah E. Watson, for effects of her deceased husband, George W. Watson, late Company E, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers.

General Edward W. Hinks, commandant, on behalf of and as trustee

of the three infant children, for effects of W. G. Wilkinson, late Company B, Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The application of Robert A. Goodin, for the effects of Amos H. Goodin, late Company G, Third United States Dragoons, Mexican war, is refused.

TRANSFERS.

The several applications of the following inmates, for transfer from the Northwestern to other branches of the Home are returned to General Hinks, deputy governor, with authority in his discretion to grant the applications :

James Manning, late Company C, Seventeenth New York Volunteers, to Eastern Branch.

William Campbell, late Company C, Thirty-second Massachusetts Volunteers, to Eastern Branch.

Lewis D. Doty, late Company I, First Ohio Cavalry, to Central Branch.

Henry Roberts, late Company K, Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteers, to Central Branch.

Michael F. Ryan, late Company G, Sixty-third New York Volunteers, to Eastern Branch.

READMISSIONS TO EASTERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were for sufficient reasons readmitted unconditionally :

John Shannon, late Company H, Seventh New York Heavy Artillery.

Owen Mahoney, late Company B, Forty-seventh New York Volunteers.

David Galavan, late Company H, Twenty-sixth Connecticut Volunteers.

John Reilly, late Company K, Thirty-ninth Massachusetts Volunteers.

John Carter, late Sixth Massachusetts Battery.

John C. Cartin, late Company D, Ninth New York Volunteers.

Henry McDonald, late Company K, Sixty-ninth New York Volunteers.

James McBride, late Company D, Fifth Rhode Island Volunteers.

John S. Briggs, late Company A, Seventh Maine Volunteers.

Nelson R. Wentworth, late Company C, Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers.

Edward O'Brien, late Company H, Seventy-sixth New York Volunteers.

The following are readmitted, on condition that they do such work without pay as the deputy governor may direct for the period of three months :

John H. Williams, late Company H, Second Kentucky Volunteers.

Daniel Atherton, late Company G, Ninth Maine Volunteers.

William H. Mooney, late Company I, Sixth New Hampshire Volunteers.

James Spellman, late Company F, First Rhode Island Light Artillery.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he work without pay for the period of six months :

Lucius Cole, late Company I, Twenty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers.

And the following are readmitted, on condition that they work without pay for the period of twelve months :

Martin McNamara, late Company C, Eighty-eighth New York Volunteers.

Dennis Mahaney, late Company I, Ninth Maine Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home one-half his pension for the period of four months:

Michael Sullivan, late Company I, Ninth New Hampshire Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home \$6 per month of his pension during his stay in the Home:

Paul Strauss, late Company K, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

EASTERN BRANCH—REMISSION OF PENALTY.

The application of William Dobson, late Company B, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers, is refused.

READMISSIONS TO SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The following soldiers, heretofore discharged, were for sufficient reasons readmitted unconditionally:

D. A. Maples, late Company A, First New Jersey Volunteers.

A. H. Dennett, late Company M, Fourth Massachusetts Artillery.

John Cavanaugh, late Company B, Twelfth Massachusetts Volunteers.

W. G. Jordan, late Company B, Eighth Missouri Volunteers.

Timothy Monohon, late Company H, Forty-second New York Volunteers.

James Evers, late Company A, Ninth New Jersey Volunteers.

Henry Welz, late Company A, Twentieth New York Volunteers.

William Hynes, late Company E, Fourth New York Artillery.

Charles Alford, late Company C, Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteers.

Owen McCauley, late Company D, Fourth United States Artillery, Mexican war, in consequence of his critical sickness and mental impairment.

The following is readmitted, on condition that he do such work, without pay, as the deputy governor may direct, for the period of two months:

James Goodwin, late Company K, Thirty-fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

The following are readmitted, on condition that they do such work, without pay, as the deputy governor may direct, for the period of three months:

James W. Drummond, late Company D, Fourth New Jersey Volunteers.

George Hedrick, late Company D, One hundred and nineteenth New York Volunteers.

John Willard, late Company I, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers.

And the following is readmitted, on condition that he do such work, without pay, as the deputy governor may direct, for the period of twelve months:

E. P. Brown, late Company A, First Delaware Volunteers.

The following are readmitted on condition that they assign absolutely to the National Home their whole pensions for the period of three months:

M. J. Dillon, late Company H, Thirteenth New York Volunteers.

John Porter, late Company L, First New Jersey Cavalry.

In the case of Samuel Aldrich, late Company F, Third Michigan Volunteers, it appears that in July, 1879, an application was made by his attorney, at Grand Rapids, Mich., to Colonel Brown, governor of the Central Branch, that Aldrich be discharged and paid \$351.95 arrears of pension. Aldrich himself also requested his discharge, alleging that he was fully able to support himself, and desired in future to live among his people. He was accordingly discharged and paid his money. In the following month of September he applied for readmission to the Northwestern Branch by reason of his disability. A special report was made upon his case and others by the members ex-officiis of this Board at the meeting in November last (see printed minutes, page 564, 565, 566), and Aldrich was readmitted, on condition that he assign, absolutely, to the National Home, to be used at the discretion of the board, for any purposes whatever, all his pension money, until the further order of the board. The conditions do not appear to have been accepted by him. In the month of March, 1880, the same attorney, at Grand Rapids, Mich., who solicited his discharge from the Central Branch and the payment of his arrears of pension money, has addressed an application to the commandant of the Southern Branch, stating that Aldrich is incapable of taking care of himself, that he is in destitute circumstances, and begging to know whether the commandant of that branch will receive him immediately, and asking for transportation. In this letter no reference is made to the action of the board in November. In the case of Aldrich, the board consent to his readmission on condition of his return to the Central Branch, and there comply with the order of the board made in his case in November last.

In the case of Thomas Delaney, late Company H, One hundred and fifty-fifth New York Volunteers, it appears that after gross misconduct and willful desertion, he was readmitted to the Central Branch, December 10, 1877, upon condition of one year's labor without pay, and the forfeiture of one-half of his pension for the same period. Having refused to accept the conditions, he was summarily discharged December 29, 1877. On the 8th of July, 1879, he was readmitted on condition that he comply with the conditions of readmission theretofore imposed, and perform without pay labor for one month in addition. He accepted the condition, but willfully absented himself without leave October 7, 1879, and continued so reported until January 22, 1880, when he was summarily discharged. He was temporarily received at the Southern Branch March 11, 1880, and now applies for readmission there. The board order that the application be granted on condition that he fully comply with all the conditions heretofore imposed on him, and with the notice that if he fails faithfully to comply with and fulfill them, he will never be received into the Home again.

The application of Jerry Noonan, late Company G, Fourteenth Maine Volunteers, for readmission, is refused.

The application of the following persons for original admission are granted:

David Reith, late Company K, Sixth Maryland Volunteers.

Daniel Kirby, late United States Navy, Mexican war.

The application of Richard Melitz, late Company K, Third United States Cavalry, is refused.

SOUTHERN BRANCH—REMISSION OF PENALTIES.

The application of Andrew Fyan, late Company F, Thirty-second New York Volunteers, is granted to the extent of one-half the penalty heretofore imposed.

SOUTHERN BRANCH—EFFECTS OF DECEASED INMATES.

The application of George Kunkel, in behalf of Elizabeth Grenauer, for effects of John Grenauer, late Company H, One hundred and forty-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, is refused.

The application of Christopher James, attorney-at-law, in behalf of Mary Bell, for effects of William Bell, formerly an inmate of the Southern Branch, is refused.

The board then adjourned until the following morning, at 10 o'clock a. m.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE, U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C., March 31, 1880.

The Board of Managers again convene at the Surgeon-General's Office, March 31, 1880, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The same members were present as on the preceding day. A quorum not being in attendance, the members proceeded to business provisionally.

Colonel Harris presented the petition of William J. Keleher and 1,305 other inmates of the Central Branch, that a Roman Catholic chaplain be appointed to the Home at that branch.

General Butler thereupon offered the following preamble and resolution, which, after discussion, was adopted, and payment for religious services of a Roman Catholic clergyman was directed to be made accordingly.

The petition of William J. Keleher and 1,305 others, beneficiaries of the National Home at Dayton, Ohio, of the Roman Catholic faith, asking for the appointment of a chaplain of their faith, is received.

In the opinion of the board, as heretofore expressed by resolution (see printed minutes, page 274), such appointment would be inadmissible for the reasons therein stated. But the board recognizes the propriety that some provision should be made for the administration of religion according to the forms prescribed by the church of that faith, it is

Resolved, That the sum of \$600 a year should be appropriated quarterly for such services, to be performed by such clergymen of that faith as the resident manager may find willing and qualified to undertake the same. The board deem this compensation a proper one in view of the large number of beneficiaries of that faith at that branch of the Home.

The application of Henry Bayard for increase of pay was referred to the local manager of the Central Branch, with authority to contract for such increase if he deemed it expedient to do so.

Colonel Harris, from committee having the compensation of hospital nurses in charge, reported and recommended that they be paid at the following rates: Two wardmasters at the Central Branch, at \$15 per month, to have supervision under the post surgeons of all the wards day and night. These men should be strictly temperate, skillful, good-dispositioned, intelligent, and faithful. The other nurses should be divided into two classes, viz, nurses and assistant nurses. The nurses should have \$8 per month for the first year, \$10 per month for the second year, and \$12 per month thereafter. The assistants should have \$6 per month for the first six months, \$7 per month for the second six months, and \$8 per month thereafter.

On motion, it was resolved that the report be accepted and payment be made as recommended.

Thereupon the board adjourned to meet at the Southern Branch, Hampton, Va., on the 1st day of April, 1880, at 10 o'clock a. m., and to convene again at the office of the Surgeon-General in Washington, D. C., on the 2d day of April, at 12 o'clock m.

SOUTHERN BRANCH,
Hampton, Va., April 1, 1880.

The board met at the Southern Branch, Hampton, Va., on the 1st day of April, 1880, at 10 o'clock a. m.

There were present, Gov. Frederick Smyth, General Richard Coulter, Col. Leonard A. Harris, and General Martindale, being in all less than a quorum.

The board made a general inspection at that branch, and gave the inmates severally notice and opportunity to appear before them and present complaints, if any they had, against any of the officers in charge.

Numerous inmates appeared singly before the board, but gave assurances of the good government and management of such officers.

The board then adjourned to meet at the Surgeon-General's Office, in Washington, D. C., next day at noon.

SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., April 2, 1880.

The board met at the office of the Surgeon-General, in Washington, D. C., this day at 12 m.

There were present, General Benjamin F. Butler, president of the board, in the chair; the Secretary of War, Alexander Ramsey; Chief Justice of the United States, M. R. Waite; Governor Frederick Smyth, General Richard Coulter, Col. Leonard A. Harris; General J. H. Martindale, secretary.

A quorum was in attendance.

The proceedings, hereinbefore set forth, transacted provisionally by the board at the meetings held on the 30th and 31st days of March, and the 1st day of April, 1880, were read, and on motion of Chief-Justice Waite it was unanimously resolved, that such proceedings be approved and adopted and entered of record as the proceedings of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at the present regular quarterly meeting.

General Butler, from the committee on clothing, made the following report:

WASHINGTON, *January 21, 1880.*

The committee on clothing, in compliance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Managers, respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the subject therein referred to them, and have found that since the contracts for clothing and bedding were made in February, 1879, there has been a large advance in prices of every kind of material. The agent of one of the largest woolen mills in New England says: "Wool such as we use, which was 33 cents per pound in April last, is held at 52½ cents to-day, with strong probabilities of going to 55 cents. In low wools, such as are used in making army cloths, the percentage of advance has been somewhat greater."

An inquiry of the Quartermaster-General of the Army elicited the reply that "a few weeks ago a calculation was made in this office, of the increase in the price of certain articles of clothing, with the following result, viz, that the increase in woolen clothing, as well as boots and shoes, has been about 30 per cent."

Under this state of facts your committee found it impossible to extend existing contracts for clothing and bedding at the same prices as prevailed in February of last

year, and after due consideration of the whole matter, and the fact that clothing, especially blankets, was needed for immediate use, they extended the contract of Messrs. Pitkin & Thomas, of Philadelphia, at prices ranging from 15 to 25 per cent. advance on their former prices, thus still keeping below the Quartermaster's Department estimates.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that all the clothing required by the National Home is of the larger sizes, while the Quartermaster Department's estimates are based upon their schedule of sizes, which schedule embraces only a small percentage of large sizes.

Your committee also found that there had been about the same advance in articles of bedding, and after full consideration of these adopted the same course in regard to those contracts.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that iron bedsteads could be made as cheaply at the Northwestern Branch, and quite as durable and useful, as they could be purchased; therefore General Hinks was directed to make what he needed for that branch, and also to send a sample to each of the other branches with a view of having all the bedsteads required made at one or other of the branches. The Northwestern Branch was directed to make cotton sheets, pillow-cases, and hair mattresses, as they could also be made as cheaply there as purchased.

The stockings, as heretofore, were ordered to be made at the Central Branch. Also hair pillows needed at that branch, and boots and shoes at the Eastern Branch.

Accompanying this report is a table showing comparative cost of clothing to National Home and Quartermaster's Department for 1879 and 1880, giving the percentage of increase, also a statement showing the awards made by the committee, articles, quantities, sizes, and prices, and amount for which an appropriation by the board will be required at the next meeting, namely, \$36,621.68.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. BUTLER,
JOHN H. MARTINDALE,
FREDERICK SMYTH,
Committee.

Amounts of appropriation required.

Pitkin & Thomas.....	\$50,819 50
J. O. Holden & Co.....	3,425 00
Eastern Branch.....	7,037 00
Central Branch.....	5,430 00
Northwestern Branch.....	1,700 00
Total.....	68,411 50
Deduct equivalents of condemned clothing received from Quartermaster's Department.....	31,789 82
	36,621 68

Comparative cost of clothing in 1879 and 1880 to the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Articles.	1879.		1880.		Quartermaster's Department, percentage of increase.	National Home, percentage of increase.
	Quartermaster's Department.	National Home.	Quartermaster's Department.	National Home.		
					<i>Per ct.</i>	<i>Per ct.</i>
Forage caps.....	\$0 60	nil.	\$0 78	\$0 70	30	
Great coats.....	5 33	\$5 33	8 47	6 44	60	20
Uniform coats.....	0 65	7 60	12 54	9 00	30	20
Blouses, lined.....	3 22	2 90	4 08	3 50	25	20
Trousers.....	2 01	2 50	3 27	3 25	25	30
Shirts.....	1 18	1 00	1 33	1 15	13½	15
Drawers.....	58	55	60½	66	15	20
Blankets.....	3 48	2 37½	4 58	3 00	31	25
Boots.....	2 00	2 00	3 37	3 25	27	25
Shoes.....	1 77	1 25	2 26	1 75	25	25
Socks.....	25	25	31	30	25	25

Quartermaster's Department, average increase.....	\$27 06
National Home, average increase.....	22 05

PITKIN & THOMAS.

3,560 forage caps, at 70 cents.....	\$2,450 00
700 great coats, 200 No. 3; 350 No. 4; 150 No. 5, at \$6.44.....	4,508 00
400 uniform coats, 100 No. 3; 200 No. 4; 100 No. 5, at \$9.....	3,600 00
2,450 lined blouses, 150 No. 1; 200 No. 2; 650 No. 3; 950 No. 4; 500 No. 5, at \$3.50.....	8,575 00
3,150 pairs trousers, 200 No. 1; 200 No. 2; 950 No. 3; 1,200 No. 4; 600 No. 5, at \$3.25.....	10,237 50
9,300 shirts, all large sizes, at \$1.15.....	10,695 00
5,400 pairs drawers, all large sizes, at 66 cents.....	3,564 00
1,900 woolen blankets, (gray) at \$3.....	5,700 00
1,000 linen sheets, at \$1.49.....	1,490 00
	50,819 50
Deduct equivalents.....	31,789 82
	19,029 68

J. S. HOLDEN & CO.

500 white hospital blankets, at \$4.50.....	\$2,250 00
200 white hospital counterpanes, at \$1.50.....	300 00
500 linen pillow-cases, at 40 cents.....	200 00
500 bedsacks, at \$1.35.....	675 00
	23,454 68

EASTERN BRANCH.

2,116 pairs of shoes, at \$1.75.....	\$3,703 00
1,026 pairs of boots, at \$3.25.....	3,334 50
	7,037 50

CENTRAL BRANCH.

17,000 pairs stockings, at 30 cents.....	\$5,100 00
300 hair pillows, at \$1.10.....	330 00
	5,430 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

50 iron bedsteads, at \$6.60.....	\$325 00
50 hair mattresses, at \$8.....	400 00
1,500 cotton sheets, at 60 cents.....	900 00
500 cotton-pillow cases, at 15 cents.....	75 00
	1,700 00

Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., schedule of sizes in 100 garments.

	1	2	3	4	5
Uniform coats and blouses.....	30	45	20	5	0
Great coats.....	20	40	30	10	0
Trousers.....	10	45	30	10	5

On motion of Colonel Harris, the report of the committee on clothing was received and approved.

On motion of Colonel Harris, the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the estimates of the several branches for clothing and bedding, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1880, be referred to the committee on clothing, to ascertain if it will be for the interest of the Home to extend existing contracts for such articles as cannot be manufactured at either of the branches; and, if so, to make such contracts, and on such terms as may be most advantageous to the Home, exchanging for the clothing and bedding so contracted for the equivalents the Home is entitled to receive from the Quartermaster Department of the Army now due or that may become due during the said fiscal year.

ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

The president presented to the board the estimates for the funds required for the purposes of the Home, for the quarter ending June 30, 1880, which, after careful consideration and revision, were agreed upon as follows:

For clothing.....	\$25,000 00
For incidental expenses and out-door relief.....	4,486 49
For Central Branch, current expenses and repairs.....	100,000 00
For Northwestern Branch, current expenses and repairs.....	23,713 55
For Eastern Branch, current expenses and repairs.....	26,000 00
For Southern Branch, current expenses and repairs.....	17,745 98
Total	196,946 02

On motion of General Martindale, it was

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding \$800, be appropriated out of the Store Fund at the Southern Branch, for the construction of a bridge and road to the cemetery, to be expended under the direction of Captain Woodfin, deputy governor of that branch.

On motion it was

Resolved, That special estimates for construction of buildings and purchase of land at the Central Branch be reserved for further consideration at the next meeting of the board.

On motion of Chief Justice Waite, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers estimate and appropriate, out of moneys which may be provided by law, the sum of \$196,946.02 as necessary to meet the current expenses of the four branches of the Home for the quarter ending June 30, 1880, and for construction and repairs, clothing and bedding, boots, shoes, and stockings, out-door relief, and incidental expenses, of the National Home for the quarter; and that the acting treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain the sum of \$196,946.02, the amount so appropriated from the Treasury of the United States, and to receipt for the same in the name and behalf of the National Home.

FURTHER REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

General Coulter, from the committee appointed to audit accounts at the Eastern Branch, reported that the committee had visited that branch and made an examination of the accounts there for the period of two years ending December 31, 1879, and found them correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Governor Smyth, from the committee appointed to audit accounts at the Southern Branch, reported that the committee had visited that branch and made an examination of the accounts there for the year ending December 31, 1879, and found them correct and supported by proper vouchers, except one item for services of an assistant surgeon in the absence of the regular surgeon, and which the committee reserved for the consideration of the board.

A special report was submitted to the board from Captain Woodfin, explanatory of this reserved item, and showing that the regular surgeon was necessarily absent on duty, conveying two insane men to the hospital in Washington; during which absence Dr. Selden, of Hampton, was employed to attend at the hospital of the Home.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reserved item be approved and audited as correct.

Governor Smyth, from the committee appointed to audit accounts at the Central Branch, reported that the committee had visited that branch, and made an examination of the accounts there for the year ending December 31, 1879, and found them correct and supported by proper vouchers, except a few small bills, which required further explanation, and are specified in the certificate of the committee as reserved for consideration at the next examination of accounts.

William H. Stewart, formerly an inmate of the Northwestern Branch, and afterwards of the Eastern Branch, having been discharged, made complaint to the President of the United States of treatment received from the surgeon and officers at that branch. The complaint was referred through the Secretary of War and the president of this board for investigation.

A report having been made thereon to the board containing the record of Stewart while an inmate, the same was duly considered; whereupon, on motion it was

Resolved, That the complaint made by William H. Stewart is not sustained, and does not require further action.

The board proceeded to the election by ballot of officers for the ensuing year; the following were elected:

President, General Benjamin F. Butler.

First Vice-President, General John H. Martindale.

Second Vice-President, Governor Frederick Smyth.

Secretary, General John H. Martindale.

The president made the following appointment of auditing and visiting committees:

For Southern Branch, General Coulter and Governor Smyth.

For Eastern Branch, Judge Bond and General Martindale.

For Central Branch, Colonel Martin and Governor Smyth.

For Northwestern Branch, Colonel Harris and General Coulter.

For accounts of acting treasurer, Colonel Harris and General Coulter.

On motion of General Butler, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the governor and deputy governor of the several branches report to the president of this board the inmates in their respective Homes who served in the Regular Army, and who are entitled to transfer to the Soldiers' Home in Washington.

General Coulter made a special report of the terms of a contract for coal for the season, to be delivered at the Eastern Branch during the present month of April, and on his motion the contract was approved by the board.

On motion of Colonel Harris, the secretary addressed the following letter to the members *ex-officiis* of the board, viz: To the President of the United States, to the Chief Justice of the United States, and to the Secretary of War:

WASHINGTON, April 2, 1880.

A serious question involving the management of the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers has been brought to the attention of the Board of Managers through the committee appointed to audit the accounts of that branch. The board, in pursuance thereof, has ordered General Hineks, the commandant and treasurer, and the secretary, Captain Lough, to appear before this board to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, for the purpose of answering the charges that have been made by each against the other. Therefore the *ex-officiis* members of the board, the President, the Chief Justice, and the Secretary of War, are requested to be present during the investigation of the affairs of that branch of the Home, at the hour of 10 a. m., April 3, 1880, at the Surgeon-General's Office.

Copy resolution.

J. H. MARTINDALE, *Secretary*.

The board adjourned, to convene on the 3d day of April, 1880, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the same place.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., April 3, 1880.

The board convened this day at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Surgeon-General's Office.

There were present, General Butler, in the chair; the members *ex-officio* of the board, namely: the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary of War, Gov. Frederick Smyth, Judge Hugh L. Bond, General Richard Coulter, Col. Leonard A. Harris, General J. H. Martindale, secretary.

General Edward W. Hincks, deputy governor, and Capt. William H. Lough, secretary of the Northwestern Branch, personally appeared before the board, pursuant to the notice given to them.

The charges and specifications were presented by those officers severally, each one against the other, and were carefully considered and diligently examined; and each officer was heard in his own behalf and defence.

At the conclusion of the hearing, and before any deliberation thereon and decision by the board upon the said charges, General Hincks notified the board that he desired to retire from the command of the Northwestern Branch, but would continue to serve until the first of October next, if such should be the pleasure of the board, and orally tendered his resignation to take effect at that date.

The hearing was thereupon closed, and General Hincks and Captain Lough withdrew from attendance upon the board.

On motion of Colonel Harris, it was

Resolved, That the resignation of General Hincks as deputy governor of the Northwestern Branch be accepted, to take effect on the 1st day of October, 1880.

The board proceeded to the consideration of the said several charges and specifications, and the proofs and allegations which had been received and heard in relation thereto; whereupon the following resolution was offered by Judge Bond:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers, having investigated the charges of irregularity against the governor and the secretary of the Northwestern Branch in the conduct of their respective offices, have found nothing therein affecting the personal integrity of either officer; but, the board cannot hesitate to censure each, for not giving strict attention and obedience to the resolution of December 16, 1875 (see printed minutes, pages 320, 321), and the circular letter of the president of November 30, 1879, pursuant to the resolution of November 21 1879 (see printed minutes, page 559).

General Martindale moved to amend the resolution, by striking out the concluding portion commencing with the words "but the board cannot hesitate to censure each," &c. A vote was thereupon taken on the motion to amend the resolution, and it was lost.

The question then recurred on the resolution as proposed by Judge Bond. A vote was taken, and the resolution was adopted.

General Martindale offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this board, long associated with Dr. E. B. Wolcott, of Milwaukee, Wis., as a fellow member, deeply lament his recent death. He was a good man, genial, considerate, and faithful in his association with us, and in the discharge of his duties. His appointment to the office of manager was of great public advantage, by reason of the large professional skill and experience as physician and surgeon which he possessed, and which continually enlightened the board in providing for the disabled soldiers in the Home. A man of mature years and distinguished personal character; a physician of large practice and high rank, he nevertheless found the time to act as a diligent, working manager. The successor who shall *fulfill* his place, although sought among the best citizens of the country, cannot easily be found. But his intelligent and benevolent example remains, like a beacon, and may always be wisely referred to for instruction and guidance.

Thereupon the board adjourned, to meet at the Revere House, in Boston, Mass., on Thursday, the 8th day of July, 1880, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN H. MARTINDALE,
Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BRANCH.

THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED
VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,
Dayton, Ohio, July 1, 1880.

GENERAL: The following report of the Central Branch is respectfully submitted for your information. The year ending June 30, 1880, shows many interesting statistics as the result of the operations of this branch, and I respectfully call your attention to the various tables, prepared with much care. The usual form is adhered to as best calculated to bring out all the facts which the Board of Managers, Congress, and the people most desire to learn from such reports. I also inclose printed minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Managers for the last fiscal year, which the secretary has heretofore always filed with his report to Congress.

Very respectfully,

E. F. BROWN,
Governor.

General M. T. McMAHON,
Secretary Board of Managers, New York, N. Y.

Question No. 1.

1. What is the whole number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided by your branch during the year commencing July 1, 1879, and ending June 30, 1880?—Answer. Whole number cared for during year, 5,304.

2. What has been the whole number of disabled soldiers so cared for or aided at your branch, from its establishment to June 30, 1880?—Answer. 13,804.

Question No. 2.

How many have been admitted to your branch during the year commencing July 1, 1879, and ending June 30, 1880?—Answer. 947.

How many readmitted?—Answer. 212.

How many transferred from other branches?—Answer. 69.

How many honorably discharged?—Answer. 660.

How many summarily and dishonorably discharged?—Answer. 19, for the following causes: Summarily, for refusing to accept terms of re-admission, 9; dishonorably, for repeated absence without leave and drunkenness, 2; discharged for repeated absence without leave, lounging about drinking saloons, and refusing to return to the Home when ordered, 2; assaulting the guard while under arrest and repeated absence without leave and drunkenness, 2; keeping liquor saloons in the neighborhood of the Home, 4; bringing whisky into camp and selling same to his comrades, 1.

How many deserted ?—Answer. Willfully, 32 ; failing to report from furlough, 18 ; 50.

How many transferred to other branches ?—Answer. 52.

Question No. 3.

What was the average number present during the year ?—Answer. 3,399.

What was the average number present and absent during the year ? Answer. 4,160.

Question No. 4.

How many belonged to the Regular Army ?—Answer. 242.

How many belonged to the Volunteer service ?—Answer. 4,973.

How many belonged to the Navy ?—Answer. 89.

Question No. 5.

How many were disabled during the war of the rebellion ?—Answer. 5,095.

How many were disabled during the war of 1812 ?—Answer. 21.

How many were disabled during the Mexican war ?—Answer. 188.

Question No. 6.

Of the whole number, how many were colored men ?—Answer. 36.

Question No. 7.

From what States did they come, or in what States did they enlist ?—Answer :

Alabama	1	Nebraska	3
California	16	New York	841
Colorado	5	New Jersey	164
Connecticut	104	New Hampshire	26
Delaware	17	North Carolina	1
District of Columbia	33	Ohio	1,487
Illinois	282	Oregon	2
Indiana	403	Pennsylvania	835
Iowa	40	Rhode Island	5
Kansas	17	South Carolina	1
Kentucky	223	Tennessee	21
Louisiana	13	Texas	1
Maine	24	Vermont	7
Maryland	46	Virginia	30
Massachusetts	121	Wisconsin	40
Michigan	233	Wyoming Territory	2
Minnesota	11	West Virginia	83
Missouri	163		
Mississippi	3	Total	5,304

Question No. 8.

How many under 20 years of age ?—Answer. None.

How many between 20 and 30 years of age ?—Answer. None.

How many between 30 and 50 years of age ?—Answer. 2,683.

How many between 50 and 70 years of age ?—Answer. 2,284.

How many over 70 years of age ?—Answer. 335.

How many over 90 years of age?—Answer. 1.

How many over 100 years of age?—Answer. 1.

Total, 5,304.

Question No. 9.

How many married, with wives or minor children still living, as near as can be ascertained?—Answer. About 2,019.

Question No. 10.

How many native born?—Answer. 42½ per cent., 2,254.

