

As the ranks thin out the comrades who remain are drawn closer to each other, the ties that were formed amid the dangers and trials of army life growing stronger as the roll call shortens up.

The sixth annual reunion of the veterans of Cattaraugus county held at Cattaraugus, on Tuesday, Sept. 23, was one of the most pleasing and interesting occasions of that character ever held in the county. The day was superb, the attendance good, the hospitality of the people most generous, and everybody seemed to be happy. The good people of Cattaraugus entered fully into the spirit of the occasion, and the veterans were everywhere greeted with tokens of welcome. Bunting was freely displayed, and the thrifty village had a most becoming holiday appearance.

The exercises of the day began at noon, on the arrival of train 3. The veterans having been properly registered, fell into line, and headed by the Cattaraugus cornet band, marched to the village park, where a stand and seats had been erected. Some two hundred veterans were in line, and the occasion was honored by the presence of many hundred civilians. Arriving at the park the assemblage was called to order by J. J. Scott, Esq., president of the day, and an impressive and appropriate prayer was offered by Rev. J. Leslie. H. C. Rich, Esq., followed with an address of welcome in behalf of the citizens of Cattaraugus. This was the first appearance of Mr. Rich in the role of an orator, and he quite astonished his many friends with his grace and eloquence as a speaker. His address was one of the neatest we have ever listened to upon such an occasion. Col. E. A. Nash responded to the address of welcome in well expressed and eloquent terms. Then came the dinner which had been prepared for the veterans by the citizens of the town of New Albion. The tables fairly groaned under their burden of edibles, and despite the fierce and continued attacks of the veterans, they were unable to exhaust the supply. It was indeed a fine spread, and was a credit to the good people who prepared it.

Dinner disposed of, the veterans and people at large gathered around the stand for the remaining exercises. The Cattaraugus Glee Club, under the able direction of Prof. Slawson, sang a greeting song, after which Rev. E. B. Olmstead, of Arcade, a veteran and G. A. R., was introduced. He spoke mainly with reference to present and future duties of the veterans, and touched rather too closely upon politics, for an occasion of the kind. Mr. Elson Blakeley, of Cattaraugus, sang "Marching through Georgia," everybody joining in the chorus with enthusiasm. A humorous selection entitled "Jake Schneider's Ride," was then given as a sort of spice to the more solid portion of the exercises. The Cattaraugus cornet band rendered a patriotic air, and Comrade Chas. P. Rice, of the celebrated Pennsylvania Bucktail regiment, made a short address, relating mainly to the organization and experience of that regiment. The Glee Club rendered in most excellent style, a song entitled, "One Hundred Years have Passed and Gone." Comrade George Washburn, of the 136th N. Y. Reg't, made a pleasant little speech, which was followed by some stirring music by the Pine Valley martial band, and "America" sung by the whole assemblage. This closed the public exercises. The veterans immediately organized a business meeting with Comrade E. F. Beebe in the chair, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Chas. A. O'Brien; Vice President

Veterans registered during the day to the number of 205. The 64th Reg't had the largest representation, aggregating 43; the 154th fell only one behind the 64th, however; the Ninth Cavalry was third in the list, numbering 22; the 37th and 44th each had 9 members present, the 179th had 4, the 65th and 116th each 3, and the balance were divided up among innumerable organizations.

The usual reunion exercises were very pleasantly supplemented with the camp fire, which was held in the evening under the auspices of Ed. A. Andrews Post G. A. R. The gathering was held in the village park and was attended by several hundred people. The members of the G. A. R. were again most hospitably entertained with supper served by the ladies, after which came toasts and sentiments, J.

J. Scott, Esq., acting as toast-master. Rev. J. Leslie responded to the toast "The Ladies;" Rev. J. L. Higbee to that of the "G. A. R.;" C. J. Ellis to that of "The Veterans," after which there were a number of volunteer speeches. The exercises were enlivened with music by the Cattaraugus Cornet Band and the Glee Club. The G. A. R. boys sang the "Duke of Yorkshire" with the accustomed vim and enthusiasm.

The camp fire broke up with rousing cheers for the Glee Club and for the ladies who prepared and served the tables.

TABLE TALK.

Yet love will dream and Faith will trust
(Since He who knows our need is just,
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must,
Alas for him who never sees
The stars shine through the cypress trees
Who, hopeless, lays his dead away,
Nor looks to see the breaking day
Across the mournful marbles play,
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever lord of Death
And Love can never lose its own!

O living friends who love me!
O dear ones gone above me!
Careless of other fame,
I leave to you my name.

Hide it from idle praises,
Save it from evil phrases;
Why, when dear lips that spake it
Are dumb, should strangers wake it?

Let the thick curtain fall
I better know than all
How little I have gained
How vast the unattainable

Sweeter than any sun
My songs that found a
Nobler than any fact
My wish that failed of

Others shall sing the
Others shall right the
Finish what I began
And all I fall of