

1st Regular Meeting, Soldiers Gymnasium
11th. N.Y. Battery Jan. 14. 1864

A number of members of the 11th New York Battery, being assembled, proceeded to Organize a Society for mutual improvement.

A Constitution and By Laws were passed upon and adopted with some amendments. The Constitution was then signed by those wishing to become members, and the Society proceeded to the Election of Officers.

Mr. John Kilmer was elected President, Mr. Vandenberg Vice President, and Wm A. Dalton Secretary & Treasurer. Messrs. Crouse, Kelly & Groesbeck were appointed by the President as Committee on Questions, for two weeks. Question resolved on for next meeting, was "Resolved that it is the best policy of the Soldiers now in the Union Army to enlist for the war." Mr. Patterson on the Affirmative & Mr. Ropes on the negation. The disputants then chose their Colleagues. Messrs Badger, Peane & Grubb were appointed a committee of ways & means. The Society then adjourned until Monday evening, Jan. 18. 1864.

(Signed) Wm. A. Dalton
Secretary

2d Regular meeting of the Soldiers
Sycamore of the 11th N.Y. Battery
In camp near Brandy Station

Jan. 18, 1864

The Society met pursuant to adjournment
and was called to order by the President.
Minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved. A motion was then carried
that the Disputants be allowed to designate
their Colleagues as they wished them to
Speak - Mr. Benton was appointed a com-
mittee to invite Mr. Draper - Citizen of Troy
N.Y. to attend the meeting. The Society
then proceeded to debate the question -

Resolved, "that it is the best policy of Soldiers
now in the Union Army to enlist for
the war." It was decided in favor of the
affirmative. The Society then passed
a vote of thanks to the Committee on
Questions. The Question Selected
for the next debate was, "Resolved, that
women should be allowed the Elective
Franchise in the same manner as
is accorded to men". Disputants
appointed were, Mr. Groesbeck on the
affirmative & Mr. Kelly on the negative.

Messrs Vandenberg, Patterson & Ropes
were appointed a committee on Questions.
Mr. Lesonsie, was appointed Critic.

Messrs, Briggs, Reynolds & Ouderskirk were
appointed a committee of ways & means.
Motion made & carried, that Honorary
members be allowed to join the Society
and a clause be inserted in the Constitution

to that effect. On a motion authorizing
the President to appoint a janitor
Mr Hastings was appointed as such.

Motion carried that hereafter the
meetings shall commence at $\frac{1}{4}$ before
6 O'clock and that debate shall close $\frac{1}{4}$
before 8 O'clock.

Some amendments to the By-laws
were then passed, and the Society
adjourned until $\frac{1}{4}$ before 6 P.M.
Monday January 25. 1864.

(Signed) Wm. A. Dalton
Secretary

1st Special Meeting of the Soldiers
Lyceum of the 11th N.Y. Battery, in
Camp near Brandy Station Va.

The members being assembled,
were called to order by the President.

Motion carried to proceed to the Election
of Officers. Election resulted in Mr.
Vandenberg being Elected President.

Mr. Kelly, Vice President; Mr. Ropes Sec.
and Treasurer.

By vote of the Society
the Elections were made unanimous.

Motion carried that the Sanitor be instruc-
ted to give to members the choice of Seats

Motion made that all committees appointed
by the President shall serve during the term
of his office. Motion carried that the

Committee of way & means be instructed
to procure Blank books & other necessities
for use of the Society; and upon so doing
report amount of funds expended.

Society then heard the Report of the
Committee of last meeting which was accepted.

Motion then carried that a clause
be inserted in the Constitution requiring
members absenting themselves without
sufficient excuse to pay a fine of 25 cts.

Society then adjourned.

(Signed)

Wm A Dalton

Secretary

3^d Regular Meeting of the
Soldiers Lyceum, of the 11th N. Y. Battery
In Camp near Brandy Station Va.
Jan 25th 1864

The Society met pursuant to adjournment - was called to order by the Pres.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Society then proceeded to debate the question, "Resolved that women should be allowed the Elective Franchise, in the same manner as is accorded to men" It was decided in the negative.

The Critics report was then made and accepted. The Question selected for the next debate was, "Resolved that the \$300.00 commutation clause should be stricken out of the present enrollment bill, lately before Congress."

The newly elected President then took his seat; a vote of thanks to the President vacating the Chair was passed.