How many foreign born?—Answer. 57½ per cent., 3,050.

Total, 5,304.

What the nativity of the latter?—Answer:

Austria.....	15	Norway.....	3
Belgium.....	4	Portugal.....	1
Canada.....	55	Russia.....	1
Denmark.....	6	Scotland.....	65
England.....	231	Switzerland.....	75
France.....	58	Sweden.....	5
Germany and Prussia.....	1,322	Isle of Man.....	1
Hungary.....	6	Wales.....	12
Holland.....	15		
Ireland.....	1,172	Total.....	3,050
Italy.....	3		

Question No. 11.

What were their trades or occupations? Give number of each.—Answer:

Agents.....	20	Confectioners.....	8
Actors.....	9	Coopers.....	90
Artists.....	2	Cutlers.....	5
Bakers.....	63	Coppersmiths.....	8
Barbers.....	20	Draymen and teamsters.....	64
Brick-makers.....	12	Dentists.....	1
Brick-layers.....	18	Druggists.....	18
Brewers.....	20	Dyers.....	10
Boiler-makers.....	9	Engineers (steam).....	48
Broom-makers.....	5	Farmers.....	675
Blacksmiths.....	88	Fishermen.....	2
Boatmen.....	20	Florists.....	3
Bookbinders.....	17	Fresco-painters.....	2
Butchers.....	78	File-cutters.....	1
Bookkeepers.....	22	Finishers (brass).....	6
Basket-makers.....	4	Finishers (iron).....	4
Belt-makers.....	1	Finishers (leather).....	1
Boot-fitters.....	6	Frame-makers.....	6
Brush-makers.....	8	Gardeners.....	84
Carpenters.....	210	Glass-blowers.....	4
Cabinet-makers.....	62	Glove-makers.....	1
Calkers.....	4	Grainers.....	3
Carvers (wood).....	12	Gilders.....	2
Carriage-makers.....	14	Goldbeaters.....	1
Carriage-trimmers.....	6	Gunsmiths.....	10
Coachmen.....	4	Gas fitters.....	9
Comb-makers.....	1	Grain inspectors.....	2
Calico-printers.....	2	Harness makers.....	16
Chair-makers.....	12	Hatters.....	30
Civil engineers.....	5	Hotel keepers.....	1
Cigar-makers.....	46	Iron rail makers.....	5
Clock-makers.....	4	Jewelers.....	5
Clerks.....	121	Laborers.....	1,963
Cooks.....	26	Lawyers.....	4

Lithographers.....	1	Sawyers, wood.....	9
Locksmiths.....	6	Seamen.....	41
Lumbermen.....	6	Saddlers.....	13
Machinists.....	57	Shoemakers.....	194
Marble cutters.....	9	Silversmiths.....	3
Marble polishers.....	2	Silver platers.....	2
Masons, stone.....	50	Ship carpenters.....	8
Millers.....	15	Soapmakers.....	6
Millwrights.....	3	Spinners, cotton.....	2
Miners.....	37	Spinners, hair.....	2
Moulders, iron.....	30	Spinners, wool.....	9
Moulders, brass.....	1	Stage drivers.....	9
Musicians.....	33	Stone cutters.....	50
Morocco dressers.....	2	Students.....	1
Nail makers.....	5	Tailors.....	130
Newspapers.....	6	Tanners.....	2
Needle makers.....	1	Telegraph operators.....	5
Painters and glaziers.....	113	Tinsmiths.....	10
Pavers.....	3	Tobacco spinners.....	4
Peddlers.....	17	Turners.....	5
Plumbers.....	10	Type founders.....	4
Plasterers.....	24	Umbrella makers.....	4
Printers.....	63	Upholsterers.....	8
Physicians.....	6	Varnishers.....	12
Paper hangers.....	6	Veterinary surgeons.....	3
Pistol maker.....	1	Watch makers.....	6
Puddlers, iron.....	10	Wagon makers.....	10
Paper makers.....	7	Watchmen and police.....	5
Potters.....	2	Waiters, hotel.....	9
Photographers.....	1	Well diggers.....	2
Pocket-book makers.....	1	Wheelwrights.....	10
Pilots.....	5	Wireworkers.....	5
Pipe maker.....	1	Wood choppers.....	3
Quarry men.....	40	Weavers.....	47
Railroaders.....	24	Wig makers.....	1
Ropemakers.....	2		
Salesmen.....	23	Total.....	5,304
Sailmakers.....	4		

Question No. 11 a.

Of the whole number present June 30, 1880, how many could read and write, and how many could do neither? Of the latter what per cent. were native, and what per cent. were foreign born?—Answer. As near as can be ascertained, of the whole number present June 30, 1880, 3,034 could read and write, and 300 (including 48 blind men) could neither read nor write. Of the latter, native born, 19 per cent.; foreign born, 81 per cent.

Question No. 12.

Of the whole number, how many have lost both arms?—Answer. Both hands, 2.

Of the whole number, how many have lost both legs?—Answer. 2.

Of the whole number, how many have lost both leg and arm?—Answer. 1.

Of the whole number, how many have lost one arm?—Answer. 83.

Of the whole number, how many have lost one leg?—Answer. 110.

How many disabled by other wounds received or disease contracted in the service?—Answer. 5,106; including Mexican war and war of 1812, 5,304.

In answer to questions 13, 14, 15, and 16, the surgeon makes the following report:

Col. E. F. BROWN, Governor:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit the following report of the medical department of Central Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the year ending June 30, 1880.

It is a matter of congratulation that the year just closed has been one of general good health. No epidemic or season of general sickness has visited us during this time. In the past history of the Home perhaps no one year has been marked by so great an absence of acute sickness amongst its inmates as the one just closed. This is no doubt accounted for by the strict hygienic discipline that has been maintained both in hospital and barracks. It is no small task to thoroughly instill habits of cleanliness and keep up regularly sanitary measures in a community of disabled, old, and infirm men, unrestricted by laws of general society. But that this has been thoroughly and well done our list of acute sickness largely shows. In an institution of this kind, its inhabitants made up of all classes and conditions of men, the tendency is to slothfulness, untidiness of dress, and uncleanness of person and surroundings. To prevent this has been the constant aim of all the officers and many of the men, and has resulted in great good to all concerned.

During the past year there have been cared for as follows: Totally blind, 39; partially blind, 146=185. Among this number are many who suffer from other disabilities also. As to the insane men there have been 90 cared for either totally or partially insane; 45 of that number have received special treatment in hospital; 13 of the number having been sent to the Government Hospital for the Insane at Washington, D. C. As each year adds to the number of this unfortunate class of beneficiaries, requiring a place for their seclusion and confinement in many cases much of the time, I deem it my duty to call your attention to the necessity of having provided a more comfortable and commodious building for their care and safety. At present we have but six small strong rooms, on the second story of our epileptic ward, that can be used for the purpose. These rooms serve only a temporary purpose and are not fitted for caring for this class of patients for any length of time. A one-story building, provided with a sitting-room, dining-room, hall, closets, &c., large enough to accommodate some 20 or 25 persons, the whole surrounded with a good substantial fence inclosing an acre or more of ground, could be built and fitted up at a cost not exceeding \$5,000. In this these men could be cared for comfortably and the expense of frequent transfers to Washington saved to the institution.

During the year 1,171 of the inmates of this branch have received hospital treatment, and for the following diseases:

Abscesses.....	7	Disease of kidneys.....	2
Alcoholism.....	58	Disease of liver.....	4
Amputations.....	5	Dislocations.....	6
Aphasia.....	1	Dropsy.....	5
Apoplexy.....	5	Dysentery.....	3
Ascitis.....	2	Eczema.....	7
Asthma.....	25	Embolism.....	1
Blind, totally.....	2	Enlargement of joints.....	1
Blind, partially.....	10	Enlargement of liver.....	1
Bronchitis.....	31	Enlargement of spleen.....	1
Burns.....	2	Epilepsy.....	61
Cancer, face and neck.....	4	Epistaxis.....	4
Cancer, stomach.....	3	Erysipelas.....	19
Cancer, throat.....	1	Erythema.....	1
Cancer, transverse colon.....	1	Exposure.....	3
Carbuncle.....	2	Fistula in ano.....	3
Cataract.....	1	Fistula in urethra.....	2
Catarrhal fever.....	24	Fractures.....	7
Catarrh, nasal.....	1	Frost-bite.....	1
Chloral poisoning.....	1	Gangrene, right leg and foot.....	1
Cholera morbus.....	1	Gastritis.....	9
Chorea.....	12	Gonorrhœa.....	2
Colic, bilious.....	3	Hay fever.....	1
Colic, cramp.....	3	Headache, chronic.....	1
Colic, hepatic.....	1	Hemorrhage from bowels.....	1
Concussion of brain.....	1	Hemorrhoids.....	9
Congestion of brain.....	7	Hemoptysis.....	6
Conjunctivitis, chronic.....	1	Hepatitis, chronic.....	2
Conjunctivitis, granular.....	4	Hernia, strangulated.....	7
Constipation.....	6	Hydrocele.....	4
Consumption.....	120	Hypertrophy of liver.....	2
Contusions.....	12	Hypochondria.....	1
Curvature of spine.....	1	Imbecile.....	4
Cystitis.....	2	Incised wounds.....	2
Debility.....	38	Incontinence of urine.....	5
Debility, general.....	5	Indigestion.....	7
Diarrhœa, chronic.....	26	Inflammations.....	9
Disease of heart.....	36	Injuries.....	20

Insanity.....	45	Pneumonia.....	5
Intermittent fever.....	34	Poisoning.....	1
Jaundice.....	3	Pyæmia.....	2
Laryngitis.....	1	Retention of urine.....	3
Locomotor atroxia.....	1	Rheumatism, chronic.....	105
Lumbago.....	3	Scalds.....	1
Malarial fever.....	3	Sciatic.....	3
Malingering.....	1	Septæmia.....	2
Melancholia.....	1	Softening of brain.....	2
Nasal polypus.....	1	Sprains.....	3
Nervous debility.....	11	Strictures, bladder.....	1
Neuralgia.....	7	Strictures, urethra.....	1
Obesity.....	1	Suicide, attempted.....	1
Ocitis.....	1	Sun-stroke.....	3
Old age.....	36	Synovitis, chronic.....	1
Old wounds.....	13	Syphilis.....	8
Opium habit.....	4	Tonsillitis.....	2
Orchitis.....	7	Tumors.....	1
Paralysis.....	97	Ulceration of throat.....	1
Paryngitis.....	2	Ulcers.....	46
Phlebitis.....	1	Varicose veins.....	1
Pleuritis.....	6	Vertigo.....	10

It will be observed that the large proportion of these cases are of a *chronic* nature, many of them having been under treatment for a long time here, or previous to their being inmates of the Home.

A "surgeon's call" has also been daily held, at which an average of 50 men have been present and prescribed for; this has been for minor ailments not requiring regular treatment in hospital.

The wound-dressers' department has also been enlarged, and better adapted to the treatment of old ulcers, sores, &c.; a competent man has been placed in charge of this, who, under direction of the medical officers, attends to a daily average of some 40 men.

During the year just closed 199 of our men have died. Many of them have been long and great sufferers, some having been in hospital from five to seven years. Quite a number of them have died soon after reaching here. Far gone with incurable diseases and exhausted by the long journey in reaching here, they soon succumb, and die shortly after arrival.

Abscess of liver.....	1	Exhaustion, result of chronic rheumatism.....	1
Accidents.....	3	Exhaustion, result of epilepsy.....	1
Alcoholism.....	3	Exhaustion, result of fracture of neck.....	2
Apoplexy.....	4	Exhaustion, paralysis.....	3
Asthma.....	1	Exposure and intemperance.....	1
Brain, concussion of.....	1	Gastritis, chronic.....	1
Brain, congestion of.....	7	Heart disease.....	26
Brain, softening of.....	2	Hemorrhage from bowels.....	1
Cancer of face and neck.....	1	Hepatitis.....	2
Cancer of stomach.....	3	Hypertrophy of liver.....	2
Cancer of transverse colon.....	1	Inflammation of liver.....	1
Consumption.....	45	Injuries.....	3
Cystitis.....	1	Murdered, supposed to be.....	1
Diarrhœa.....	5	Nervous prostration.....	2
Disease of kidneys.....	1	Paralysis.....	14
Disease of liver.....	1	Pyæmia.....	2
Dropsy.....	2	Rheumatism, chronic.....	1
Drowned.....	1	Senile debility.....	15
Dysentery.....	2	Septæmia.....	1
Embolism.....	1	Splenetic leucocythæmia.....	1
Enlargement of liver.....	1	Suicide, probably.....	2
Enlargement of spleen.....	1	Unknown, while on furlough.....	25
Epilepsy.....	2		
Erysipelas.....	1		

It will be seen that 25 are reported as having died "on furlough, cause unknown," some of them having been absent for some time, information in their cases being received either through the newspapers or by notification of friends.

It is quite probable that there are others who have died under same circumstances of which we have not been notified.

The percentage of deaths as compared with the whole number cared for during the—

	Number cared for.	Deaths.	Per cent.
Year ending June 30, 1880.....	5,304	199	3.77
Six months ending June 30, 1879.....	4,596	145	3.16
Year ending December 31, 1878.....	5,093	200	3.93

This, considering that our men are *all* disabled, and many very old, will be seen is not a large per cent.

This, in brief, has been the work of the medical department of this branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the past year. We have gone steadily on endeavoring to alleviate the suffering and distresses to the fullest extent possible. In many cases success has crowned our efforts; on the contrary, death has claimed many victims. Generally speaking, the men in hospital have been patient and thankful for the means adopted for their welfare. The ward-masters, nurses, and attendants have very generally performed their arduous duties faithfully and well, and much of the success of the hospital department is due to their patient and persevering labor.

J. M. WEAVER,
Surgeon.

Question No. 16 b.

What are your rules as to baths and bathing?—Answer. Every man in the Home outside of the hospital is required to bathe at least once a week, making nearly 600 baths per day in the general bath house, which is furnished at all times with an ample supply of hot and cold water, and which is kept at all times in *inspection* order as to cleanliness. The hospital is also supplied with full bathing facilities for all patients and attendants which are used as directed by the surgeon.

LAUNDRY.

The laundry and linen rooms have continued their usefulness during the past year, turning out 1,703,648 pieces, being 32,762 pieces per week washed, pressed, repaired, and reissued, as per the following report of Mrs. Emma L. Miller, matron:

MATRON'S DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL BRANCH,
July 1, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor*:

COLONEL: In compliance with circular order dated headquarters Central Branch National Home for Disabled Union Soldiers, July 1, 1880, I have the honor to submit the following report of the operation of the laundry and linen room for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880:

The laundry has been run to its full capacity during the past year, turning out an average of 32,762 pieces weekly, showing an increase over corresponding periods last year of 1,490 pieces.

The following table exhibits the number and class of articles laundried during the year:

Aprons.....	95,387	Sheets, linen.....	125,562
Bedsacks.....	2,406	Shirts, cotton.....	53,686
Blouses.....	290	Shirts, wool, under.....	19,527
Blankets.....	739	Shirts, barracks.....	182,113
Counterpanes.....	6,591	Socks, pairs.....	176,573
Cushion-covers.....	1,200	Trowsers, uniform.....	599
Drawers, cotton.....	157,332	Table-covers.....	36,201
Drawers, wool.....	603	Towels, roller.....	139,484
Gowns.....	342	Towels, hand.....	545,845
Handkerchiefs.....	23,563		
Pillow-cases.....	135,595	Total.....	1,703,648

The linen room in connection with the laundry has also performed good service during the year. In addition to receiving, inspecting, repairing, pressing, and issuing all the articles above named, keeping an accurate account of same, the following

have been fabricated, the under-clothing being of special sizes made to order for issue and sold to beneficiaries :

Aprons.....	1,152	Shirts, cotton.....	142
Cushion-covers.....	64	Shirts, wool.....	207
Drawers, pairs, cotton (special sizes).....	846	Sheets, cotton.....	37
Drawers, pairs, wool (special sizes).....	180	Shrouds.....	176
Mattresses.....	4	Table-covers.....	396
Pillow-cases.....	65	Towels, roller.....	2,079
Pillow ticks.....	19	Towels, hand.....	1,640

The worn-out underclothing, bedding, woolen socks, &c., having become so much worn as to be unfit for issue or repairs to others, an inspection report is submitted to the governor, who appoints a board of survey and the articles reported being condemned, such as can be used in the hospital for bandages, dressing, &c., in the engineer department for wipers and wrapping steam-pipes, and in barracks, hospital, and shops for wipers, mops, &c., are set aside for that purpose, and the tops of worn-out woolen socks being cut off, the yarn is unravelled for use in darning others, and the balance are sold to the highest bidder for rags. The receipts from this source during the past year amounted to \$1,752.22, cash, which has been turned over to treasurer.

Yours, very respectfully,

EMMA L. MILLER,
Matron.

Question No. 17.

THE NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,
Dayton, Ohio, July 1, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor :*

SIR: In compliance with Circular Order dated Headquarters, Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, July 1, 1880, I have the honor to return the following answers to interrogatories submitted:

1. How many have received pensions during the year?—Answer. 1,498.
2. What is the total amount received from July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880, inclusive?—Answer. \$243,637.13.
3. How much of this was retained in any way for any purpose by the Home?—Answer. \$34,522.14.
4. How much was sent or used for the benefit of dependent wife, child, mother, or sister?—Answer. Actually sent by Treasurer, \$77,665.93; estimated amount sent by beneficiaries themselves, \$50,607.98.
5. How much is still held by the Home in trust for the pensioners?—Answer. \$79,139.54; of which sum \$36,300 is invested in United States 4 per cent. registered bonds, and the interest credited quarterly to the pensioners.
6. What amount of interest has been received or is receivable on pensions from July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880?—Answer. \$2,043.

The period included in preparing these answers is from July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880, except that relating to interest, which is from April 1, 1879, to April 1, 1880.

The amount given in answer to the fourth question (as sent by Treasurer to dependent relatives) is obtained from the records of my office and does not include a large sum sent to relatives by the pensioners themselves; estimated at one-half the amount paid to them direct.

Very respectfully,

J. B. THOMAS,
Treasurer.

Question No. 18.

What mechanical trades have been carried on at the Central Branch during the year?—Answer:

Blacksmithing.	Plumbing and gas-fitting.
Bookbinding.	Printing.
Brushmaking.	Shoemaking.
Carpenter and cabinet work.	Soap-making.
Cigar-making.	Tailoring.
Harness-making.	Tinsmithing.
Knitting.	Upholstering.
Painting and glazing.	

How many have been so employed?—Answer. 284.

What has been the total product of their labor?—Answer. \$110,733.82.

What the net profit, if any, of same?—Answer. \$27,913.50.

Summary of mechanical trades.

	Number of men employed.	Expenditure.	Product.	Profit.
Bookbinding.....	2	\$447 79	\$722 55	\$274 76
Brush-making.....	3	383 87	413 73	20 86
Blacksmith shop.....	9	4,123 21	5,207 38	1,084 17
Carpenter and cabinet shops.....	85	10,762 96	52,589 20	11,826 24
Cigar shop.....	62	22,561 07	25,559 21	2,995 14
Harness shop.....	6	796 33	1,034 89	238 56
Knitting shop.....	18	7,281 56	8,453 13	1,171 02
Paint shop.....	29	5,512 10	6,620 96	1,108 86
Plumbing and gas-fitting shop.....	12	7,526 57	10,726 05	3,200 08
Printing-office.....	4	2,893 14	4,264 69	1,371 55
Shoe shop.....	23	4,564 78	5,038 34	473 56
Soap shop.....	4	4,656 05	5,320 76	664 71
Tailor shop.....	16	5,930 16	7,091 29	1,161 13
Tin shop.....	7	2,100 57	4,086 25	1,985 68
Upholster's shop.....	4	1,190 66	1,520 24	329 58
Total.....		110,733 82	138,649 32	27,915 50

NOTE.—The products and profits of the several shops, with the exception of the cigar manufactory and tailor shop, which show actual cash profits, are estimated at the value of the same class of work and material if furnished by parties outside of the Home.

The following report of the operations of the cigar manufactory at this branch during the past ten years, the entire period of its existence, will be found interesting, showing as it does what good results can accrue from a small capital properly managed, and speaks well for the zeal and business qualifications of Capt. William Thompson, steward, under whose personal supervision this industry was first started and has been carried on successfully from year to year to the present time.

CENTRAL BRANCH NATIONAL HOME FOR
DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,
July 1, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor* :

COLONEL: Our cigar shop would seem to stand out as the one experiment in manufacturing for the exclusive purpose of affording employment to beneficiaries, and, as such, it is a matter of much interest to know whether it pays the Home, in a financial as well as in a moral sense, to operate it. In order to satisfy ourselves on this point, I herewith present you an accurate statement of the total expenses of the shop, together with the total amount of money received by the treasurer during the ten years ending June 30, 1880, which period has elapsed since the organization of the cigar and other shops. The total expenses of this shop, including \$5,837.53 charged by the carpenter shop and other internal departments for cigar boxes, packing-cases, &c., have been \$173,095.42. The treasurer has received cash on account of cigars sold \$179,729.25, and smoking-tobacco at a reduced valuation of \$4,390 has been transferred to the subsistence department for issue to impecunious beneficiaries. The two last-named sums, together with the lowest possible valuation of working material and stock on hand June 30, 1880, make a total credit of \$186,439.74, or a net gain of \$13,344.32, notwithstanding losses by bad sales, from which we suffered considerably during the first few years, when long credit was the rule of business, and we felt compelled to give the same accommodation offered by other manufacturers. We have endeavored to exercise a greater care in selling goods during the last five years, as is shown by the fact that since July 1, 1875, we have sold cigars to the value of \$120,759.07, out of which we lost but \$168; and to show that we are still learning to increase our vigilance in this respect, I would further state that during the three years ending June 30, 1880, out of \$76,862.47, value of cigars sold, we lost \$17.50, which loss occurred in 1878.

I would also state that the expenses of the shop during this latter period were \$71,278.14, and the net cash gain was \$5,484.33. To briefly show what benefit the cigar shop has been to the Home since its organization, I might say it has given employment to an average of 40 men per month, many of whom to my personal knowledge have used the money thus earned to contribute to the support of dependent families, or with their accumulated savings have established themselves in a more or less prosperous manufacturing business, and, as near as can be estimated, it has taught

150 beneficiaries the art of cigar making, one-fourth of whom have adopted it as a means of supporting themselves independent of the aid of the government. These benefits have been obtained, together with a gain of over \$13,000 on a capital but in a very few instances involving \$6,000, and an average quarterly expense of \$4,325. The system is so far perfected that we now manufacture no goods but those we have an absolute certainty of selling at a list price. They are shipped as soon as made and the money returned to the treasurer within a few days after shipment. The only exceptions to this rule are a few customers in Dayton, of whom the Home is constantly and necessarily purchasing, and, consequently, beyond risk of loss. It may thus be seen that the capital is more than turned over within each quarter of the year. We are, therefore, now running at a greater capacity and involving much less capital, with a more absolute certainty of gain than at any previous time in the history of the shop. Though this statement has not been called for, I hope it may none the less be found interesting and satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

WM. THOMPSON,

Steward.

Question No. 19.

What has been the total product of your farm and garden, and the net profit, if any, during the year?—Answer. Total product of farm and garden, \$21,264.24; net profit, \$11,426.51.

Below is a tabular statement of the product of the farm and garden upon which the above product is based :

Statement.

Number or quantity.	Class of articles.	Value.
422 bushels	Apples	\$215 85
197 bunches	Asparagus	5 71
10 dozen bunches	Beets	2 50
479 bushels	do	203 60
385 bushels	Beans, string	214 10
60 quarts	Beans, lima	6 00
644 bushels	Carrots	38 70
35,100 heads	Cabbage	1,005 27
345 dozen	Cucumbers	40 42
3,015 dozen	Corn, green	174 90
174 dozen bunches	Celery	77 39
400 gallons	Catsup	300 00
33 cantaloups		1 32
1,150 pounds	Grapes	46 00
275 tons	Hay	4,125 00
605 gallons	Horse-radish	200 15
152 barrels	Sauerkraut	661 00
5,075 bunches	Lettuce	25 57
1,093 dozen bunches	Onions	225 92
116 bushels	do	124 20
900 bushels	Oats	270 00
Pasturing cattle		795 00
Pasturing sheep		435 00
4024 bushels	Pease, green	310 28
233 bushels	Potatoes	118 96
365 bushels	Pears	296 70
803 bushels	Parsnips	437 80
160 gallons	Pickles	28 80
3 bushels	Parsley	2 25
30 bunches	Radishes	60
38 bushels	do	7 60
7,021 bunches	Rhubarb	109 39
1,823 dozen	Squash	557 45
12 acres	Sowed corn	144 00
40 tons	Straw	180 00
814 bushels	Tomatoes	253 52
21,384 pounds	Tomatoes, canned	835 36
345 bushels	Turnips	79 10
380 cords	Wood	1,520 00
Flowers sold for cash during the year		3,168 83
Credit on account of garden, from Abstract B (construction and repairs), for flowers, plants, shrubs, trees, &c., set out and planted for the adornment of the grounds, there being 155 flower-beds laid out and stocked with about 120,000 plants, flowers, trees, and shrubs, all the product of our own propagating houses the previous winter.		4,000 00
Total		21,264 24

I certify the above to be correct.

W. H. LOUGH,

Secretary.

Question No. 20.

What has been the whole number of men employed for pay during the year?—Answer. 1,945.

What was the total amount paid them for services?—Answer. \$113,179.81.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,
CENTRAL BRANCH,
Dayton, Ohio, June 30, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, Governor :

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for the year ending June 30, 1880, as follows:

Question No. 21.

Library.—The Putnam Library has 4,597 volumes, an increase of 311 for the year. The books sent by our good friend Mrs. Mary Lowell Putnam are, as in the past, very valuable, and have been carefully selected with a view to meet the intellectual needs of the veterans.

The "George H. Thomas" Library has 6,487 volumes, an increase of 179 for the year.

The old soldiers of General Thomas are constantly sending additions to this library named after their distinguished commander.

Total number of volumes in Putnam and Thomas Libraries, 11,084, showing an increase in both of 490.

On file in the reading room 279 newspapers, magazines, &c., classified as follows: Daily, 57; semi-weekly, 4; weekly, 184; monthly, 34. Increase, 8. These represent the following languages: English, German, French, Spanish, and Scandinavian.

Total number of books issued from the library for reading in barracks during the year, 40,200.

Average daily attendance in reading room from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., about 175.

Since my last report I have received the saddle, bridle and other horse equipments of the late lamented Major-General Joseph Hooker, also the headquarters flag of the illustrious Major-General George H. Thomas. These are kept on exhibition in the library and reading hall.

Question No. 22.

School.—Number attending Home school (Miss Mary J. Eaton), including those learning telegraphy and wood carving, during the year, 78. The following branches are taught: Arithmetic, geography, penmanship, telegraphy, algebra, German, reading, wood-carving, bookkeeping, history, Latin, spelling.

Number fitted to earn their own living, 3.

The school year just closing has been one of unusual prosperity, reflecting great credit upon the ability of the teacher and the diligence of the pupils.

Question No. 23.

Religious instructions.—Religious services are held as follows: Sabbath school at 9 a. m.

Preaching services at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m., in the Home church. Services are held at 3 p. m. in the hospital chapel for the benefit of those unable to attend at the church. Prayer meetings are held in the basement of the church every Wednesday evening at 7 p. m.

Catholic services are conducted in the Home church as follows, by the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Kemper, of Dayton: Sabbath morning at 7.30 a. m.; Thursday morning at 8 a. m.; Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. German services are held frequently by ministers from Dayton.

Temperance and other societies.—The ladies of the Christian Temperance League continue their meetings semi-monthly on Tuesday afternoons and are attended by good results. The Home Christian Association is in a prosperous condition.

The temperance organizations, as follows, continue to exert a good influence among the soldiers: Good Templars, Sons of Temperance, Murphy's, and Red Ribbon Brigade.

The Brown Guard, The Grand Army of the Republic, The German Veteran Association, The Hibernia Benevolent Society, and The Historical and Monumental Society, all have a vigorous existence and add largely to the pleasure of the Home life.

Question No. 24.

Amusements.—The beautiful and commodious Amusement Hall, as ever, is largely patronized and presents from morning till evening a lively and pleasurable scene. Many an ache and sorrow is forgotten for the time amid these enjoyments.

Gambling is strictly prohibited by the regulations of the Home.

The out-door sports, as usual, are largely conducive to the health and happiness of the veterans.

Thanking you for your continued favor.

I am, with high regard, &c.,

WM. EARNSHAW, *Chaplain.*

In the construction and repairs of buildings, the improvement and adornment of the grounds, the following are the principal items during the past year:

Additional heating apparatus.....	\$5,928 90
New water supply.....	8,677 96
Balance brick, wagon and blacksmith shop.....	10 30
Addition to fire-engine house including bell tower.....	940 40
Two new brick barracks.....	20,000 00
Coal chute.....	1,000 00
	36,556 56

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT.

