

Ellicottville, N. Y., May 6 1887

Friend J. A. Andrews.

In looking over my old papers, I came across the "Enclosed News-boys Address" of which I was the unknown composer 21 years ago.

I see your Post is named after my old friend Ed. A. Andrews, & I send this to you as it contains a mention of him, which exactly expressed my feelings when I wrote it.

Ed. was a square boy every time, & a true, generous friend -

Very likely your Post may as time goes on, like to pick-

up & preserve any "scraps"
referring to its name. sake.

It made a good selection
for its name.

Epulettes are not necessary
to make a No. 1. Soldier.

Perhaps your Post has
a "Mark Twain" Scrap
book, for pasting in &
preserving such matters,
referring to Ed - & to its
members - If not
it should have, for in
time it will prove very
interesting as well as useful.

Kind regards.

Truly yours

E. D. Fortump.