

COMMANDER FREDERICK L. AVERILL.

NAVAL BATTALION CHANGES.**Commander Averill Resigns After Meritorious Service.**

Last Friday, the Hon. Frederick L. Averill sent his resignation as commander of the Connecticut Naval Battalion to Adjutant-General G. M. Cole, at Hartford, which has been accepted and Mr. Averill has been placed on the retired list.

Commander Averill enlisted in the Naval Battalion in June, 1894, served as seaman and non-commissioned officer until November, 1899, when he was elected commander, which position he has filled with complete satisfaction to the state and the officers and men under him. Under his command the Battalion has attained a high degree of efficiency, and Mr. Averill leaves the service with the knowledge that his resignation is regretted by each and every officer and enlisted man in the three divisions. During the Spanish war he served as assistant paymaster, rank of ensign in the United States Navy enlisting in July, and receiving his discharge on September 3, 1898.

The following order has been received by Lieutenant-Commander Frank S. Cornwell, and is self-explanatory:

General Orders No. 9.—The application of Commander Frederick L. Averill, Naval Battalion, C. N. G., to be retired, is approved, and he is hereby relieved from active duty in the military service of the state, and placed upon the retired list, to date Jan. 16, 1905.

2. Lieutenant-Commander Frank S. Cornwell, commanding Naval Battalion, is hereby ordered to warn the line officers of said battalion to appear at the state armory in New Haven to nominate by ballot a commander, in accordance with section 3,001, militia law, and in like manner make nominations for any vacancy in the commissioned offices of said battalion occurring by reason of the nomination above ordered and make returns of the nominations so made to this office without delay, transmitting herewith one of his original orders issued in compliance therewith.

By order of the commander-in-chief,
(Signed), GEORGE M. COLE,
Adjutant-General.

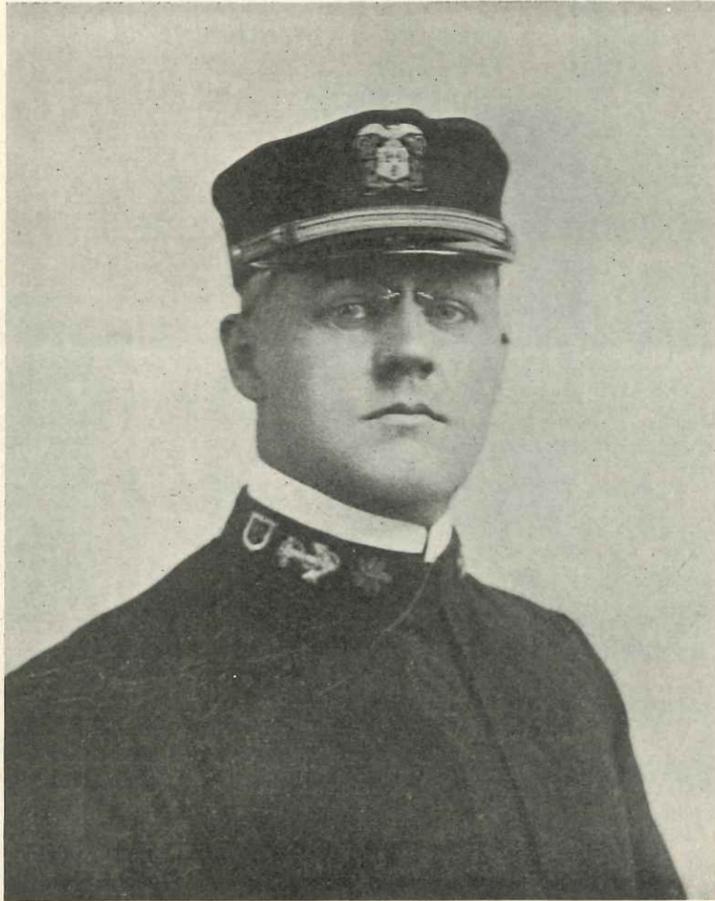
Last July Mr. Averill was chosen corps commander of the Connecticut Spanish War Veterans' association and his time is pretty well taken up with the duties of this office. This largely influenced him in resigning his commission in the Naval Battalion. Last week he installed the officers of Allan M. Osborn camp in this city, and this week he has installed the officers of the camp in Bridgeport and next week will install in Meriden.

He is also engaged in working up interest in the association throughout the state, and several new camps will be organized in the near future, the first one probably being in Mr. Averill's home town—Branford. This camp will be composed of the members of the First Connecticut Light Artillery, one company having been organized in Branford, another in Guilford, and the third being the famous Yale platoon from this city.

Lieut.-Com. Frank S. Cornwell.

Lieut.-Com. Frank S. Cornwell, of the Connecticut Naval battalion, will, without a doubt, become commander of the battalion to succeed Commander Frederick L. Averill, resigned. Mr. Cornwell is a native of New Britain, but has spent a good share of his life in this city. He enlisted as a seaman in the Naval Battalion on November 15, 1893, and is a charter member of the New Haven division. He was made ensign on December 27, 1894, and lieutenant (junior grade) on April 16, 1896. On November 10, 1899, Mr. Cornwell was promoted to the position which he has held up to

the present time, the duties of which he has performed in a highly creditable manner. During the Spanish war Mr. Cornwell served as lieutenant (junior grade), U. S. N., from June 28, 1898, to October 8, 1898. There



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FRANK S. CORNWELL.

is no doubt but what Mr. Cornwell will be unanimously elected to the position of commander at the meeting which is to be called for that purpose some time during the coming week. Mr. Cornwell has devoted a great deal of his time to the work of the battalion and no better choice for a commander could be made. He is considered the best equipped volunteer naval militia officer in the country and is just the man for the position.

They've Learned New Tricks.