Disputants appointed were Mr. Badger on the Aff. and Mr. Pearce on the Neg. Messrs. Robertson, Dalton & Fitzpatrick were appointed Com. of Ways & Means. Mr. Broughton appt. Janitor. Com. on Questions Messrs Pearce Badger and Gillett. Mr. Kelly was appt. Critic.

The Society then adjourned till 15 minutes before 6. P. M. Monday Feby 1st 1864

Elihu H. Ropes
Secy

4th Regular Meeting of the Soldiers
Lyceum of the 11th N.H. Battery In Camp near
Brandy Station Va. February 1st 1864

The Society met pursuant to adjournment
and was called to order by the Pres. The Secy Mr Ropes
being absent, the Pres. appointed Mr. Paterson Secy pro tem.

Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The debate came next in order. The question "Resolved
that the 300 dollar commutation clause should be stricken
from the present enrollment bill now before Congress"
was decided in favor of the Negative. An essay was
then read by Mr Paterson, Subject - "Uncle Sam"

Critic's report was then made and accepted.

The question chosen for the next debate was, "Resolved,
that it is for the future good of the country to re-elect
Abraham Lincoln as the next President of the United
States."

Disputants - Mr Robertson on the aff. -
Mr Briggs on the neg. The following committee were
appointed on questions Messrs. Kilmer, Davis and
Underkirk.

Com. on Ways & Means Messrs. Lamson
Hill & Reynolds. Janitor Mr Gillett. Critic Mr.

Groesbeck. Mr Briggs withdrew the motion he laid
before the Society at the previous meeting. The Society
then adjourned till Monday evening February 8th.

Elihu H. Ropes
Secy.

5th Regular Meeting of the
Soldiers & Sailors of the 11th N.Y. Battery

In Camp near Brandy Station Va Feb 8th 1864

The Society met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President. The following members were fined by the Pres. for absence Messrs Grubb, Hastings, Putnam, Hollis, Gale, Barnes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The debate was next in order & was taken up.

Motion made & carried that new members be allowed to speak in place of absent colleagues. On motion adjourned till after roll-call. met again, called to order by the Pres. and debate resumed. Mr Kelly by motion was allowed 2 minutes over his time. Mr Pearce Jr. was by motion

invited to speak. the debate was decided in favor of the Affirmative. Critics report was then made and accepted question chosen for debate at next reg. meeting - Resolved that Congress should repeal the Homestead Bill and only grant land, whether confiscated or otherwise, to those who have served in the Army of the U. S. Disputant on the Aff. Mr Broughton, on the Neg. Mr Dalton.

It was moved & carried that the election of officers take place, between the last Monday evening of their term, and the next regular meeting.

The President announced a special meeting on Friday evening, Feb 12th.

On motion adjourned.

Elihu H. Lopes
Secy.

Second Special Meeting of the soldiers
lyceum. 11th N.Y. Battery. In camp near
Brandy Station. Va

The society met pursuant to adjournment, and
was called to order by the President. The roll
was called, and fines against absentees were
announced. The meeting then proceeded to
the election of officers. Mr. Grosser was
elected President; Mr. Gillet. was elected
V.P.; Mr. Briggs, elected Secretary, and
Treasurer. The President was escorted to
the chair by Mr. Grossbeck, and de-
livered his inaugural address. The Pres-
ident made the following appointments.
Committee on questions: Messrs Vandenberg
Patterson and Kelly. Committee on ways
and means: Messrs. Kilmur, Wisell, and Gross-
beck. Motion carried that the committee
on ways and means, be appointed as their
names occur on the roll. Mr. Robertson
was appointed Janitor. On motion the ques-
tion, before the house to be discussed was
done away with, and the following one substitu-
ted in its stead. "Resolved that the South-
ern states will present stronger inducements
for immigration than the western territories
at the close of the war." On motion, the
club were invited sing, and did so,
receiving the thanks of the society for
so doing. On motion the society adjourn-
ed

R. B. Briggs Sec.

Sixth Regular Meeting of the Soldiers
Sycamore of the 11th N.Y. Battery in camp
near Grandy Station Va. Feb. 15th 1864