The engineer department has been busily employed during the past year in the extension of steam-heating apparatus to the several buildings, and the fitting up of same, on the Holly system—low pressure—by which a great saving of fuel with superior results as to heating has been effected; also in the distribution of water to the several points and buildings not heretofore supplied, and laying of pipes for distributing sewage to remote points of the grounds, by which means every particle of this valuable fertilizer is utilized.

The following report of the chief engineer, which I submit in full, will give some idea of the magnitude of the work done in this department during the year.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, CENTRAL BRANCH,
July 10, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor:*

COLONEL: In compliance with circular order dated Headquarters Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, July 1, 1880, I have the honor to submit the following report of the labor performed and material used by the engineer department for the year ending June 30, 1880.

In fitting up the treasurer's residence with steam-heating apparatus on the Holly low-pressure system, there have been used and placed in position: 1 steam-governor (Holly); 1 steam-trap (Holly); 4 steam-radiators; 8 hot-air registers; 32 globe valves, and 1,800 feet steam-pipe, assorted sizes.

The chaplain's residence: 1 steam-governor (Holly); 1 steam-trap (Holly); 4 steam-radiators; and 8 hot-air registers; with 1,800 feet steam-pipe and valves, unions, fittings, &c., complete.

The farmer's residence has also been fitted up complete, taking 1 steam-governor (Holly); 1 steam-trap (Holly); 2 steam-radiators; 8 hot-air registers; 28 globe valves, and 1,500 feet steam-pipe, with unions, fittings, &c.

The restaurant (old and new buildings) has been fitted up with steam and water apparatus for heating and cooking purposes, in which have been expended 2 steam-

governors (Holly); 4 steam-traps (Holly); 16 hot-air registers; 69 globe valves, with unions, fittings, &c.; and 6,500 feet steam-pipe.

In addition to the foregoing, the following buildings have been fitted up complete with steam-heating apparatus, under the Holly system, viz: The two new brick barracks, Nos. 24 and 26; barracks Nos. 21, 22, and 23, comprising 7 separate buildings; barrack No. 12 (guard-house), blacksmith and wagon shop, and the pump-house at deep well; making 12 separate buildings fitted up complete with improved steam-heating apparatus, and water throughout each building.

The following buildings heretofore fitted up on the old plan, the pipes having become worn and leaky after seven years' wear, and the whole system then in use being found defective, principally by reason of the coils being placed along the walls at the head of the beds, have been thoroughly overhauled and refitted on the Holly system, viz: Barracks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 18, 19, and Amusement Hall, making 13 buildings, and a total of 25 buildings thus fitted up during the year, in which was expended 21,600 feet of pipe, assorted sizes, with valves, unions, fittings, &c. In carrying out this work, 2,858 feet of steam-mains have been laid in tile-drained ditches, wrapped and incased in tight-fitting pump logs, with brick-lined casings for junction boxes every hundred feet, together with 2,858 feet of return-pipes, thus conveying the condensed steam back to the boilers for further use. In addition to the steam-heating apparatus this department has laid during the year 647 feet 5-inch wrought-iron water main from the filter to main pump-house; 419 feet 4-inch from the main near the junction of New York and Pennsylvania avenues around Memorial Hall to the hydrant at the commissary department; 368 feet 1½-inch pipe from the spring at the stone quarry to the buffalo and elk enclosures, to convey spring-water for use of the animals; and 2,865 feet 2½-inch pipe for the distribution of sewage to remote sections of the grounds.

All steam and water pipes in the Home have been kept in thorough repair. This labor, including the finishing of ornamental iron-work in the engine and pump houses, railings for bridges at the new lake, and the making and repairing of tools and machinery, has been performed by inmate labor, with the exception of one citizen employé (steam fitter) sent here by the Holly Steam Combination Company, and the amount and character of the work accomplished is the best evidence that every man did his duty.

Yours, very respectfully,

THOMAS HINTON,
Chief Engineer.

The above improvements required 1,277 yards ditching for steam and water mains, at an average depth of 4 feet; 958 yards of ditching for sewage and 202 yards of ditching for gas mains, at an average depth of 3 feet. In addition to which there were constructed 1,015 yards of stone-covered ditches for drainage, in which was expended 4,574 cubic yards of stone, quarried on the grounds; four-fifths mile of macadamized avenue around the new lake along east front of Home grounds, and extending to the Martindale conservatory, has been constructed, and is now almost completed, in which, and on repairs to avenues and walks, was used 7,897 cubic yards of broken stone; 1½ miles of paved gutter has been laid in a substantial manner, in which was expended 563 cubic yards dressed paving stones, with 44 gratings at intervals leading into covered drains to carry off the surface water into the lakes.

In addition to the above, the stone quarry turned out during the year 2,733 cubic yards first-class building-stone, expended in the construction of three substantial culverts, sluice-dams, and filter, at new lake. Foundations and cellars of new barracks, No. 24 and 26; foundation of coal-chute, foundation of ice-platform, foundation of paint-shop (moved to make room for new barracks, No. 26), foundation of porches at barracks Nos. 20, 24, 25, and 26; 2,186 square feet dressed flagging; 1,680 square feet cut-stone, prepared and expended for copings on outer walls of filter; bridge on township road, between old and new lakes, and for the three culverts and sluice-dam at new lake; 84 pieces of ring-stone and 8 key-stones used in the construction of culverts, and 383 square feet of stone steps used in the new barracks, and wherever needed; thus supplying the entire wants of the Home for building and road stone.

The additional improvements, adornment of the grounds under direction of Mr. Charles Beck, a very competent landscape gardener and florist, are exhibited in the following report:

CENTRAL BRANCH, NATIONAL HOME FOR
DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,
July 1, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor*:

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of the improvement and adornment of the grounds under my directions during the past year, together with the product of the Martindale conservatory as follows: Six acres of ground have been graded; 5 acres of ground have been trenched; 3½ acres of ground have been sodded (lawns and borders of walks); 155 flower beds laid out all over the lawns and stocked with 120,000 choice plants and flowers, all propagated in our own conservatories, from which 30,000 flowering plants and shrubs were also sold during the year, realizing the handsome sum of \$3,168.83, making the conservatories almost self-sustaining, and leaving 10,000 choice plants still on hand for sale and propagation; 160 feet of rockery, 10 feet high, has been constructed in the grotto, set out with rare plants suitable for such purposes; in the immediate neighborhood of which a banana grove, the finest in this climate, has been set out. One mile of Osage orange hedge, extending from the north gate along the entire east front, and west on south side of grounds to south gate, has been planted, is in a thriving condition, and will eventually be extended all around the grounds; 5,000 trees have been planted in the adornment of the grounds, and 20,000 Catalpa trees, raised from seed, are now large enough to be sold, from which a handsome sum may be derived during the coming year, as well as supplying the Home grounds with an inexhaustible stock of magnificent young shade trees from our Catalpa nursery.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES BECK,
Chief Gardener.

Have the new buildings completed added to your capacity, and if so, how much?—Answer. The two new barrack buildings erected during the year have increased the capacity of the Central Branch 300 beds.

What number can you care for at your branch, having reference to health and comfort?—Answer. Three thousand six hundred and fifty men will tax our present capacity to the utmost. There were present, June 30, 1880, 3,334 men, and absent with and without leave 977 men, 300 of whom, I may safely assert, will return to the shelter of the Home during the coming fall and winter. And this number, added to the natural increase from admissions and readmissions, will probably run up our number present by February 1, 1881, to 3,850, or 200 more than we can care for without erecting additional barrack buildings.

Question No. 25.

What influence, if any, have the improvements of the buildings, adornment of the grounds, and the several opportunities for labor, instruction, and amusement, &c., had upon the men? Is discipline made easier? Are the men improved in character and morals? Are the men contented and happy?—Answer. The erection of new buildings and continued adornment of the grounds, together with the facilities afforded for employment, instruction, and amusement, have a marked influence on the character and morals of the men, as will be seen by the annexed table of offenses committed against the rules of the Home. Three thousand seven hundred and sixty-five beneficiaries committed no breach of the rules whatever during the past year, while 844 committed only one offense each, 346 committed only two offenses each, 147 committed only three offenses each, 81 committed only four offenses each, 46 committed

only five offenses each, leaving only 75 men, or less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., who may be termed habitual violators of the rules of the Home.

TABLE OF OFFENSES.

Statement of the number of offenses committed at the Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers during the year from July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880.

2,765 men committed no offense.....	3,765
844 men committed 1 offense each.....	844
346 men committed 2 offenses each.....	692
147 men committed 3 offenses each.....	441
81 men committed 4 offenses each.....	324
46 men committed 5 offenses each.....	230
26 men committed 6 offenses each.....	156
17 men committed 7 offenses each.....	119
6 men committed 8 offenses each.....	48
9 men committed 9 offenses each.....	81
3 men committed 10 offenses each.....	30
3 men committed 11 offenses each.....	33
2 men committed 12 offenses each.....	24
1 man committed 14 offenses.....	14
1 man committed 16 offenses.....	16
3 men committed 17 offenses each.....	51
2 men committed 19 offenses each.....	38
1 man committed 21 offenses.....	21
1 man committed 22 offenses.....	22
1,539 Total number of offenses.....	3,184
Committed no offenses.....	3,765
Committed offenses.....	1,539
Total number cared for during year ending June 30, 1880.....	5,304
The Home still grows in popularity with the citizens of this and neighboring States as evidenced by the increased number of visitors and excursions from year to year.	
Visitors admitted to the Home grounds for the year ending June 30, 1880....	147,009
Visitors admitted during the corresponding period ending June 30, 1879.....	132,951
Increase in favor of the past year.....	14,058
Vehicles admitted during the year ending June 30, 1880.....	31,680
Year ending June 30, 1879.....	29,915
Increase in the past year.....	1,765
Number of excursions to the Home during year ending June 30, 1880.....	125
For year ending June 30, 1879.....	90
Increase.....	35

In the destruction of our beautiful Memorial Hall by fire on the night of May 1, 1880, our facilities for the entertainment and amusement of the men suffered a serious loss which was felt by every one in the Home, as well as by the thousands of visitors who had seen and admired the beautiful structure, but the committee on amusements, Col. J. B. Thomas, treasurer; Maj. J. H. Chapman, postmaster; and Dr. A. S. Dunlap, assistant-surgeon; proved themselves equal to the task of remedying the evil, so far as possible, and immediately set about making temporary provision to continue a series of entertainments through the summer of 1880, as in the previous year, and for this purpose succeeded in collecting from among the residents of the Home the sum of \$505, for which a

large tent capable of seating 1,250 persons has been purchased and fitted up, and in which five performances a week are being given during the entire summer season, to the great enjoyment of every one.

Thanks to the liberality of Congress and prompt action of the honorable Board of Managers, our Music Hall will soon be rebuilt.

Report of the Committee on Amusements.

NATIONAL MILITARY HOME FOR
DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, CENTRAL BRANCH,
Dayton, Ohio, June 30, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN,

Governor National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers:

COLONEL: Pursuant to instructions contained in your circular of date July 1, 1880, we have the honor to submit the following report of amusements at this Home.

At the date of our last report (June 30, 1879), we had under engagement a stock company for Memorial Hall, consisting of ten people, under contract with George C. Jordan, for ten weeks, commencing June 17, and ending August 26. Number of performances per week five—the company being composed of four ladies and six gentlemen of high standing in their profession. The plays presented were of the "legitimate drama." They were appreciated and well attended by the residents of the Home, as the following figures will show.

	Dr.	Cr.
To cash paid for services of company.....	\$1,000 00	
To cash paid for transportation.....	45 00	
To cost of boarding company.....	350 60	
To cash paid for advertising and bill posting.....	123 85	
By cash received for admission to performances.....		\$1,542 35
To balance, being a gain of.....	23 50	
	1,542 35	1,542 35

Thus it will be seen that your instructions to the committee to furnish the best entertainments to be had, and to make the enterprise as near self-supporting as possible, has been carried out.

Soon after the close of our engagement with Mr. Jordan, the regular theatrical season began, and our Memorial Hall having become well known to the theatrical world, we were enabled to give satisfactory entertainments during the season at an average of two each week, continuing up to May 1, 1880, when Memorial Hall was burned.

From August 29, 1879, to May 1, 1880, there were given sixty entertainments, such as theatrical combinations, operas, musical extravaganzas, lectures, readings, sleight-of-hand performances, Humpty Dumpty, concerts, &c., by the best traveling combinations. The expenditures and receipts for the same are as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
To cash paid for services of companies and combinations.....	\$2,656 00	
To cash paid for transportation of same.....	211 45	
To cost of boarding companies.....	301 45	
To cash for hire of costumes for amateur organizations.....	38 75	
To cash for advertising and bill posting.....	167 06	
To cash paid for extra stage-hands, doorkeepers, and ushers.....	83 00	
By cash received for admission to performances.....		\$3,290 05
Loss to balance.....		167 66
	3,457 71	3,457 71

Leaving an expenditure over receipts of \$167.66. Of these sixty entertainments twenty-eight were free to the residents of the Home, and yet our expenditures only exceeded our receipts by \$167.66.

Up to the fall of 1878 our amusements were supplied principally by amateur organizations, the expense of the same being borne by the institution, and the entertainments given to the residents of the Home were all free. From various causes they were not well attended, and the committee decided, as an experiment, to engage a professional company of good standing, and to charge the residents of the Home a small fee for admission, sufficient to cover the expense of same. We might state that we had been frequently solicited by the inmates to do this, for the reason that they had rather pay the difference than to have the amusements confined to amateur companies. Consequently, with your approval, we engaged the celebrated Saulsbury's Troubadours and put the price of admission at 25 cents. The hall was well filled, and the entertain-

ment greatly enjoyed. From that time to the present date we have engaged such troupes as we thought would please, reduced the price of admission to 15 cents and sometimes 10 cents and many times free, with the financial result as above stated.

The popularity and success of the stock company last summer warranted the engagement of another first-class company this summer, and as early as January last, with your approval, we began a correspondence with various managers, inviting proposals to furnish the same, and on the 20th of March the contract was awarded to Mr. Burton Adams, a talented young gentleman in the profession. The contract was signed in the latter part of April, and everything made ready for the opening which was to have taken place June 1, when we lost our beautiful hall by fire. It was then believed that all regular entertainments for the "boys" would end, for the present at least, but the project of a temporary stage and tent was soon decided upon, and it having been made known that it would be necessary to secure a fund to purchase the tent, season tickets were placed upon sale in advance, and in twelve hours one hundred and one had been taken by the residents of the Home, at \$5 each, making a total of \$505 to begin with.

All necessary arrangements were soon made, and the temporary Memorial Hall was opened by Mr. Adams's company on the 9th day of June, since which time five performances have been given each week to delighted audiences. The receipts, so far, exceed the expenditures, and we have been enabled to give several free entertainments.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. B. THOMAS,
JUSTIN C. CHAPMAN,
A. S. DUNLAP,
Committee on Amusements.

Question No. 26.

What has been the total current or running expenses of your branch during the year, and what the average cost of keeping each man in the home during the year?—Answer. Total current or running expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, including all uniform clothing and under-clothing issued to the men and excluding construction and repairs, \$398,791.54; average cost per capita, including clothing, \$117.32; total current or running expenses, deducting cost of clothing, \$324,277.28; average cost per capita, deducting cost of clothing, \$95.40; average cost of clothing per capita, \$21.92; average cost of ration for the year, 16.69 cents.

Below I submit statement showing how the figures were obtained in determining the cost of keeping each man. This statement is taken from the ledger accounts of the various abstract letters, and exhibits all the charges to each, including internal vouchers between the several departments of the Home.

Statement showing how the figures were obtained in determining the cost of keeping each man at Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the year ending June 30, 1880.

Abstracts.		First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.	Total.	Credits.	Differences.	Excesses.
A	Subsistence	\$56,491 82	\$58,642 17	\$55,711 30	\$56,516 08	\$227,361 37	\$17,616 83	\$209,744 54	.....
B	Construction and repairs.....	33,098 05	46,789 05	27,992 19	32,872 06	140,751 35	3,026 40	137,724 95	.....
C	Stable	19,874 19	18,081 91	22,719 12	22,250 99	82,926 21	85,168 73	.....	\$2,242 52
D	Personal property	1,239 01	247 57	535 05	137 09	2,158 72	.....	2,158 72	.....
E	Current expenses	10,588 82	10,798 31	11,780 70	12,117 50	45,285 33	85 52	45,199 81	.....
F	Incidental expenses	921 63	1,279 14	806 12	1,354 59	4,361 48	336 65	4,024 83	.....
G	Transportation expenses	4,071 17	5,768 80	4,382 36	5,001 77	19,224 10	16,805 10	2,419 00	.....
H	Clothing	17,517 28	19,797 55	20,748 92	17,170 20	75,233 95	719 69	74,514 26	.....
I	Hospital supplies	4,123 18	4,028 98	3,598 28	3,455 73	15,206 17	9 33	15,196 84	.....
K	Farm and garden	1,985 72	2,222 56	2,192 17	3,437 28	9,837 73	21,264 24	.....	11,426 51
L	Household expenses	12,172 75	19,339 57	24,554 85	15,049 36	71,116 53	2,630 98	68,485 55	.....
M	Manufactures	22,625 72	22,572 07	22,900 91	18,308 67	85,407 37	95,090 35	.....	9,682 98
	Balance, being net current expenses.....								536,516 49
	Total.....	184,109 34	209,567 68	197,921 97	187,671 32	779,270 31	242,733 82	559,468 50	559,468 50

Average cost of keeping each man per annum, including value of clothing issued for year ending June 30, 1880.

Total expenses for year \$779,270.31
 Less credits shown 242,753.82

Less construction and repairs 536,516.49
 137,724.95

Average number present 3399)398791.54 (\$117.32
 3399

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 3399

24901
 23793

11085
 10197

8884
 6798

2086

Average cost of keeping each man per annum, deducting value of clothing issued for year ending June 30, 1880.

Total expenditure for year \$779,270.31
 Less credits 242,753.82

Less construction and repairs 536,516.49
 137,724.95

Less clothing 398,791.54
 74,514.26

Average number present 3399)324277.28 (\$95.40
 30591

18367
 16995

13722
 13596

1268

Summary of charges on account of transportation received at Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, during the year ending June 30, 1880.

Month.	Personal account.	Home account.	Total.
July	\$1,974 26	\$212 65	\$2,186 91
August	818 55	247 55	1,066 10
September	2,200 15	189 15	2,389 30
October	1,703 50	260 90	1,964 40
November	952 00	255 25	1,207 85
December	2,328 85	161 25	2,490 10
January	781 20	257 50	1,038 70
February	759 90	119 20	879 10
March	2,579 35	308 65	2,888 00
April	1,580 40	161 95	1,742 35
May	1,090 80	227 70	1,318 50
June	1,830 35	376 90	2,207 25
	4,501 55	760 55	5,268 10
Total	18,590 91	2,778 65	21,378 56

I certify the above summary to be correct.

W. H. LOUGH,
 Secretary.

Report showing quantity and value of clothing issued and sold for the year ending June 30, 1880.

	Donated.	Value.	Sold.	Value.	Total.	Value.
Blouses, lined.....	4,047	\$8,020 11	66	\$140 58	4,113	\$8,760 69
Blouses, fabricated.....	10	40 00			10	40 00
Boots.....	2,720	5,630 40	70	144 90	2,790	5,775 30
Caps, forage.....	2,071	911 24	20	8 80	2,091	920 04
Coats, dress.....	1,926	10,689 30	6	33 30	1,932	10,722 60
Coats, great.....	927	4,940 91	8	12 64	935	4,953 55
Drawers, cotton flannel.....	7,744	4,616 40			7,744	4,616 40
Hats, uniform.....	1,189	1,189 00	7	7 00	1,196	1,196 00
Overalls.....	83	132 80	1	1 60	84	134 40
Ponchos, rubber.....	44	66 00	1	1 50	45	67 50
Shirts, cotton.....	1,699	849 50			1,699	849 50
Shirts, flannel.....	1,298	1,298 00			1,298	1,298 00
Shirts, wool.....	11,424	11,424 00			11,424	11,424 00
Shoes.....	1,277	1,532 40	79	94 80	1,356	1,627 20
Shoes, fabricated.....	10	34 35			10	34 35
Slippers.....	500	75 00			500	75 00
Socks.....	23,800	6,247 50			23,800	6,247 50
Trousers.....	4,172	8,761 20	87	182 70	4,259	8,943 00
Trousers, fabricated.....	33	132 00			33	132 00
Total.....		67,220 11		657 82		67,877 93

J. B. THOMAS,
Treasurer.

NATIONAL MILITARY HOME FOR DISABLED
VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, CENTRAL BRANCH,
Dayton, Ohio, July 1, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN, *Governor:*

COLONEL: In accordance with circular order dated July 1, 1880, I have the honor to submit the following statement of value of subsistence stores received, issued, and remaining on hand; and also a statement showing the average cost of ration for the year ending June 30, 1880.

Very respectfully,

WM. THOMPSON,
Steward.

Summary statement of value of subsistence stores received, issued, and remaining on hand at Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers during the year ending June 30, 1880.

1879.

July 1.	To subsistence stores on hand.....	\$3,548 01	
	To cash for subsistence purchased.....	157,318 89	
	To subsistence stores received from abstracts C and K.....	61,707 03	
	To salary of steward.....	1,399 92	
	To pay of bakers and employes, commissary department.....	2,717 82	
	To transportation, freight, and incidental expenses....	674 49	
	By value of issues to beneficiaries.....		\$208,615 85
	By sales to officers and employes.....		11,410 73
	By extra issues.....		727 20
	By grease and garbage, &c., sold and transferred....		3,168 68
	By shrinkage on subsistence stores.....		782 30
	By subsistence stores on hand in bakery.....		193 46
	By subsistence on hand in commissary department....		2,467 94
		227,366 16	227,366 16

Statement showing the average cost of ration at Central Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, during the year ending June 30, 1880.

Quarter ending—	Number of Rations.	Total cost.	Quarterly average.	Annual average.
1879.				
September 30	306,330	\$47,628 20	15.55	
December 31	311,494	51,937 21	16.67	
1880.				
March 31	324,925	56,150 56	17.28	16.69 cents.
June 30	306,623	52,899 88	17.25	
	1,249,372	\$208,615 85		

Respectfully submitted.

WM. THOMPSON,
Steward.

Statement showing the number of beef cattle and mutton sheep purchased during the year ending June 30, 1880.

Months.	Beef cattle.	Total.	Sheep.	Total.
July	82		207	
August	63		112	
September	88	233	308	627
October	114		222	
November	67		220	
December	106	287	81	533
January	141		118	
February	79			
March	91	302		118
April	98			
May	64		213	
June	73	235	728	941
		1,057		2,219

I certify the above to be correct.

W. H. LOUGH,
Secretary.

HOME STORE.

Receipts and expenditures, Home store, for year ending June 30, 1880.

	Cash re- ceived.	Vouchers made.
To cash received from sales of merchandise	\$23,992 34	
To cash received for store checks by sales of merchandise	18,247 93	
To cash received from amusements	5,548 19	
To cash received from mail service	540 00	
To cash received from feeding horses	348 45	
To cash received from balloon ascension	1,056 70	
To cash received from cancellation of vouchers	84 50	
To cash received from headquarters Grand Army of the Republic ..	200 00	
To cash received from new restaurant—loan	2,703 30	
To vouchers of merchandise made and in treasurer's hands paid up to date (June 30, 1880), after deducting \$260.81 cash on hand, and \$177.75 due on uncollected pension orders	5,753 73	
By unpaid vouchers for merchandise in treasurer's hands July 1, 1879		\$4,353 07
By vouchers made for merchandise		36,726 49
By vouchers made for expenses		4,208 25
By vouchers made for profit and loss, salaries of band leader, organist, &c		1,319 65
By vouchers made for library		247 64
Amusements		5,970 09
Restaurant building		1,953 30
Feeding horses		147 90
Balloon ascension		506 96
Store checks redeemed		2,883 45
Billiard-hall		1 50
Home band		156 84
	58,475 14	58,475 14

I certify that this is a correct statement of the receipts and expenditures for the time stated.

W. H. LOUGH,
Secretary.

STORE.

Statement of Home store, merchandise, restaurant, amusement, &c., accounts, year ending June 30, 1880.

	Dr.	Cr.
1879.		
July 1. To fixtures on hand, home store	\$103 51	
To fixtures on hand, home restaurant	3,146 88	
To merchandise on hand, home store	6,134 55	
To merchandise on hand, home restaurant	1,176 01	
1880.		
June 30. To merchandise, stores, and fixtures purchased	36,726 49	
To expenses inmate services, &c	4,208 25	
To expenses amusements	5,970 09	
To expenses balloon ascension	506 96	
To expenses feeding horses	147 90	
To balance gain	4,161 82	
1880.		
June 30. By sales merchandise for cash		\$23,992 34
By sales merchandise for store checks		18,247 93
By receipts for amusements		5,548 19
By receipts for balloon ascension		1,056 70
By receipts for mail service		540 00
By receipts for horse feeding		348 45
By receipts for rent headquarters G. A. R.		200 00
By fixtures on hand, home store		113 63
By fixtures on hand, home restaurant		5,857 39
By merchandise on hand, home store		5,139 36
By merchandise on hand, home restaurant		1,238 47
	62,282 46	62,282 46

I certify that the above statement is correct.

W. H. LOUGH,
Secretary.

CONTINGENT.

Cash receipts and expenditures contingent fund, year ending June 30, 1880.

	Cash received.	Cash expended.
To cash balance July 1, 1879	\$947 72	.....
To cash received for fines	5,008 04	.....
By vouchers for fines remitted		\$2,926 80
By vouchers made for profit and loss, newspapers for the various hospital wards and barracks, books for use in library, amusements, costumes, dramas, music, &c.; also uniform hats, belts, and shields for home guard		785 05
Cash balance June 30, 1880		2,243 91
	5,955 76	5,955 76

I certify that the above is a correct statement of receipts and expenditures for time stated.

W. H. LOUGH, *Secretary.*

POST-OFFICE, NATIONAL MILITARY HOME, OHIO,
June 30, 1880.

Col. E. F. BROWN,

Governor National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers :

COLONEL: As directed by circular letter from your office, I have the honor to submit the following report of the workings of this office during the year ending June 30, 1880:

Number of letters mailed, including 12,301 postal cards	119,870
Number of letters received	82,240
Number of papers and packages mailed, third class	38,928
Number of papers and packages received, second and third class	101,988
Number of packages mailed, fourth class	852
Number of packages received, fourth class	560

Cash received for money orders issued:

Domestic	\$10,168 92
Foreign	4,046 13
Total	14,215 05

Cash paid for money orders drawn on this office:

Domestic	\$2,142 67
Foreign	670 89
Total	2,813 56

Registered matter:

Number of registered letters and packages sent	1,056
Number of registered letters and packages received and delivered	358

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN H. CHAPMAN, *Postmaster.*

The following copies of post returns for the four quarters, consolidated post return for the year ending June 30, 1880, and statement of the average number of beneficiaries present, absent, sick, and total gain and loss from all causes, with the whole number cared for each year

since the Home was first established, marked A, B, C, D, E, and F, respectively, will be found of interest and are herewith submitted :

A.—*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch. Post-return for the quarter ending September 30, 1879.*

PRESENT FOR DUTY.

Commissioned officers:	
Governor	1
Treasurer and quartermaster	1
Surgeon	1
Secretary	1
Steward	1
Chaplain	1
Matron	1
Total	7
Non-commissioned officers:	
Post adjutant	1
Sergeant-major	1
Assistant steward	1
Commissary-sergeant	1
Quartermaster-sergeant	1
Hospital steward	1
Lieutenant home guard	1
Sergeant provost guard	2
Sergeants	25
Total	34
Privates	1,948
Hospital:	
Sick	246
Attendants	71
Total	317
Extra duty:	
Privates	994
Total present:	
Commissioned officers	6
Non-commissioned officers	34
Privates	3,259

ABSENT.

With leave:	
Privates	796
Without leave:	
Privates	11
Total:	
Privates	807

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Total present and absent:	
Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	34
Privates	4,066
Aggregate:	
This report	4,107
Last report	4,083

CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT.

Gain.

<i>Privates:</i>	
By admission	238
By readmission	51
By transfer	20
Total	309

Loss.

<i>Privates:</i>	
By discharge	133
By desertion	19
By dropped from temporary at post	72
By transfer to other branches	21
By death	41
Total	285

HEALTH.

Number treated in hospital	523
Number treated in quarters, daily average	35

EDUCATION.

Number of teachers	1
Number of pupils	47

LIBRARY.

Number of volumes	10,621
Number of daily papers	55
Number of weekly papers and periodicals	218
Number of volumes read	8,822

CITIZEN EMPLOYÉS.