Slowly, but surely, and perhaps not so slowly either, are the arrangements being made for the circus which is to be given at the armory by the New Haven Grays, Company F, C. N. G. The date for the first performance has not as yet been set, but it will not be far from Washington's Birthday, and possibly will be given the evening of that day. A circus was given by the company last year, it being the first performance of its kind in this city. Its success was beyond question, and in view of that fact, it was decided to have a similar affair this year, which will undoubtedly be better than last, the members of the committee having profited by last year's experience.

Gowns dry cleaned beautifully at Scott's. They have the most perfect system for cleansing in the state.

SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM.**New Haven Ladies Install Officers in Wallingford and Middletown.**

The officers of the Star of the Valley lodge, No. 17, Shepherds of Bethlehem, of Wallingford, were installed by Prelate Mrs. L. Maltby, assisted by Past Commander, Mrs. H. L. Risley, on Tuesday evening the 17th.

On Thursday evening, the 19th, Mrs. Maltby and Mrs. Risley installed the officers of Star of Peace lodge, No. 22, Shepherds of Bethlehem, at Middletown. Mrs. Maltby and Mrs. Risley are members of Star of Hope lodge, No. 12, Shepherds of Bethlehem.

Installation of Officers.

Camp No. 8, P. O. of A., held their regular meeting in room 49, Insurance building, on Wednesday evening, January 18. During the evening the officers for the coming term were installed by the national conductor, Mrs. F. A. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson is a member of Camp No. 8. Following are the officers: President, Mrs. I. F. M. Saunders; vice-president, Mrs. H. L. Risley; assistant president, Mrs. E. J. Peck; assistant vice-president, Mrs. G. L. Baker; recording secretary, Mrs. A. Ballou; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. E. Monsell; financial secretary, Mrs. K. Farr; treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Platt; conductor, Mrs. A. R. Kenison; assistant conductor, Mrs. E. A. Wolcott; guard, Mrs. M. A.

elected their officers for the ensuing year at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening, the 17th. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Ida F. M. Saunders; vice-president, Mrs. Ida Griswold; secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Bristol; treasurer, Mrs. Edith Cooper; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Lillie; conductor, Mrs. Josephine Graham; inside guard, Mrs. Adelaide Newall; first trustee, Mrs. I. Griswold; second trustee, Mrs. Scanlon. The installation of the officers will be held at the next regular meeting.

O. U. A. M.

Pioneer council, No. 1, will install their officers next Wednesday evening, Jan. 25, at their rooms in Masonic temple. Installing Deputy H. L. Risley will have charge of the work.

Annual Report Shows Improvement.

The annual meeting of the Calvary Industrial Home corporation was held Thursday evening at the home. The directors for the coming year were elected as follows: William H. Douglas, Samuel H. Read, Edward S. Swift, George A. Saunders, Julius Twiss, Walter S. Bishop, Rev. Frank Woods Baker, D.D., Dwight W. Blakeslee, John Y. McDermott, Geo. E. Bassett, Mrs. Mary E. Moody, M.D., Mrs. Magnus Manson and Mrs. Janet E. Crittenden.

At the directors' meeting the following officers were elected for the year: President, William H. Douglas; treasurer, Samuel H. Read; secretary, Edward S. Swift; auditor, George A. Saunders.

President Douglass appointed the following finance committee for the year: Samuel H. Read, Edward S. Swift, Dwight W. Blakeslee and P. C. Butterfield.

The report of the year's work, which was read by Supt. P. C. Butterfield showed a decided progress toward the improvement of the home.

Rev. Francis T. Brown Called.

The First Methodist church of this city has extended a call to Rev. Francis T. Brown, pastor of the Methodist church of Middletown, to assume the pastorate of the church, succeeding Rev. Henry Baker, D.D., resigned. Mr. Brown has notified the committee of the church in this city that he will accept the call, provided that it meets with the approval of the conference in the spring. Mr. Brown is quite well known in this city, being a graduate of the Yale Divinity school, and having supplied the pulpit of the First Methodist church several times.

His coming to this city rests entirely with the spring conference, and an urgent request is to be made by the church people that he be appointed.

Rev. J. O. Berg Re-appointed.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Seamen's Friend society, which was held Monday afternoon, Rev. J. O. Berg was reappointed missionary and superintendent. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. A. E. Winchell; vice-presidents, Mrs. Henry Champion, Mrs. Joseph Porter, Mrs. Simeon J. Fox, Mrs. Frank A. Monson and Mrs. A. B. Fuller; recording secretary, Miss Mary E. Law; treasurer, Mrs. Luman Cowles; auditor, Mr. Albert S. Holt; advisory committee, Mrs. George O. Cruttenden, General E. S. Greeley, Mr. Frank W. Pardee, Mr. Joseph Porter, Mr. Joel A. Sperry, Mr. H. C. Warren and Mr. John T. Manson.

Frank W. Pardee Chosen President.

At the annual meeting of the Mt. Carmel Children's home, which was held Tuesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. building, resignations were accepted of the president, Rev. D. D. Marsh of Hartford, and Mrs. S. H. Street, a member of the board of managers. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President, Frank W. Pardee, New Haven; secretary, George V. Smith; treasurer, John E. Lomas; board of managers, George V. Smith, Mrs. Mary B. Moody, M.D., Mrs. F. H. Crow, Mrs. W. H. Elkins, Mrs. Mary L. Bronson and Mrs. A. C. Stiles.

The Bromley Lectures.

The Bromley lectures this year are to be given at College Street Hall on the evenings of February 27, and March 6. The speaker this year will be Mr. St. Claire McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, and his subject for both evenings will be "Journalism."

Election of Officers.

The Ladies' auxiliary, No. 1, Annex Fire Department, nominated and