The society met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. The roll was called, & the following members were absent. Dutton. Rogers. Oldenbush. Kilmer. Packer. Burton. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read & accepted; The minutes of the last special meeting were read, and rejected. An announcement was made to them by Mr Vandenberg, when they were accepted. An essay was furnished by Mr Gronner, & read by Mr. Reynolds. The debate being next in order, was opened on the Aff. by Mr. Kelly. The question was decided in favor of the affirmatives. The critics report was made & accepted. The committee on questions reported & the following one was accepted. "Resolved that the pains to which the human race is subject in this life counterbalance the pleasures. Mr Russell was appointed disputant on the Affirmative. and Mr. Reynolds disputant on the Negative. Mr. Patterson was requested to deliver an oration; and Mr Reynolds to furnish an essay at the next regular meeting. On motion of Mr Goosebeck, a committee of three was appointed to wait on the former Committee on questions and assure them that the society intended no disrespect to them, in rejecting the series of questions which they had furnished to the society. &

further more, the society have full confidence in their integrity, talents, and fitness for any position to which they may be assigned, On motion, the Society adjourned.

R. B. Briggs Sec.

Seventh Regular Meeting, of the Soldiers
Society of the 11th Calif. Battery in
Camp near Brandy Station Va Feb 23. 1864
The society met pursuant to adjournment & was called to order by the President.
The roll was called, and the following members were absent: Dalton, and Pearce. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr Patterson delivered an oration and Mr Reynolds read an essay. Mr Gillet was appointed critic. The debate being next in order was opened on the Affirmative by Mr Russell. During the debate, a motion was made & carried that the society adjourn until after roll call. After roll call the house was called to order, by the President & debate continued. On motion Mr Goodineer was allowed to speak on either side. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative. The critic made his report which was accepted. A motion was made & carried that the thanks of the society be tendered to Messrs Reynolds & Patterson, for their able oration & essay. On motion, the house adjourned until Feb

R. B. Briggs Sec.

Eighth Regular Meeting of the
Soldiers' Glee Union of the 11th N.Y. Battery,
In Camp near Brandy Station Va Feb 29th 1864.

The Society met pursuant to adjourn-
ment and was called to order by the
President. The roll was called. The min-
utes of the previous meeting were read and
after being amended were accepted.
The treasurer's report was called for, and
being made was accepted. A motion
was made and carried, that the Chair-
man of the committee on ways and
means be reprimanded for absenting
himself. Mr Vandenberg had a poem
and was tendered the thanks of the
Society. The Committee on questions
reported, and the following question
was chosen for the next debate, "Resolved,
that the present system of State Govern-
ment should be broken up, and all
power vested in the General Government."
The debate was then taken up, when the
V. P. being one of the colleagues. Mr
Briggs was appointed to preside during
the debate. On motion, the Society ad-
-journed till after roll call. Having
again met, a motion was made and
carried that Mr Rippe be requested
to speak on either side, Mr Rippe declining,
the question was not put. The debate
being concluded, the Critic made his report
which was accepted, and the thanks

of the Society tended to him for the impartial manner in which he criticised the members. The President gave his decision in favor of the Affirmative. The following disputants were then appointed: Affirmative, Mr Briggs; Negative, Mr Hill. The thanks of the Society were tendered to Mr Crouse for the use of his house; also to Mr Ropes for his able address. Messrs Lay and Selwberry were admitted members of the Society. When the house adjourned.

Charles, A. Meyers
Secy.

Ninth Regular Meeting of the Soldier
Gymnasium of the 11th N. Y. Battery.

In Camp near Brandy Station Va. Mich 7/84

The Society having met, was called to order by the President. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. A motion passed the House that all persons who had delivered Orations or read Essays be required to hand a copy of the same to the Secretary, to be kept on file. One of the Disputants and several of the Colleagues being absent, Mr Reynolds took the place of the absent disputant. The Society adjourned till after roll call. After having met the President gave his decision in favor

of the Negative. The Critics was made and accepted. The Committee on Questions made their report, and the following question was adopted: "Resolved, that Slavery as it existed before the war, with the exceptions of breaking up of Families and the cohabiting of the master with his Chattels, was a wise and benevolent institution, and better adapted to that region than free labor." The President appointed the disputants, Affirmative Mr Gillett; Negative Mr Meyers. A motion was made and carried that the senior Mr Ropes be made an Honorary member of the Society, and the Secretary be instructed to inform him of the fact. The Society then adjourned until the 11th of the month

Charles. A. Meyers
Secy,

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Fourth Special Meeting of the Soldiers
Lyceum of the 11th U.S. Battery,
In Camp near Brandy Station. 10th March 11th 1864.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last previous meeting read and accepted. The report of the Treasurer was called for, which was made and accepted. Amount of funds on hands \$4.05. The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Mr Briggs as President; Robertson V.P. and Davis Secretary and Treasurer. By motion, the elections were made unanimous. The President appointed the following Committee on ways and means: Messrs Ropes, Benton and Hill, Committee on questions, Messrs Kelly, Gossbeck and Cronner. Motion made and carried that the Secretary enter the Constitution, By-Laws and minutes of the society in the book appropriated for that purpose, and the former Secretary be assessed to the amount of \$1.00 to pay for the same. Motion made and carried that the house adjourn until the 14th of the month. Adjourned.

