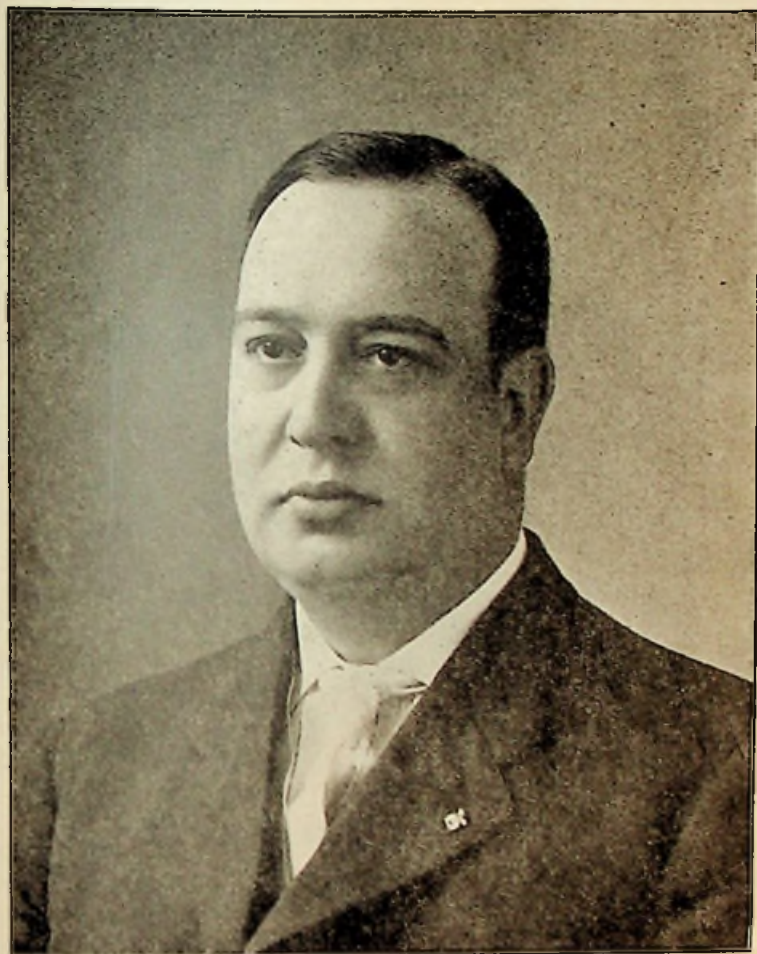


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Past Commander-in-Chief, Puterson, N. J.



FRED E. BOLTON
Commander-in-Chief, Boston, Mass.

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Twenty-Ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment was called to order at 10:45 a. m., September 20, 1910, at the assembly room, Hotel Rudolf, Atlantic City, N. J., with Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt in the chair.

Roll-call showed the following national officers present:

George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief.
Arthur J. Boutwell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Francis E. Cross, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
Thomas J. Hannon, Council-in-Chief.
Felix A. Kremer, Council-in-Chief.
Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.
Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff.
Edward K. Gould, National Counselor.
Rev. William A. Hallock, National Chaplain.
Will F. Jenkins, National Inspector.
Rev. W. J. Patton, National Patriotic Instructor.

After the National Inspector, assisted by Robert T. Alcorn, of Connecticut, acting as Color Bearer, made the rounds of the Encampment and found all present entitled to remain.

The Encampment was opened in due form.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now proceed to the regular order of business. I have to announce the following as the

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

H. H. Hammer, Pennsylvania, National Secretary, Chairman.
George E. Hunt, Massachusetts.
J. Morgan Reimers, Iowa.
George H. Bailey, New Jersey.
Ezra Dixon, Jr., Rhode Island.

After a recess of ten minutes, taken to give the Committee on Credentials an opportunity to prepare its report, the committee made its preliminary report, which report, together with subsequent reports, constitutes the roll-call and roster.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the roll as called be received as the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials, and that the names read be accredited as the delegates to this Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

COMMITTEES.

The Commander-in-Chief then announced the following committees:

ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS—(the same committee as was appointed at the 27th Annual Encampment): Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania; E. R. Campbell, of Maryland; Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island; Dr. Ralph Sheldon, of New York; Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.

ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES—George B. Abbott, of Illinois; L. W. Friedman, of Alabama and Tennessee; Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana; William H. Russell, of Kansas; Grant Van Sant, of Minnesota.

ON RESOLUTIONS—E. W. Estes, of New York; Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts; Alfred G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania; H. C. Springston, of Illinois; Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey.

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS—Charles F. Sherman, of New York; H. V. Speelman, of Ohio; F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland; Ralph Grant, of Connecticut; Arthur M. Soule, of Maine.

ON PRESS—Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire; Edward K. DePuy, of Maryland; L. W. Friedman, of Alabama and Tennessee.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I notice under the head of appointment of committees that there is no committee on appeal. I am not clear that such a committee should be appointed. I am advised and know that certain matters in the nature of appeals will be presented to this Commandery-in-Chief, and therefore, in order that this Commandery-in-Chief may be fully advised as to what shall become of an appeal, I should like to know to what committee, if a committee on appeals be not appointed, such matters shall be referred.

Commander-in-Chief: That will depend upon the nature of the appeal, and the Commander-in-Chief will decide when an appeal is handed in.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I understand that there can be only one appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief, under the law. Two of these matters that I have personal knowledge of will be appealed—relative to court martial—alleged court martial. Whether or not the committee on resolutions, or the committee on officers' reports will have cognizance of such matters, I do not know; and in order that the matter might come legally and lawfully before this body, I desire to be advised at this moment.

Commander-in-Chief: Resolutions from divisions and appeals in cases of courts martial—matters of that kind will probably go to the committee on resolutions. At this time the Com-

mander-in-Chief does not desire to lay down a general rule; it will depend upon the nature of the appeal.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: It seems to me that matters of which we have cognizance will come before the Commandery-in-Chief, and that a committee on appeal could very well be appointed.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Brother Amies to state whether any other committee has been appointed which is not authorized by the Constitution and Laws.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Committee on Press.