<i>Males:</i>	
Foreman carpenter	1
Superintendent farm and stable	1
Assistant surgeon	1
Band leader	1
Treasurer's clerk	1
Landscape gardener	1
<i>Females:</i>	
Laundress	1
House cleaner	1
Total	8

REMARKS.

Average present during quarter	3,323
Average present and absent during quarter	4,094
Average cost of ration during quarter	15.55 cents.

B.—*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch. Post return for the quarter ending December 31, 1879.*

PRESENT FOR DUTY.

<i>Commissioned officers:</i>	
Governor	1
Treasurer and quartermaster	1
Surgeon	1
Secretary	1
Steward	1
Chaplain	1
Matron	1
Total	7

Non-commissioned officers:

Post adjutant	1
Sergeant-major	1
Assistant steward	1
Commissary sergeant	1
Quartermaster sergeant	1
Hospital steward	1
Lieutenant home guard	1
Sergeants provost guard	2
Sergeants	25

Total..... 34

Privates 2,218

Hospital:

Sick	262
Attendants	67

Total..... 329

Extra duty:

Privates 394

Total present:

Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	34
Privates	3,441

ABSENT.

With leave:

Privates 662

Without leave:

Privates 16

Total:

Privates 678

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Total present and absent:

Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	34
Privates	4,119

Aggregate:

This report	4,160
Last report	4,107

CHANGES IN LAST REPORT.

Gain.

Privates:

By admission	301
By readmission	36
By transfer	9

Total..... 346

Loss.

Privates:

By discharge	141
By summarily discharged	1
By dishonorable discharged	3
By desertion	21
By dropped from temporary at post	65
By transfer to other branches	14
By transfer to insane asylum	13
By death	35

Total..... 493

HEALTH.

Number treated in hospital	433
Number treated in quarters, daily average	45

EDUCATION.

Number of teachers	1
Number of pupils	43

LIBRARY.

Number of volumes	10,814
Number of daily papers	56
Number of weekly papers and periodicals	222
Number of volumes read	10,777

CITIZEN EMPLOYÉS.

Males :

Foreman carpenter	1
Superintendent farm and stable	1
Assistant surgeon	1
Band leader	1
Landscape gardener	1
Treasurer's clerk	1

Females :

Laundress	1
House cleaner	1

Total	8
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REMARKS.

Average present during quarter	3,379
Average present and absent during quarter	4,109
Average cost of ration during quarter	16.67 cents.

C.—*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch. Post return for the quarter ending March 31, 1880.*

PRESENT FOR DUTY.

Commissioned officers :

Governor	1
Treasurer and quartermaster	1
Surgeon	1
Secretary	1
Steward	1
Chaplain	1
Matron	1

Total	7
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Non-commissioned officers :

Post adjutant	1
Sergeant-major	1
Assistant steward	1
Commissary sergeant	1
Quartermaster sergeant	1
Hospital steward	1
Lieutenant home guard	1
Sergeants provost guard	2
Sergeants	26

Total	35
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Privates	2,099
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Hospital :

Sick	264
Attendants	68

Total	332
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Extra duty:	
Privates	961
Total present:	
Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	35
Privates	3, 392

ABSENT.

With leave:	
Privates	777
Without leave:	
Privates	16
Total:	
Privates	793

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Total present and absent:	
Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	35
Privates	4, 185
Aggregate:	
This report	4 227
Last report.....	4, 160

CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT.

Gain.

Privates:	
By admission	187
By readmission	74
By transfer.....	9
Total.....	270

Loss.

Privates:	
By discharge	63
By summarily discharged.....	1
By dishonorable discharge.....	3
By dropped from temporary at post	69
By transfer to other branches	7
By death	60
Total.....	203

HEALTH.

Number treated in hospital	461
Number treated in quarters, daily average.....	50

EDUCATION.

Number of teachers	1
Number of pupils	50

LIBRARY.

Number of volumes.....	10, 909
Number of daily papers.....	57
Number of weekly papers and periodicals	222
Number of volumes read.....	11, 679

CITIZEN EMPLOYÉS.

Males :

Foreman carpenter	
Superintendent farm and stable	
Assistant surgeon	
Band leader	
Landscape gardener	1
Governor's clerk	1
Treasurer's clerk	1

Females:

Laundress	1
House cleaner	1

Total..... 9

REMARKS.

Average present during quarter	3,550
Average present and absent during quarter	4,191
Average cost of ration during quarter	17.28 cents.

D.—The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch. Post return
for the quarter ending June 30, 1880.

PRESENT FOR DUTY.

Commissioned officers:

Governor	1
Treasurer and quartermaster	1
Surgeon	1
Secretary	1
Steward	1
Chaplain	1
Matron	1
Total	7

Non-commissioned officers:

Post adjutant	1
Sergeant major	1
Assistant steward	1
Commissary sergeant	1
Quartermaster sergeant	1
Hospital steward	1
Lieutenant home guards	1
Sergeants provost guard	2
Sergeants	26
Total	36

Privates 2,055

Hospital:

Sick	247
Attendants	69

Total..... 316

Extra duty:

Privates..... 928

Total present:

Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	35
Privates	3,299

ABSENT.

With leave:

Privates..... 961

Without leave :	
Privates	16
Total :	
Privates	977

PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Total present and absent :	
Commissioned officers	7
Non-commissioned officers	35
Privates	4,276
Aggregate :	
This report	4,318
Last report	4,227

CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT.

Gain.

Commissioned officers :	
By transfer	1
Privates :	
By admission	221
By readmission	52
By transfer	30
Total	303

Loss.

Commissioned officers :	
By transfer	1
Privates :	
By discharge	74
By summarily discharged	7
By dishonorable discharge	4
By desertion	10
By dropped from temporary at post	44
By transfer to other branches	10
By death	63
Total	212

HEALTH.

Number treated in hospital	431
Number "daily average" treated in quarters	45

EDUCATION.

Number of teachers	1
Number of pupils	29

LIBRARY.

Number of volumes	11,084
Number of daily papers	57
Number of weekly papers and periodicals	224
Number of volumes read	8,922

CITIZEN EMPLOYÉS.

Males :	
Foreman carpenter	1
Superintendent farm and stable	1
Assistant surgeon	1
Band leader	1
Landscape gardener	1
Governor's clerk	1
Treasurer's clerk	1

Females:

Laundresses.....	1
House-cleaner.....	1
Total.....	9

REMARKS.

Average present during quarter.....	3,345
Average present and absent during quarter.....	4,247
Average cost of ration during quarter.....	17.25 cents.

E.—*The National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, Central Branch. Consolidated post return for the year ending June 30, 1880.*

PRESENT FOR DUTY.

Commissioned officers :

Governor.....	1
Treasurer and quartermaster.....	1
Surgeon.....	1
Secretary.....	1
Steward.....	1
Chaplain.....	1
Matron.....	1
Total.....	7

Non-commissioned officers :

Post adjutant.....	1
Sergeant major.....	1
Assistant steward.....	1
Commissary sergeant.....	1
Quartermaster sergoant.....	1
Hospital steward.....	1
Lieutenant home guard.....	1
Sergeants provost guard.....	2
Sergeants.....	26
Total.....	35

Privates.....	2,055
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Hospital :

Sick.....	247
Attendants.....	69
Total.....	316

Extra duty :

Privates.....	928
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Total present :

Commissioned officers.....	7
Non-commissioned officers.....	35
Privates.....	3,299

ABSENT.

With leave :

Privates.....	961
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Without leave :

Privates.....	16
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Total :

Privates.....	977
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PRESENT AND ABSENT.

Total present and absent :

Commissioned officers.....	7
Non-commissioned officers.....	35
Privates.....	4,276

Aggregate:

This report.....	4,318
Last report.....	4,083

CHANGES SINCE LAST REPORT.

Gain.

Commissioned officers:	
By transfer.....	1
Privates:	
By admission.....	947
By readmission.....	212
By transfer.....	69
Total.....	1,228

Loss.

Commissioned officers:	
By transfer.....	1
Privates:	
By discharge.....	411
By summarily discharged.....	9
By dishonorable discharge.....	10
By desertion.....	50
By dropped from temporary at post.....	249
By transfer to other branches.....	52
By transfer to insane asylum.....	13
By death.....	199
Total.....	993

HEALTH.

Number treated in hospital.....	487
Number "daily average" treated in quarters.....	44

EDUCATION.

Number of teachers.....	1
Number of pupils.....	42

LIBRARY.

Number of volumes.....	11,084
Number of daily papers.....	57
Number of weekly papers and periodicals.....	224
Number of volumes read.....	40,200

CITIZEN EMPLOYÉS.

Males:

Foreman carpenter.....	1
Superintendent farm and stable.....	1
Assistant surgeon.....	1
Band leader.....	1
Landscape gardener.....	1
Citizen clerks.....	2

Females:

Laundresses.....	1
House-cleaner.....	1
Total.....	9

REMARKS.

Average present during year.....	3,399
Average present and absent during the year.....	4,160
Average cost of ration during year.....	16.69 cents.

F.—Table exhibiting the average number of beneficiaries present, absent, and sick; the total gain and loss from all causes; the number present on November 30, each year, and the whole number of beneficiaries cared for during each year since the establishment of the Central Branch, to and including June 30, 1879, 6 months of fiscal year, and the present year commencing July 1, 1879, to and including June 30, 1880.

Year ending June 30—	Average number present and absent during each year.	Average number present during each year.	Average number in hospital, sick, and attendance during each year.	Average number absent with leave during each year.	Average number absent without leave during each year.	Gain each year.				Total.	Loss during each year.					Total loss.	Total number present and absent November 30, each year; December 31 and to June 30, 1879, 6 months, and June 30, 1880, 1 year.	Wholenumber of beneficiaries cared for during each year, and for 6 months to June 30, 1879, and 12 months from July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880.
						By admission.	By readmission.	By transfer from other branches.	By return from desertion.		By discharge.	By dishonorable discharge.	By transfer to other branches.	By transfer to Government Insane Asylum.	By death.	By desertion.		
1867	403	361	146	22	14	616				616	65					65	551	616
1868	732	602	168	111	8	630	26	103		759	349	14	41		23	20	451	1,320
1869	1,059	837	208	162	9	872	52			924	415	24	53		42	35	569	1,793
1870	1,305	935	261	357	10	657	62	11		730	320	9	30		72	78	509	1,954
1871	1,575	1,122	284	407	9	738	66	6		810	395	11	111		70	23	610	2,255
1872	1,669	1,271	295	381	17	693	65	30		788	524	18	31		104	30	707	2,426
1873	1,874	1,443	306	401	8	765	131	51		947	326	18	49	22	108	16	539	2,664
1874	2,346	1,833	324	499	7	893	159	79		1,131	410	26	77	4	130	34	681	3,255
1875	2,651	2,130	311	494	5	978	98	119		1,195	617	28	50	19	150	58	922	3,769
1876	3,075	2,511½	322	548	12	1,044	229	64		1,337	642	25	54	17	155	78	971	4,184
1877	3,398	2,819	333	589	12	1,134	201	75		1,410	565	18	72	27	174	68	924	4,623
1878*	3,813	3,172	346	667	12	1,041	290	61	2	1,394	651	22	79	9	200	71	1,032	5,093
1879*	4,054	3,386	335	708	13	406	92	37		535	261	13	46	18	145	37	520	4,596
1880	4,160	3,398	255	799	12	947	212	69		1,228	660	19	52	13	199	50	993	5,304
Totals						11,414	1,583	705	2	13,804	6,200	245	745	129	1,576	598	9,493	

* Six months to June 30.

Thus has passed another year and the Central Branch National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers still stands in the front rank of public benefactions.

I could not properly close this report without calling attention to the general good conduct of the 4,000 veterans of this branch. It is worthy of note that so many men, surrounded by so many temptations, with snares systematically prepared by unscrupulous venders of spirituous liquors to lead them on to destruction, stand up manfully against the tide, and many have battled as earnestly to save themselves from this evil, as, during the war, to save the Union.

The percentage of dishonorable discharges decreases from year to year, and this indicates a reforming tendency.

Of the officers of the Central Branch, it has always been a pleasure to be associated with them; honest, faithful, and efficient, I would feel that my duty was only half done if I failed to mention them favorably.

The non-commissioned officers, too, demand from me a word of commendation; with small salaries and much hard work, they have proved themselves entitled to great credit.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. F. BROWN,
Governor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS,
NORTHWESTERN BRANCH,
Milwaukee County, Wis., July 1, 1880.

To the honorable Board of Managers National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers :

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following report of the management of the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880.

NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES.

Total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided at this branch during the year, 1,247. Whole number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided at this branch, from its first establishment, May 1, 1867, to June 30, 1880, 4,064.

Number who have been admitted during the year, 236; readmitted during the year, 139; transferred from other branches during the year, 25; returned from desertion during the year, 2; total gain during the year, 402. Number honorably discharged during the year, 170; dishonorably discharged during the year, 23; transferred to other branches during the year, 50; transferred to the Government Insane Asylum during the year, 6; died during the year, 58; deserted during the year, 65; dropped from temporary at post during the year, 55; total loss during the year, 427.

Average number of beneficiaries present during the year, 691. Average number present and absent during the year, 868.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who served in the Regular Army, 36; number who served in the Volunteer service, 1,208; number who served in the Navy, 3.

The following carefully prepared tabular statement exhibits the total number of beneficiaries present and absent on the last day of each year, and the average number present, the average number absent, the average number sick, the percentage of sick to average number present and absent, the whole number taken care of, and the total gain and the total loss, during each year since the establishment of this branch of the Home, May 1, 1867:

	Total number present and absent on the last day of each year.	Average number present and absent during each year.	Average number present during each year.	Average number absent with leave during each year.	Average number absent without leave during each year.	Average number sick in hospital and quarters during each year.	Percentage of sick to average number present and absent during each year.	Number taken care of during each year.	Gain during each year.					Loss during each year.							
									By admission.	By readmission.	By transfer from other branches.	By return from desertion.	Total gain.	By discharge.	By dishonorable discharge.	By transfer to other branches.	By transfer to Government Insane Asylum.	By death.	By desertion.	By discharge from temporary at post.	Total loss.
1867	146	84	69	14	1	15	17.8	212	201	4	5	2	212	32	12			5		10	66
1868	194	137	111	23	3	25	18.2	417	194	31	40	6	271	124	15	9		14	24	37	223
1869	365	215	165	46	4	51	23.7	610	304	60	48	4	416	62	15	4		17	66	76	245
1870	511	468	369	89	10	89	19	859	399	64	29	2	494	112	34	17	5	28	48	104	348
1871	646	584	459	110	15	82	14	919	311	57	38	2	408	62	31	23	1	40	66	50	273
1872	523	558	428	109	21	47	8.4	948	237	49	15	1	302	113	50	30	12	46	91	93	425
1873	598	524	400	105	19	45	8.6	925	218	142	37	5	402	127	67	40	12	31	31	29	327
1874	659	622	482	124	16	56	9	1,006	243	122	42	1	408	101	74	74	4	41	31	22	347
1875	676	644	508	117	19	60	9.3	1,003	215	94	31	4	344	111	28	95	12	34	27	30	327
1876	829	710	554	140	16	71	10	1,114	290	109	37	2	438	110	14	48	4	33	35	41	285
1877	901	850	678	156	16	90	10.6	1,307	300	128	46	4	478	184	22	45	4	49	62	40	406
1878	886	857	691	152	14	101	11.8	1,299	224	122	48	3	397	235	22	32		47	46	30	412
1879	845	879	717	144	18	97	11	1,052	96	50	19	1	166	111	5	19	1	28	30	13	207
1879-'80	820	868	691	160	17	102	11.8	1,247	236	139	25	2	402	170	23	50	6	58	65	55	427
Total									3,468	1,171	460	39	5,138	1,654	412	490	32	471	629	630	4,318

NOTE.—The exhibit for 1867 includes but eight months, from May 1 to December 31; 1868 to 1878, inclusive, the exhibit includes each civil year ending December 31; the exhibit for 1879 includes but six months, ending June 30, 1879; and the exhibit for 1879-'80 includes the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who were disabled during the war of the rebellion, 1,217; number who served in the war of 1812, 7; number who served in the Mexican war, 23.

Number of colored beneficiaries during the year, 2.

STATES FROM WHICH ENLISTED.

States from which those who have been beneficiaries of this branch during the year were enlisted in the service of the United States:

California	6	New Mexico Territory	1
Connecticut	15	Nebraska	1
Delaware	4	New York	248
Dakota Territory	1	New Hampshire	5
District of Columbia	2	New Jersey	14
Illinois	246	Ohio	45
Indiana	37	Oregon	1
Iowa	31	Pennsylvania	97
Kentucky	12	Rhode Island	4
Kansas	15	Tennessee	2
Louisiana	10	Utah Territory	1
Maine	3	Vermont	9
Maryland	9	Washington Territory	1
Massachusetts	30	Wisconsin	261
Michigan	54		
Minnesota	16	Total	1,247
Missouri	66		

NATIVITIES.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who were native born, 368; foreign born, 879. Nativity of foreign-born beneficiaries:

Austria	7	Mexico	1
Belgium	6	Norway	10
Cuba	1	Poland	3
Canada	25	Scotland	22
Denmark	3	Sweden	5
England	59	Switzerland	26
France	9	Wales	6
Germany	365	Born at sea	2
Holland	1		
Ireland	327	Total	879
Italy	1		

SOCIAL STATISTICS.

Ages of those who have been beneficiaries of this branch during the year: Under 30 years, 4; between 30 and 40 years, 200; between 40 and 50 years, 317; between 50 and 60 years, 391; between 60 and 70 years, 250; between 70 and 80 years, 75; between 80 and 90 years, 7; between 90 and 100 years, 3.

Number of beneficiaries during the year who have been married, and who have living wives or minor children, or both, 332.

Former occupations of those who have been beneficiaries during the year:

Agents and peddlers	4	Brewers	11
Artists	1	Boiler-makers	4
Actors	1	Blacksmiths	24
Bakers	16	Butchers	18
Barbers and wig-makers	8	Carpenters	63
Book-binders	2	Cabinet-makers	10
Brick-makers	2	Carvers	1
Broom-makers	1	Carriage-makers	3

Clock-makers.....	1	Needle-makers.....	1
Cigar-makers.....	9	Preachers.....	1
Clerks.....	59	Painters.....	28
Cooks.....	7	Plasterers.....	2
Coopers.....	16	Printers.....	16
Curriers.....	2	Physicians and surgeons.....	4
Cloth-makers.....	1	Piano-makers.....	1
Outlers.....	1	Pipe-makers.....	1
Confectioners.....	1	Rope-makers.....	1
Druggists.....	4	Seamen and boatmen.....	14
Dentists.....	2	Shoemakers.....	34
Draughtsmen.....	1	Stonecutters.....	6
Engineers.....	12	Saddlers.....	4
Electroplaters.....	1	Surveyors.....	2
Editors.....	1	Shipwrights.....	1
Farmers.....	189	Slaters.....	2
Furriers.....	3	Sail-makers.....	2
Gardeners.....	9	Soldiers.....	1
Gunsmiths.....	1	Steam-fitters.....	1
Harness-makers.....	12	Teachers.....	7
Hatters.....	1	Tailors.....	28
Laborers.....	445	Teamsters.....	11
Lawyers.....	3	Tinkers.....	9
Lithographers.....	4	Tobacconists.....	2
Locksmiths.....	4	Telegraph-operators.....	2
Lumbermen.....	2	Tanners.....	6
Machinists.....	9	Upholsterers.....	1
Machine-makers.....	2	Veterinary surgeons.....	3
Masons and bricklayers.....	19	Watch-makers.....	1
Millers.....	6	Weavers.....	9
Millwrights.....	3	Wagon-makers.....	3
Miners.....	3	Wheelwrights.....	2
Moulders.....	6	Wool-spinners.....	1
Musicians.....	18		
Merchants and salesmen.....	13	Total.....	1,247
Manufacturers.....	1		

Number of beneficiaries during the year who could read and write 1,054; number who could do neither, 193 (of which 29 were native and 164 were foreign born). Percentage of native born who could neither read nor write, 7.9; of foreign born, 18.7.

CAUSES OF DISABILITY.

The disabilities of those who have been beneficiaries of the Home during the year were as follows:

Wounds resulting in loss of both arms.....	2	Wounds resulting in the loss of one foot.....	51
Wounds resulting in the loss of one arm.....	48	Other wounds received in the service..	383
Wounds resulting in the loss of both feet.....	1	Sickness contracted in the service..	762
		Total.....	1,247

Number completely blind, 14; number partially blind, 32; total, 46.

Number insane, totally or partially, 21. Number of insane who have been transferred to the Government Insane Asylum at Washington during the year, 6.

HOSPITAL.

Number of sick who have been cared for in hospital during the year, 638, against 281 during the six months ending June 30, 1879, and 424 during the year 1878. Average daily number cared for in hospital, 98. Diseases of those treated in hospital:

Asthma.....	19	Apoplexy.....	3
Amputation.....	4	Aphonia.....	2
Ascites.....	2	Accident.....	3
Alcoholism.....	30	Bronchitis.....	13
Abscess.....	5	Blind.....	10

Bunion	1	Hemoptysis	3
Constipation	3	Iritis, rheumatic	1
Congestive chill	1	Incised wounds	6
Chorea	1	Lambago	3
Catarrah	15	Loss of both hands	3
Convulsion	2	Locomotor ataxia	3
Contused wounds	11	Lumbricoides	4
Cystitis	10	Myelitis	1
Cholera morbus	2	Necrosis	1
Cephalalgia	2	Neuralgia	3
Cancer of stomach and liver	1	Nephritis	5
Dislocation	3	Ophthalmia	8
Deafness	2	Otitis	2
Dropsy	2	Orchitis	1
Dyspepsia	16	Opium habit	3
Debility	22	Paralysis	34
Dementia	15	Pneumonia	8
Diarrhoea, acute	30	Pleurisy	5
Diarrhoea, chronic	10	Phthisis	37
Eczema	4	Rheumatism	43
Erysipelas	10	Senile gangrene	1
Epilepsy	23	Sprain	3
Frost bite	6	Syphilis, secondary	3
Fracture	4	Syphilis, tertiary	2
Fever, intermittent	22	Senility	38
Fever, continued	6	Synovitis	5
Fistula, urinary	1	Tumor	3
Gastritis	13	Tonsillitis	2
Gonorrhoea	4	Ulceration of uvula	2
Hydrocele	5	Ulcer, chronic and indolent	14
Hepatitis	4	Vertigo	2
Hernia	4	Varicose veins	19
Heart disease	19		
Hemorrhoids	3	Total	638

The number of beneficiaries treated sick in quarters during the year was 595, to whom were administered 10,917 medical and surgical prescriptions and dressings. The daily average number treated in quarters, was 27.4, for the following diseases:

	Number.	Treated in hospital during the year.
GENERAL DISEASES.		
Rheumatism	60	12
Intermittent fever	11	5
Diseases of the skin	20	11
Syphilis, secondary and tertiary	22	7
Phthisis pulmonalis	5	5
Other diseases of this group	85	29
LOCAL DISEASES.		
Catarrah and bronchitis	79	11
Diarrhoea	58	13
Hernia	27	.....
Other local diseases	78	13
Alcoholism	26	8
Old wounds and ulcers	97	26
Accidents and injuries	27	6
Total	595	146
SUMMARY.		
Total number treated sick in hospital		638
Total number treated sick in quarters	595	
Total number treated sick in quarters who have been treated in hospital during the year	146	449
Total number of individuals treated during the year		1,087

The number of beneficiaries who were medically treated in hospital and quarters during the year constituted 87 per cent. of the whole number cared for in the Home, against 36 per cent. during the six months ending June 30, 1879, and 48 per cent. during the year 1878; and the average number of sick in hospital and quarters during the year just closed was 11.8 per cent. of the average number of beneficiaries cared for in the Home, while during the six months ending June 30, 1879, it was 11 per cent., and in the year 1878 it was 11.8 per cent., indicating a large increase in the number taken sick during the past year, but no marked change in the ratio of the average number of sick to the average number of beneficiaries during the two and a half years.

As has been stated in previous reports, the ratio of sick in hospital to the whole number of beneficiaries present and absent has for several years been very much larger at this branch than at any other branch of the Home; and the following statement, compiled from the post returns of the several branches, shows that during the fiscal year just closed this disproportion has been even greater than usual; and that the actual number of sick in hospital at this Branch has been nearly equal to the number of sick in hospital at both the Southern and the Eastern Branches, to wit:

Quarters.		Whole number of beneficiaries present and absent.	Number sick in hospital.	Percent. of sick in hospital to whole number present and absent.
Central Branch:				
September 30, 1879	.....	4,100	246	6.0
December 31, 1879	.....	4,153	262	6.3
March 31, 1880	.....	4,220	264	6.2
June 30, 1880	.....	4,311	247	5.7
Northwestern Branch:				
September 30, 1879	.....	859	91	10.5
December 31, 1879	.....	908	98	10.7
March 31, 1880	.....	886	105	11.8
June 30, 1880	.....	820	111	13.5
Eastern Branch:				
September 30, 1879	.....	1,082	56	5.1
December 31, 1879	.....	1,075	56	5.2
March 31, 1880	.....	1,036	56	5.4
June 30, 1880	.....	1,022	41	4.0
Southern Branch:				
September 30, 1879	.....	815	39	4.7
December 31, 1879	.....	838	37	4.4
March 31, 1880	.....	843	35	4.1
June 30, 1880	.....	826	35	4.2

The Surgeon, Dr. A. J. Hare, remarks:

There has been a marked increase in the percentage of men treated in hospital and quarters during the past over any previous year in the history of this branch, for the following reasons:

First. The advancing age and increasing disabilities of the beneficiaries, a majority of whom have passed the meridian of life, their vitality low and their recuperative power gone; many of them are suffering from important structural changes of the vital organs, heart, brain, kidney, liver and pulmonary apparatus, paralysis, rheumatism, and other chronic progressive and incurable diseases. The only men in the Home who may be said to enjoy any reasonable degree of health are those who have lost a limb; some of these are hearty, robust men, yet there are but few inmates in this branch to-day who have not at some time during the past year applied to the surgeon for medical treatment.

Second. We are in the midst of a heavily populated community in which there are

many veterans of the late war who are entitled by reason of their disabilities to the benefits of the Home, many of these not desiring to become *permanent* beneficiaries are admitted to the hospital for treatment during a temporary illness, and return to their families upon recovery; this class of beneficiaries have notably increased since the occupancy of the new hospital.

Third. The rigid exclusion of all men not clearly entitled to the benefits of the Home under the law.

DEATHS.

