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## Report : Petition of H. Haason

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FEBRUARY 12, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BLAIR, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 13140.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13140) granting a pension to Hetty A. Hasson, have examined the same and report:

The facts are fully set forth in the report of the House Committee on Pensions. That report is adopted by your committee and the bill reported with a favorable recommendation.

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HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13140) granting an increase of pension to Hetty A. Hasson, have considered the same and report as follows:

Mrs. Hasson is the widow of Alexander B. Hasson, late surgeon, U. S. Army, whose military history in brief is as follows:

He accepted appointment as assistant surgeon, U. S. Army, July 1, 1849; promoted to surgeon August 17, 1861, and was post surgeon at Fort Trumbull, Conn., at the time of his death, which occurred March 19, 1877, and was due to disease incurred in the line of his duty. During his long period of service Surgeon Hasson participated in campaigns against hostile Indians and he also rendered arduous and valuable service during the war of the rebellion.

Mrs. Hasson applied for and was granted a pension at the rate of \$25 per month under the general pension laws, but this amount she declares insufficient, in view of her age and disabled condition, to support her comfortably. She states that she endeavored to do something by which to add to her income, but her strength failed with increasing years, and this, with an accident resulting in a fracture of her arm and wrist, has rendered further effort in that direction impossible. She also suffers much from sciatica and nervous prostration and her eyesight is much impaired. She further states that the only property owned by her is a half interest in the house she occupies at New London, Conn., and there is a lien on this interest. This property, with the pension of \$25 per month and the help of friends, constitutes her entire source of income and support. She is now about 64 years old.

Mrs. Hasson's statements are fully supported by the affidavit of Jane E. Jemmil, which accompanies the bill.

The passage of the bill with an amendment to fix the rate of pension at \$40 per month is recommended.

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