Commander-in-Chief: You will find a committee on press provided for in the ritual.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: That does not appear in the Constitution.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Court martial matters are matters which naturally are to be passed upon by the Commander-in-Chief. They would naturally be covered in his report. If the appeal is anything of a character relating to courts martial, and the matter is covered in the report of the Commander-in-Chief as a natural consequence it should be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: As a matter of course the Committee on Officers' Reports would be bound to take cognizance. Suppose there are questions arising outside of that which the Commander-in-Chief, nor the committee, would know anything.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commander-in-Chief wishes to assure you and everybody else that all will have a square deal.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I don't expect anything else but what is right.

Commander-in-Chief: I will hold that the committee on press is a legal one; it is provided for in the ritual, passed upon by the Commandery-in-Chief and ratified by the Order. There is no authority for the appointment of a committee on grievances. The next thing in order is the

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The Commander-in-Chief then read his report as follows:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., September 20, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

In accordance with the practice heretofore followed and obeying the spirit of the Constitution and Laws of our Order, I herewith respectfully submit the following as my report as Commander-in-Chief.

When the Encampment at Washington, D. C., conferred upon me the highly honorable position of Commander-in-Chief, I felt

that the wisdom of this choice would be judged largely by the manner in which I took hold of and performed the work which is assigned to that position. I said then that I desired that nothing that I might do or say would give the Encampment any regret for the action they had taken, and when installed I said that I, while fully comprehending the power that was in me vested, also felt that I had but a faint idea of the duties thus assumed. Having the advantage of twenty-three years active service in the Order, during which time I had been honored by being placed in positions of responsibility and trust in the Order, and while feeling that this had given me a certain amount of preparation for the position of Commander-in-Chief, I still felt that this new position assumed was of a totally different character from any held before, and for that reason called for closer attention, greater self-denial and more persistent perseverance than was needed in any other office in the Order. It did not take me very long to learn that one who would be a Commander-in-Chief must be at heart a true Son of a Veteran, thoroughly in sympathy with the objects and principles of the Order, ready at all times to give his full attention to the duties of the office, and lay aside all regard for personal comfort or convenience.

I have endeavored to administer the duties of the office by giving it conscientious attention and all the time I possibly could spare. This I have tried to do, and while I have endeavored to embody in this report a fair and accurate account of the history of the Order for the past term as it had to do with the office of Commander-in-Chief, yet I feel fully satisfied that I have been able to give but a slight conception of what has been accomplished.

Assembled as we are in the 29th Annual Encampment as the authorized representatives of an organization so grand, great, loyal and patriotic as is the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to pass upon the work of the past and plan for the coming year, I take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to all present, as well as to the Divisions and the Camps. You are worthy of these congratulations and fully entitled to them. The position the Order has reached to-day is a distinct gain over that of a year ago. We have been accorded during the past year a recognition such as we have never had before. Our position is one to be proud of and the merit and character of our membership has been generally respected and admired. The time has arrived when we need not indulge in any thought as to the perpetuity of the Order. That is beyond all doubt and cavil fully assured and we may to-day make our plans based upon the admitted fact that the Order in the future will go forward and take its proper place as the great patriotic Organization in this nation of ours.

OFFICERS.

At the 28th Annual Encampment held at Washington, D. C., August 24, 25, and 26, 1909, the following National Officers were elected and appointed:

Commander-in-Chief, George W. Pollitt, Paterson, N. J.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Arthur J. Boutwell, Concord, N. H.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Francis E. Cross, Washington, D. C.
National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.
 Council-in-Chief, Thomas J. Hannon, Dedham, Mass.
 Council-in-Chief, Felix A. Kremer, Madison, Wis.
 Council-in-Chief, John A. Bommhardt, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.
 National Counselor, Edward K. Gould, Rockland, Maine.
 National Chaplain, Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, Honeoye Falls, N. Y.
 National Inspector, Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Ill.
 National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. W. J. Patton, Mason City,
 Iowa.

HEADQUARTERS.

Through the courtesy of Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, New Jersey Division Sons of Veterans, who granted the use of their handsome Headquarters building, any and all of it for the use of the Commander-in-Chief, Headquarters were immediately established at Sons of Veterans Hall, 145 Broadway, Paterson, N. J., where all of the business of the Commander-in-Chief has been transacted. During the whole of the past term arrangements were made, while the Commander-in-Chief was absent on official business, by which the routine work was not delayed. Much of this has been assumed by National Secretary Hammer, to whom I am indebted for this as well as many other favors.

ORDERS.

In accordance with the instructions of the Commandery-in-Chief, and following its contract with THE BANNER, the official organ, all General Orders have been published through this medium, numbering thirteen in all, one in each month during the present term of office. These orders are the medium through which general information and instruction is given for the general welfare of the Order. In accordance with the custom of previous years there has been published as a part of each General Order a financial statement of the conditions of the Order as they existed at the end of each month, the plan of paying all bills on the first of each month heretofore adopted having been continued and the membership are thus enabled to know monthly the exact financial condition of the Order. Copies of all General and Special Orders issued during the year are herewith attached to and made part of this report.

OFFICERS.

I take this opportunity to extend to one and all of the National Officers my deep sense of appreciation for their faithful service rendered during my administration. I have had from them all earnest support, admirable advice and excellent assistance. I have found them all ready and willing to help in any way possible and prompt to assume and discharge any special duty assigned to them. It is a pleasure to know that all of these men are active and energetic in their Camps and Divisions and have thus earned the high honor that has been accorded to them. To avoid any injustice to some of these men I will not refer to them individually. A perusal of their reports to this Encampment will, I am satisfied, assure the membership that the trust reposed in them has been carefully and faithfully administered.

COMMITTEES.

By authority of the 28th Annual Encampment the following Special Committees were appointed.

Committee on Military Affairs:

P. C. in C. E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.
 P. D. C. Herbert S. Foster, North Calais, Vermont.
 P. D. C. Alfred G. Lloyd, Pittsburg, Pa.
 P. D. C. W. S. Reeder, Dayton, Ohio.
 P. C.-in-C. Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass.

Committee to procure the necessary information relative to placing a stone commemorative of our Order in the Washington Monument, Washington, D. C.:

P. D. C. Edward K. DePuy, Washington, D. C.
 P. D. C. Edward C. Irelan, Baltimore, Md.
 P. C. Daniel W. McNeil, Paterson, N. J.

Committee to confer with a similar committee from the Spanish American War Veterans to consider the question of erecting of a monument in Arlington Cemetery to the memory of the Sailors who died at the time of the wrecking of the Maine at Havana Harbor, Cuba.