Charles. A. Meyers
Secy.

Fifth Regular Meeting

Soldiers Lyceum 11th N.Y. Date

In Camp near Brandy Station Va. Nov 14/64
The Society met pursuant to adjournment, and
was called to order by the President. The roll
was called and absent members noted. The House
proceeded to debate the following question: "Resolved
that Slavery as it was before the War with the
exception of breaking up of Families and the co-
habitation of the Master with his chattels, was
a wise and benvolent institution, and better ad-
apted to that region than free labor." Mr Kilmer
was appointed Critic. The debate was decided
in favor of the Affirmation. The House then
took up the order of Special Business. Mr Crounse
made a motion that the Secretary read the res-
ignations of certain members. Motion Carried.
Some discussion followed, when the following Com-
mittee was appointed; Messrs Reynolds, Kilmer
and Gillett, to wait on the Gentlemen and endeavor
to reclaim them - to use their own Judgement,
but not in any manner compromise the dignity
of the Society. Mr Reynolds gave notice that
at next meeting he would read an article to
be incorporated into the Constitution, denying
the right of any member to canvass for any office
in the gift of the Society. The Committee on Questions
reported and presented 6 Questions for discussion,
of which number the following was selected for
the next meeting of the Society: "Resolved that
Celibacy is more delightful than the married
State." The President appointed as disputants,
Affirmative, Mr Davis; Negative, Mr Rowland
on motion the House adjourned to meet on the

- evening of March 21st

Wm Davis
Secretary

11th Regular Meeting

Soldiers Lyceum, 11th N. Y. Battery

In camp near Brandy Station Va March 21st 64

The President being in the chair, the meeting was called to order, Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted, Mr Maynes was appointed Critic for the evening. The debate was then taken up, Question, "Resolved that Celibacy is more delightful than the married state," was argued by the disputants and their Colleagues, Previous to the decision, Motion was made by Mr Grouse that the delinquent members on the negative side of the Question be fined, Amended by Mr Coliss, to be fined, unless sufficient Reasons be adduced, Mr Briggs Sen^r being present, was requested by vote of the House to speak on either side of the Question, Mr Badger a returned Veteran Member was invited to speak, The debate then closed, and was decided in favor of the Negative, Motion made and carried that the House adjourn until after Roll Call, The meeting having again proceeded to business, when the Critic made his report which was accepted. The following Question was then adopted for the next debate "Resolved, that Republicanism is the only true system of Government." The disputants were then appointed Affirmative, Mr Robinson. Negative, Mr Pearce, The House then proceeded to special business, The Committee appointed

appointed to wait on Resigning Members reports
progress. Two of the Gentlemen, Mess Vandebrug
and Patterson being present, stated reasons for
resigning which the meeting accepted. Mr
Reynolds offered his amendment to Constitution
which the Society rejected, on motion, The Hoid
then adjourned to meet, March 25th the
President appointing a Special Meeting for
that night

Wm Davis
Sec

5th Special Meeting

Soldiers Lyceum 11th N.Y. Battery

In Camp near Brandy Station Va March 25, 64
The Society met pursuant to adjournment, and
was called to order by the President, and then
proceeded to the election of Officers, Mr Reynolds
was elected President, Mr Messel Vice President,
and Mr Corliss Sec'y. On motion the elections
were made unanimous. A motion was made
by Mr Gilletts, and adopted, that a committee
of one be appointed to collect the fines as assessed -
against the delinquents Secretary was amended
by Mr Meyers, to the effect that the committee
remain in office until pay day. The President
appointed Mr Kelly, as the committee. A motion
made by Mr Crouse, and adopted that the fines
assessed against the delinquent members, on
debate at last meeting be remitted; also that
all fines assessed against members heretofore,
be cancelled, a motion made by Mr Kelly &
adopted, that, all disputants and colleagues,
who absent themselves, from debate, without sufficient

reasons, be deprived of all privileges of the Society for two weeks, after the same.

