

a handsome and a well-poised head. He has, moreover, a genial face, lighted with the kindest eyes, the true index of a noble, tender heart, which delights in kindly and benevolent actions. Such, for example, are the yearly free excursions which he gives to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, the poor women of the Five Points, the police, firemen, and the newsboys of New York city—the latter under the direction of Mr. O'Connor of the "Newsboys Home"—kindnesses which have greatly endeared him to the recipients of these generous acts.

In the same spirit, also, he has lately established a benevolent "Industrial School" (giving the building at a cost of \$3,500) at Fultonville, N. Y., and is (1892) engaged in founding one on the same basis at Fonda, N. Y. He, moreover, on December 14, 1882, gave a choice library to the "Soldiers' Home," at Bath, N. Y. On this occasion, in presenting the library, Mr. Starin made one of those neat and appropriate speeches for which he is so celebrated.

In commenting upon it, a local paper gave the following account:

"The Hon. John H. Starin's war library was presented to the Soldiers' Home here to-day. In 1880 the Grand Army of the Republic, at their semi-annual encampment, appointed a committee to prepare and present to the Hon. John H. Starin a testimonial in recognition of many kindnesses he has extended to veteran soldiers and sailors. At Mr. Starin's request, however, the money appropriated for the purpose (\$800) was devoted to the purchase of 400 volumes of books relating to the Rebellion, and a suitable case for containing them. The presentation ceremonies took place in the Chapel, in the presence of fifty guests, and inmates of the Home, and were presided over by General Slocum, President of the Board of Trustees, who referred in a most complimentary manner to Mr. Starin's action in diverting the testimonial from himself to the uses of the old soldiers, and said that the library would add greatly to