P. C. in C. Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I.
 Charles A. Sidman, Washington, D. C.
 Major Frank B. W. Welch, Portland, Me.
 P. D. C. Harry E. Pennell, Atlantic City, N. J.
 Lieut. Colonel L. W. V. Kennon, Washington, D. C.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

Your Commander-in-Chief approaches this subject with a great deal of diffidence. The question of what to do with Memorial University and how to do it has been before this organization for the past eight years or more, and in all that time apparently not one feasible plan suggested and put into operation. The action of the Commander-in-Chief at the Washington Encampment in placing President Patton of the University in the field as National Organizer has not produced the results anticipated. The attempt was apparently made at that time to give Memorial University a fixed sum of money and at the same time receive in return for this expenditure the service of Doctor Patton, which it was fondly hoped would produce a result commensurate with the sum expended. That this has not been the result, I am quite free to say, is not due to any lack of energy upon the part of our National Organizer. He has at my request visited the Divisions of Michigan, Nebraska and Rhode Island. The net result in Michigan was the organization of a splendid Camp at Detroit of fine material, not large in numbers, but having on its roll of membership one former Commander-in-Chief and a number of Past Division Commanders, its Commander being a man of influence in the city of Detroit, an editor of a prominent newspaper, and one who was willing to make sacrifices for the Order. What this leaven may effect upon the great lump of Veterans' Sons in the state of Michigan is yet to be demonstrated. The Commander of that Camp has since that time been elected Commander of the Division. I know his plans for the future and am sure that they will be pushed with energy and with every prospect of success. The situation in Colorado did not justify Brotaer Patton in remaining very long in that state. Matters were left in the hands of a prominent state official who was a Son of a Veteran, but it appears that so far no result has been produced for reasons that I do not wish to refer

to in this report. In Rhode Island Doctor Patton's visits made in the cities of Providence and Pawtucket have been productive of good results, but the order seems to have proceeded during the past year upon the assumption that the amount ordered given by the Encampment was sufficiently large to relieve them of all obligation from personal contribution. This, of course, does not apply to all of the members of the Order, but there has been a falling off in subscriptions which your Commander-in-Chief thinks is largely due to the assumption before alluded to. I had the pleasure of paying a personal visit to Memorial University during the month of May. I, as well as others who have visited the Institution without previous knowledge of it, was surprised at the extent of the material embodied in that Institution. The people of Mason City, and especially the Mason City Camp, have fully kept their pledges and are willing to continue to do all that reasonably can be expected of them as long as the Institution continues. I had the opportunity of making a thorough inspection of the buildings and its appointments and grounds attached thereto, saw the classes in session, had an opportunity to talk with the faculty and with the students. To me it seems impossible for us to abandon this institution to its fate. I believe that something should be done to give it a permanent support, but I must admit that I am not able at this time to indicate what course should be pursued to make this support possible. The Institution has during the past year received a great deal of attention from the Grand Army of the Republic, the Womans Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Veterans, as well as from individual members of these four organizations. I have also found from my visitations throughout the country that there is a feeling of loyalty toward the Institution in a great portion of our membership who believe that the Order is under obligations to support the University in some practical way. I believe these Brothers would be very much dissatisfied if the Institution were closed, and it is a subject for deep consideration on our part as to what would be the feeling of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations if it were known that we had abandoned the Institution to its fate. There seems to be little doubt that we went into this proposition without the careful consideration which it should have had, but having taken it up, how can we without injury to ourselves abandon it? That is a question that I am willing to say that I cannot answer. I know what the people of Mason City think about the matter and especially the members of Mason City Camp. I believe they are earnest and sincere in their desire to have the Institution continue, in which local pride is mingled with the pride that comes to a Brother that is considering an Institution fathered by our Order as this Memorial University was. The appointment of Brother Patton as National Organizer continues for another year. If the weather conditions had been favorable he would have visited the Division of South Dakota and possibly have made substantial progress there in resuscitating that Division, but this could not be done. The future of the University calls for careful consideration on our part and we can well devote considerable time to thinking over this matter.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

The present excellent condition of this adjunct to the Order

reflects great credit upon the officers in charge. Your Commander-in-Chief has had an opportunity of witnessing the Reserve while in Camp and while taking part in public demonstrations. The members of that body are an enthusiastic organization and make great sacrifices in order to perfect themselves in military drill. It is the testimony of Camps that have Reserve Companies attached to them that the latter are the means of increasing interest and membership, and gives the Camp an opportunity of showing to the public in a practical way the possibilities of the organization as a Reserve of the general Government. Your Commander-in-Chief is and always has been in favor of the Reserve and hopes for it a continuance of prosperity and an increase of strength. While at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Encampment last June he had the opportunity of seeing the Reserve in camp. He noticed the good appearance made by them while on parade during one of the days of the Encampment and he is pleased to have this opportunity to commend them for the excellent showing made at that time. Some slight changes were made in the laws concerning the Reserve during the past year, which have been approved by your Commander-in-Chief and promulgated by the Chief of Staff. These were of a character calculated to increase the efficiency of the organization and from present appearances the Reserve appear to be upon a sound substantial footing.

VISITATIONS.

During my term of office I have had the pleasure of attending the Annual Encampments of the Divisions of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio. In addition, I have made fraternal visits to the Grand Army Encampments of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. I have also had the pleasure of attending Grand Army Reunions in Vermont and New Hampshire and was present at a joint meeting held under the auspices of Shepley Camp 4, Portland, Maine, when your Commander-in-Chief was tendered a reception, and attended rallies held under the auspices of the united Camps in the city of Providence and at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, under the auspices of Camp No. 9, Rhode Island Division. I was present and assisted at the muster of George A. Custer Camp No. 21, New Jersey Division and have had the pleasure of attending meetings of many Camps in the several Divisions of the Order. These visits involved a mileage of 15,000. At all of these gatherings I have been the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of Brothers and Grand Army Comrades. I accepted every opportunity of speaking at these gatherings where it was possible to reach those whose friendliness for the Order is of substantial benefit to us. The great gathering at The Weirs, where the New Hampshire Veterans Association representing all the commands that participated in the War of the Rebellion gather annually in the last week of August for a Reunion taking up the entire week, was to me a great object lesson in patriotism. The position given to the Sons of Veterans at that gathering and the evident intent of the Grand Army Comrades present to show every consideration for our organization, was a very pleasing one, and I am very glad, indeed, that it was my privilege to be the first Commander-in-Chief to visit this Reunion, which has been held annually since 1876. I believe that the visits of a Commander-in-Chief are a great stim-

