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THE FAIR MOVEMENT IN THE LOYAL STATES—NO. 12.

THE Pittsburgh Fair, of which we gave some account in our tenth number, closed on Saturday (18th June.) The proceeds amounted to the very handsome sum of three hundred thousand dollars. Every one must say that our sister city has done not only well but nobly.

Several great Fairs have been unavoidably omitted from this history of the Fair Movement. We tried to get accounts of all of them but without avail. Of the Fairs in this category we were particularly desirous to present the principal features of those held at Washington, Baltimore, Albany and St. Louis, in February, March, April and May of this year, but we could procure no satisfactory descriptions of them. We see it stated in the journals of the day that the proceeds of the St. Louis Fair amounted to the magnificent sum of \$575,000.

THE SANITARY COMMISSION.

ITS ORIGIN—ITS OBJECTS AND ITS WORK—NO. 3.

[BY W. V. MCKEAN.]

In this last of our series of articles on the Sanitary Commission, it is our purpose to describe in a cursory manner the organization, the means, and the work of the Commission.

At the commencement of the present year the Board was composed of twenty gentlemen, as follows:

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J. Foster Jenkins, M. D. *Secretary.*
J. S. Newberry, M. D., J. N. Douglas, M.D.,
and F. N. Knapp, M. D., *Associate Secretaries.*

Besides the above, there are several hundred "Associate Members" of the Commission throughout the loyal States.

For the transaction of general business the Commission meets in Washington quarterly, but the current business is disposed of by the President, the General Secretary, and a standing committee of five members, who meet daily for the purpose in New York. Of the Associate Secretaries, one is stationed at Louisville, who has charge of affairs west of the Alleghanies; and another in Washington, who is charged with the business east of the mountains. All Sanitary Inspectors and Relief Agents are required to report to the Associate Secretaries under whose direction and supervision they discharge their duties. Each of the Associate Secretaries is also in communication with the branches of the Commission, and through them with the local Aid Societies. By these means the demands from the armies and the supplies at the depots are focalized;

and a glance at the books will show at any time both the wants of the soldiers and the means wherewith to meet them.

For each great division of the army (say each army corps), there is a Chief Sanitary Inspector, and a Superintendent of Field Relief. If the corps is stationary, as at Morris Island, a permanent lodge is established near headquarters, in the nature of a hospital and depot of supplies. If the corps is in motion, the supplies are issued from wagon trains or from steamboats in the service of the Commission. In the Army of the Potomac there is a Superintendent of Field Relief with every Army Corps. All of the subordinate Agents of the Commission, who administer "Relief" (several hundred in number), act in subordination to their respective Superintendents. The Sanitary Inspectors report to the third of the Associate Secretaries, who is also Chief of Inspection.

By means of the machinery thus briefly described, the bounty of the people contributed through the local Aid Societies, and by means of Fairs and otherwise, is concentrated in great depots under the eye of the associate secretaries, by whom it is sent forward upon requisition of the Sanitary agents, to the posts where it is required, when it is by the latter dispensed to the soldiers in the field, or in the hospital, or on the way to and from the army and their homes. This is a convenient place in which to say a word of the branches of the Commission. There are establishments of this kind at Philadelphia, New York, Brook-