

The Twenty-third Regt., N. Y., Vols., Holds Its Annual Reunion at Elmira—The Secretary's Report of the Proceedings.

The sixteenth annual reunion of the 23d Regt., N. Y. Vols., was held at the rooms of Baldwin post, No. 6, G. A. R., at the Armory building in Church street, Elmira, Saturday, Sept. 17. The meeting was called to order by the president of the association, John O'Connor, Co. H, and sixty-three comrades responded to the roll call as follows:

Co. A, A. S. Gould, Campbell; Horace Eells, Joseph Furtherer, Bath; S. O. Allen, Kanona.

Co. B, F. M. Lockwood, Titusville, Pa.

Co. C, J. J. Lovless, Smithboro.

Co. D, Elias W. Palmer, Corning; J. A. Gilbert, E. L. Martin, Elmira; Wm. Whitford, Kendall; Thos. Jones, Montour Falls; Nelson Jones, James O. M. Russell, Corning.

Co. E, H. Corydon Brown, Owego; Geo. W. Foulke, Chemung; Samuel Hubbell, Wm. N. Ball, Waverly; Wm. H. McCutcheon, Thad. H. Woodard, Chemung; Geo. B. Morgan, Pine Valley; D. H. McIntyre, Erin.

Co. F, Miles W. Jenkins, East Elmira; Geo. Van Gorder, Joseph Randall, Major G. V. R. Merrill, Elmira; J. M. Berry, Troy, Pa.; C. A. Pitts, Southport; Martin Bien, Nelson Brown, Wm. Woodhouse, Chas. Thomas, Elmira; Daniel Chase, Gillets, Pa.; Johnson Little, Chas. Casady, North Chemung; Oscar Nelson, Penn Yan; H. Argetsinger, Hicks; Samuel H. McManus, Pine Valley.

Co. G, Lieut. Ira Cone, Livonia; Anson Prentiss, Hornellsville; H. A. Van Schoter, Buffalo.

Co. H, Benj. Austin, Hopewell Centre; Samuel L. Palmer, Cortland; Fred Burritt, Bath; John O'Connor, Elmira; Geo. H. Edgcomb, Cortland.

Co. I, Wm. R. Paulding, Altay; C. M. Everts, North Hector; S. B. Shewman, Elmira Heights; Wm. Sreeves, Watkins; Co. I, James Handy, Hector; Henry Wallenback, Addison B. Dart, Henry H. Saylor, Mecklenburg.

Co. K, E. B. Pickering, Marvin Beckwith, Wm. M. Walter, Major H. H. Rockwell, Clinton Robbins, Willard G. Johnson, Elmira; E. E. Rockwell, Lawrenceville, Pa.; C. C. Thompson, Bentley Creek, Pa.; C. W. Sweet, Waverly; D. G. Beckwith, Pine City.

Letters of regret from the following named comrades were read: Gen. N. M. Crane, Wayne, N. Y.; Judge Seymour Dexter, Elmira; Augustus Morse, Piqua, Ohio; T. C. Saunders, Devil's Lake, N. D.; F. N. Van Wormer, Ceres; John H. Woodward, Portland, Oregon; R. B. Youngs, Washington, D. C.; J. W. Manier, Binghamton; Chas. H. Whittlesey, Chicago; Joseph Walton, Auburn; J. M. Miles, Scio; Chas. G. Lewis, Penn Yan; W. H. Dunn, Grove Springs; Wm. Martin, Westwood, Mich.; Lorenzo D. Smith, Sandwich, Ill.; Col. W. B. Kinsey, Philadelphia; Rev. A. F. Bailey, Barre, Mass.; Hiram R. Smith, Washington, D. C.; Geo. W. Collins, Owens Mills, N. Y.; Wm. Bixby, Vinton, Iowa; Lorenzo Howes, Elmira; D. O. Clough, Moravia; L. H. Kenyon, Utopia, N. Y.; J. K. Wright, Marinette, Wis.; A. S. Masten, McGrawville, N. Y.; Llewellyn Jersey, Beaverkill, N. Y., and Thomas Dodd, Truxton.

Elmira was again selected as the place for holding the 17th annual reunion, and the date left with the officers of the association to name. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$118.15. The following were unanimously elected as the officers of the association for the coming year:

President, Lieut. Ira Cone, Co. G, Livonia, N. Y.

Secretary, H. Corydon Brown, Co. E, Owego.

Treasurer, Lorenzo Howes, Co. K, Elmira.

Vice-presidents, Rev. A. S. Gould, Co. A, Campbell; Frank M. Lockwood, Co. B, Titusville, Pa.; James J. Lovless, Co. C, Smithboro; Elias W. Palmer, Co. D, Corning; Geo. W. Foulke, Co. E, Chemung; Chas. Thomas, Co. F, Elmira; Anson Prentiss, Co. G, Hornellsville; Henry H. Saylor, Co. I, Mecklenburg; Benj. Austin, Co. H, Hopewell Centre; Chas. C. Thompson, Co. K, Bentley Creek, Pa.

Major H. H. Rockwell, Hon. Seymour Dexter, Major G. V. R. Merrill, R. B. Van Gorder, Capt. Hugh J. Baldwin, and John O'Connor were appointed a committee on entertainment at the next annual reunion. On motion of the secretary, a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Baldwin post, No. 6, G. A. R., for the use of their rooms in which to hold our reunion, and to the retiring president, John O'Connor, for the interest he has exhibited in making such excellent arrangements for our reunion. Remarks were made by comrades Edgcomb, Everts, Brown, Gould, E. E. Rockwell, and others.

At 2 P. M. the association adjourned for dinner, marching in a body to the dining hall of Mrs. Gardner in Lake street, where an elegant dinner was served, to which all did ample justice. After dinner many returned to the armory, where the time was spent in social converse until called to separate in order to reach their trains for home.

Our ranks are fast thinning out, as shown by the dozen or more deaths reported since our last meeting. A few more reunions here and our last one will be held and all will have passed over the river. I can but wonder at the lack of interest felt by so many in these pleasant annual gatherings, and hope for a better attendance at our next.

The 23rd regiment was mustered into the service at Elmira May 16, 1861, and contained two companies from Elmira, Co. F, Capt. Dingleday, and Co. K, Capt. Fowler, and one each from the following

named places: Co. A, Capt. Schlick, Bath; Co. B, Capt. Loydon, Ouba; Co. C, Capt. Barstow, Owego; Co. D, Capt. Todd, Corning; Co. E, Capt. Powers, Waverly; Co. D, Capt. Doty, Hornellsville; Co. H, Capt. Clark, Cortland, and Co. I, Capt. Chapman, Watkins. Leaving Elmira July 5, 1861, the regiment arrived in Washington, about midnight of the 6th. On Sunday, the 7th, we had dress parade in Pennsylvania avenue directly in front of the National hotel. On the 8th we went into camp on Meridian hill, two miles north of Washington, where we remained until after the first Bull Run battle. Then we went across the Potomac to Fort Runyon, and thence to Arlington, Upton's hill, etc., etc. Among the battles in which the 23rd was engaged during their two years service were, Rappahannock Station, Sulphur Springs, Second Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, and Fredericksburg.

It is now 35 years since the 23rd were mustered out of the service and our annual reunions increase in interest as the years roll by and our ranks are depleted by the dread messenger.

H. CORYDON BROWN.