ulus to Divisions, to Camps and to individuals. Some there are who believe that the money thus expended might be used to better advantage in other directions, but I would earnestly urge upon my successors to give all the time possible to this feature of the duties of the Commander-in-Chief and everywhere they will find a hearty welcome and a fraternal greeting that will warm their hearts and make them more determined than ever to put forth their best efforts to build up the Order. We are apt to look upon the meetings of the Divisions and the Commandery-in-Chief as being all that is necessary for the purpose of informing the membership of the progress being made by the Order, but the great mass of the members know very little of these gatherings and to them the opportunity of meeting the Commander-in-Chief personally is considered to be a great privilege, and I believe if this policy of visitations were abandoned for one year the result would be so disastrous and apparent that there would be a general demand for its resumption. I found everywhere a feeling on the part of the membership that we are on the eve of a great revival of interest. I found that the men who were at the head of the Organization locally and in the several states were all active and energetic, loyal and interested in the work of the Order. The many and diverse duties of the Camps throughout the Order would make an interesting list to catalogue. Your Commander-in-Chief thought he had a fair idea of what Camps were called upon to do, but he found many new and novel instances of the self-denial of our members and their loyalty to the Union Veterans and their dependent ones.

DIVISIONS.

The number of Divisions remain just as it was at the last Encampment. All of the Divisions during the past year have had the benefit of the time and energy of men of great ability and integrity to command them. They have, as a rule, been very prompt in conducting business with these Headquarters and have at all times shown by hearty co-operation with the Commander-in-Chief that they had the best interests of the Order at heart. I shall always remember with pleasure the pleasant relationship, loyal support and courteous treatment that I have received at their hands. Correspondence had early in this term with the Adjutant-General of the Division of South Dakota, and originating with him, led your Commander-in-Chief to the belief that there was an excellent opportunity to reorganize that Division. It was suggested by the Adjutant-General that some fifteen or twenty Grand Army Posts in that state were about to surrender their charters and it was his desire to place in each locality where a Grand Army Post gave up its charter, a Camp of Sons of Veterans to succeed them and carry on their work. This state being attached to the Division of Minnesota for the purpose of administration, considerable correspondence was had with the Comrade referred to and the Division Commander of Minnesota, and arrangements were perfected by which our National Organizer would visit that state during the past winter and endeavor to bring about this arrangement, the organization of new Camps and the Division which would follow as a consequence, but the terrible storms of last winter and the bad weather generally, interfered with this idea and it was not carried out for the reason given above. I believe there is a

good opportunity for the organization of a Division in that state and that all that would be necessary would be the services of an organizer to visit it and spend about two or four weeks in the sole business of organizing Camps and the Division would be very soon assured. Correspondence was also had with a former member of the Order residing in that state along these same lines, but thus far without effect. Acting upon the suggestion of the Adjutant-General of the Department of West Virginia Grand Army of the Republic, your Commander-in-Chief through the National Secretary, took up the matter of organizing Camps in that state. We have two Camps there now, a third one in prospect, and while everything was done upon the part of this administration to bring about the immediate organization of Camps there and the possible formation of a Division, thus far nothing practical has been accomplished. This is good ground for work. The state of Oklahoma is a part of the Division of Kansas. We have now three Camps in that state, with eight suspended. A live, active organizer, who would devote about one month to that state would soon have these eight Camps back in the Order and the Division instituted. This is also a section of the country where attention should be given to this point and I would suggest to my successor that he keep this suggestion in mind and endeavor to bring about this much desired result. Through the activity of C. B. Zeek, Special Aide on my Staff, five Camps have been instituted in the state of Oregon. Five more are in sight and likely to be mustered within the next thirty or sixty days, all of them of good fair size and composed of men who will be likely to keep them alive and in operation. When these five additional Camps are mustered this state will be ready for organization as a Division and I am quite sure that it will be a credit to the Order when instituted. Of the twenty-five Divisions, the report for the quarter ending June 30, 1910, shows fifteen of them with an increase in membership, some of them not large, others with a considerable gain. The National Secretary's report will call to your attention this particular feature of the standing of the Order.

DISCIPLINE.

What would otherwise have been a very pleasant administration was made otherwise by the number of Courts-martial which it seemed to be necessary to order. Two Courts-martial were handed down as a legacy from the previous administration, and others, to the number of six were ordered after an investigation of the charges seemed to warrant them being held. In two cases the Commander-in-Chief exercised his authority to detail a member to make inquiry as to the necessity for a Court-martial and acting upon his report was inclined to dismiss the charges, but later, evidence being produced which seemed to justify the charges as made, the Court-martial was ordered in the cases of two Brothers from one Camp. There has been general dissatisfaction with the method of trial by Court-martial, but thus far no adequate substitute has been suggested or adopted. It would be well to give this matter careful consideration and I understand it has had this from the Committee on Constitution and Laws which is expected to report at this Encampment.

ELIGIBILITY.

It is quite evident from the experience of your Commander-in-Chief during the past year that there is a laxity in the investigation of applications for membership to the Order. In two cases, that of Frederick Tschudy, Camp 33, Ruhl, York, Pa., and Harry Williams, Camp 80, Philadelphia, Pa., there was a failure to establish proof of eligibility. Both these persons had been in the Order for a considerable period and upon investigation by the Commander of the Pennsylvania Division it was found that sufficient proof did not exist of the eligibility of either. The Commander of Pennsylvania Division ordered the names of these two persons stricken from the rolls of their respective Camps. His action was confirmed by your Commander-in-Chief and the parties concerned are no longer members of the Order. Your Commander-in-Chief has heard unofficially quite recently of another very flagrant case, which would make it seem that in some cases no attention is paid at all to making applicants furnish absolute proof of eligibility. There is no penalty provided for Camps that offend in this way, but it would seem to be about time that some proper punishment was meted out to those who are so careless in inquiring into that which is the basic principle of our Order.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been issued to the Commanders of the Divisions of New Hampshire, Vermont, Indiana and California-Oregon, to receive applications for Camp charters and muster Camps without first submitting the charter applications to National Headquarters for approval. It was deemed wise to do this as a situation obtained in each Division which seemed to make it necessary for action upon certain applications for Camp charters. These dispensations will expire by limitation with the end of this term and their renewal will depend upon the good judgment of my successor.

MEMORIAL AND UNION DEFENDERS' DAYS.

