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## IN THE SOUTH LAND.

**Alex Bird Tells of His Trip Over Virginia Battlefields.**

On Aug. 8th, I received a telegram from my brother, John Bird, asking me to join he and my brother James in Washington, D. C., for a trip to Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and on the following Monday I left Ellicottville and joined my brothers in the union depot at Washington.

As I had not been to Washington since the close of the war there were very few sights that were familiar. The new Washington is a beautiful city, with her wide, clean streets and shady parks. We spent only one day sight seeing and then started for Fredericksburg, and went out the boulevard to the national cemetery which contains 12 acres on the Heights just to the left of the Marie House which stands today as it did on that fatal Dec. 18th, 1862.

The sunken or telegraph road at the base of the hill is just the same as it was during the assault, and the road looks as if it had not had a day's work laid out on it since that date. The old stone wall from which the Confederates delivered such a deadly fire on the Union troops, stands there today overrun with vines and briars. On the crest of Marie Heights and to the west, you can plainly see the breastwork and the turrets where the cannon stood, and why any general would order an assault on such a position, beats me.

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## Hinman-Wilcox Reunion.

The third annual reunion of the Hinman and Wilcox families was held at the residence of J. B. Hinman in the town of Humphrey, Saturday, August 22nd.

The day was perfect for such an occasion, although at times it looked very threatening. There were present 121 relatives and a few invited guests. The forenoon was taken up by the relatives getting acquainted, as there are always some new ones entering the family circles. At noon all were seated at a table in the grove overloaded with the things which please the inner man. After dinner the company was called to order by the Pres., Melbourn Wilcox, and all listened to a well prepared programme rendered by both old and young, after which the business meeting was held, and the following officers elected for the next year: Pres., G. W. Chamberlain of Humphrey Centre; vice Pres., Melbourn Wilcox of Great Valley; Sec., W. H. Rose of Franklinville; Treas., Melbourn Hinman of Humphrey. After the meeting, pictures of the crowd were taken by the Rev. Mr. Akeley of Great Valley; also several smaller groups.

There were several out of town guests, Mr. Ames and wife of Iowa, John Green and wife of Bradford, Pa., Mrs. Reese Martin and son of Kinzua, Pa. There were also relatives from Humphrey, Great Valley, Olean, Salamanca, Hinsdale, Bradford, Franklinville, and Allegany.

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We stopped for the night at the Exchange hotel, kept by an old Confederate soldier of Pickett's division, with whom we sat down and fought the battles over again; and we found him very friendly.

At 6 a. m. the next day we hired a two-seated carriage and driver and set out for the Chancellorsville battlefield, 12 miles up the river. The old Orange plank road runs directly west and follows a ridge of high ground south of the Rapahannock river, and is a fairly good farming country for about five miles and is pretty well cleared up.

Four miles out on this road is Salem church, a brick building where some fierce fighting was done by Sedgwick's troops, May 3 and 4, 1863. One side and end of the church is all marked up with bullets fired during the battle, and also several cannon balls had struck the church.

Continued next week.

### Little Valley Fair.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Cattaraugus county fair at Little Valley, Tuesday morning, Sept. 1st.

The spacious grounds have been put in first class order, the flags, banners, and decorations, with the green trees and white fences present a beautiful appearance.

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After a bountiful repast the business part was attended to. Enos Eddy was elected president; J. W. Eddy, vice president; Bessie Bowen, secretary; Percy Beach, assistant secretary; Frances Scobey, treasurer.

After the election of officers a very interesting piece was read by Mrs. Maud Butterfield which gave the will as written by one of the Eddys over 100 years ago.

The secretary had some very interesting history back to the 15th century and carried down to the present time.

On account of the serious illness of J. W. Eddy his family were not present.

There were 70 present. Among those from away were, Will Simmons and family of Williamsport, Pa., Mrs. Alma Brown and son of Gowanda, Mrs. Cornelia Latten and Mrs. Geo. Merrill and two children of Holland, Glenn Butterfield and wife and two children of Newfane; Mr. B. came out in an automobile in the morning and returned in the afternoon.

It was voted to hold the next reunion at the same place the third Sunday in August, 1909.

### Hadley Reunion.

The annual Hadley reunion was held at the home of Wm. Hadley in North Ashford, Aug. 20th. Owing to various circumstances about half of the usual number were present, amounting to 78.

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