



FAIR

FOR THE

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee of the Soldiers' Home, in the City of Philadelphia, propose to open a National Fair at the Academy of Music, on the twenty-third day of October next, for the purpose of raising a BUILDING and ENDOWMENT FUND for the Institution with which they are connected.

The undersigned commend this project to the favorable notice of their fellow-citizens of the United States.

The Soldiers' Home has been incorporated by the State of Pennsylvania, for the relief of Soldiers and Seamen who have been honorably discharged from, and the children of those who have died in, the service of the Country.

The Cooper Shop Soldiers' Home has been merged in this Institution by Legislative authority, and is now in successful operation. But as the Building now occupied, at the corner of Race and Crown Streets, is entirely inadequate to the necessities of the Home, the Managers have given their sanction to the proposed Fair.

Although the Home is located in Philadelphia, its benefactions are not limited by State boundaries. Its doors are freely opened to every deserving Soldier and Sailor of the Republic who seeks admission.

The management contemplates an Industrial Department in the Institution, in which the inmates who are able to work at their trades may find employment, and thus be relieved from the position of mere dependents on public charity. It contemplates also a department where children of those who have died in the Service, will be tenderly protected and carefully educated and prepared for suitable vocations.

While the hearts of the people are overflowing with gratitude to God, for his great gift of Victory to our Patriot Armies, we should not forget our duties to the brave men who will soon be returning from the fields they have won, disabled by honorable wounds from the active pursuits of their professions.

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