Number of beneficiaries who have died during the year, 58; of whom 9 deceased outside of the Home. Causes of the deaths:

Accident, railroad.....	2	Exhaustion, nervous.....	2
Apoplexy.....	3	Hæmoptysis.....	1
Alcoholism.....	2	Mania, acute.....	1
Asthma.....	1	Myelitis, chronic.....	1
Coxarium morbus.....	1	Pneumonia.....	4
Congestive chill.....	1	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	15
Carbuncle.....	1	Paralysis.....	4
Cancer.....	1	Senility.....	1
Convulsions.....	2	Suicide.....	1
Cardiac disease.....	5	Tubercles.....	1
Cystitis, chronic.....	3	Not known.....	1
Drowned.....	2		
Dysentery.....	1	Total.....	58
Exposure.....	1		

The following tabular statement exhibits the number of beneficiaries of this branch who have died during each month and year since its organization:

Months.	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	28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								To the Home.	To hospital.
<i>Deaths from January 1 to June 30, 1879.*</i>									
1	August Peter.....	E, 37 Wis. Vols.....	Germany.....	55	Dec. 17, 1878	Unknown.....	Huron Lake, Minn. on furlough.	Dec. 8, 1877	
2	Jacob Hanase.....	E, 16 Mich. Vols.....	Michigan.....	36	Dec. 29, 1878	Cardiac disease.....	Lake County, Mich. on furlough.	Sept. 5, 1878	
3	Michael Boland.....	E, 53 Ill. Vols.....	New York.....	49	Jan. 3, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Home hospital.....	June 29, 1877	Mar. 6, 1878
4	Franklin Turner.....	I, 2 Ill. Cav.....	Maine.....	57	Jan. 6, 1879	do.....	do.....	July 21, 1876	Jan. 2, 1879
5	Richard Fitzpatrick.....	F, 42 N. Y. Vols.....	Ireland.....	55	Jan. 6, 1879	Paralysis.....	Main building.....	June 2, 1879	
6	Horace Batterson.....	K, 28 Ill. Vols.....	Pennsylvania.....	59	Jan. 10, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Home hospital.....	Apr. 2, 1878	Sept. 6, 1878
7	William Fitzgibbon.....	K, 19 Ill. Vols.....	Illinois.....	36	Jan. 14, 1879	do.....	do.....	Sept. 5, 1878	Sept. 6, 1878
8	Thomas McIntyre.....	I, 24 Wis. Vols.....	Ireland.....	57	Jan. 21, 1879	Pulmonary hemorrhage.....	do.....	Jan. 9, 1877	Jan. 21, 1879
9	James Godfrey.....	D, 5 Me. Vols.....	do.....	39	Jan. 21, 1879	Cerebral congestion.....	do.....	Sept. 29, 1878	Jan. 14, 1879
10	Michael Condon.....	A, 117 N. Y. Vols.....	do.....	58	Jan. 22, 1879	Bright's disease of kidneys.....	do.....	Oct. 28, 1874	Oct. 5, 1878
11	Maurice J. Hanlon.....	B, 26 Mich. Vols.....	do.....	73	Jan. 23, 1879	Chronic hepatitis.....	do.....	Nov. 8, 1868	Dec. 23, 1878
12	Levi Allen.....	A, 3 Wis. Cav.....	New York.....	56	Feb. 8, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	do.....	June 29, 1878	June 21, 1878
13	John Jensen.....	C, 1 Wis. Vols.....	Norway.....	38	Feb. 13, 1879	do.....	do.....	Oct. 22, 1877	Oct. 6, 1878
14	Louis Grotto.....	E, 21 Wis. Vols.....	New York.....	47	Feb. 17, 1879	Unknown.....	Chilton, Wis. on furlough.	Sept. 16, 1878	
15	John Lee.....	I, 76 Pa. Vols.....	Ireland.....	55	Feb. 26, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Home hospital.....	Aug. 30, 1878	Sept. 17, 1878
16	James Murry.....	A, 1 U. S. Art.....	do.....	59	Mar. 11, 1879	Ulcer of stomach.....	do.....	Aug. 30, 1876	Aug. 31, 1876
17	Joseph Robbins.....	8 Wis. Battery.....	New York.....	40	Mar. 12, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	do.....	June 18, 1875	Jan. 12, 1879
18	William B. Wilson.....	A, 147 Ill. Vols.....	Ireland.....	53	Mar. 14, 1879	Cancer of stomach.....	do.....	Dec. 14, 1878	Mar. 14, 1879
19	James Wiseman.....	H, 31 Me. Vols.....	do.....	54	Mar. 17, 1879	Cirrhosis of liver.....	At his house on Home grounds.	Oct. 4, 1877	
20	Samuel Trim.....	H, 50 N. Y. Vols.....	New York.....	34	Mar. 17, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Home hospital.....	July 26, 1878	Aug. 13, 1878
21	Antony Rohrig.....	A, 11 Ill. Cav.....	France.....	47	Mar. 18, 1879	do.....	do.....	Oct. 8, 1878	Oct. 17, 1878
22	Alois Zwick.....	A, 105 N. Y. Vols.....	Germany.....	54	May 12, 1879	Fracture of skull.....	do.....	Apr. 14, 1879	May 5, 1879
23	Joseph Ogden.....	G, 37 Ill. Vols.....	Scotland.....	68	May 22, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	do.....	Nov. 11, 1874	Sept. 14, 1878
24	Edward Mehl.....	A, 1 Wis. Vols.....	Massachusetts.....	43	June 5, 1879	do.....	do.....	Apr. 5, 1878	Mar. 31, 1879
25	John L. Pierson.....	War of 1812.....	New Jersey.....	85	June 10, 1879	Senility.....	do.....	Dec. 11, 1877	Nov. 15, 1878
26	Andrew Wittenberger.....	B, 37 Iowa Vols.....	Germany.....	79	June 16, 1879	Cardiac disease.....	do.....	Feb. 22, 1878	Feb. 23, 1878
27	Michael Flynn.....	G, 8 Wis. Vols.....	Ireland.....	39	June 25, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	do.....	Jan. 10, 1877	Jan. 23, 1877
28	Ferdinand Leist.....	3 N. J. Lt. Art.....	Germany.....	57	June 29, 1879	do.....	do.....	Jan. 2, 1877	Apr. 17, 1879
<i>Died during the year ending June 30, 1880.</i>									
1	Leonard Meyer.....	A, 132 Pa. Vols.....	Germany.....	60	July 3, 1879	Congestive chill.....	In quarters.....	July 3, 1879	
2	William P. White.....	G, 19 Ill. Vols.....	New York.....	64	July 6, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Home hospital.....	May 26, 1876	May 12, 1879
3	Joseph Johnson.....	B, 1 Mich. Lt. Art.....	New Jersey.....	52	July 12, 1879	Cancer.....	do.....	July 11, 1879	July 11, 1879
4	Peter Farrell.....	B, 1 N. Y. Art.....	Ireland.....	52	July 15, 1879	Acute mania.....	do.....	May 23, 1879	May 29, 1879
5	Daniel Gross.....	F, 58 Ill. Vols.....	Germany.....	57	July 27, 1879	Railroad accident near Home	do.....	Feb. 23, 1878	July 26, 1879

6	Hubert Hahn	13 Wis. Battery	do	55	Aug. 4, 1879	Brain disease	do	May 5, 1878	Nov. 29, 1878
7	William Zimmerman	I, 9 Wis. Vols	do	62	Aug. 8, 1879	Chronic cystitis	do	Apr. 1, 1879	Apr. 2, 1879
8	George W. Watson	K, 20 Ill. Vols	Pennsylvania	56	Aug. 21, 1879	Railroad accident in Mil- waukee	Milwaukee (on pass)	Dec. 15, 1877	
9	Charles H. Stone	H, 46 Ill. Vols	New Jersey	70	Aug. 27, 1879	Cystitis and diarrhoea	Home hospital	Nov. 14, 1876	Aug. 20, 1879
10	Peter Gordon	C, 1 La. Cav	Scotland	53	Aug. 27, 1879	Cardiac disease	Milwaukee (on furlough)	May 6, 1879	
11	Peter Averill	M, 4 Mo. Cav	Germany	55	Sept. 12, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis	Home hospital	Nov. 27, 1877	Mar. 9, 1879
12	William Bellows	G, 6 Kans. Cav	Scotland	68	Sept. 21, 1879	Fell from hospital porch in delirium	do	Apr. 20, 1879	Sept. 18, 1879
13	Louis Jannee	B, 3 Wis. Cav	Belgium	53	Sept. 30, 1879	Cardiac disease	do	July 6, 1877	July 27, 1877
14	Frederick Bentz	E, 19 Wis. Vols	Germany	69	Sept. 29, 1879	Cause unknown	Milwaukee (on pass)	Oct. 9, 1879	
15	David C. Patchin	H, 193 N. Y. Vols	New York	63	Sept. 23, 1879	Paralysis of heart	Frankford, Minn. (furlough)	Oct. 11, 1877	
16	John Rosenau	I, 1 Ill. Lt. Art	Poland	16	Oct. 4, 1879	Apoplexy	Home hospital	Mar. 6, 1875	Nov. 29, 1878
17	Louis Bock	H, 24 Ill. Vols	Germany	60	Oct. 5, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	June 14, 1879	June 18, 1879
18	John Menke	C, 7 N. Y. Vols	do	42	Oct. 23, 1879	Found dead near the Home	Wauwatosa (absence with- out leave)	Dec. 6, 1878	
19	Matthew King	Mexican War	do	92	Nov. 2, 1879	Chronic dysentery	Home hospital	Nov. 19, 1878	Oct. 16, 1879
20	Philip Bowers	D, 149 Pa. Vols	Pennsylvania	33	Nov. 8, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	Mar. 22, 1879	Mar. 22, 1879
21	Timothy W. Lynch	A, 1 Ill. Lt. Art	Ireland	44	Nov. 14, 1879	Alcoholism	Wauwatosa (absence with- out leave)	Nov. 26, 1869	
22	Martin Dougherty	H, 105 N. Y. Vols	do	57	Dec. 2, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis	Home hospital	July 20, 1878	Sept. 20, 1879
23	Charles S. Bushby	G, 3 Wis. Vols	Vermont	43	Dec. 4, 1879	Brain disease	do	Jan. 23, 1879	Dec. 4, 1879
24	John Huff	E, 184 Ohio Vols	Germany	39	Dec. 14, 1879	Cardiac disease	do	Nov. 18, 1879	Nov. 18, 1879
25	Thomas Quigley	F, 25 Mich. Vols	New York	37	Dec. 20, 1879	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	Oct. 12, 1879	Oct. 12, 1879
26	Thomas Corcoran	I, 6 Conn. Vols	Ireland	39	Dec. 23, 1879	Pulmonary hemorrhage	do	Feb. 12, 1878	Jan. 9, 1879
27	Gustavus Schott	K, 9 Minn. Vols	Germany	64	Dec. 29, 1879	Tuberc	do	Dec. 29, 1876	May 31, 1879
28	Amos H. Goodin	Mexican war	Missouri	57	Jan. 11, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	Dec. 31, 1879	Dec. 31, 1879
29	William G. Wilkinson	B, 71 Pa. Vols	England	38	Jan. 11, 1880	Suicide (shot himself)	Quarters	July 24, 1874	
30	Philip Frank	M, 2 Ill. Art	Germany	49	Jan. 13, 1880	Unknown	Mendota, Ill. (furlough)	Oct. 16, 1877	
31	Valentine Karcher	B, 1 Mich. Lt. Art	do	64	Jan. 15, 1880	Pneumonia	Home hospital	Mar. 2, 1874	Jan. 11, 1880
32	Thomas T. Townsley	C, 56 N. Y. Vols	New York	50	Jan. 17, 1880	Asthma	do	Jan. 22, 1879	Dec. 18, 1879
33	Louis Dupon	I, 98 Pa. Vols	Germany	53	Jan. 23, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	Aug. 13, 1879	Jan. 12, 1880
34	Samuel W. Wilson	Surg. 4 Wis. Cav	Massachusetts	76	Jan. 25, 1880	Apoplexy	do	July 27, 1875	Aug. 5, 1875
35	William Cortright	K, 187 Pa. Vols	Pennsylvania	57	Feb. 1, 1880	Paralysis	do	Oct. 1, 1879	Oct. 2, 1879
36	Francis T. Murphy	F, 72 Ill. Vols	New York	43	Feb. 10, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	Jan. 30, 1880	Jan. 30, 1880
37	Moses A. Cook	F, 50 Wis. Vols	do	58	Feb. 14, 1880	Exhaustion from chorea	do	Nov. 30, 1872	July 13, 1876
38	Isaac Young	War of 1812	Maine	87	Feb. 28, 1880	Senility	do	Mar. 28, 1879	Mar. 29, 1879
39	Paul James Lindberg	I, 61 Ill. Vols	On the sea	77	Mar. 11, 1880	Exposure	do	Dec. 16, 1867	July 23, 1875
40	William Clark	E, 2 Wis. Cav	England	48	Mar. 16, 1880	Epilepsy and paralysis	do	June 25, 1875	Apr. 8, 1878
41	Henry S. Deery	K, 5 Wis. Vols	New York	41	Mar. 16, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis	do	July 19, 1871	July 4, 1879
42	Michael Higgins	I, 13 N. Y. Vols	Ireland	60	Mar. 19, 1880	Senility	do	July 31, 1873	May 3, 1879
43	John Laternicht	C, 80 Ill. Vols	Germany	60	Mar. 20, 1880	Heart disease	do	Mar. 5, 1880	Mar. 14, 1880
44	Michael Ronayne	C, 99 N. Y. Vols	Ireland	57	Mar. 26, 1880	Drowned in Big Sioux River	Near Flandreau, Dak. (fur- lough)	May 8, 1877	
45	Eugene Maffet	I, 97 N. Y. Vols	New York	35	Apr. 1, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis	Home hospital	Jan. 27, 1880	Jan. 29, 1880
46	Griffith O. Evans	Capt. Q. M. Dept	On the sea	47	Apr. 9, 1880	Nervous exhaustion	do	Mar. 19, 1878	Jan. 19, 1880
47	Albert H. Kimball	F, 1 Mich. Eng	New Hampshire	45	Apr. 19, 1880	Chronic myelitis	do	Apr. 23, 1879	Jan. 19, 1880
48	James Buckley	K, 53 Ill. Vols	New York	35	Apr. 19, 1880	Coxsack morbus	do	July 2, 1879	Feb. 1, 1880
49	Francis Hoppe	G, 16 Iowa Vols	Switzerland	67	Apr. 20, 1880	Apoplexy	do	Nov. 7, 1873	Oct. 29, 1879
50	Patrick Cushion	C, 17 Wis. Vols	Ireland	37	Apr. 21, 1880	Pneumonia	do	Oct. 19, 1876	Apr. 15, 1880

* Including two in 1878 not previously reported.

Number.	Name.	Company and regi- ment.	Where born.	Age.	Date of death.	Cause of death.	Place of death.	When admitted—	
								To the Home.	To hospital.
<i>Died during the year ending June 30, 1880—Continued.</i>									
51	John O'Connor.....	A, 7 Wis. Vols.....	Ireland.....	69	May 2, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	Home hospital.....	June 29, 1871	Oct. 17, 1879
52	John Clark.....	D, 26 Ill. Vols.....	Delaware.....	64	May 6, 1880	Cardiac disease.....	do.....	Apr. 17, 1877	Oct. 17, 1879
53	John M. Werner.....	C, 9 Wis. Vols.....	Germany.....	42	May 2, 1880	Drowned in Menomonee Riv. et.	Milwaukee (on pass).....	Jan. 17, 1873	
54	Thomas C. Murphy.....	I, 4 Ill. Cav.....	New Hampshire.....	50	May 9, 1880	Pneumonia.....	Home hospital.....	Nov. 23, 1879	Nov. 23, 1879
55	John Hummel.....	G, 32 Ind. Vols.....	Germany.....	60	May 27, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	do.....	May 15, 1880	May 15, 1880
56	Henry O'Dell.....	H, 45 Pa. Vols.....	Pennsylvania.....	52	June 5, 1880	Paralysis.....	do.....	May 15, 1880	May 15, 1880
57	James W. Robinson.....	D, 19 Wis. Vols.....	New York.....	45	June 15, 1880	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	do.....	Oct. 24, 1879	Oct. 25, 1879
58	Walter Finlieson.....	I, 1 Wis. Vols.....	Scotland.....	74	June 22, 1880	Gastritis and cystitis.....	do.....	Apr. 28, 1871	June 11, 1880

PENSIONS.

Number of beneficiaries who have received pensions during the year, 468, against 536 during the year 1878. The total amount of pensions received during the year, and the disposition made thereof, is shown in the following tabular statement:

Pension to credit of beneficiaries July 1, 1879	\$5, 156 96	Retained by the Home for:	
Pension money received during the year	\$18,527 02	Abstract A, subsistence	\$856 85
Interest received on pension money during the year	126 37	Abstract B, construction and repairs	41 21
	18,653 39	Abstract C, stable	21 00
		Abstract E, current expenses	63
		Abstract F, incidental	1 50
		Abstract G, transportation	1,596 36
		Abstract H, clothing	1,675 88
		Abstract I, hospital supplies	17 73
		Abstract L, household	294 80
		Abstract M, manufactures	714 00
		Forfeitures by order Board of Managers	844 96
		Total amount paid to the Home	\$6,064 98
		Fines by order of commandant to contingent fund	2,421 78
		Paid to Home store	3,854 00
		Carried to posthumous fund	422 50
			6,698 28
		Cash paid to pensioners' families	12,462 56
		Cash paid to individual pensioners	23,299 03
		Remaining to credit of pensioners, June 30, 1880	5,285 50
			41,047 09
Total to be accounted for	53,810 35	Total accounted for	53,810 35

A portion of the sum remaining to the credit of beneficiaries on the 30th of June, 1880, together with the accrued interest thereon, is in the hands of the general treasurer, the principal having been turned over to him for investment in 4 per cent. United States bonds, on the 24th of July, 1877, and no return of the interest has been made to the treasurer of this branch since that date.

PAY FOR EXTRA DUTY.

The total number of beneficiaries employed for pay at this branch during the year ending June 30, 1880, or any part thereof, was 473, against 488 during the year 1878. The amount credited to beneficiaries for extra duty and the disposition thereof, was as follows:

Extra-duty pay to credit of beneficiaries, June 30, 1879	\$2,581 98	Retained by the Home for:	
Amount of pay-rolls during the year:		Abstract A, subsistence	\$1,063 10
Abstract A, subsistence	\$906 00	Abstract B, construction and repairs	45 47
Abstract B, construction and repairs	2,070 44	Abstract C, stable	18 30
Abstract C, stable	2,568 31	Abstract F, incidental expenses	17 38
Abstract E, current expenses	9,949 96	Abstract G, transportation	997 20
Abstract F, incidental expenses	240 00	Abstract H, clothing	611 24
Abstract I, hospital supplies	1,052 26	Abstract I, hospital supplies	28 77
Abstract K, farm	2,410 38	Abstract L, household	373 54
Abstract L, household	4,740 28	Abstract M, manufactures	396 07
Abstract M, manufactures	2,879 48		\$3,551 16
	27,726 11	Fines by order of commandant	1,953 00
		Paid to Home store	4,365 04
			6,319 24
		Cash paid to beneficiaries	17,752 08
		Remaining to credit of beneficiaries, June 30, 1880	2,685 01
			20,437 09
Total to be accounted for	30,308 09	Total accounted for	30,308 09

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

The librarian, George W. Barber, submits the following report of the library and reading room, for the year ending June 30, 1880:

Volumes added to library.....	326
Volumes in library including hospital.....	3,528
Volumes issued to beneficiaries for reading.....	5,870
Daily papers on file.....	30
Weekly papers on file.....	63
Monthlies and periodicals.....	39
Total number of papers and periodicals.....	132

The papers and periodicals are in the English, German, French, and Scandinavian languages.

During the year a marble floor has been laid in the library and reading room, the ceilings have been tastefully adorned, and the walls hung with fine historic engravings. The rooms have also been fitted up with elegant black walnut book-cases, tables, chairs, and other furniture, making altogether very attractive apartments, of which the veterans are justly proud.

POST-OFFICE.

The postmaster states that the business of the post office at this branch, for the year ending June 30, 1880, has been as follows:

Letters mailed, by count.....	16,207	Registered letters sent.....	194
Single postages represented above.....	19,752	Registered letters received.....	101
Letters received, estimated.....	16,000	Money orders issued.....	218
Postal cards mailed, by count.....	3,407	Money transmitted.....	\$2,507.50
Postal cards received, estimated.....	2,100	Money orders paid.....	43
Newspapers mailed, estimated.....	4,722	Amount paid on money orders.....	\$251.08
Newspapers received, by count.....	20,440		

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

As in previous years, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, have been regularly employed at this branch as visiting chaplains, with continued and general satisfaction.

The Protestant Episcopal chaplain, Rev. E. R. Ward, reports as follows:

During the past year the services have been attended by about the regular number; and the Sunday school has grown and prospered as of yore. Services have been held on every Lord's Day, and on week days during Lent. The Holy Communion has been celebrated every other Sunday during the year at the usual services, or at the hospital.

Total number of services, 95; celebrations of the Holy Communion in public, 12; at the hospital, 12; total, 24. Baptisms, 2; marriage, 1; burials, 37. The bishop of the diocese made his annual visitation on Easter Day and confirmed 9; the largest class he has as yet laid hands on in the chapel.

Report of the Catholic chaplain, Rev. James Walsh, S. J.:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of my transactions at the Home, covering a period of twelve months, ending June 30, 1880. It affords me much pleasure to state that during the time just mentioned, my labors among the inmates under my charge have had results which are, in every respect, most satisfactory and consoling.

It is obvious, of course, from the peculiar nature of the work engaging my attention, that it would be impossible for me to present any very minute details concerning it. But some conception of its extent may be formed from the fact that each regular weekly visit required and received from me on an average not less than twelve hours of constant labor to do it full justice and satisfy its various demands. To enter into some particulars, I may state that during the year ending as above, I have conducted 104 regular religious exercises; performed 20 funeral services, not including that with high mass over the remains of the unfortunate Mrs. Wilkinson, whose tragic death at

the Home is still fresh in the minds of the inmates: visited the hospital 100 times; and administered 3,484 Holy Communion, being on an average of 67 a week, against 60 a week during the six months ending June 30, 1879, against 42 a week in 1878, and against 30 a week in 1877.

From these few facts it will not be difficult to form some estimate of the amount of moral good effected during the year just past.

In a previous report I expressed my entire approbation of the plan then lately adopted to check the excessive use of intoxicating drinks among the inmates of the Home. And now another year's careful observation of the working of the system has only confirmed me the more in my opinion of its fitness for the end proposed, of its beneficial effects in preventing drunkenness and its consequent evils, and of the practical wisdom to which it owes its existence.

I should deem myself deficient in Christian gratitude if, in concluding this report, I omitted to acknowledge the uniform kindness with which I have been treated by the officers of the Home—from the nurses in the hospital to the general in command. From all I have received special marks of kindness and attention, and to all, therefore, I beg to express my thanks and obligations.

SOCIETIES.

A post of the Grand Army of the Republic, known as Veteran Post No. 8, has been maintained at this branch during the year by beneficiaries of the Home, a suitable room having been set apart by order of the commandant for its meetings and for the use of its members; a Sunday School Society has also been successfully conducted by beneficiaries and their families and friends.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

The usual methods of providing amusement and recreation for beneficiaries, fully set forth in previous reports, have been continued as far as practicable during the year. This branch is now in great need of a suitable auditorium, of sufficient capacity to seat the increased number of beneficiaries present during the winter seasons, and it is recommended that the unclaimed effects of deceased beneficiaries, together with the interest thereon, and the profits of the Home store, be appropriated to the construction of a suitable Memorial Hall, of sufficient capacity to seat at least seven hundred persons, and to be so located that the first floor may be used for a railroad waiting-room, post-office, telegraph office, &c.

GREEN-HOUSE.

The green-house has been in successful operation during the year, adding greatly to the attractions of the grounds, contributing to the enjoyment of beneficiaries, officers, and visitors, and supplying all plants required for the flower gardens and borders at trifling cost.

HOME STORE.

The Home store, or "Canteen," established in August, 1871, for the purposes and under the rules of management stated in previous reports, has been continued during the year with satisfactory results, as shown by the following statement:

1879, July 1	Merchandise on hand	\$2,435 87	July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880.	Received on account of sales	\$18,093 05
July 1, 1879, to June 30, 1880.	Paid for merchandise	11,178 43			
	Paid employes, &c	1,155 89			
	Net profits	5,078 26			
		20,448 45	June 30	Merchandise on hand	2,355 40
					20,448 45

QUARTERLY CASH EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS.

The following tabular statement exhibits by departments or abstracts the total cash expenditures and the total cash receipts, on account of this branch, during each quarter of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, to wit:

Abstracts.	Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1879.	Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1879.	Quarter ending March 31, 1880.	Quarter ending June 30, 1880.	Year ending June 30, 1880.
A. Subsistence.....	\$7,101 07	\$9,654 86	\$9,730 09	\$7,512 00	\$34,089 58
B. Construction and repairs.....	10,418 48	25,035 13	12,211 92	1,299 59	54,965 12
C. Stables.....	1,212 04	1,394 43	1,375 45	1,451 87	5,376 79
D. Personal property.....	15 00	116 53	.....	20 78	182 31
E. Current expenses.....	4,128 68	4,004 79	3,984 18	4,197 53	16,315 48
F. Incidental expenses.....	309 23	277 86	631 06	571 09	1,790 14
G. Transportation.....	758 25	1,950 39	1,404 00	859 31	4,972 85
H. Clothing.....	35 41	69 45	37 42	164 18	306 40
I. Hospital supplies.....	1,519 87	1,576 52	3,270 66	2,367 21	8,734 26
K. Farm.....	1,422 11	792 91	832 82	1,021 89	4,069 73
L. Household expenses.....	2,699 16	7,026 00	7,033 75	2,932 21	19,692 02
M. Manufacturers.....	2,123 68	2,168 24	2,544 42	1,720 94	8,557 28
Total.....	37,863 88	54,008 01	43,057 87	24,062 26	158,992 02

CASH RECEIPTS.

A. Subsistence.....	\$1,357 93	\$1,245 59	\$1,367 93	\$1,044 95	\$5,016 40
B. Construction and repairs.....	7 25	76 46	40 39	69 47	184 48
C. Stable.....	169 08	1,912 11	443 76	383 57	2,908 52
E. Current expenses.....	.....	3 13	14 00	70 21	87 34
F. Incidental expenses.....	171 68	378 51	209 74	146 55	906 48
G. Transportation.....	1,451 25	1,055 48	900 53	1,607 54	5,104 80
H. Clothing.....	427 52	695 44	727 07	548 55	2,398 58
I. Hospital supplies.....	17 23	10 96	19 59	10 67	58 45
K. Farm.....	.....	9 00	392 30	19 50	420 80
L. Household.....	214 70	339 45	269 56	149 89	970 40
M. Manufacturers.....	571 04	362 92	404 95	597 04	1,935 95
Deduct cash receipts from cash expenditures.....	4,384 77	5,999 05	4,879 53	4,638 94	19,902 29
Total net cash expenditures.....	33,479 11	48,008 96	38,178 34	19,423 32	139,089 73

The appropriations by the Board of Managers for the same period were:

For construction and repairs, abstract B.....	\$57,810 00
For current running expenses.....	86,656 41
Total.....	\$144,466 41
Leaving unexpended, of the appropriations for the year, on June 30, 1880.....	5,376 68

I certify that the above tabular statement is a correct abstract from the books in my office.

R. E. FLEMING, *Secretary*.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS.

The following tabular statement exhibits the gross expenditures, the receipts from sales, and the net expenditures on account of each depart-

ment or abstract, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, as shown by the treasurer's accounts current :

Abstracts.	Expenditures.			Receipts from sales, &c.			Expenditures in excess of receipts.	Receipts in excess of expenditures.
	Cash.	To Home.	Total.	Cash.	Of Home.	Total.		
A	\$34,089 68	\$6,893 88	\$40,893 46	\$5,916 40	\$1,327 25	\$6,343 65	\$34,540 81	
B	54,905 12	6,549 81	61,445 93	184 48	52 50	236 98	61,208 95	
C	5,376 79	7,144 82	12,521 61	2,908 52	8,276 86	11,185 38	1,336 23	
D	182 31	22 63	204 94				204 94	
E	16,315 43	1,867 97	18,183 45	87 34		87 34	18,096 11	
F	1,790 14		1,790 14	906 48		906 48	883 66	
G	4,972 85	314 00	5,286 85	5,104 80		5,104 80	182 05	
H	306 46	83 70	390 16	2,308 58		2,308 58		\$1,918 42
I	8,734 26	2,457 92	11,192 18	58 45	12 82	71 27	11,120 91	
K	4,060 73	1,964 30	6,034 12	420 80	9,628 05	10,049 75		4,015 03
L	19,692 02	1,094 49	21,686 51	970 49	2,022 32	2,992 81	18,693 70	
M	8,557 28	122 45	8,679 73	1,935 95	7,906 36	9,932 31		1,252 58
Total	158,992 02	29,317 06	188,309 08	19,902 20	29,317 06	49,219 35	146,276 36	7,180 03
Deduct receipts in excess of expenditures							7,180 63	
Total net expenditures.....							139,089 73	

I certify that the above tabular statement is a correct abstract from the books in my office.

R. E. FLEMING, *Secretary*.

COST PER CAPITA.

The average annual cost of keeping each man actually present in the Home, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, excluding the value of clothing issued, was \$112.16, as shown by the following exhibit, to wit :

Value of subsistence stores on hand, June 30, 1879.....	\$3,853 84
Value of fuel on hand, June 30, 1879.....	1,498 00
Gross expenditures in all departments of the Home during the year ending June 30, 1880.....	188,309 08
Total.....	193,660 92
Deduct credits for sales, &c., shown in the above table.....	\$49,219 35
value of subsistence stores on hand, June 30, 1880.....	2,076 90
value of fuel on hand, June 30, 1880.....	823 19
construction and repairs account.....	61,208 95
permanent improvement on farm.....	204 89
cost of transporting beneficiaries to Home before admission.....	182 05
furniture, beds, and bedding, for new hospital.....	2,140 02
Total deductions	115,855 44
Net current expenditures in running the Home during the year.....	77,805 48

Divide \$77,805.77 by 693.60, the average number of beneficiaries actually present, and the result is \$112.16.

The average value of clothing issued to each man during the year was \$15.17, making the total average cost of keeping and clothing each man \$127.33 per year. During the previous six months the average annual rate was \$117.60, exclusive of clothing, and \$132.44, including clothing. During the year 1878, the average cost was \$120, exclusive

of clothing, and \$133.08, including clothing. The gradual and continuous reduction in the annual cost of keeping each beneficiary may be attributed in part, as has been remarked in previous reports, to the decrease in cost of stores, but is more largely due to the greater economy of administration rendered possible by the improvements made in the buildings and fixtures.

COST OF DAILY RATION.