The part taken by our Order in observing the days above referred to is becoming so large and so distinctly a duty to be obeyed, that it is very gratifying to learn that the Grand Army of the Republic is depending more and more upon the Camps for performing the physical labor required, especially on Memorial Day. The thorough manner in which this work is performed by our members has made it easy for them to assume the burdens to the satisfaction of the Comrades. Sons of Veterans in many localities have sole charge of the observance of the Day. In others the Grand Army of the Republic is relying largely upon the assistance given by the Sons to properly observe the Day. The reverence with which we should approach the duties of Memorial Day and the sacredness with which they should be observed is apparent to all the Brothers. Union Defenders' Day is largely taking on the proportions of a public holiday and naturally and logically its observance is placed in the hands of the Sons of Veterans. They have in every instance creditably performed these duties and in the future there is no doubt they will do this even to a greater extent than in the past. At this Encampment the reports will be rendered by the National Officers in charge of these matters.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Never before in the history of our Organization have our relations with our parent Organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, been more cordial, pleasant and fraternal. The enthusiasm with which our members observe the principles laid down in our laws with regard to the observance of our duty toward our fathers, the evident intent of the Brothers to make this their first and most pleasant duty, is becoming so apparent to the veterans that they are drawing much closer toward us as an organization than at any time in the past. They know full well that it is our duty to take their places wherever it is possible and they also know the large responsibility attached to the assumption of this duty. Their burdens and their cares we should willingly assume and I have no doubt that when later on, by reason of diminished numbers and the lessened energy that comes with age, that the Order of the Sons of Veterans will step in and perform all of the many duties, especially in connection with Memorial Day, which their fathers have been so faithfully performing since the Grand Army was instituted. Ours is an organization of sentiment, theirs is based upon service and we cannot show in a better way the true spirit of patriotism which prompted them to give their service and in many instances their lives that this country might live, and we should daily renew our pledge to perpetuate these sacrifices and inculcate true patriotism and to see that the pages of history bear the true story of the record made by those most honorable men. During the past year I have had the pleasure of meeting Commander-in-Chief, an Sant and always and everywhere his voice was lifted up in commendation of our Organization and he spoke as would a true soldier and patriot. He has always had a warm admiration for our Organization and has, whenever the occasion presented itself, always spoken a good word for us. This year for the first time in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic their sons will act as escort in the Encampment meeting this week at Atlantic City. They have done this as a compliment to us, and your Commander-in-Chief in tendering the services of an armed escort composed of the Reserve, felt that the acceptance of this tender would be of substantial benefit to us as an organization and he sincerely hopes that the snowing made will be one of credit to all. Camps everywhere are urged to show by their actions toward the Grand Army of the Republic that we are striving to merit their confidence and esteem and each of us as long as one of them shall live should extend to him every courtesy and every manifestation of friendship and filial love, so that in the declining days of this great Organization they may feel secure in the belief that in the Sons of Veterans they are leaving behind them their successors.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

The position assumed by the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, which is our recognized Auxiliary, toward our Organization, has been materially strengthened during the past year. It has been the unique distinction of your Commander-in-Chief to be a resident of the same city with the National President of the Auxiliary and it has been a pleasure for me to know, as well as a pleasure to record that the growth of the Auxiliary in new

Auxiliaries chartered and in net increase in membership, has been large and substantial. The Auxiliary is in a flourishing condition numerically and financially and is demonstrating its usefulness every day of its existence. Its help to a Camp is universally admitted and there is no necessity of any argument upon this question. Your Commander-in-Chief has extended to them his greetings personally and as your Commander-in-Chief and expects that they will grow in the future as in the past, and will always be able to demonstrate their usefulness as an auxiliary to this Organization. Their untiring devotion, their good works and the readiness to assist at all times is but a redemption of the pledges made at the time of the institution of the Auxiliary, and we may look for a great growth, not only in membership, but in influence in the future.

KINDRED ORGANIZATIONS.

The Womans Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Daughters of Veterans are organizations allied to the Grand Army of the Republic that in a large degree have been of substantial benefit to our Order. We have had in our ranks many members whose presence there is the result of the activity of these loyal women. It has been my pleasure many times during my term to visit these organizations, both state and local, having been received by them with courtesy and friendliness, which indicates their attitude toward us. They have the same loyal ancestry back of them that we have and many Posts and Camps throughout the country can testify to the fact that they are necessary and useful adjuncts. Their attitude toward the Organizations to which they are auxiliary and others with which they are affiliated is one that calls for devotion and practical assistance that in many cases have been the means of continuing the life of the Organization to which they were attached.

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

There seems to be a feeling upon the part of many of our members that an official organ is not necessary and that the money paid for it is wasted. Personally I do not see how anyone can consistently oppose the use of an official organ, for, as the means of building up the membership, THE BANNER has demonstrated its usefulness. It does not seem to me possible to procure the services of an official organ at any cheaper rate than that now enjoyed by us, and it is the belief of many men who have been connected with the Order for a number of years, and much of that time in an official capacity, that THE BANNER has been the means of reducing the percentage of suspensions. As means of communication between the different Divisions and Camps in the Order it is an excellent medium, and those Brothers who will persistently peruse the columns of THE BANNER and endeavor to absorb information which will be of benefit to them as individuals and as members of the Camps in which they have membership, will find that it is a lasting benefit. Your Commander-in-Chief has been a reader of THE BANNER since he saw the first copy years ago, when it was the official organ of the Illinois Division, and he has found pleasure in its monthly visits to his home and is positive that it is a benefit far beyond its small cost.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

This organization, instituted in 1903, has now passed the 10,000 mark in membership. It is growing rapidly and it is deserving of the hearty co-operation of all the Brothers. Nearly every Division has Camps in it attached to the D. B. A. and its record is one of prompt payment of claims, economical administration and the careful attention of its Board of Managers. It has paid 740 death claims with the proceeds of 269 assessments of ten cents each; total benefits paid to July 31, 1910, \$164,125, and its reserve fund on that date amounted to \$6680.05. Camps which have adopted the protection afforded by the Death Benefit Association have found it a benefit. It has a tendency to increase membership and is found to be of good use in soliciting new members. Your Commander-in-Chief takes great pleasure in recommending it to all the Brothers.

INSPECTIONS.