A Motion, made by Mr Crouse and adopted, that a committee of one, be appointed, to wait upon the disputants and colleagues, chosen at the last meeting, and ascertain, if they have been informed of their selections. The

President appointed as such Committee, Mr Onderkirk, a motion was made that Mr Pearce be expelled, amended by Mr Davis, that a committee of three, be appointed to wait upon the Gentlemen who are in the habit of absenting themselves, and, ascertain their reasons for so doing. The President appointed as such committee Mess Corliss Denton & Hastings.

A motion made by Mr Crouse, and adopted, that a disputant be appointed in place of Mr Pearce, and a colleague in place of Mr Reynolds. The President appointed as disputant Mr Doughton, and as colleague, Mr Vessell.

The President, appointed, as Committee on Questions, Mess Davis, Darcy, and Kilmer. Committee on Vays and Means, Mess Robertson, Salisbury, and Putnam. Janitor, Mr Crouse, on motion, the House adjourned, untill Monday evening March 28th, amount of funds in Treasury \$3.45.

Wm. Davis
Secretary

12th, Regular Meeting, Soldier's Lyceum,
11th, N. H. Battery, In camp. near Brandy Station,
Va. March. 28th, 1864.

A quorum being present, the Society was called to order, by the President. The roll was called, and the following named. Members were absent, Armington, Badger, Davey, Dalton, Hollis, Kilmer, Leonard, Ouderkirk, Pearce, Putnam. The minutes of the last meeting, were read and approved. The President appointed Mr. Grouse, as critic. The debate being next in order, was opened, in the affirmative, by Mr. Robertson.

The debate being concluded, the critic's report, was made, and accepted. The question was decided in the affirmative.

Mr. Roper, gave notice that he should, at the next meeting, present to be acted upon, by the Society, an additional clause, to be inserted in the By Laws, regulating the system of, honorary, membership.

Mr. Corlies, gave notice of additional clauses, to be inserted in the By Laws, regulating the system of, fines and absence.

Mr. Kelly, gave notice of an article to be inserted in the By Laws, regarding the initiation of members.

The question, adopted, for debate, at the next meeting, is, "Resolved," That the amnesty proclamation, of the President of the United States, will restore the Union, sooner than acts of warfare.

The President appointed as disputant upon the affirmative

Mr. Gillette, Colleague, Mr. Grouse, Badger and Armington, Disputant-negative, Mr. Briggs, Colleague, Mr. Corlies, Hill, and Benton.

A communication was read, by the Secretary, from Mr. J. W. Roper, of Elizabethport, New Jersey, an honorary.

Member of our Society. The President requested Mr. Grouse to furnish an oration, and Mr. Meynes to read such selections as he may deem proper. At the next meeting.

On motion, the Society adjourned, until Monday evening, April 4th 1864.

Stephen. P. Corliss
Secretary.

13th Regular Meeting, Soldiers' Lyceum, 11th W.
Battery, in camp near Brandy Station. Va.
April 4th 1864.

The society met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the President; the roll being called, the following named members were absent, Dacey, Dalton, Hollis, Leonard, Kilmer, Ouderkirk, Pease, Putnam. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved. The President, as critic Mr. Broughton, an oration was delivered by Mr. Grouse, the debate being next in order was opened in the affirmative, by Mr. Gillette. The critic's report was made and accepted. The question debated was decided in the negative. Question selected for next debate is Resolved.

"That Religion has caused more discord among Nations than political differences"

The President appointed as Disputant upon the affirmative Mr. Kelly, Colleagues, Mr. Meynes, Kilmer and Cowland. Disputant Negative Mr. Davis, Colleagues, Mr. Broughton, Hastings, and Fay. The additional articles to be added to the By Laws as proposed, by Mr. Corliss, were adopted.

The articles proposed by Mr Kelly and Roper, were also adopted.

On Motion of Mr Grouse, the vote upon Mr Roper's Motion was reconsidered, Mr Grouse proposed an amendment to the same, which was adopted.

Mr Folies gave notice of a proposition to be presented, changing the first article of the By Laws.

The Treasurer's report was made and accepted, On Motion the Society adjourned until Friday evening, April 8th 1864.

Stephen T. Folies,
Secy.

