

WILLIAM ZICKERICK.

DECEMBER 15, 1902.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DARRAGH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 12413.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12413) granting an increase of pension of William Zickerick, submit the following report:

This bill proposes to increase the pension of this officer from \$20 to \$50 per month.

William Zickerick, now 77 years of age, served as first lieutenant and captain in the Twelfth Battery Wisconsin Light Artillery from July 1, 1862, to June 7, 1865, when honorably discharged, and is now a pensioner under the general law at \$20 per month on account of injury to right testicle and right ankle and total deafness of left ear.

A claim for increase of pension was rejected in October, 1898, upon the ground that his disabilities of accepted service origin did not warrant a higher rating.

When last examined, in 1898, the board of surgeons rated him \$4 for the injury to testicle, \$10 for the injury to right ankle, \$6 for total deafness of left ear, \$4 for bronchitis, and \$10 for paralysis, and described the paralysis as follows:

Loss of power of left hand and arm. Speech affected. Reflexes exaggerated.

Medical evidence on file in the Pension Bureau shows that the beneficiary has been entirely disabled and incapable to fulfill his vocation as a minister of the Gospel by reason of a left-sided stroke of paralysis on June 21, 1897, which has rendered the coordinating powers of his mind and speech decidedly defective and his left arm and leg numb and slightly paralyzed.

Proof also filed in the Pension Bureau shows that he is wholly dependent upon his pension of \$20 per month. Filed with your committee are letters from General Raum and General Howard, reciting the splendid services rendered by the beneficiary as commander of the

Twelfth Wisconsin Battery, especially at Altoona Pass, etc., and Hon. J. H. Davidson, the member who introduced this bill, filed a statement with your committee setting forth that the beneficiary is now entirely helpless from a stroke of paralysis and requires the almost constant attendance of another person and that he is now practically destitute, having used up what little money he had saved as pastor of a small congregation.

In view of this officer's gallant services during his service of three years and that he is now helpless from paralysis and requires the aid and attendance of another person, your committee, following established precedents, recommend an increase of his pension from \$20 to \$30 per month and report the bill back with the recommendation that it pass after the same shall have been amended as follows:

In line 6, before the word "Twelfth," strike out the words "of the."

In same line, before the word "Wisconsin," insert the word "Battery."

In line 8 strike out the word "fifty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

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