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## Veterans in the Public Service— in Both Peace and War

By William Bender Wilson

Mr. Wilson gives below an interesting description of a unique luncheon at the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. in West Philadelphia. One hundred and fifty retired employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad were present, and of that number 89 had served in the army during the Civil War and 48 had been in the service of the Company for 48 years or more. The guests of honor at the luncheon were members of the Retired Employes Association of Philadelphia.

That age in man is a matter of temperament and character and that dates mean nothing was never so clearly demonstrated as on Friday, December 18, 1913, in the main building, at West Philadelphia, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Department of the Young Men's Christian Association. At the invitation of the Committee of Management of the Department, one hundred and fifty men, whose ages ranged from 65 to 93 years, sat down to luncheon. These men were veteran employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, now retired and on the Honor Roll of the Company. They were strong

and forceful men with clearness of mind and strength of physical power. Through the corporation with which they had been connected for from forty to sixty years they had served the public faithfully. It is very doubtful if 150 veterans of as fine a type and so high character, whose life work had been performed under one employer, could be assembled elsewhere than on the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was apparent to those who looked upon this gathering that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in its work of Empire building had at the same time built up in its employes an exceptional and high order of citizenship.

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At noon the party assembled in the Lecture Room, where tables bountifully spread were set. The General Chairman of the Department, Mr. William A. Patton, presided and requested Col. William Bender Wilson to invoke a divine blessing. After the invocation, luncheon was served to the guests beautifully by ladies of the Women's Auxiliary. During luncheon music was furnished by an orchestra. The special guests invited to lunch with the veterans were Captain John P. Green, First Vice-



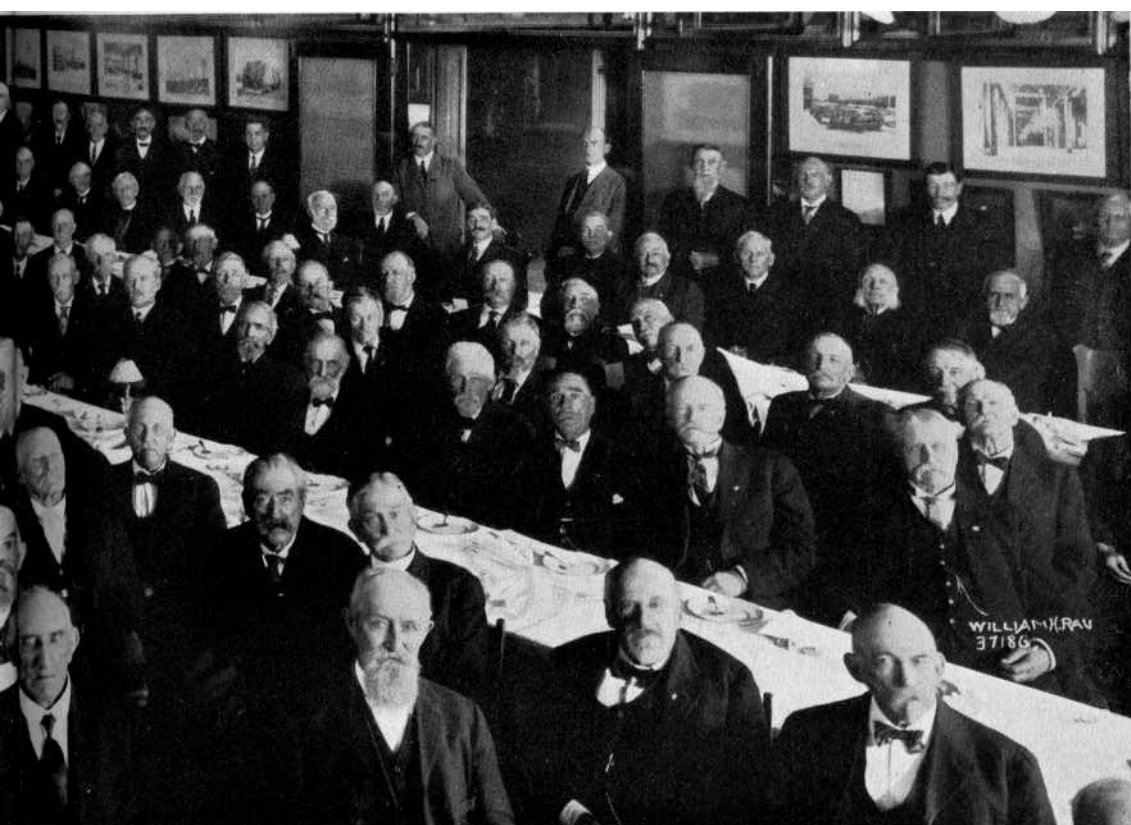
There is probably no private corporation in the world whose roll of employes could furnish 4000 retired employes who receive pensions from the Company. The Pennsylvania Railroad has over 65 years of age. At the luncheon Mr. Wilson describes, 150 of these veterans were present. The following are the names and addresses to the Committee in charge of the luncheon:

Graeff, David L..... 92	Sliker, A. H..... 76	Wilkinson, Leander.. 74	Headley, William.... 72	Rynier, J.....
Cain, William M..... 83	McMinn, A..... 76	Wilson, Wm. Bender. 74	Herbert, Joseph..... 72	Sellers, D.....
Heim, R. J..... 83	Davish, Joseph..... 76	Albright, John M.... 73	Jones, J. I..... 72	Wainwright, J. J.
McKnight, David..... 82	Grant, Jos. A..... 75	Eberly, William H.. 73	Kauffman, John..... 72	Wallace, S.....
Disbrow, G..... 80	Hipple, Charles T.... 75	Justice, Jefferson... 73	Kochersperger, J. H.. 72	Bodine, J. W....
Ernhart, H. M..... 80	Jones, E. N..... 75	Kreider, Solomon.... 73	Montgomery, Chas. P. 72	Brownholmeo. . .
Williams, R. E..... 80	Mershon, G. W..... 75	Neily, W. H..... 73	Milnor, C. W..... 72	Cooper, A.....
Wenrick, Francis.... 79	Atwood, Jos. C..... 74	Bowers, Amos S.... 72	Ottoy, J. P..... 72	Elliott, J. H....
Atkins, James B.... 78	Fowler, W. J..... 74	Calcutt, V. W..... 72	Paschall, E. R..... 72	Evans, G.....
Hoffmaster, C..... 78	Hallman, A. S..... 74	Chambers, A..... 72	Pine, Samuel C..... 72	Eyde, E. E.....
Megonigal, L. C.... 78	Hipple, Wm. H..... 74	Crouse, Jesse W.... 72	Powley, Joseph..... 72	Fager, G.....
Smith, W. H..... 78	Rittersbach, N. E... 74	Fooderick, E. B.... 72	Rittersbach, Albert... 72	Folk, John.....
Worrell, Mordecai... 78	Sellers, Jonas..... 74	Freet, Valentine H.. 72	Rittersbach, George.. 72	Fralick, D.....
Rumpf, Charles C.... 77	Stackhouse, Jas.... 74	Hall, Robert..... 72	Robotham, W. H.... 72	Getty, Robt. A..

President, retired; Hon. George V. Massey, General Counsel, retired; Mr. William Heyward Myers, Vice-President; and Mr. Simon Cameron Long, General Manager, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

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At the conclusion of the luncheon Mr. Patton gave the veterans a warm welcome. During his remarks he said that the Committee of Management of the Young Men's Christian Association, in extending the invitation to the luncheon, only emphasized the



furnish a parallel to the above photograph. The Pennsylvania Railroad System has more than 168 members—every one of whom is represented. The following is a list of the names and ages of those veterans who sent accept-