6th Special Meeting Soldiers Lyceum, 11th
N. H. Battery, In camp near Brandy Station, Va.
April 8th 1864.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment was called to order by the President, the Roll was called. All the members were present, the minutes of previous meeting were read, and approved. The Society then proceeded to the election of Officers. On motion of Mr Grouse, members voting would as the Secretary called their name, deposit their votes. Mr Broughton was elected Pres, Mr Badger, Vice Pres, Mr Hastings, Secretary and Treasurer. On motion the elections were made unanimous.

The exaugural, and inaugural addresses were then listened to. On motion of Mr Grouse, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr Reynolds, for the manner in which he had conducted himself while in the chair.

On motion of Mr Kelly, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr Folies, for the efficient manner in which he conducted himself, as Secretary. Mr Henry Rowland's resignation was read and accepted.

a motion made and carried, that a committee of one be appointed, to wait upon Mr Vandenberg, and Paterson, and obtain the Oration, and Essays, they had delivered before the Society. The president appointed, Mr Reynolds, as such committee.

Motion made by Mr Gorliss, and adopted, that a committee of three be appointed, for the purpose of correcting mistakes, etc, etc, in the copy of proceedings before being sent away. The president appointed as such committee, Mr Grouse, Kelly, and Gorliss.

Motion made and adopted, that the books containing the proceedings of the Society, be sent to the Bureau of Military Statistics, at Albany, in the name of the Soldier's Lyceum, 11th West Battery.

The President appointed as committee on questions, Mr. Meynes, Druley, and Briggs, Committee on Wages and Means, Mr. Armington, Benton, and Barnes, Janitor. Mr. Gillette, the Pres. invited Mr Reynolds to read a selection at the next meeting. On motion the Society adjourned until Monday evening, April 11th 1864.

Stephen P. Gorliss.
Secretary.

14th Regular Meeting. Soldiers Lyceum, 11th
N.Y. Battery, in Camp near Broadway Station, April 11th 1864.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, was called
to order by the President, the roll was called and the following
named members were absent. Kilmer, Oudehisk & Putnam, the
minutes of last meeting were read and accepted, an Epistle was read by
Mr Reynolds on Learning and wisdom from Dr Hollands Solo
Psalm. The President appointed Mr Corliss as Critic. The debate being
next in order was opened in the affirmative by Mr Kelly. Motion made
and carried by Mr Sillett, the meeting adjourn until after roll call.

After roll call, the members assembled and were called to order by the
President. The debate was then resumed and finished. The Critic
made his report. Mr Reynolds made a motion which was adopted, that the
Critic report be accepted with a vote of thanks from the Society. The question
was decided in the affirmative. The question selected for the next is, Resolved
"that Rural life is more conducive to morality than City life." The
President appointed as disputants upon the affirmative, Mr Corliss, Colle
agues, Mr Briggs, Darcy and Badger. Disputant on the negative Mr Crounse,
Colleagues, Armington, Davis, & Benton, Motion made and carried by
Mr Sillett, that Mr Shepard become an active member of the Society.
Motion made and adopted, by Mr Corliss that the first article of the By
Laws be so changed, as to admit honorary members without paying
the initiation fee; On motion, the house adjourned until Monday
Evening, Apr 18th 1864.

William Hastings.

Secretary.

7th Special Meeting, Soldiers Lyceum,
11th N.Y. Battery, En Camp near Brady Station, Pa. April 14th 1864.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the President. The roll was called and the following members were absent, Kilmer, Carse, Popho and Putnam. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. The Society then proceeded to special business. Motion made by Mr Kelly, and adopted, that the original Constitution and By Laws, be read and compared with the revised forms. Motion made and carried by Mr Corliss that the last Motion be reconsidered. Motion made and adopted by Mr Corliss, that the President appoint a person to read the original Constitution and By Laws. The President appointed Mr Kelly, to read them. The revised work was read by Mr Crounse Chairman of committee on that business. Motion by Mr Reynolds and adopted, that each article as read and compared should be accepted, except any of the members should object. The reading of the Constitution and By Laws being finished, Mr Robertson made a Motion which was adopted, that they be accepted in the revised forms. Motion made and carried by Mr Crounse that the Elks Club, be invited to favor the Society, with two or more songs. The Secretarys report was then called for, which was given and accepted. Amount of funds on \$960⁰⁰. Motion made and carried that the Society adjourn.

William H Hastings,
Secretary,