The average cost of the daily ration—including value of all subsistence stores produced by and received from the Home farm and Home stable, the cost of transportation to the Home, the cost of fuel consumed in bakery, and the pay-roll of all persons employed in the subsistence department—during the year ending June 30, 1880, was \$14.31 per hundred, as shown by the following exhibit:

Cost of subsistence on hand, June 30, 1879	53,853 84
Cost of subsistence purchased for cash	32,823 58
Amount of pay-rolls of employes in bakery and subsistence department...	1,266 00
Value of subsistence received from Home farm	3,481 97
Value of subsistence received from Home stable	2,686 91
Value of labor furnished by Home blacksmith shop	2 25
Value of transportation furnished to subsistence department by Home stable	469 75
Cost of fuel consumed in the bakery	160 00

Total cost of subsistence stores on hand, June 30, 1879, and received during the year ending June 30, 1880	44,747 30
Value of subsistence stores sold for cash	\$5,016 40
Value of subsistence stores sold to Home	1,327 25
Value of subsistence stores issued to beneficiaries, including cost of labor, &c	36,326 66
Value of subsistence stores on hand, June 30, 1880	2,076 99

Total value of subsistence stores issued and sold during the year, and remaining on hand, June 30, 1880

44,747 30

The average daily number of beneficiaries subsisted, including men temporarily at post, was 693.70, making the whole number of rations issued 253,893. Divide \$36,326.66, the cost of subsistence, by 253,893, the number of rations issued, and we have \$14.31.

Included in the cost of ration, as computed above, is the cost of chewing and smoking tobacco issued to beneficiaries, amounting to \$831.51. The average cost of the ration, exclusive of tobacco, during the year, was \$13.98 per hundred. The cost of the ration in 1870, was \$23.62; in 1871, \$21.27; in 1872, \$22.33; in 1873, \$22.91; in 1874, \$21.69; in 1875, \$21.61; in 1876, thirteen months, \$19.28; in 1877, \$19.19; in 1878, \$17.35; and in 1879, six months ending June 30, \$14.60, per hundred.

The average cost of daily ration issued to the hospital during each quarter, was:

	Value of subsistence issued.	Number rations issued.			Average cost per hundred.
		To sick.	To attendants.	Total.	
For the quarter ending September 30, 1879	\$1,848 48	8,583	1,978	10,561	\$17 50
For the quarter ending December 31, 1879	1,773 79	8,608	2,008	10,616	16 71
For the quarter ending March 31, 1880	1,809 84	9,171	2,415	11,586	15 62
For the quarter ending June 30, 1880	1,850 08	9,820	2,369	12,189	15 22
For the whole year	7,288 19	36,188	8,770	44,958	16 21
For the six months ending June 30, 1879	3,323 06	15,740	3,874	19,614	16 95
For the calendar year 1878	7,572 78	32,259	6,401	38,660	19 50

The average cost of daily ration issued to the general dining-room during each quarter, was:

	Value of subsist- ence is- sued.	Number of rations issued.	Average cost per hundred.
For the quarter ending September 30, 1879.....	\$6,589 67	40,520	\$13 31
For the quarter ending December 31, 1879.....	7,667 59	54,688	13 91
For the quarter ending March 31, 1880.....	8,092 55	57,677	14 03
For the quarter ending June 30, 1880.....	6,748 66	47,050	14 34
For the whole year.....	29,038 47	208,935	13 90
For the six months ending June 30, 1879.....	15,674 86	110,506	14 19
For the calendar year 1878.....	36,264 72	213,734	16 94

The average cost of daily ration issued to the whole Home during each quarter, was:

	Value of subsist- ence is- sued.	Number of rations issued.	Average cost per hundred.
For the quarter ending September 30, 1879.....	\$8,438 17	60,081	\$14 04
For the quarter ending December 31, 1879.....	9,381 38	65,304	14 37
For the quarter ending March 31, 1880.....	9,902 39	69,263	14 30
For the quarter ending June 30, 1880.....	8,694 74	59,245	14 54
For the whole year.....	36,326 66	253,893	14 31
For the six months ending June 30, 1879.....	18,998 52	130,120	14 60
For the calendar year 1878.....	43,777 50	252,394	17 35
For the calendar year 1877.....	47,491 73	247,525	19 19
For the calendar year 1876.....	39,049 81	263,160	19 22

BILL OF FARE.

No permanent diet list is prescribed, either in the general kitchen or hospital, but a bill of fare, adapted as far as practicable to the season, is prepared daily for the general kitchen by the commandant, and the commissary employes and cooks are required to conform to it strictly. In the hospital the bill of fare is prescribed by the surgeon.

SUBSISTENCE STORES PURCHASED.

The following tabular statement exhibits the quantity and cost of subsistence stores purchased and issued and sold during the year, and the average price paid therefor, including cost of transportation to the Home:

Articles.	Purchased during the year.		Issued and sold.		Average cost of stores purchased, includ- ing transportation.
	Quan- tity.	Value.	Quan- tity.	Value.	
Apples, dried..... lbs..	4,279	\$213 95	5,925	\$296 25	Per 100 lbs. ... \$5 05
Beans, navy..... bush..	152	219 30	157	232 67	Per 100 bush. 147 27
Beef, corned..... lbs..	45,330	1,720 00	45,170	1,722 76	Per 100 lbs. ... 3 90
Beef, fresh..... do..	124,318	6,733 32	124,766	6,759 91	Per 100 lbs. ... 5 75
Beets..... bush..	310	162 80	316	162 80	Per 100 bush. 50 00
Butter..... lbs..	24,215	4,820 56	24,414	4,860 41	Per 100 lbs. ... 19 93
Cabbage..... do..	44,595	445 95	44,595	445 95	Per 100 lbs. ... 1 00
Carrots..... bush..	274	137 31	274	137 31	Per 100 bush. 50 00
Cheese..... lbs..	2,684	195 79	2,382	216 64	Per 100 lbs. ... 9 45

Subsistence stores purchased, &c.—Continued.

Articles.	Purchased during the year.		Issued and sold.		Average cost of stores purchased, including transportation.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Coffee, Java.....do	813	\$229 23	821	\$226 42	Per 100 lbs...	\$28 24
Coffee, Rio.....do	9,848	1,288 51	10,254	1,310 11	Per 100 lbs...	13 13
Corn-meal.....do	2,791	36 23	2,943	38 47	Per 100 lbs...	1 35
Corn, sweet.....cans	180	18 95	203	21 64	Per 100 cans...	10 58
Crackers.....lbs	1,279	55 25	1,596	75 66	Per 100 lbs...	4 37
Currants, dried.....do	1,234	76 12	1,214	65 95	Per 100 lbs...	6 22
Cucumbers.....bush	216	125 98	216	125 98	Per 100 bush...	58 32
Eggs.....dozs	4,817	629 86	4,886	635 64	Per 100 doz...	13 28
Fish, fresh.....lbs	3,350	201 00	3,350	201 00	Per 100 lbs...	6 00
Fish, dry cod.....do	10,200	451 62	9,870	430 18	Per 100 lbs...	4 47
Flour, baker's.....bbls	810	5,120 00	885	5,486 31	Per 100 bbls...	632 10
Flour, Front Rank.....do	20	226 50	31	243 37	Per 100 bbls...	701 04
Ham, S. C.....lbs	1,565	144 55	1,595	144 55	Per 100 lbs...	9 34
Hominy.....do	1,800	34 25	1,979	37 83	Per 100 lbs...	2 00
Ice.....tons	285	285 00	335	310 00	Per 100 tons...	285 00
Lard.....lbs	1,896	126 41	1,813	120 94	Per 100 lbs...	6 72
Maccaroni.....do	200	17 50	214	17 71	Per 100 lbs...	8 80
Milk.....galls	15,183	2,560 50	15,183	2,560 50	Per 100 galls...	16 86
Mustard.....lbs	600	115 00	912	119 35	Per 100 lbs...	19 22
Mutton.....do	27,816	1,339 63	27,757	1,336 68	Per 100 lbs...	5 00
Oatmeal.....do	2,800	86 00	3,050	88 44	Per 100 lbs...	3 12
Onions.....bush	467	233 69	467	233 69	Per 100 bush...	50 00
Parsnips.....do	156	78 12	156	78 12	Per 100 bush...	50 00
Peaches, dried.....lbs			265	10 60	Per 100 lbs...	4 05
Pens, split.....do	4,211	125 63	3,867	116 84	Per 100 lbs...	3 03
Pepper, black.....do	200	40 00	422	77 40	Per 100 lbs...	20 05
Pickles.....bbls			26	78 00	Per 100 bbls...	300 00
Pork, salt.....lbs	26,600	1,203 00	28,182	1,367 00	Per 100 lbs...	4 86
Potatoes.....bsh	3,648	1,751 05	3,301	1,736 00	Per 100 bush...	48 00
Prunes.....lbs	6,046	463 69	4,733	351 47	Per 100 lbs...	7 72
Rice.....do	1,867	127 19	2,614	181 58	Per 100 lbs...	6 86
Shoulders, S. C.....do	25,443	1,269 16	25,517	1,272 25	Per 100 lbs...	4 99
Sauerkraut.....bbls			43	215 00	Per 100 bbls...	500 00
Squash.....lbs	12,926	129 26	12,926	129 26	Per 100 lbs...	1 00
Sugar, C.....do	1,369	1,675 34	23,977	1,901 28	Per 100 lbs...	8 66
Sugar, granulated and powdered do	6,746	614 98	8,034	762 62	Per 100 lbs...	9 61
Sirup.....galls	737	264 43	749	265 54	Per 100 galls...	36 35
Tea, Oolong, for general use.....lbs	1,314	332 70	2,889	580 93	Per 100 lbs...	25 42
Tea, Oolong, best.....do	88	60 88	79	46 40	Per 100 lbs...	69 29
Tea, Young Hyson.....do	182	104 50	199	113 13	Per 100 lbs...	57 53
Tobacco, plug.....do	288	129 60	492	220 15	Per 100 lbs...	45 10
Tobacco, smoking.....do	1,900	494 00	2,870	746 20	Per 100 lbs...	26 10
Tomatoes.....cans	336	37 84	303	31 60	Per 100 cans...	11 35
Turkey.....lbs	1,200	120 00	1,200	120 00	Per 100 lbs...	10 10
Vinegar.....galls	1,311	245 02	1,278	237 25	Per 100 galls...	18 94
Miscellaneous.....do		1,548 71		1,354 57		
Total.....		38,995 46		40,772 34		
Transportation furnished by Home stable during the year ending June 30, 1880.....		460 75		469 75		
Fuel for bakery furnished by Home during the year ending June 30, 1880.....		160 00		160 00		
Value of labor furnished by Home blacksmith shop.....		2 25		2 25		
Cash paid for labor in subsistence department during the year ending June 30, 1880.....		1,266 00		1,266 00		
Cost of subsistence stores on hand, June 30, 1879.....		3,853 84				
Cost of subsistence stores on hand, June 30, 1880.....				2,076 09		
Total.....		44,747 30		44,747 30		

As most of the leading articles of subsistence were furnished to the Home under yearly contracts, there was but very little difference in the prices paid during the several quarters, except in the item of flour, of which the average cost per barrel was as follows: First quarter, \$5.25; second quarter, \$6.25; third quarter, \$7.20; fourth quarter, \$5.94.

NEW BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS.—ABSTRACT B.

In a special report made to the president of the Board of Managers, on the 25th of February, 1879, representing the need of a new hospital at this branch, and presenting plans and estimates therefor, the commandant submitted the following suggestions:

This Home is gradually and continually changing from the nature of an asylum to that of a hospital. Nearly all of its beneficiaries who come from the West, on their admission require immediate and prolonged medical care, having apparently sought the Home not because there was no labor for them to perform, but because they were no longer able to perform it; while its more robust inmates almost invariably come from the East, and represent that they have availed themselves of the benefits of the Home because they could find no remunerative labor by which to earn their livelihood. For these reasons the proportion of sick at this branch is much larger than at either of the other branches, which are filled from the stricken labor districts of the East; and the time has now come when greater and better hospital accommodations are imperatively demanded, in order that we may properly minister to the comforts and prolong the lives of those of our suffering comrades who seek the benefits promised to them in this Home.

In considering this matter it should be borne in mind that the number of sick at this branch now is, and for several years has been, nearly or quite as large as at both the Eastern and Southern Branches, and that a building which would suffice for a hospital at either of those branches would by no means be of sufficient capacity for this branch.

We have at the present time 123 beneficiaries who can be properly cared for only in hospital, and a tabular statement, compiled from the quarterly post returns, shows that during the two years and a half ending December 31, 1878, the number of sick at the Eastern Branch increased from sixteen to sixty-six, the average number being *forty-eight*; at the Southern Branch the number decreased from fifty-eight to fifty-three, the average being *forty-seven*; at this branch the number increased from seventy-seven to one hundred and twelve, the average being *ninety-two*, and in addition we have ten blind men who ought to be cared for in hospital.

The estimated cost of the projected building is as follows:

Mason work and material.....	\$19,000 00
Carpenters' work and material.....	11,715 75
Cut stone.....	4,787 04
Wrought and cast iron work.....	4,443 00
Tin and galvanized iron and slating.....	4,608 20

Total for foundation and superstructure..... 44,553 99

The excavation and grading, painting and glazing, and steam and water piping may be done by the inmates of the Home under the general appropriation for labor, and therefore no specific appropriation will be required therefor, leaving the total sum to be specifically appropriated to complete the building in readiness to receive its boilers, fan, elevator, and cooking apparatus, \$14,553.99.

The cost of the main building at this branch, exclusive of its heating apparatus, was considerably more than \$500 per capita of its utmost capacity. This projected building, with kitchen, dining-room, pantries, reading-room, smoking-room, bath-rooms, and administrative rooms complete, will cost but \$310 per capita, with one hundred per cent. more area for each man than can possibly be afforded in the main building, or with the men quartered in the same manner in which they are in the main building, the cost will be about \$145 per capita.

The estimate by the Board of Managers, for this branch for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878 (printed minutes, page 357), was \$129,600, and the estimate for like purpose, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879 (printed minutes, page 409), was \$113,745, making the total estimates by the Board of Managers for the two fiscal years, \$243,345. Of this sum but \$194,159 has yet been appropriated by the board for use at this branch, to wit:

Quarter ending September 30, 1877.....	\$25,600 00
Quarter ending December 31, 1877.....	28,000 00
Quarter ending March 31, 1878.....	27,100 00
Quarter ending June 30, 1878 (including \$12,000 for new boilers).....	37,600 00
Quarter ending September 30, 1878.....	20,709 00
Quarter ending December 31, 1878.....	27,400 00
Quarter ending March 31, 1879 (including \$4,950 for bakery and store house).....	27,750 00

Total.....\$194,159 00

Leaving of the estimates for the two fiscal years yet unappropriated, forty-nine thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$49,186); and as my estimates for the quarter ending June 30, 1879, amount to but twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000), there will remain unappropriated twenty-five thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$25,186).

For the purpose of constructing this hospital the sum of six thousand dollars can be contributed from the store fund before the building is finished; and I know of no purpose to which this fund can be applied where it will be of greater benefit to the beneficiaries of the Home.

It will therefore be perceived that if the unappropriated balance of the estimates of the board for this branch for the two fiscal years is appropriated to the use of this branch, and permission be granted to use the profits of the store as suggested, the hospital can be constructed, in readiness to receive its heating apparatus, &c., with an additional appropriation of \$13,367 99, to wit:

Balance of estimates for two fiscal years, not yet appropriated to the use of this branch.....	\$25,186 00
Profits of store.....	6,000 00
Additional appropriation.....	13,367 99
Total appropriation required.....	44,553 99

The plans have been wrought out with the purpose to obtain the greatest accommodation, healthfulness, and convenience, with the least possible expenditure. The projected building will accommodate one hundred and forty-four patients and attendants as they should be placed in hospital, or three hundred and twelve men if quartered as they are now in the main building.

It is probable that the number of disabled soldiers who will desire to avail themselves of the benefits of the Home twenty years from now will be quite as large as the number cared for at the present time, and that during the intervening period the number of beneficiaries will be greatly increased. Of those who served in the Union armies and survive the war, a large majority were at the threshold of manhood when they entered the service and have not yet reached two score years, and are not so largely represented among those who have heretofore availed themselves of the benefits of the Home, as are the more advanced in life; but as the younger men advance in years existing germs of disease incident to the war will develop, wounds will bring premature dependence, business misfortunes will occur, families will be separated, and many who are now manfully supporting themselves will in their declining years be compelled to avail themselves of this beneficent provision of the Republic for their sustenance and care. And while the remembrance of their services and sacrifices is fresh in the minds of the people, it will be well to secure permanent and healthful buildings of sufficient capacity to meet every anticipated demand, in the near future, upon the hospitality of the Home.

Pursuant to authority given in your telegram, five hundred thousand building brick have been purchased at a cost of \$2,500, and the refusal of one hundred thousand more, to be delivered at the same price, has been obtained. The price paid for brick is unprecedentedly low in this market, the next lowest proposal to that accepted being six and a-half dollars per thousand.

At the meeting of the Board of Managers on the 5th of March, 1879, the President, Colonel Harris, and Dr. Wolcott, were authorized to construct a suitable building for a hospital at the Northwestern Branch, and to this committee revised plans and specifications were subsequently submitted, and the work remained in abeyance until the 19th of May, 1879, when instructions were received from the president of the board to proceed at once with the building in accordance with the plans indicated by him. Accordingly the work was commenced, and arrangements were made to push the buildings to a speedy completion; but early in July the Commandant was prostrated by a severe attack of illness, resulting from wounds received in battle and overwork at the Home, and was advised by Dr. E. B. Wolcott, and the surgeon of the Home, that an immediate change of climate and relief from all care and responsibility, were indispensable to his recovery; having obtained from the president of the Board of Managers leave of absence for the purpose, he left the Home about the middle of July for the Atlantic seaboard, from whence he returned on the 11th of September, and resumed the superintendence of the work, which during the period of his absence had been carried on under the supervision of Dr. E. B. Wolcott, the

resident manager, and of a superintendent employed for the purpose. As arrangements for forwarding the construction of the buildings had, as far as practicable, been consummated by the commandant before he left the Home, no material delay was occasioned by his absence; but a considerable increase in the cost resulted therefrom, especially in the matter of iron pipes and fittings, for the purchase of which the board had made appropriations at its meeting in July, but which were not purchased until after the return of the commandant, when the market value of such materials had enhanced fifty to eighty per cent.

The wings of the new hospital were occupied by patients on the 21st of January, although the central building was not completed and fully furnished until the 31st of March, 1880. The building is admirably adapted to the purposes for which it was designed, is perfectly warmed and ventilated, is sufficiently provided with the most modern and improved of hospital conveniences, and has ample capacity for and is now furnished with one hundred and sixty beds, which number in case of an emergency can be safely increased to at least two hundred. It has been visited by the General of the Army. Deputy Quartermaster-General Tompkins, and many other gentlemen of large experience and mature judgment, who have uniformly commended the thoroughness of its structure, the simplicity of its finish, the completeness of its details, and the perfectness of its ventilation, and have favorably commented upon the economy of expenditure with which such desirable results have been accomplished.

The expenditures for construction, improvements, and repairs, chargeable to Abstract B, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, have been as follows:

NEW HOSPITAL.

Cash paid for labor and material for foundation and superstructure.....		\$32,909 35
Labor of inmates and teams, and materials furnished by the Home, for excavation, foundation, and superstructure.....	\$1,200 98	
Cash paid for labor and materials, for glazing and painting....		532 14
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.	1,063 83	
Cash paid for labor and materials for inside blinds.....		1,000 00
Cash paid for labor and materials for heating and ventilating.		7,011 06
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.	886 27	
Cash paid for labor and materials for steam, water, and gas service.....		432 17
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.	3,139 12	
Cash paid for labor and materials for tiling water-closets, wash-rooms, bath-rooms, &c.....		925 00
Cash paid for labor and materials for furnishing the same.....		678 83
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.	115 73	
Cash paid for materials for furnishing kitchen, scullery, &c..		1,319 08
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.	187 22	
Cash paid for materials for gas fixtures.....		299 40
Cash paid for plans, specifications, and superintendence.....		1,150 00
Total cash expenditures on account of new hospital building and fixtures charged to Abstract B:.....		46,257 03
Total value labor of inmates and teams, and materials furnished by the Home, on account of new hospital building and fixtures, charged to Abstract B.....	6,593 15	6,593 15

OUTSIDE WORK IN CONNECTION WITH NEW HOSPITAL.

Cash paid for materials for transmission of steam, water, and gas from main building.....		202 88
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.....		948 05
Cash paid for materials for sewers and drains.....		491 03
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.....		196 31
Cash paid for materials for two cisterns.....		177 60
Labor of inmates, and materials furnished by Home for same.....		219 41
Cash paid for materials and labor for paving.....		77 65

GENERAL REPAIRS, &c.

Carpenter work, general repairs.....	\$972 53
Painting Home buildings.....	580 10
Tin-work on Home buildings.....	184 01
General sewerage and drainage.....	326 17
New gas reforts, and freight on same.....	339 50
General repairs on boilers, machinery, water, steam, and gas pipes, avenues, walks, buildings, &c.....	3,643 53

Total expenditure on account of Abstract B during the year..... 61,208 95

The maximum number of men who can now be cared for at this branch is 920, including quarters for 160 in hospital. But, having due reference to health and comfort no more than 860 ought ordinarily to be quartered in the existing dormitories. It is believed that the capacity of this Home is now ample for all demands which will be made upon it in the future.

STABLE.

The receipts and expenditures on account of the stable during the year were as follows:

Cash value of stable product sold.....	\$11,185 38
Cash expended on account of stable.....	\$5,376 79
Bought of Home on account of stable.....	7,144 82

Gross expenditures on account of stable..... 12,521 61

Expenditures over receipts..... 1,336 23

The following is a detailed statement of the sale of stable products during the year:

Articles sold.	Quantity.	Sold for cash; value.	Sold to Home; value.	Total.
Bones..... pounds..	2,640	\$11 88		\$11 88
Calves.....	15	74 00		74 00
Care of horses.....		150 72		150 72
Chickens.....	157	75	\$38 50	39 25
Corn..... bushels..	4½	1 48		1 48
Cows.....	3	98 50		98 50
Ducks.....	21		7 35	7 35
Eggs..... dozens..	730½	1 40	79 81	81 21
Forage, officers' horses.....		26 89	470 00	496 89
General teaming for Home.....			4,023 99	4,023 99
Grease..... pounds..	4,307	215 35		215 35
Hay..... do.....	12,785	89 45		89 45
Hearse and team at funerals.....			100 00	100 00
Hire of teams.....		55 75		55 75
Hogs.....	67	1,110 96		1,110 96
Horses.....	3	140 00		140 00
Keep of cows.....		14 00		14 00
Keep of horses.....		130 52		136 52
Manure..... loads..	496		300 00	366 00
Milk..... gallons..	15,183		2,560 50	2,560 50
Oats..... baskets..	34	11 22		11 22
Pasturing cows.....		12 00		12 00
Pasturing horses.....		6 00		6 00
Pigs.....	77	256 50		256 50
Pork..... pounds..	705	32 90		32 90
Sheep.....	107	241 00		241 00
Steers.....	1	30 00		39 00
Straw..... pounds..	1,320	3 00	96	3 96
Sundries.....		35 40	23 75	59 24
Turkeys.....	1	75		75
Wool..... pounds..	594	136 92		136 92
Total.....		2,908 52	8,276 80	11,185 38

I certify that the foregoing statement of "receipts and expenditures on account of stable" is a correct abstract from the books in my office.

R. E. FLEMING, *Secretary.*

The loss on account of the stable is only apparent, as the value of hay on hand at the end of the year and the increase in the value of sta-

ble stock during the year will more than offset the excess of expenditures over receipts.

FARM AND GARDEN.

The report of the operations of the farm and garden is, for obvious reasons, made for the calendar year 1879, during which the value of their products and the expenditures on account thereof were as follows:

Cash value of crops raised.....	\$9,616 96
Labor furnished by farm to construction and repairs.....	151 40
Total receipts.....	9,768 36
Cash expended on account of farm and garden.....	\$4,095 31
Bought of Home on account of farm and garden.....	1,885 43
Gross expenditures on account of farm and garden.....	5,980 74
Net profits of farm and garden.....	3,787 62

Quantity and value of crops raised during the year 1879.

Products.	Crop raised year 1879.			Sales.				
	Quantity.	Value.	Total value.	To Home.		For cash.		Total.
				Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Apples..... bushels	24	\$0 75	\$18 00	24	\$18 00			\$18 00
Asparagus..... bunches	74	10	7 40	74	7 40			7 40
Beans, string..... bushels	35	50	17 50	35	17 50			17 50
Beets..... do	377	25 @ 50c	168 50	377	168 50			168 50
Cabbage..... pounds	37,925	01	379 25	37,025	370 25	900	\$9 60	379 25
Carrots..... bushels	878 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 @ 50c	281 06	878 $\frac{1}{2}$	281 06			281 06
Celery..... dozen	23	25	5 75	23	5 75			5 75
Corn..... bushels	667	30 @ 40c	184 50	667	184 50			184 50
Cucumbers..... do	143 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	89 69	143 $\frac{1}{2}$	89 69			89 69
Currants..... do	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 00	6 50	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 50			6 50
Fire-wood..... cords	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$3 50	335 63	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	335 63			335 63
Fodder..... tons	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 00	129 24	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	129 24			129 24
Gooseberries..... bushels	8	1 00	8 00	8	8 00			8 00
Hay..... tons	278 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 00	3,618 05	278 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,618 05			3,618 05
Hay, green..... do	45	4 00	180 00	45	180 00			180 00
Ico..... do	887	25 @ \$1	622 05	200	260 00	627	362 65	622 05
Lettuce..... pounds	4,477	04	179 08	4,477	179 08			179 08
Logs.....	2	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 25			2	1 25	1 25
Mangel wurtzel..... tons	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 00	187 82	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	187 82			187 82
Oats..... bushels	2,123	26	551 98	2,123	551 98			551 98
Onions..... do	488 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	244 19	488 $\frac{1}{2}$	244 19			244 19
Parsnips..... do	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	50	7 37	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 37			7 37
Pease, green..... do	83	1 25	103 75	83	103 75			103 75
Pasturing cattle and horses..... heads	46	5 00	230 00	46	230 00			230 00
Pasturing sheep..... do	170	1 00	170 00	170	170 00			170 00
Potatoes..... bushels	2,084	20 @ 70c	1,208 65	2,652	1,195 85	32	12 80	1,208 65
Pumpkins..... pounds	2,200	00 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 00	2,200	11 00			11 00
Rhubarb..... do	940	62	18 80	940	18 80			18 80
Seeds..... quarts	4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	50			4	50	50
Spinach..... pounds	3,968	1 @ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c	74 21	3,968	74 21			74 21
Squash..... do	9,908	01	99 08	9,908	99 08			99 08
Straw, oats, barley..... tons	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 00	382 50	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	382 50			382 50
Tomatoes..... bushels	132	50	66 00	132	66 00			66 00
Turnips..... do	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 @ 50c	29 06	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	29 06			29 06
Totals.....			9,616 96		9,230 76		380 20	9,616 96

* NOTE.—\$2.50 @ \$3.50.

Market value of products and net profits of farm and garden for seven years.

1873, market value of crops raised,	\$8,748 39,	net profit of farm,	\$3,504 37
1874, market value of crops raised,	9,193 90,	net profit of farm,	2,150 00
1875, market value of crops raised,	9,414 10,	net profit of farm,	3,404 31
1876, market value of crops raised,	7,581 07,	net profit of farm,	2,037 91
1877, market value of crops raised,	8,488 63,	net profit of farm,	2,903 37
1878, market value of crops raised,	8,575 94,	net profit of farm,	2,419 10
1879, market value of crops raised,	9,768 36,	net profit of farm,	3,787 62

1873-'9, market value of crops raised, 61,770 39, net profit of farm, 20,206 68

During the last seven years about one hundred and forty acres of farming land has been reclaimed, cleared up, drained, and brought under cultivation, and the productiveness of the whole farm has been greatly increased. Of the profits of the farm during that period the sum of \$9,264.09 has been expended for its permanent improvement.

CLOTHING.

The rule for issuing clothing at this branch is as follows: To each beneficiary when admitted to the Home for the first time clothing is issued without charge to the value of \$21.55; subsequently he is allowed clothing to the value of \$24.37 per year, and if he has an income exceeding five dollars per month, from pension or extra duty, or both, he is required to pay for all clothing issued to him in excess of his admission suit; otherwise it is donated to him. The following table exhibits the kind, quantity, and value of all clothing issued during the year.