There is considerable opposition to the continuance of the inspections of Camps and Divisions. Why this should be, I do not understand. It appears to me that a thoroughly conducted inspection of a Division or a Camp by some Brother disinterested, is certain to result in some good. This good result may be minimized by carelessness in the appointment of Inspectors. When we consider that we have an abundance of the very best material at hand for this purpose, no excuse can be offered for the appointment of a Brother who is not competent. It is wise to consider the location of a Camp and Division to be inspected and to name a Brother whose expenses in reaching the same will be kept at the minimum.

SPECIAL AIDES.

As the law permits your Commander-in-Chief, your Commander-in-Chief has appointed a number of Special Aides and in nearly every instance they were Brothers suggested by the several Division Commanders. In many cases the good judgment of these Commanders was made manifest by the vigorous attention to duties by the Brothers suggested by them for Special Aides. Many of the Brothers were active and energetic and fairly earned the right to wear the distinguishing badge of a Special Aide. Among them I wish to speak in particular of the efficient and energetic work performed by Comrade C. B. Zeek, of Bandon, Oregon, who enjoys the unique distinction of being the Commander of his local Post as well as the Commander of his local Camp. Brother Zeek's energy will probably result in the formation of the new Division of Oregon. Brother George L. Wakefield, M. D., Manchester, New Hampshire, is also worthy of commendation for his activity, which has resulted in the formation of several new Camps, with others in prospect. Considering the limited time in which he had to do this work, your Commander-in-Chief regrets that his Commission was not issued earlier in the term. I have found all of the Special Aides ready and willing to take up any duty assigned to them and they have my hearty thanks for the devotion and support accorded to me during my term of office.

ENCAMPMENT DATE.

The action of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic

in fixing the date of this Encampment during the week of September 19, 1910, thereby fixed the date of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. We are meeting now upon the direct invitation of the Grand Army of the Republic and it is the first time that they have ever extended this invitation. It is hoped that our relations and meetings together will be so pleasant and harmonious that this invitation will be extended during future years.

PERSONAL AIDE.

I desire at this time to give expression to my pleasure at the manner in which my Personal Aide, Brother Arthur I. Vescelius, has attended to the duties of his office. He has been of incalculable assistance to me and his advice and counsel has been often the one thing needed to straighten out some knotty problem.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS.

The establishment of permanent Headquarters by the Commandery-in-Chief some years back has been so amply justified by the results obtained therefrom that it does not seem necessary to do anything further nor discuss this question any longer. The National Secretary and National Treasurer have given all the time and attention to the business of the Order that was necessary and so promptly have they attended to everything in connection with the duties of their respective offices that their method of transacting business is suggested as an example for the different Division Secretaries and Treasurers. It would be a good idea for all similar officials to copy after the office manners of National Secretary Hammer and National Treasurer Rake.

PROCEEDINGS.

The permanent preservation of the proceedings and transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampments is so necessary and the pamphlet form in which they have heretofore been published being so convenient for those who desire to avail themselves of the information contained therein that I would suggest that this method be continued. It seems to be the best way of publishing to the Order the actions of this body, which is the supreme authority in the Order, and the expense incurred in publishing is small in comparison with the benefits obtained.

MEMBERSHIP.

The burning question in this Order has been for years, how to obtain members and how to keep them after we get them. I do not feel that I have any new method to suggest. It seems to me that the Order is answering this question for itself. The activity in recruiting new members during the past year has been general, and while in certain Divisions a systematic method has been adopted, yet in others no such attempt has been made to increase the membership. The Division of Connecticut seems to have solved the problem in securing the services of Brother Charles E. Hale as Division Organizer. His work has been thorough and complete and very satisfactory. It has cost the Division some money, but they have doubled their membership within the current term and are still gather-

ing in new members. The Division of Pennsylvania has had for two years past the services of Division Organizer Myers, who has adopted a plan which is productive of good results. This plan also cost the Division some money and it does not seem to be possible to successfully conduct a canvass for new members without it costing something and your Commander-in-Chief thinks that this is an excellent way to spend money, particularly as these two Divisions can show beyond a doubt that it pays to put a paid Organizer in the field. The Divisions of New York, Ohio and Illinois are now raising money to put paid Organizers in the field in their respective Divisions. The Division of Indiana has made some arrangement with its Division Secretary by which he will devote the major portion of his time to working up new Camps and increasing the membership in those already in operation. I think the Commandery-in-Chief can well afford to take some of its surplus funds and add them to the amounts raised by the several Divisions, on some plan that would be equitable to both the Commandery-in-Chief and the Divisions, and in this way increase the efficiency of Organizers and induce other Divisions to put Organizers in the field. This is well worthy of consideration by the Commandery-in-Chief and I desire very much that some definite action be taken at this Encampment. We have Brothers with us from the several Divisions who can give evidence of the value of this business-like method of endeavor to induce eligibles to join the Order, and your Commander-in-Chief firmly believes that this is a reasonable and sensible way to go about the business of increasing our membership.

FINANCES.

Under the plan in vogue for some years past of publishing the itemized and total statements of the monthly receipts and expenses of the Order through the medium of general orders in THE BANNER the membership has been given the opportunity to learn the exact financial standing of the Order. It is wise to continue this method, as the Brothers generally desire to know just what shape the financial matters are in connection with the National Headquarters. The National Secretary and National Treasurer will both submit their respective reports at this Encampment, giving in minute detail all of the financial transactions of the National Headquarters down to a recent date. These reports will show that the Order is on a sound financial basis. All bills and expenses to date are paid and the balance on hand is considerably in excess of that on hand at the beginning of my administration. I do not recommend a reduction of the per capita tax. I doubt if it is wise to make such a reduction, which would be a radical move at this time. I think it better to take the surplus moneys now on hand, and that with what may accrue during the coming year over and above the necessary expenses of the Order, use for organization purposes. All bills may be promptly paid, and while the balance at the present time may seem large, yet it is not too large for an organization such as ours.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

The thanks of this Encampment are due and should be given to the local Sons of Veterans Committee of Arrangements in Atlantic City. They have been particularly active since the

plans were prepared for meeting here in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic, and upon the shoulders of the Chairman of that Committee, P. D. C. Frank M. Cunningham, has fallen the bulk of the work. I have had occasion to communicate with and meet Mr. Cunningham and have found him thoroughly alive to the interests of the occasions and prompt to attend to all information regarding the Encampment.

NATIONAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Like my predecessors I have found the valuable advice and assistance of National Secretary Horace H. Hammer and National Treasurer James L. Rake of great benefit in conducting the affairs of the Order. These two Brothers are a credit to the Organization and the careful and efficient manner in which they perform their duties is a justification of the action of the Commandery-in-Chief in former Encampments in establishing permanent Headquarters. I shall always remember with a great deal of pleasure the close friendship between myself and these two gentlemen and shall always consider that I was highly favored in having their advice many times when it was very much needed.

DECISIONS.

In the matter of decisions, your Commander-in-Chief acted only when a question was forwarded through Division Headquarters; all other requests for decisions being returned.

I. A dispensation cannot be granted to permit the annual inspection of a Division Headquarters to be made later than December 31st, the time fixed in the Constitution when the inspection shall be completed.

II. The Commander-in-Chief has no authority to issue an order or injunction extending the time given by a Division Commander to a brother to show cause within ten days why he should not be dropped from the rolls because of ineligibility to membership.

III. A Division would not be obligated in any way by reason by a Division Commander approving camp by-laws containing an article specifying certain amounts to be paid as sick and death benefits in case the camp should fail to pay said benefits.

IV. Members who are six months in arrears for dues, but not suspended, are entitled to vote at the annual election of officers of the camp.

V. A person whose final discharge from the United States Army in time of peace is not honorable is eligible to membership, inasmuch as this person does not stand convicted of a felony nor an infamous crime. The manner of leaving the service, however, should be carefully weighed by the camp receiving the application.

VI. In case of a brother of a camp having been suspended by his Camp for nonpayment of dues, who afterwards applies for reinstatement in the Camp, the Camp is not compelled to reinstate him as a member if they consider his membership undesirable.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief cannot compel a brother to take an honorable discharge.

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief has no authority to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate charges of ineligibility made against a brother, which charges have been passed upon by the Commander of the Division and found sufficient.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I make the following recommendations:

- I. That the rate of per capita tax remain as at present.
- II. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to prepare an engrossed parchment testimonial to be presented to Commander-in-Chief S. R. Van Sant, as an evidence of our appreciation of his efforts in our behalf during his term of office, and that the same committee prepare and present a parchment testimonial to Past Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius, and to the widow of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, as authorized at the 28th Annual Encampment, the cost in each instance not to exceed \$25.00.
- III. That fifteen hundred copies, in pamphlet form, of the proceedings of this Encampment, be authorized, to be printed under the direction of the present administration, for the purpose of distribution to the various Camps and Divisions.
- IV. That \$2000.00 of the surplus moneys now in the National Treasurer's hands be used for organization purposes. That when a Division shall place an organizer in the field under salary that the incoming Commander-in-Chief is authorized to pay a pro rata sum not exceeding \$250 to a Division appropriating a like sum, details of said payments to be made by the Commander-in-Chief.
- V. That the sentence of dishonorable discharge in the case of George W. King, E. D. Baker Camp No. 277, Division of Pennsylvania, be approved.
- VI. That the sentence of dishonorable discharge in the case of William H. Shuler, W. S. Hancock Camp No. 44, Division of Pennsylvania, be approved.
- VII. That the sentence of dishonorable discharge in the case of Henry W. Snow, Robley D. Evans Camp No. 20, Division of Illinois, be approved.
- VIII. That the sentence of dishonorable discharge in the case of George H. Younger, W. L. Curry Camp No. 82, Division of Pennsylvania, be approved.
- IX. That the decision of the Commander-in-Chief in the case of Frederick Tschudy, Ruhl Camp 33, Pennsylvania Division, be approved.
- X. That the decision of the Commander-in-Chief in the case of Harry Williams, Camp 80, Pennsylvania Division, be approved.

CONCLUSION.

Having given an account of my stewardship the time has come for my last official communication as Commander-in-Chief. During my term of office I have endeavored to be the representative of the whole Order and not a portion of it, and as clear as I understand the duties of the office, I administered the laws. Having but one desire, and that to increase the membership and influence of our organization with a view to making

it more important and effective and thereby perform a double purpose, to be of substantial use in assisting the Union veteran and his dependent ones and to attract to us that large body of eligibles whose presence in our ranks would make us the greatest patriotic body of men in the world and increase our effectiveness a thousandfold.

In the attempt to do this I have traveled 15,000 miles. I have seized every opportunity to present the claims of the Order upon every occasion where veterans and eligibles could be reached, and left no stone unturned to advance the cause so dear to all of us.

In doing this I have never consulted my personal comfort or convenience, and have given the work of the Order precedence over my own private affairs.

I have been brought in contact with several thousands of my brothers, made many new friends, renewed many old acquaintanceships, and I hope more firmly cemented those ties that bind me to many brothers by whose side I have worked in this cause for nearly a quarter of a century. All of these experiences were very sweet and pleasant to me. I shall never forget them, and sincerely hope that the path of my successor has been in some degree made easier by the work performed by his predecessor.

I do not believe that my work in the Order has been finished. I certainly would feel sad if I knew there was no place for me in the ranks, and when I leave this Encampment I shall return to my Camp, where I shall in some degree, at least, endeavor to show that past honors, no matter how great, are, after all, only additional reasons for activity, and shall keep in mind the fact that the true measure of a brother's love for the Order is his activity in his own Camp.

You may not hear from me as often as in past, but you may rest assured that some where along the line I am doing that work that lies near me and endeavoring thus to increase the influence of the Order that has so highly honored me. As long as I live I shall always remember with pleasure my term of office as your official head, never forget the many courtesies and kindnesses received at your hands. I wish for the Order increased usefulness and for yourselves individually long life, prosperity and happiness.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

GEORGE W. POLLITT, Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS No. IX.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., Sept. 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 9—Series of 1909.

Having been elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the 28th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Washington, D. C., command is hereby assumed.

The officers and staff duly elected, appointed and installed are:

Commander-in-Chief, George W. Pollitt, Paterson, N. J.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Arthur J. Boutwell, Concord, N. H., R. F. D. No. 9.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Francis E. Cross, No. 319 Ninth St., Washington, D. C.

Council-in-Chief: Thomas J. Hannon, Dedham, Mass.; Felix A. Kremer, 17 Marston Block, Madison, Wis.; John A. Bommhardt, 231 The Arcade, Cleveland, O.

Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

National Counselor, Edw. K. Gould, 388 Main St., Rockland, Maine.

National Chaplain, Rev. W. A. Hallock, Honeoye Falls, N. Y.

