

## Society of the Army of the Cumberland.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *Feb. 14, 1893.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE:

As a first step towards increasing the membership of our Society, the Executive Committee addresses you this circular.

At the last annual meeting, held in September, on the field of Chickamauga, it was decided to obtain, so far as possible, the names and post-office addresses of the survivors of the Army of the Cumberland. Col. Kniffin, to whom this work was intrusted, has met with unexpected success and has already secured the addresses of 110,000 soldiers who belonged to our Army. It has been a most gratifying surprise to find that such a great company still live of those who marched and fought under Generals Buell, Rosecrans, and Thomas. In numbers they rival the Army in the field in its best estate. The ties which bind us are the strongest which ever drew men together, and their strength increases with the passing years.

The Executive Committee believes that a very large number of these survivors will now take pride in uniting themselves with the Society, and thus, for the few years which remain to veterans, enter upon and maintain closer relations with those who with them contributed to the history and the glories of the Army of the Cumberland.

All of the great army societies are beginning to turn their attention to correcting historical errors by the official records, which, at last, are accessible. The fame of those who commanded these armies is secure. The deeds of the subordinate officers and men who did the fighting will never grow dim or be forgotten. To correct errors is not to attack any record. To allow errors to be perpetuated is to give injustice a further lease of life. The officers of our Society are entering upon the work of preserving the correct history of our Army. In executing this task they need the help of all survivors.

Membership in the Society makes communication for this purpose easy. Under the awakening interest many have lately joined the Society, but where these additions number hundreds they should reach into the thousands.

Within a year it is expected that the dedication of the National

Military Park at Chickamauga and Chattanooga will take place, and it is the purpose of our Society to rally for that interesting occasion as large a company of survivors as possible. The Society of the Army of the Tennessee has appointed a large and able Committee to co-operate in ascertaining the lines of battle of General Sherman's Army at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, and Eastern soldiers are also moving to assist in marking the positions of Hooker's Army on the Mountain and the Ridge.

As one step toward increasing our membership, the Executive Committee invites those who have heretofore been members, but who, from change of location or inability to attend the annual meetings, have allowed their membership to lapse, to renew it. This may be done, without liability for past dues, by sending dues for the current year. Upon the receipt of this sum, which is five dollars, membership will begin anew.

Those who have not been members pay an initiation fee of five dollars, which also covers the first year's dues, without any further payment or assessment.

Those now joining the Society will be accepted from the date of the Chickamauga meeting, and they will receive the volume of Proceedings for the current year, so far as the limited edition holds out. This contains much historical matter, and also eleven full-page engravings, to wit: Crawfish Spring; Lee Residence; Lee and Gordon's Mills; Brotherton House; Wilder's Brigade Monument; Kelley House; Snodgrass House; Dyer House; Park Hotel; Ross House, and Snodgrass Stable and Harker Hill, showing the ground over which Granger's men advanced on Sunday afternoon.

It is suggested that every member of the Society make it a point to secure at least one new member. It ought not to be a difficult matter for each to obtain two accessions. The work of collecting, revising, and testing the current history of our Army, and eliminating errors, will of itself give new interest and value to membership; while the rapid progress being made in establishing the National Military Park must soon turn the attention of the whole country anew to the record of the great armies which fought the notable battles within its limits.

All who served honorably either in the Army of the Ohio, the Army of the Cumberland, or the Twenty-third Corps, whether as officers or private soldiers, are eligible for membership. Those desiring to join the Society and assist in the new work of preserving its history can address Gen. J. S. Fullerton, Treasurer, Room 524 War Department, Washington, D. C.

For the Executive Committee :



*Corresponding Secretary.*