K..... 72	Greenbaum, George.. 71	Albright, Henry F.... 70	Leslie, Jacob P..... 70	Leyer, W. W..... 69
D. G..... 72	Hafleigh, I..... 71	Barker, John E..... 70	McDermott, A. W.... 70	Monroe, W. S..... 69
ht, E. J.... 72	Hambright, W. F.... 71	Barr, Jacob..... 70	Marshall, Chas. E.... 70	Rodgers, Alfred P.... 69
S. H..... 72	Knowles, Samuel.... 71	Brackin, Edward.... 70	Mastin, Jos. C..... 70	Sloan, Wm..... 69
ng, W.... 71	McLean, Adam..... 71	Bryson, Jacob L.... 70	Meekley, Michael.... 70	Thomas, Jno. M.... 69
z, Geo. W.. 71	Mace, E. A..... 71	Clarkson, John J.... 70	Mercer, F. W..... 70	Williams, Jno. H.... 69
A. G..... 71	Millinger, A. K.... 71	Evans, Joseph..... 70	Pearl, John B..... 70	Ihling, Chas. E.... 68
pha, H.... 71	Mingus, H. H..... 71	Foster, S. T..... 70	Ruth, E. B..... 70	Richards, Jno. T.... 68
W..... 71	Powell, Jacob..... 71	Francks, John S.... 70	Updegraff, Wm. H... 70	Weest, Wm..... 68
IL..... 71	Reitzel, E. H.... 71	Jackson, Jno. K.... 70	Vickers, Eugene.... 70	Wharton, Wm. H.... 68
W..... 71	Toohy, Michael.... 71	Kacy, W. H..... 70	Campbell, Alex. D... 69	Hoover, Jno. W.... 67
un..... 71	Weigle, John..... 71	Kelley, E. W..... 70	Farrell, Frank..... 69	Lewis, J. Alfred.... 67
D. R..... 71	White, Stephen W.. 71	Lenis, John L..... 70	Fullham, Peter..... 69	Manahan, S. T.... 67
bert A.... 71	Wylie, W. A..... 71			Devinney, C. A.... 65

deep interest members of the Committee take in the life of the retired men; that it had extended to them all the privileges of the building and of all games and facilities. Mr. Patton said he was gratified to note, by the large number of veterans in daily attendance

at the building, that the privileges thus extended were fully appreciated.

He then called upon John K. Rynier, President of the Retired Men's Association, Captain Green, Mr. Massey, Mr. Myers, Mr. Long and Colonel Wilson for speeches.

These speeches breathed throughout the spirit of loyalty to service, to law and civic advancement.

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In response to a request from the presiding officer that all those who had been in the service of the Railroad Company for forty-eight years or over should rise,

Forty-eight men stood up.

During one of the intervals between the speeches Mr. Patton asked those who had seen service in the Civil War to arise, and

Eighty-nine veterans arose to their feet amid great cheering.

Some of those who arose had been in the

service of the Pennsylvania Railroad prior to the beginning of the War, but were furloughed to serve their Country, the Company keeping their positions open for them until their return from the battlefields. It was an inspiring sight to look upon these men who had responded to their country's call a half century ago, and yet 50 years later standing there in manly vigor, with the frosts of many winters whitening their locks, proud in the consciousness that, having done their duty on the field of battle, they had since done their duty as an active part of the economic forces which have made this land what it is today.

## Railroading: A Life Work

It is the design of the Pennsylvania Railroad to make its service so attractive that men who enter it will make it their life work.

There are at the present time more than 2000 active employes who have been in the service more than 40 years, and more than 1500 men who have served 40 years or more, and have been placed on the Roll of Honor and retired. There are approximately 500 men on the Company's pay-rolls who have been in its employ more than 50 years. Four thousand seven hundred active employes are between 60 and 70 years of age—they are retired at 70.

A census recently made of the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad gives striking evidence of the policy the Company pursues in training men. Of 178 ranking officers, 171 or 96 per cent., have been with the Company all of their business life.

Outgrowths of the permanency of employment on the Pennsylvania Railroad are the Veteran Employes' Associations—organizations formed by the men themselves, including both the rank and file and officers—on twelve divisions. Men who have worked for the Company more than twenty-one

years are classed as Veterans. The Associations today have a membership of 6754. This number is, of course, comparatively a small proportion of the total number of employes that have been connected with the Company for that length of time.

The first Veterans' Association was organized on the Pittsburgh Division in 1891; another was organized on the Middle Division in 1897, on the Williamsport, Sunbury, Shamokin and Susquehanna Divisions in 1897, the Philadelphia Division in 1905, the Philadelphia Terminal Division in 1906, the Schuylkill Division in 1908, the Delaware Division in 1909, the New Jersey Division in 1910, and the Central Division in 1912.

The Veterans' Associations meet regularly to refresh their personal acquaintance-ship, and to hold religious services in memory of fellow employes who have died. These Associations are among the most active factors in perpetuating among employes of the Railroad those ideals which have been handed down and developed through 66 years—the ideals which have made the Pennsylvania Railroad what it is today.