Articles issued.	Quarter ending—				Donated to beneficiaries.		Paid for by beneficiaries.		Total for the year ending June 30, 1880.	
	September 30, 1879.	December 31, 1879.	March 31, 1880.	June 30, 1880.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
Blouses, unlined	143			170	287	\$507 99	26	\$46 02	313	\$554 01
Blouses, lined	20	238	119	44	355	756 15	66	140 58	421	896 73
Blouses, lined, new stock	9	42	46	13	70	203 00	40	116 00	110	319 00
Blouses, lined, new stock (extra)		1	1		1	4 15	1	4 15	2	8 30
Boots, togus, new stock ..	2	9		4			15	37 50	15	37 50
Boots	10	10	3	4	7	14 40	20	41 40	27	55 80
Caps, forage	114	171	111	114	448	197 12	62	27 28	510	224 40
Caps, firemen			2		2	2 00			2	2 00
Cloth, dark blue, yards ..	1½	5½	2½	3	2	5 34	10½	27 37	12½	32 71
Coats, great	3	172	158		271	1,444 43	62	330 46	333	1,774 89
Coats, great, new stock ..		2	21		20	128 80	3	10 32	23	148 12
Coats, uniform	77	93	82	73	293	1,626 15	32	177 60	325	1,803 75
Coats, uniform, new stock	5	26	32	14	71	692 25	6	58 50	77	750 75
Coats, uniform, new stock (extra)			1		1	12 00			1	12 00
Drawers, pairs	365	516	306	360	1,320	805 20	233	142 13	1,553	947 33
Flannel, blue, yards	4½		4½	11½			20½	12 15	20½	12 15
Frocks, fatigue		2	1				3	1 89	3	1 89
Gowns, hospital		3	24		27	27 00			27	27 00
Hats, uniform	72	56	85	55	262	262 00	6	6 00	268	268 00
Kersey, sky blue, yards ..	16½	18½	10	3	24½	21 66	23½	20 78	48½	42 44
Overalls, pairs	30	37	14	40	61	66 49	72	78 48	133	144 97
Ponchos		9			8	21 04	1	2 63	9	23 67
Shirts, cotton	2	2	50		50	37 50	4	3 00	54	40 50
Shirts, firemen			9	5	14	21 00			14	21 00
Shirts, knit	386	504	348	379	1,502	1,502 00	175	175 00	1,677	1,677 00
Sashes, N. C. O.			1		1	1 00			1	1 00
Slippers, hospital	12	47	100	100	250	129 50			250	129 50
Shoes	203	263	103	209	746	805 20	122	146 40	868	1,041 60
Socks, pairs	454	613	473	489	1,095	491 55	334	96 86	2,029	588 41
Trowsers, pairs	184	179			303	630 30	60	126 00	363	762 30
Trowsers, new stock, pairs	17	119	182	255	469	1,430 45	104	317-20	573	1,747 65
Blouses, condemned							19	5 85	19	5 85
Coats, great, condemned ..							16	9 07	16	9 07
Coats, uniform, condemned							33	69 30	33	69 30
Miscellaneous								59 16		59 16
Totals						11,041 76		2,208 98		14,240 74

LAUNDRY.

The work of the Home laundry, in which 6 men were regularly employed during the year, has been as follows:

Articles.	First quarter ending Sep- tember 30, 1879.	Second quarter ending Decem- ber 31, 1879.	Third quarter ending March 31, 1880.	Fourth quarter ending June 30, 1880.	Total for the year ending June 30, 1880.
Aprons.....	664	711	504	519	2,398
Bed spreads.....	183	182	177	97	639
Bed ticks.....	66	133	166	15	380
Blankets.....	262	304	496	95	1,157
Blouses.....	9	56	22	16	103
Canvas suits.....	1	2			3
Cloths, table.....	78	84	78	74	314
Drawers, pairs.....	3,841	4,856	4,194	3,829	17,020
Hospital gowns.....	34	45	32	16	127
Mosquito bars.....	1	8	1		10
Napkins.....	416	418	416	416	1,690
Overalls.....	195	147	101	143	586
Pillow slips.....	8,928	10,140	9,441	8,524	37,039
Sheets.....	9,051	10,411	9,601	8,749	37,812
Shirts.....	4,865	6,264	6,303	5,136	22,568
Socks.....	1,632	3,344	2,435	1,986	9,397
Towels, hand.....	6,894	7,071	7,167	5,844	26,976
Towels, roller.....	4,348	4,589	4,343	4,367	17,647
Trowsers, pairs.....	135	183	181	127	626
Vests.....	3		2	2	7
Wrappers.....			8		8
Miscellaneous.....			12		12
Totals.....	41,606	48,984	45,980	39,955	176,525

SHOPS.

The following table exhibits the number of mechanical trades carried on at this branch during the year ending June 30, 1880, with number of men employed in each shop, amount of expenditure, value of products, and net profit in each, to wit:

Mechanical trades.	Number of men employed.	Expenditures.			Receipts.			Totals.	Profit.
		Tools and materials on hand, June 30, 1879.	Cash.	Home.	Total.	Cash.	Home.		
Blacksmith shop.....	2	\$708 00	\$972 51	\$98 08	\$1,770 10	\$111 16	\$1,110 63	\$701 53	\$1,092 32
Carpenter shop.....	9	439 31	2,781 33	18 06	3,238 70	294 26	12,592 59	367 19	3,254 04
Harness shop.....	1	277 28	918 16	3 35	1,198 79	66 90	1,096 00	228 33	1,391 23
Paint shop.....	11	173 57	1,920 45		2,094 02	131 12	1,865 87	158 35	2,185 34
Printing office and bookbindery.....	4	1,076 40	536 72	1 26	1,614 38	357 08	375 37	1,061 65	1,794 10
Shoe shop.....	2	280 48	650 85		937 33	654 90	85 80	211 70	952 46
Tin shop.....	3	415 50	955 96	1 10	1,372 56	227 40	933 31	405 14	1,565 85
Total.....	32	3,370 54	8,735 98	122 45	12,234 97	1,842 82	8,098 57	3,193 95	13,135 34
									900 37

* Including 1 citizen. † This item includes a credit of \$3.38 for tools lost. ‡ This item includes a credit of \$7.85 for tools turned in to the quartermaster as worn out.

OFFICE BUSINESS.

Some idea of the amount of office business transacted by the commandant and treasurer, may be obtained from the following statement of the number of papers issued from his office during the year ending June 30, 1880:

Letters written	1,671
Indorsements made	518
General orders issued	172
Circular orders issued	4
Special orders issued	136
Admission papers made	379
Consolidated morning reports made	494
Discharges made	170
Applications for military history	65
Home records furnished other branches	70
Furloughs given and extended	797
General requisitions examined and signed	1,743
Subsistence requisitions examined and signed	744
Reports of cash sales examined and settled	119
Returns of property examined and settled	296
Details examined and signed	518
Transportation orders given	827
Purchase orders given	1,561
Vouchers and abstracts examined and approved	3,206
Pension abstracts made	2,676
Checks drawn	5,239

Total number of examinations and signatures required..... 21,405

In addition to the foregoing a vast amount of correspondence has been conducted for individual beneficiaries of which no office record has been made.

DISCIPLINE.

The following tabular statement exhibits the number and nature of offenses committed against the discipline of the Home during the year ending June 30, 1880, by pensioners and by non-pensioners, and the amount of penalties imposed on each class, to wit:

Nature of offenses.	Pensioners.	Non-pensioners.	Total.
Drunk	194	214	408
Under influence of liquor	312	240	561
Absence without leave	776	505	1,281
Assault, and fighting in quarters	7	4	11
Bringing liquor into the Home	8	5	13
Theft or robbery	1	3	4
Disposing of uniform clothing	2	.....	2
Violation of other rules	147	160	309
Other misdemeanors	19	11	30
Whole number of offenses	1,466	1,151	2,617
Total amount of fines imposed	\$3,480 50	\$1,400 00	\$4,940 50
Total number of days' labor imposed as penalties	793	5,746	6,539
Total number of days' confinement in guard-house	530	881	1,319
Amount of fines remitted during the year	\$270 53	\$104 00	\$464 53

The whole number of pensioners in the Home during the year was 468, of which 236, or fifty per cent., committed 1,456 offenses, and 232 committed no offenses; the whole number of non-pensioners in the

Home during the year was 779, of which 315, or forty per cent., committed 1,151 offenses, and 464 committed no offenses. The following tabular statement exhibits the number of offenses committed by each beneficiary during the year, to wit:

	Total.		Total.
1 man committed 38 offenses.....	38	6 men committed 12 offenses.....	72
1 man committed 35 offenses.....	35	7 men committed 11 offenses.....	77
1 man committed 30 offenses.....	30	8 men committed 10 offenses.....	80
1 man committed 28 offenses.....	28	16 men committed 9 offenses.....	144
1 man committed 24 offenses.....	24	23 men committed 8 offenses.....	184
2 men committed 23 offenses.....	46	27 men committed 7 offenses.....	189
3 men committed 21 offenses.....	63	25 men committed 6 offenses.....	155
3 men committed 20 offenses.....	60	29 men committed 5 offenses.....	140
2 men committed 19 offenses.....	38	43 men committed 4 offenses.....	172
1 man committed 18 offenses.....	18	68 men committed 3 offenses.....	204
1 man committed 17 offenses.....	17	92 men committed 2 offenses.....	184
7 men committed 16 offenses.....	112	158 men committed 1 offense.....	158
7 men committed 15 offenses.....	105		
10 men committed 14 offenses.....	140		2,617
8 men committed 13 offenses.....	104		

696 inmates committed no offenses.

Of twelve hundred and fifty-seven beneficiaries who have been cared for in this branch of the Home during the year, six hundred and ninety-six have committed no offense against the discipline of the Home or the laws of the land; and one hundred and fifty-eight have committed but one offense each.

The number of offenses against the discipline of the Home has been materially increased during the year just closed, by the payment of large arrears of pension directly to the pensioners in person, as many of them, on receiving their checks from the pension agent, have at once plunged into a career of unrestrained indulgence and excess, from which it has been impossible to rescue them until their money had been entirely squandered without benefit to any, and they themselves had become so completely demoralized as to set at defiance all rules of conduct.

Dishonorable discharges.

Number.	Name.	Company and regiment.	Number of general order.	Date.	Cause.
1	A— McB—	F, 1 La. Vols.....	66	July 1, 1879	Stealing \$3.60 worth of Home property, and absent without leave.
2	W— L—	G, 91 N. Y. Vols...	81	July 22, 1879	Drunkenness, absent without leave, disorderly conduct; an incorrigible offender.
3	J— N—	F, 19 Me. Vols....	82	July 22, 1879	Refusing to perform labor imposed as a penalty for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.
4	J— R—	G, 34 N. J. Vols...	104	Sept. 24, 1879	Committing a nameless crime on a child of six years.
5	J— F—	E, 183 Pa. Vols....	105	Sept. 24, 1879	Making an unprovoked assault on the provost-sergeant, declaring it to be his purpose to kill him.
6	J— P. C—	I, 3 Pa. Art.....	128	Nov. 24, 1879	Obtaining admission upon false and fraudulent statements, drawing a pension while he stated under oath that he was a non-pensioner.
7	H— J. S—	G, 1 Del. Vols.....	134	Dec. 8, 1879	Drunkenness and absence without leave; an incorrigible offender.
8	H— H—	II, 18 Mo. Vols....	135	Dec. 9, 1879	Abusing and taking improper and indecent liberties with patients in the hospital while watchman thereof.

Dishonorable discharges—Continued.

Number.	Name.	Company and regiment.	Number of general order.	Date.	Cause.
9	M— S—	D, 2 Ohio Cav	139	Dec. 18, 1879	Drunkenness, absence without leave, disposing of uniform clothing, vulgar and indecent habits.
10	P— H—	A, 113 Ill. Vols	6	Jan. 10, 1880	Disgracing the Home and their comrades by becoming drunk and disorderly at the funeral of Dr. E. B. Wolcott, manager, in Milwaukee, January 8, 1880.
11	P— S—	A, 18 N. Y. Vols	6	Jan. 10, 1880	
12	D— S—	K, 24 Wis. Vols	6	Jan. 10, 1880	
13	J— T. E—	F, 21 Iowa Vols	10	Jan. 20, 1880	Disobedience of orders; addressing non-commissioned officers with threatening, indecent, and insolent language.
14	J— L. D—	H, 139 N. Y. Vols	11	Jan. 20, 1880	Making false statements for the purpose of obtaining control of his pension, and writing an insolent letter concerning a member of the board of managers.
15	J— H—	H, 32 Ind. Vol.	19	Feb. 10, 1880	Bringing liquor on the Home grounds.
16	P— C—	K, 136 N. Y. Vols	20	Feb. 11, 1880	Refusing to perform police duty, and repeated insubordinate conduct.
17	G— E. H—	M, 2 Wis. Cav	41	Mar. 25, 1880	Drunkenness, absence without leave, and planning the robbery of another inmate.
18	F— K—	C, 14 N. Y. H. Art	49	Apr. 13, 1880	Absence without leave, lounging around saloons, and interfering with the provost guard.
19	D— S—	D, 28 Mass. Vols	51	Apr. 19, 1880	Drunkenness, disorderly conduct, fighting with citizens, assaulting a woman, and committing an act of bestiality.
20	G— N. B—	E, 3 N. Y. Vols	81	June 18, 1880	Drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and planning the robbery of another inmate.
21	E— G—	L, 15 N. Y. H. Art	82	June 20, 1880	Absence without leave and drunkenness; an incorrigible offender.
22	E— H. B—	B, 1 Mass. H. Art	84	June 24, 1880	Refusing to perform labor imposed as a penalty for misconduct.
23	P— H—	E, 2 N. J. Cav	86	June 27, 1880	Refusing to perform labor imposed as a penalty for misconduct.

SANITARY REGULATIONS.

General Orders of this branch, No. 19, dated March 18, 1875, requires all beneficiaries of the Home to bathe not less frequently than once a week; and the company sergeants, charged with the execution of this order, submit the following reports:

Report of Sergeant Joseph Horle, Company A: "The provisions of General Orders No. 19, dated March 18, 1875, in reference to the inmates taking a bath once a week has been strictly complied with during the past year, with beneficial results to the health of the inmates and sanitary condition of the Home."

Report of Sergeant Thomas J. Woods, Company B: "I have the honor to state that General Order No. 19 has been strictly complied with during the past year, with results beneficial to the health, cleanliness, and comfort of the men."

Report of Sergeant J. P. Barker, Company C: "I have the honor to report that General Order No. 19 has been strictly carried out in this company, and the result is general cleanliness and good health."

Report of Sergeant Henry Topping, Company D: "I have the honor to state the provisions of General Order No. 19 were strictly complied with during the past year in this company, with results promotive of health and cleanliness."

INSPECTION BY THE PUBLIC.

During the year just closed four thousand four hundred and eighty visitors, representing every part of the country and several foreign nations, have registered at the office and been shown through the buildings, and many of them have taken occasion to express to the commandant their gratification at the cleanliness and good order which has prevailed. And it is estimated that upwards of seventy thousand people have visited the Home Park within the period embraced in this report.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
EDWARD W. HINCKS,
Commandant and Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF EASTERN BRANCH FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 1880.

1.

Question. What is the total number of soldiers and sailors cared for or aided by your branch during the year ending June 30, 1880?—Answer. 1,391.

Question. How many have been admitted to your branch during the year?—Answer. 220.

Question. How many have been readmitted?—Answer. 65.

Question. How many honorably discharged?—Answer. 220.

Question. How many dishonorably discharged?—Answer. 4.

Question. How many transferred to other branches?—Answer. 34.

Question. How many deserted?—Answer. 49.

Question. What was the average number present?—Answer. 49.

Question. What was the average number present and absent?—Answer. 1,075.

4.

Question. Of the whole number supported or aided during the year, how many belonged to the Regular Army?—Answer. 9.

Question. How many to the volunteer service?—Answer. 1,383.

5.

Question. How many were disabled during the war of the rebellion?—Answer. 1,384.

Question. How many during the war of 1812?—Answer. 2.

Question. How many during the Mexican war?—Answer. 5.

6.

Question. Of the whole number, how many were colored?—Answer. 1.

7.

Question. From what State did they come, or in what States did they enlist?—Answer:

Maine	247	Ohio	11
New Hampshire	115	Illinois	9
Vermont	21	Iowa	3
Massachusetts	534	Kentucky	2
Rhode Island	62	Wisconsin	3
Connecticut	51	Michigan	2
New York	231	Virginia	2
New Jersey	12	Alabama	1
Pennsylvania	27	Louisiana	1
Maryland	3	Minnesota	4

8.

Question. How many under 30 years of age?—Answer. 1.

Question. How many between 30 and 50?—Answer. 738.

Question. How many between 50 and 70?—Answer. 608.

Question. How many over 70?—Answer. 44.

9.

Question. How many married, with wives and minor children or either still living?—Answer. 557.

10.

Question. How many native born?—Answer. 577.

Question. How many foreign born?—Answer. 814.

Question. What the nativity of the latter?—Answer:

Ireland.....	571	France.....	8
Germany.....	90	Mexico.....	1
England.....	69	Norway.....	1
Scotland.....	34	Spain.....	2
Wales.....	4	Italy.....	4
Canada.....	30		

11.

Question. What their trades or occupations?—Answer:

Barbers.....	8	Molders.....	7
Bakers.....	7	Painters.....	44
Blacksmiths.....	27	Printers.....	8
Clerks.....	49	Plasterers.....	2
Butchers.....	3	Seamen.....	20
Carpenters.....	51	Shoemakers.....	103
Cabinet-makers.....	2	Slaters.....	2
Cigar-makers.....	22	Stone-cutters.....	6
Coopers.....	2	Surveyors.....	1
Farmers.....	130	Telegraphers.....	3
Harness-makers.....	9	Weavers.....	56
Hatters.....	5	Wheelwrights.....	2
Hostlers.....	16	Bookbinders.....	12
Jewelers.....	4	Engineers.....	9
Lawyers.....	1	Curriers.....	1
Laborers.....	674	Dentists.....	3
Machinists.....	23	Tinsmiths.....	2
Masons.....	32	Tailors.....	29
Musicians.....	16		

12.

Question. Of the whole number cared for, how many could read and write?—Answer. 950.

Question. How many could do neither?—Answer. 441.

Question. Of the latter what per cent. were native and what per cent. were foreign?—Answer. Native, 31; foreign, 69.

Question. Of the whole number, how many lost both arms?—Answer. 1.

Question. How many one arm?—Answer. 53.

Question. How many with one leg?—Answer. 54.

Question. How many a leg and an arm?—Answer. None.

Question. How many disabled by other wounds or disease incurred in the service?—Answer. 1,283.

13.

Question. How many totally blind?—Answer. 3.

Question. How many partially blind?—Answer. 8.

14.

Question. How many insane, totally or partially?—Answer. Partially, 6; totally, 13.

Question. How many of these men were sent to the insane asylum?—Answer. Asylum at Washington, 13.

15.

Question. How many have been treated in hospital during the year, and for what disease?—Answer. 238.

Apoplexy.....	1	Hemorrhage.....	2
Amputations.....	4	Hepatitis.....	4
Asthma.....	15	Influenza.....	16
Alcoholism.....	12	Mental aberration.....	6
Accidents.....	6	Ulcers (indolent).....	9
Blind.....	9	Neuralgia (acute).....	2
Bright's disease of kidney.....	3	Ophthalmia.....	1
Chorea.....	2	Paralysis.....	5
Cancer.....	1	Paralytic insanity.....	2
Constipation.....	21	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	26
Dropsy.....	2	Pneumonia.....	1
Dyspepsia.....	8	Prostatitis.....	1
Diarrhea (acute).....	7	Pleuritis.....	2
Diarrhea (chronic).....	2	Rheumatism (chronic).....	15
Epilepsy.....	3	Senility.....	11
Erysipelas.....	1	Syphilis.....	6
Fistula in ano.....	1	Stomatitis.....	3
Fever, intermittent.....	12	Tonsillitis.....	1
Heart-disease.....	4	Tumors.....	1
Hernia (strangulated) reduced by taxis.....	4	Peritonitis.....	1
Hemorrhoids.....	4	Gastritis.....	1

Question. How many treated in quarters, and for what?—Answer. 591.

Alcoholism.....	26	Hemorrhoids.....	9
Asthenopia.....	10	Hernia.....	8
Asthma.....	36	Hepatitis.....	27
Gonorrhœa.....	12	Hypochondriasis.....	10
Bronchitis.....	20	Insanity.....	7
Cardialgia.....	7	Lumbago.....	20
Catarrh.....	26	Neuralgia.....	12
Cephalalgia.....	24	Obstipatio.....	50
Chilblain.....	3	Odontalgia.....	56
Chorea.....	2	Paralysis.....	6
Conjunctivitis.....	9	Pleuritis.....	16
Colitis.....	24	Phthisis.....	68
Dyspepsia.....	19	Rheumatism (chronic).....	28
Eczema.....	4	Sciatica.....	16
Enuresis.....	1	Syphilis.....	5
Epilepsy.....	3	Ulcers (indolent).....	46
Fistula in ano.....	1		

Question. If any marked difference, how do you account for the fact?—Answer. By their disabilities becoming more troublesome each year.

16.

Question. How many have died during the year, and of what disease?—Answer. 39 in hospital; while on furlough, 23.

Apoplexy.....	1	Senility.....	3
Chorea.....	1	Paralysis.....	4
Cancer of stomach.....	1	Rheumatism (chronic).....	3
Carcinoma.....	1	Peritonitis.....	1
Bright's disease of kidneys.....	2	Gastritis.....	1
Phthisis pulmonalis.....	17	Diarrhea (chronic).....	1
Disease of brain.....	1	Pneumonia.....	1
Hemorrhage.....	1	While on furlough.....	23

Question. Comparing the number of deaths with the number cared for, what has been the per cent. of the former?—Answer. 2.08.

16 a.

NATIONAL HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS, EASTERN BRANCH,
June 30, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report as surgeon of this branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880. No epidemic diseases during the year. While the number of deaths have somewhat increased, the percentage is small when taken into consideration that some of the deaths were old men, also, that one-half of the whole number were of recent admissions, coming to us in the last stages of decay. Each succeeding year adds greatly to their infirmities, especially those who are advanced in years and are suffering from pulmonary diseases.

Respectfully,

J. G. MAXFIELD,
Surgeon.

General WILLIAM S. TILTON,
Deputy Governor.

17.

Question. How many have received pensions?—Answer. 460.

Question. What is the total amount received during the year?—Answer. \$63,370.20.

Question. How much of this was retained in any way by the Home?—Answer. \$9,664.90.

Question. How much of this was sent or used for benefit of dependent's wife, mother, child, or sister?—Answer. \$28,500.

Question. How much is still held by the Home in trust for pensioners?—Answer. \$4,185, by general treasurer.

Question. What amount of interest has been received or is receivable on pensions for the year?—Answer. The above amount is invested in 4 per cent. government bonds.

18.

Question. What mechanical trades have been carried on at your branch?—Answer. Boot and shoe manufactory.

Question. How many men have been so employed?—Answer. 47.

Question. What has been the total product of their labor?—Answer. \$55,783.21.

Question. What the net profits, if any, of same?—Answer. \$14,830.37.

19.

Question. What has been the total product of your farm and garden, and the net profit, if any?

FARM.

A tabular statement showing the product and disposition of each product.

Crops raised, quantity, and market value.	Value.	Remaining on hand January 1, 1879.		Sales to—								Cash sales to citizens and inmates.	Remaining on hand.		Total.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Subsistence.		Construction.		Stable.		Household.			Quantity.	Value.		
				Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.					
250 tons hay, at \$11.....	\$2,750 00							250	\$2 750 00							\$2,750 00
400 bushels carrots and beets, at 25 cts.	100 00							400	100 00							100 00
10 tons corn-fodder, at \$6.....	60 00							10	60 00							60 00
Pasturage.....	250 00								250 00							250 00
600 bushels small potatoes, at 25 cts.	150 00							600	150 00							150 00
50 bushels potatoes, at 17½ cents.....	8 70											50	\$8 70			8 70
500 bushels potatoes, at 50 cents.....	250 00			500	\$250 00											250 00
2,100 bushels potatoes, at 60 cents.....	1,260 00			400	1,260 00											1,260 00
33½ tons cabbage, at \$40.....	1,340 00			33½	1,340 00											1,340 00
112 bushels beans, rye, at \$2.25.....	252 60			112	252 00											252 00
200 tons ice, at \$1.....	200 00									200	\$200 00					200 00
20 tons sugar beets.....	88 84															88 84
40 hemlock logs, at \$10 per M feet.....		40	\$400 00			40	\$400 00									400 00
60 hemlock boards, at \$11 per feet.....	660 00					60	660 00									660 00
33 cords bark, at \$4.....		33	132 00											33	\$132 00	132 00
35 cords bark, at \$4.....	140 00													35	140 00	140 00
122½ cords wood, at \$3.50.....	428 75									122½	428 75					428 75
3 cords wood, at \$3.50.....	10 50											3	10 50			10 50
Sawing.....	178 30						40 00						138 30			178 30
Total.....	8,127 09		532 00		3,102 00		1,100 00		3,310 00		628 75		246 34		272 00	8,659 09

20.

Question. What has been the total number of inmates employed for pay during the year?—Answer. 280.

Question. What is the total amount so paid them for services or labor?—Answer. \$20,586.54.

21.

Question. How many volumes in your library?—Answer. 4,763.

Question. What increase in number since last report?—Answer. 333.

Question. What number of daily newspapers?—Answer. 20.

Question. What of weeklies?—Answer. 113.

Question. What of magazines and periodicals?—Answer. 18.

Question. In what languages are the above?—Answer. English, French, German, and Italian.

Question. How many books have been taken out and read during the year?—Answer. 17,815.

Question. How is the reading room attended; how much the papers, &c., read?—Answer. Fully attended, and its papers constantly in use.

22.

Question. What means have been used for the moral and religious improvement of the inmates, and what success has attended these efforts?—Answer. Religious services.

Question. What religious services have been held, whether Catholic or Protestant, and how are they attended?—Answer. Protestant every Sunday and Catholic every other Sunday, which are largely attended. The Sunday School organized by Rev. Mr. Upjohn, October, 1879, now numbers thirty-two pupils, all of whom are children of inmates of the Home.

Question. What Christian, temperance, or other societies have been in existence, and what has been their membership?—Answer. Saint Peter and Paul's Veteran Total Abstinence, organized September, 1875, 50 members in good standing. Independent Order of Good Templars, organized January 14, 1878, 75 members in good standing. The G. A. R. has 135 members, all in good standing.

23.

Question. What have been your means and sources of amusement?—Answer. Theater, lectures, &c., in winter; library at all times; billiard-tables, bowling-alley, checkers, and dominoes.

Question. Have you a band?—Answer. We have a band composed of nineteen members under a leader (citizen).

Question. Have you other musical or dramatic associations?—Answer. There are two dramatic associations, who give entertainments during the winter.

Question. How many lectures, concerts, and entertainments have you had during the year?—Answer. 58.

Question. What new buildings have been constructed and what improvements to buildings and grounds during the year?—Answer. None.

Question. What amount has been expended therefor?—Answer. None.

Question. What number of men can you now care for at your branch, having due reference to health and comfort?—Answer. 950, including those living outside.

Question. What is the number actually present at the time of making your report?—Answer. 744.

Question. Will the number increase or diminish, in your opinion, during the next three months?—Answer. Increase.

Question. Can you properly care for all who will apply during the present year?—Answer. Yes.

Question. From your experience in the Home and your knowledge of the subject give your opinion as to whether the number of disabled soldiers who will seek admission to the Home will increase or diminish during the next ten years?—Answer. I believe that the number will not increase for the next ten years, as the death-rate is likely to increase sufficiently to balance the number of new comers.

24.

Question. What influence, if any, have the improvements of the buildings, adornment of the grounds, and the several opportunities for labor, instruction, amusement, &c., had upon the men?—Answer. A very good one. It would be impossible to manage so many men without some occupation for their minds.

Question. Is discipline made easier?—Answer. It is.

Question. Are the men improved in character and morals?—Answer. —They are.

Question. Are the men contented and happy?—Answer. Yes.

25.

Question. What has been the total amount for running expenses of your Home during the year?—Answer:

	Subsistence.	Current expenses.	Incidental expenses.	Transportation.	Hospital.	Household.	Total.
First quarter.....	\$14,230 26	\$5,131 72	\$437 50	\$250 60	\$834 65	\$1,740 41	\$25,028 23
Second quarter.....	10,120 03	5,160 66	389 46	543 77	1,289 25	5,917 96	32,421 13
Third quarter.....	14,498 49	5,031 42	444 06	74 28	918 56	2,365 66	23,332 47
Fourth quarter.....	13,256 75	5,202 92	403 94	554 05	1,222 20	1,729 56	22,369 51
Total.....	61,105 53	20,529 72	1,075 05	1,422 70	4,264 75	14,753 59	103,751 34

Question. What has been the average cost of keeping each man in your Home during the year?—Answer. With clothing, \$140.28; without clothing, \$123.51.

Question. Have you a store at your branch, why was it started, and how is it managed; and what have been the gross sales and net profits during the year; and what generally have been the uses and purposes to which its profits have been devoted?—Answer. We have; gross sales, \$8,375; net profits, \$1,374.02. The store is managed by the storekeeper and clerk under the supervision of the deputy governor. The profits have been applied to the purchase of music and costumes for the theater, books for the library, and generally for the men's amusement.

Question. What have been the moral influences, if any, resulting from its establishment?—Answer. They have been good, inasmuch that the men are deprived of any excuse to go to town for any little things that they may desire to purchase.

26.

Question. State any other fact or matter that will tend to show the workings of the Home, or the results accomplished during the year?—

Answer. The late president of the Board of Managers in one of his reports called attention to the probability of such a future death-rate among the men as one likely to be so large as to excite the fear of an epidemic. The truth of this premonition is foreshadowed already in the greater number of deaths occurring among us during the past six or eight months than ever before. The youngest among the volunteers of 1861 are now prematurely old at forty, while those who were more advanced in years at that time are alive only through the help of a good constitution that has carried them through the fatigues and vicissitudes of war.

All that can be done in the way of good care will be done for these veterans of one or two wars, but ten years will see their numbers decreased 50 per cent.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. TILTON,
Deputy Governor.

Table showing expenditures and receipts of the Eastern Branch.

		Expenditures.			Receipts.			Expenditure in excess of receipts.	Receipts in excess of expenditures.
		Home.	Cash.	Total.	Home.	Cash.	Total.		
Subsistence	A	\$7,623 73	\$58,788 23	\$66,411 96	\$2,392 30	\$2,914 13	\$5,306 43	\$61,105 53	
Construction and repairs	B	2,328 33	10,405 73	12,734 06		156 38	156 38	12,577 68	
Stable	C	4,165 92	5,338 20	9,504 12	9,544 12	1,346 20	10,690 32		\$1,186 20
Personal property	D		363 89	363 89				363 89	
Current expenses	E	2,390 78	19,358 76	22,749 54	1,860 54	359 28	2,219 83	20,529 72	
Incidental expenses	F		1,679 29	1,679 29		4 24	4 24	1,675 05	
Transportation	G		4,883 38	4,883 38		3,460 68	3,460 68	1,422 70	
Clothing	H		31 00	31 00		1,163 73	1,163 73		1,132 73
Hospital	I		4,297 62	4,297 62		32 87	32 87	4,264 75	
Farm	K	2,680 89	5,772 50	8,453 39	8,140 75	597 57	8,738 32		284 93
Household	L	2,772 58	12,315 49	15,088 07		334 48	334 48	14,753 59	
Manufactures	M	976 51	3,103 50	4,080 01	2,201 03	2,100 83	4,301 86		221 85
Total		23,938 74	126,337 59	150,276 33	23,938 74	12,470 39	36,409 13	116,692 91	2,825 71

Table showing cost of principal articles of subsistence.

Articles.	Quarter ending September 30, 1879.		Quarter ending December 31, 1879.		Quarter ending March 31, 1880.		Quarter ending June 30, 1880.		Year ending June 30, 1880.	
	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.	Quantity.	Price.
Beef*.....pounds...	45,940	\$0 08.19	44,435	\$0 08.17	37,129	\$0 08.11	29,545	\$9 08.30	157,049	\$0 08.19
Mutton and veal*.....do.....	8,300	09.09	10,044	09.00	10,025	09.00	10,189	09.00	38,558	09.00
Pork, clear.....barrels...	26	12 50	42	12 77	22	15 98	30	15 50	120	13 98
Mackerel.....do.....	18	5 24	20	7 00	22	8 27	20	8 00	80	7 20
Butter.....pounds...	8,134	14.81	8,754	20.28	7,699	22.30	5,381	21.88	29,968	19.60
Cheese.....do.....	511	06.75	1,441	10.06	1,478	13.62	1,214	13.85	4,644	11.82
Lard.....do.....	2,150	07.46	2,084	07 93	1,372	08.62	1,669	08.10	7,275	07.97
Flour†.....barrels...	404½	6 46	352	7 28	378	7 75	279	6 57	1,413½	7 04
Coffee, green.....pounds...	3,610	15.50	4,050	17.17	2,800	17.50	3,297	16.19	13,767	16.56
Sugar, granulated.....do.....	8,155	08.79	11,687	09.78	3,482	09.87	9,304	09.77	32,628	09.54
Sugar C. coffee.....do.....	8,448	07.46	9,973	0 54	4,061	08.25	8,453	07.96	30,935	08.05
Tea, Oolong.....do.....	1,204	32.00	1,199	36.33	985	36.00	1,228	34.07	4,616	34.29
Number of rations issued.....	76,703		79,980		80,491		70,439		307,613	
Cost of a ration.....		18.50		20.57		19.89		19.07		19.51

* Delivered at the Home.

† Delivered in Augusta.

Freight and cartage from Boston to Home, \$6 per ton.

BILL OF FARE.

Sunday.

Breakfast.—Baked beans, brown bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Corned beef, pickles, bread-pudding, sauce, bread, coffee.

Supper.—Crackers or prunes, bread, butter, tea.

Monday.

Breakfast.—Eggs or mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast beef, potatoes, pickles, bread, coffee or tea, sirup.

Supper.—Apple sauce, bread, butter, tea.

Tuesday.

Breakfast.—Meat-hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Corned beef, pickles, potatoes, bread, tea, sirup.

Supper.—Gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.

Wednesday.

Breakfast.—Baked beans, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled beef, vegetable soup, bread, sirup.

Supper.—Apple sauce or prunes, bread, butter, tea.

Thursday.

Breakfast.—Meat-hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled ham, potatoes, pickles, bread, coffee, sirup.

Supper.—Crackers, bread, butter, tea.

Friday.

Breakfast.—Mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Fresh or salt fish, potatoes, bread, boiled rice, sirup, tea or coffee.

Supper.—Gingerbread, bread, butter, tea.

Saturday.

Breakfast.—Eggs or fish-hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Roast mutton or veal, potatoes, tea or coffee, sirup.

Supper.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.

Fruit and vegetables in season.

JOHN HODGSON,
Acting Steward.

Approved.

WM. S. TILTON,
Deputy Governor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH NATIONAL
HOME FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1880.

Question 1.

What is the total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for at your branch from June 30, 1879, to June 30, 1880?—Answer. 1,106.

Question 1a.

What has been the total number of disabled soldiers and sailors cared for or aided at your branch from its first establishment to June 30, 1880?—Answer. 2,503.

Question 2.

How many have been admitted to your branch during the year ending June 30, 1880?—Answer. 156.

How many readmitted?—Answer. 74.

How many transferred from other branches?—Answer. 50.

How many honorably discharged?—Answer. 84.

How many dishonorably discharged?—Answer. 21, for the following causes: Incurable drunkenness and absence without leave; jumping the fence and remaining absent without leave; using disrespectful and vulgar language to lady visitors on the grounds; selling government clothing, and bringing liquor into camp.

How many summarily discharged?—Answer. 6.

How many transferred to other branches?—Answer. 53.

Question 3.

What is the average number present during the year ending June 30, 1880?—Answer. 673.

What was the average number present and absent?—Answer. 818.

Question 4.

Of the whole number supported or aided during the year ending June 30, 1880, how many belonged to the Regular Army, how many to the volunteer service, how many to the Navy?—Answer. To the Regular Army, 49; to the Volunteer service, 1,035; to the Navy, 22.

Question 5.

Of the whole number supported and aided during the year ending June 30, 1880, how many were disabled during the war of the rebellion, how many during the war of 1812, or how many during the Mexican war?—Answer. During the war of the rebellion, 1,019; during the war of 1812, 2 (both dead); during the Mexican war, 85.

Question 6.

Of the whole number supported during the year ending June 30, 1880, how many were colored men?—Answer. Number of colored men, 65.

Question 7.

From what States did they come, or in what States did they enlist?—
Answer:

California	5	New Mexico	2
Connecticut	23	New York	302
Delaware	16	New Jersey	83
District of Columbia	66	New Hampshire	12
Illinois	23	Ohio	20
Indiana	15	Oregon	1
Iowa	4	Pennsylvania	266
Kansas	8	Rhode Island	15
Kentucky	19	Tennessee	1
Louisiana	12	Texas	1
Maine	11	Vermont	8
Maryland	63	Virginia	27
Massachusetts	40	West Virginia	9
Michigan	10	Wisconsin	11
Minnesota	2	Washington Territory	1
Missouri	30		

Question 8.

How many under 20 years of age?—Answer. None.
How many between 20 and 30 years of age?—Answer. 1.
How many between 30 and 50 years of age?—Answer. 675.
How many between 50 and 70 years of age?—Answer. 406.
How many over 70 years of age?—Answer. 24.

Question 9.

How many married, with wives or minor children still living, as near as can be ascertained?—Answer. 316.

Question 10.

How many native born?—Answer. 442.
How many foreign born?—Answer. 664.
What the nationality of the latter?—Answer:

Austria	17	Italy	5
Belgium	4	Malta	1
Canada	11	Nova Scotia	1
Denmark	1	Poland	1
England	32	Scotland	19
France	12	Switzerland	43
Germany	205	Sweden	1
Hungary	5	Wales	5
Holland	8		
Ireland	293		664

Question 11.

What were their trades or occupation? Give number of each.—Answer:

Agents	2	Bakers	12
Artists	1	Bookkeepers	4
Blacksmiths	16	Brush-makers	2
Bricklayers	23	Basket-makers	1
Butchers	8	Bookbinders	4
Boiler-makers	4	Carpenters	47
Brewers	5	Cigar-makers	12
Barbers	14	Clerks	70

Coopers	1	Miners	8
Cabinet-makers	12	Metal-finishers	4
Coachmen	22	Merchants	2
Calico-printers	6	Mule-spinners	8
Civil engineers	2	Nail-makers	1
Carpet weavers	2	Opticians	1
Dairymen	2	Paper-hangers	1
Drivers	40	Peddlers	8
Electrotypers	1	Painters	23
Engineers	30	Plasterers	22
File-cutters	1	Pavers	1
Furriers	10	Policemen	2
Fishermen	4	Rectifiers	1
Farmers	60	Sailors	47
Gardeners	40	Soldiers	36
Gas-fitters	25	Soap makers	2
Glaziers	1	Surgical-instrument makers	1
Glass-makers	1	Silver-polishers	1
Harness-makers	1	Stone-cutters	2
Hatters	22	Teamsters	40
Hostlers	33	Telegraph operators	2
Hucksters	16	Teachers	4
Jewelers	1	Tinsmiths	3
Laborers	206	Tailors	18
Leather-dressers	4	Wheelwrights	2
Machinists	41	Waiters	25
Marble-sawyers	1		
Molders	6	Total	1,106
Musicians	20		

Question 11a.

Of the whole number present June 30, 1880, how many could read and write, and how many could do neither? Of the latter, what per cent. were native born and what per cent. foreign born?—Answer. Number able to read and write, 644; number unable to do either, 25; of the latter the per centage is, native born, 25; foreign born, 75.

Question 12.

Of the number cared for during the year, how many have lost both arms?—Answer. 1.

How many have lost both legs?—Answer. None.

How many have lost both leg and arm? Answer. None.

How many one arm?—Answer. 31.

How many one leg?—Answer. 36.

How many disabled by other wounds received in the service?—Answer. 627.

How many disabled by sickness contracted in the service?—Answer. 412.

Question 13.

How many blind—totally or partially?—Answer. Number totally or partially, blind 28.

Question 13a.

How many totally blind; how many partially blind?—Answer. Number totally blind, 10; number partially blind, 18.

Question 14.

How many insane, totally or partially? How many of these men were sent to the insane asylum at Washington?—Answer. Number insane, totally or partially, 11; number sent to insane asylum, 7.

Question 15.

How many have been treated in hospital during the year, and for what diseases?—Answer. Number treated in hospital during the year 277, for the following diseases:

Apoplectic seizure.....	1	Gunshot wound (old)	1
Alcoholism	7	Gastralgia	3
Amputation	2	General debility	6
Asthma	6	Gravel	5
Abscess	4	Hypertrophy of liver.....	3
Bilious derangement	15	Hernia	4
Bronchitis	4	Heart disease	10
Bubo	3	Incontinence of urine.....	9
Bright's disease.....	3	Incised wound	2
Convulsions	6	Insanity	2
Chronic bronchitis	6	Iritis	1
Chronic colic	4	Lumbago	4
Chronic jaundice.....	2	Locomotor ataxia	2
Chronic inflammation of liver	3	Neuralgia	6
Corneitis	1	Old age	3
Consumption	7	Phthisis pulmonalis.....	26
Chronic diarrhoea	14	Peritonitis.....	3
Concussion of brain	1	Paralysis	5
Constipation	5	Poison	1
Cancer	3	Piles	7
Dyspepsia	6	Phthisical laryngitis.....	2
Dropsy	2	Partially blind.....	5
Dysentery	8	Rheumatism.....	12
Diarrhoea	5	Sciatica	5
Epithelioma	2	Scrofula	5
Epilepsy	4	Spinal disease	2
Forti collis	1	Typhoid fever.....	1
Fever, malarial (chronic)	5	Vertigo.....	4
Fever, intermittent	6		
Fracture of ribs.....	1	Total.....	277

Question 15a.

How many treated in quarters, and for what?—Answer. Number treated in quarters 1,498, for the following diseases:

Anthrax	7	Contused feet.....	9
Asthma.....	19	Constipation	25
Acetonism.....	107	Derangement of liver.....	126
Armaurosis	7	Dyspepsia	42
Abscess	5	Dysentery.....	21
Aneurism.....	4	Diarrhoea.....	98
Ague	25	Dropsy	1
Aural catarrh.....	17	Erysipelas.....	10
Bronchitis	8	Eczema	16
Bright's disease.....	5	Epilepsy.....	3
Bubo	5	Fever, intermittent	19
Bronchial catarrh.....	10	Fever, continued.....	9
Cholera morbus.....	24	Fistula in ano	5
Colic	15	Fracture, clavicle.....	1
Chills	15	Fracture, ribs.....	1
Costiveness.....	24	Fracture, scapula.....	1
Catarrh, nasal.....	16	Flatulency	2
Cataract	5	Granular ophthalmia.....	20
Cough	65	Gonorrhea.....	18
Cramps	30	Gastritis	7
Conjunctivitis	6	Gunshot (old wound).....	37
Cystitis.....	16	Gleet.....	5
Convulsions	2	Gravel.....	9
Cancer	2	Gastralgia	9
Contused hands.....	4	Gout.....	1
Calculous nephritis.....	17	Hemorrhoids	12

Hemorrhage	5	Paralysis	12
Hydrocele	5	Poisoned wounds	3
Hæmoptysis	7	Pharyngitis	12
Heart disease	56	Rheumatism	108
Hernia	12	Rupture of tympanum	1
Herpes	1	Skin disease	35
Indigestion	46	Syphilis	7
Insomnia	12	Seracita	9
Incontinence of urine	2	Sprain	6
Incised wounds	3	Stricture	7
Jaundice	8	Scrofula	3
Lumbago	32	Sore lips	2
Locomotor ataxia	1	Tonsillitis	4
Neuralgia	50	Toothache	14
Necrosis of scapula	4	Ulcer	12
Neuralgia of stump	1	Vertigo	24
Nervous debility	2	Worms	1
Ophthalmia	2		
Orchitis	11	Total	1,498
Phthisis	11		

Question 15b.

Was the percentage of men treated in hospital and quarters greater or less than last year; if any marked difference, how do you account for the fact?—Answer. Greater; owing to the enfeebled condition of inmates on admission, and the increase in number cared for. The sanitary condition of the Home has been excellent.

Question 15c. -

Comparing the number of deaths with the whole number cared for, what has been the percentage of the former; what was it last year, and what the year before?—A. Answer. Whole number cared for, 1,106; deaths, 40; percentage of deaths, 3½; percentage for six months ending June 30, 1879, 1.36.

Question 16.

How many have died during the year, and of what disease?—Answer. Died during the year in the Home, 40, and of the following diseases:

Apoplexy	1	General debility	1
Bright's disease	1	Organic disease of liver	1
Chronic diarrhoea	6	Heart disease	4
Cancer	1	Inflammation of bowels	3
Concussion of brain	1	Inflammation of knee joint	1
Dropsy	2	Old age	2
Delirium tremens	1	Phthisis	13
Epilepsy	1		
Exhaustion	1	Total	40

Question 17.

How many have received pensions; what is the total amount received during the year; how much of this was retained in any way, or for any purpose, by the Home; how much was sent or used for the benefit of dependent wife, child, mother, or sister; how much is still held by the Home in trust for the pensioner; and what amount of interest has been received, or is receivable on pensions for the year?—Answer:

Number having received pensions	472
Total amount received during the year	\$57,637 47
Amount retained by Home	13,848 33
Amount remitted to dependents	16,070 90
Amount still held by Home	6,485 75
Amount of interest received	None.
Due two years' interest	

Question 20.

What has been the total number of inmates employed for pay at your branch during the year ending June 30, 1880, and what is the total amount so paid for service or labor?—Answer. Number of inmates employed for pay at this branch during the year ending June 30, 1880: Number employed, 282; amount paid for service or labor, \$16,564.53.

Question 21.

How many volumes in your library? What increase in number since last year? What number of daily newspapers? What of weeklies? What of magazines and periodicals? In what languages are the above? How many books have been taken out and read during the year? How is the reading-room attended, and how much are papers, &c., read?—Answer:

Number of volumes in library.....	2,691
Increase during the year.....	757
Number of daily newspapers.....	27
Number of weeklies.....	95
Number of magazines, &c.....	12

The reading-room is well attended from the time it is opened in the morning until its close in the evening.

Question 22.

How many have attended school, including those for telegraphing, music, &c., during the year? What branches have been taught, and what number fitted to earn their own living?—Answer. There has been no school at this branch during the year.

Question 23.

What means have you used for the moral and religious improvement of the men, and what success has attended these efforts? What religious services, whether Catholic or Protestant, have been held, and how are they attended? What Christian, temperance, or other societies have been in existence, and what has been their total membership during the year?—Answer. Protestant and Catholic services have been held weekly; they have been well attended. The chaplains have been regular in their visits to the sick in the hospital and attending to their spiritual needs. Theatrical, mutual improvement, and benevolent and other societies, including the Grand Army of the Republic, have flourished, with a membership of about 400.

Question 24.

What have been your means and sources of amusement? Have you a band and other musical and dramatic associations? How many lectures, concerts, and entertainments have you had during the year?—Answer. Our means and sources of amusement during the year have been a continuation of the many and various amusements organized several years since, consisting of brass and string band, musical and dramatical associations, lectures, concerts, &c. These, with the many outside sports, such as yachting, fishing, oystering, crabbing, boat-racing, foot, crutch, and sack races; and indoor games, composed of cards, chess;

dominoes, backgammon, checkers, billiards, and pool games, bowling, &c., have done much to please and gratify the men, thereby making their sojourn at the Home, away from their families and friends, as pleasant and agreeable as possible under the circumstances.

Question 24a.

What new buildings have been constructed, and what improvements to buildings and grounds made during the year, and what amount expended thereon?—Answer. Ventilating main building, new gas-house, enlargement of bakery, new boiler, and additional story to engine-room and boiler-house; new well-house, addition to amusement hall, green-house, and adornment of grounds generally, at a cost of \$12,522.64.

Question 24b.

What number of men can you care for at your branch, having due reference to health and comfort? What is the number actually present at the making of your report? Will the number, in your opinion, increase or diminish during the next three months? Can you properly care for all who will apply during the present winter?—Answer. Having due reference to health, not more than 725 inmates should be cared for at this branch during the winter months, and 650 during summer months. Number present this date, November 18, 1880, 705.

Question 24c.

From your experience in the Home and your knowledge of the subject, give your opinion as to whether the number of disabled soldiers who will seek admission to the Home will increase or diminish during the next ten years.—Answer. From my experience in the Home service, I will venture to predict an increase in the number of admissions during the next five years, and thereafter there will be a gradual reduction in the number of inmates.

Question 25.

What influence, if any, have the improvements of the buildings, adornments of the grounds, and the several opportunities for labor, instruction, amusement, &c., had upon the men? Is discipline made easier? Are the men improved in character and morals? Are the men contented and happy?—Answer. A soldier, like any person in the usual walks of life, is fond of his home. Anything done to improve it, either the adornment of grounds or the improvement of buildings, makes him happy; and as a contented and easy mind creates happiness, it therefore follows discipline is made easier, which I am much pleased to say is the present status of this Home.

Question 26.

What has been the total current or running expenses of your branch during the year? In answering question 26, give total running expenses of each quarter in tabular form.—Answer :

Abstracts.		First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.	Whole year.
A	Subsistence.....	\$10,996 72	\$11,747 68	\$12,301 68	\$12,700 57	\$47,746 65
B	Construction and repairs.....	1,181 00	3,932 95	3,690 98	1,868 36	13,673 29
C	Stable.....	1,013 87	2,663 61	1,877 75	1,227 80	6,813 06
D	Personal property.....	105 68	90 20	327 00	321 07	843 95
E	Current expenses.....	3,344 42	4,062 91	3,292 44	3,490 93	14,190 40
F	Incidental expenses.....	439 99	328 76	215 70	475 89	1,460 25
G	Transportation.....	876 78	1,118 92	1,305 74	1,141 89	4,443 33
H	Clothing.....	1,789 87	2,563 25	2,086 06	1,872 22	8,311 40
I	Hospital supplies.....	1,662 92	1,586 00	1,527 71	1,645 16	6,421 79
K	Farm.....	1,095 10	738 31	826 01	984 76	3,644 18
L	Household expenses.....	1,173 69	2,569 02	2,610 13	5,347 33	14,700 17
M	Manufactures.....	570 55	520 67	489 62	820 31	2,401 15
Total.....		30,280 29	31,922 31	30,550 82	31,896 20	124,649 62

Abstracts.		Credits.	Expenditures during year.	Current or running expenses during year.
A	Subsistence.....		\$47,746 65	\$47,746 65
B	Construction and repairs.....	\$356 51	13,316 78	
C	Stable.....	6,394 87	418 19	
D	Personal property.....		843 95	
E	Current expenses.....		14,190 40	14,190 40
F	Incidental expenses.....	16 21	1,444 04	1,444 04
G	Transportation.....	3,432 38	1,010 95	1,010 95
H	Clothing.....		8,311 40	8,311 40
I	Hospital supplies.....	9 25	6,412 54	6,412 54
K	Farm.....	2,616 69	1,027 49	
L	Household expenses.....	2,524 87	12,175 30	12,175 30
			106,897 69	
M	Manufactures.....	2,434 28	33 13	
Total.....		17,785 06	106,864 56	91,291 28

Total amount of current or running expenses, including clothing, during the year..... \$91,291 28
 Total cost of keeping each inmate, including clothing, during the year..... 135 75
 Total amount of current or running expenses, not including clothing, during the year..... 82,979 88
 Total cost of keeping each inmate, not including clothing, during the year..... 123 39

Question 26b.

Give in tabular form, as far as practicable, the articles of subsistence purchased and used; with the quantity and price delivered at the Home, of the leading articles, as number of barrels of flour, pounds of coffee, tea, sugar, &c., with average price paid therefor each quarter, including transportation to the Home.—Answer :

Articles.	Quantity.	First quarter.	Second quarter.	Third quarter.	Fourth quarter.
Bacon..... pounds.	20,355	\$0 05	\$0 04½	\$0 06	\$0 05½
Beef, fresh..... do.	93,728	5½	5½	7½	7½
Beef, corned..... do.	36,400	4½	4½	5	5
Butter..... do.	30,188				
Cheese..... do.	4,295	7½	10	14-15	15
Coffee, Rio..... do.	11,133	11½	12-15	14	14
Codfish, boned..... do.	5,995	3½	4½	5½	4½
Sugar, white..... do.	10,216	9	9½-10½	10-10½	10½
Sugar, brown..... do.	33,331	7	7½-8½	7½	8
Tea, mixed..... do.	5,755	30	30	30	30-32½
Flour..... barrels.	870				
Mackerel..... do.	155	8 50	8 50	8 50	8 75
Pork..... do.	65	10 50	10 25	14 00	14 00
Potatoes..... bushels.	3,800	75	66	60	70

Question 26c.

Give cost of ration for each quarter, and average cost of the same for the year.—Answer. First quarter, 18.58 cents; second quarter, 18.64 cents; third quarter, 19.45 cents; fourth quarter, 20.92 cents; whole year, 19.39 cents.

Cost of subsistence issued during first quarter.....	\$10,996.72
Average number of inmates present during quarter.....	643
Cost of subsistence issued during second quarter.....	\$11,747.68
Average number of inmates present during quarter.....	685
Cost of subsistence issued during third quarter.....	\$12,301.68
Average number of inmates present during quarter.....	695
Cost of subsistence issued during fourth quarter.....	\$12,700.57
Average number of inmates present during quarter.....	667

Question 56d.

Have you a regular prescribed bill of fare and hospital list? If so, give copies, and state what are your regulations as to their observance.—Answer. We have a regular

BILL OF FARE.

Sunday.

Breakfast.—Baked beans, pork, bread, butter, coffee.
Dinner.—Roast beef, gravy, potatoes, bread, rice pudding, coffee.
Supper.—Apple sauce, bread, butter, tea.

Monday.

Breakfast.—Boiled mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.
Dinner.—Corned beef, turnips, potatoes, bread, tea.
Supper.—Stewed prunes, bread, butter, tea.

Tuesday.

Breakfast.—Meat hash, bread, butter, coffee.
Dinner.—Roast beef, gravy, beets, potatoes, bread, coffee.
Supper.—Oatmeal mush, molasses, bread, butter, tea.

Wednesday.

Breakfast.—Irish stew, bread, butter, coffee.
Dinner.—Boiled bacon, cabbage, potatoes, bread, tea.
Supper.—Peach sauce, bread, butter, tea.

Thursday.

Breakfast.—Corned beef, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.
Dinner.—Roast pork, gravy, turnips, potatoes, bread, tea.
Supper.—Hominy grits, bread, butter, molasses, tea.

Friday.

Breakfast.—Boiled mackerel, potatoes, bread, butter, coffee.
Dinner.—Oyster soup, bread pudding, crackers, pickles, bread, butter.
Supper.—Cheese, bread, butter, tea.

Saturday.

Breakfast.—Cod-fish hash, bread, butter, coffee.

Dinner.—Boiled beef, vegetable soup (or pot pie), boiled beets, bread.

Supper.—Stewed prunes, bread, butter, tea.

The surgeon orders daily for the sick and convalescent, from special diet list, comprising beefsteak, beef tea, chickens, cocoa, crackers, custard, eggs, farina, milk, rice, tongue, sago, gruel, arrowroot, ale, wine, spirits, &c.

Question 26f.

Have you a store at your branch? Why was it started? How is it managed, and what have been its gross sales and net profits during the year, and what generally have been the uses and purposes to which its profits have been devoted?—Answer. We have a store at this branch; it was started by the authority of the honorable Board of Managers. It is managed by the deputy governor, who employs a sales clerk. The steward does the purchasing, and issues checks receivable for goods. Gross sales during the year, \$17,412.88; net profits, \$8,160.82.

Question 27d.

State any other facts or matter that will tend to show the working of the Home, or the results accomplished during the year.—Answer:

Total amount of clothing issued	\$9,598 73
Of which amount was given to inmates.....	8,311 40
- Of which was sold	1,287 33
Total amount paid for transportation.....	4,033 97
Of which was paid for by the men.....	3,432 38
Of which was paid for by the Home.....	601 59

Statement showing quantity and value of clothing issued and sold during the year ending June 30, 1880.

Articles.	Donated.	Value.	Sold.	Value.	Total.	Value.
Blouses, lined	544	\$1,158 72	69	\$146 07	613	\$1,305 69
Boots, pairs	7	17 50	47	117 50	54	135 00
Caps, forage	401	176 44	101	44 44	502	220 88
Coats, uniform	227	1,259 85	15	83 25	242	1,343 10
Coats, great	143	762 19			143	762 19
Drawers, pairs	1,200	244 20	181	121 27	1,441	965 47
Hats, uniform	257	857 00	4	4 00	261	261 00
Overalls, pairs	6	6 00	25	27 50	31	34 10
Shirts	1,378	1,378 00	161	161 00	1,542	1,542 00
Shoes, pairs	601	751 25	118	147 50	719	898 75
Socks, pairs	1,473	368 25	430	167 50	1,903	475 75
Trousers, pairs	634	1,331 40	154	323 40	788	1,654 80
Total		8,311 40		1,287 33		9,598 73

There were 166,376 pieces washed in the laundry by four men and one laundress.

This office has nothing further to add, the subject being completely exhausted by the foregoing twenty-six questions.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

P. T. WOODFIN,
Deputy Governor.