National Inspector, Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Ill.

National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. Walter J. Patton, Mason City, Ia.

Personal Aide, Arthur I. Vescelius, Paterson, N. J.

The National Secretary, H. H. Hammer, and National Treasurer, J. L. Rake, Reading, Pa., both hold over, having been previously elected and appointed.

All will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Correspondence pertaining to the general matters of the order will be addressed to the National Secretary at Reading, Pa. All remittances will be made payable to H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa., and should be made by draft or money order. Requisitions for supplies must accompany all orders for supplies and must be accompanied by the remittance, either draft or money order.

No supplies will be sent direct to camps. All requisitions will be filled and shipped direct to Division Headquarters. Supplies must be ordered on Form 1½.

Contributions to the Memorial University funds must not be forwarded to the National Secretary nor to the National Treasurer. All remittances for the University must be sent direct to Rev. W. J. Patton, president, Mason City, Ia.

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Since last announcement new camps have been mustered as follows, viz:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
July 20	66	Weston, Ohio	23
June 29	36	Brandon, Iowa	30
June 23	37	Delta, Iowa	21
July 21	27	Burlington, New Jersey	33
May 1	24	Alton, New Hampshire	16

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Applications for new camps have been received and approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
August 13		Wray, Colorado	15
August 13	126	Portage, Pennsylvania	45

Your Commander-in-Chief is deeply sensible of the great honor conferred on him by his election to the highest office in the gift of our order. He appreciates the responsibilities and duties attached to that office and will do all in his power to advance the order in every way possible.

He asks for the hearty co-operation of all the brothers to the end that we may take our proper place as the leading patriotic society of this nation we all love so well. Let us join in the endeavor to make this a possibility in the near future. There is work for all. Let us all lend a hand.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. X.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., October 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 10—Series of 1909.

I. Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, New Jersey Division, Sons of Veterans, has given the use of its handsome headquarters building to your Commander-in-Chief for headquarters purposes. This tender has been accepted with the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

II. The following additional staff officers have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Camp No. 20, Richmond Hill, N. Y.; R. J. La Lone, Camp No. 109, Potsdam, N. Y.; Albert E. Shaffer, Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles E. Mead, Camp No. 8, Paterson, N. J.; John A. Corcoran, Camp No. 38, Gloucester, N. J.; M. M. Mann, Camp No. 3, Belvidere, N. J.

The duty of special aide is to be particularly active in his own camp, and to visit as many camps in his locality as is possible for him to do so, not for the purpose of criticizing the manner of conducting the business of the camp, but for the purpose of encouraging them to do all that is possible to build up the organization by seeking out localities where new camps may be instituted; to look up former members of the order and endeavor to get them back in the fold again, and in every way by word and example to impress upon the eligibles that their duty is to become members of the order and to get in communication with the division commanders and get them to assign them to any particular duty that may come within their reach.

III. This is the beginning of the season when recruiting should be active. It should be the time when eligibles should be visited, the objects of the organization explained to them and their duty of connecting themselves with it impressed upon their minds. The vast number of men who are available as members makes the field so extensive that there should be no difficulty in materially increasing the membership during the coming year. Particular care should be exercised in the formation of new camps in taking advantage of those features of the order that have proven their usefulness. It is the testimony of those in a position to know that very rarely does a camp disband, one of whose features is the payment of sick benefit, and the protection afforded by the Death Benefit Association and its low charges for insuring its members, should make it possible for the smallest camp to pay a large benefit at death by attaching itself to the D. B. A. William R. McGirr, 1427 North Twenty-fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa., is the secretary of the D. B. A., and all communications addressed to him will bring the required information.

Many camps find an especially attractive feature in the duties attending members in the S. of V. Reserve, and it has been noted that camps that have a good, live active Reserve company are usually the best in their respective divisions. Major Henry Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa., will be pleased to give full information regarding this feature of the order.

IV. The advantage of an auxiliary to a camp is so plain that it is not necessary to enlarge very much upon the subject. Our auxiliary is growing rapidly and by its deeds is proving its usefulness as a practical adjunct to the order. The sisters have upon every occasion shown their willingness to assist us in every possible way and those camps that are not blessed with an auxiliary should communicate with the National President, Miss Mollie Donaldson, 148 Madison St., Paterson, N. J., who will gladly furnish all the necessary information regarding the formation of an auxiliary.

V. Bonds of the national officers have been duly filed with the proper officials.

VI. Inspection should be well under way by this time and attention is directed to the constitution requiring that all camps must be inspected and the work completed by December 31, 1909.

Division commanders will promptly have this done by their division inspectors so that all camps may be inspected within the period fixed by the constitution.

The National Inspector will make the various assignments for inspection of division headquarters of the various divisions. The inspections should be gotten out of the way as promptly as possible.

VII. Per capita tax and quarterly reports of division secretaries and division treasurers for the quarter ending September 30 must be in the hands of the National Secretary in the period fixed by the constitution, and division commanders will be governed accordingly. All remittances must be made payable to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, and forwarded with reports to Reading, Pa. Camp commanders will give the matter of their quarterly reports of their camp secretaries and camp treasurers their personal attention and will see that same are promptly forwarded to their respective division headquarters.

VIII. The practice of sending in to headquarters Form 16 with name only of applicant or name of party of whom record of service is desired, should cease. It is useless to endeavor to secure a record of service unless the regiment, vessel or ship of the ancestor is given or stated in the application—Form 16. The war and navy departments cannot be expected to and will not search for the records of the hundreds of thousands of names on the rolls. The reason is apparent, for, if a name as given on the application were found, there would be no positive proof that it was or is the name of the person applying for the record of service of the ancestor. Forward Form 16 only when the regiment, ship or vessel in and on which the ancestor served is given, otherwise headquarters cannot obtain the record of service desired. Division and camp commanders will give this their attention.

IX. Division commanders that have not as yet appointed division inspectors, will do so at once, and notify National Inspector Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Ill., of the same, as well as the National Secretary.

The same also applies to division patriotic instructors, such appointments being forwarded to National Patriotic Instructor Rev. Dr. W. J. Patton, Mason City, Ia., and the National Secretary for record.

X. Since last announcement applications have been received and approved for new camps as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location & Division	No. Mus.
September 3	127	Foxburg, Pennsylvania	17
September 9	33	Springfield, Illinois	29
September 13	37	San Diego, California	82
September 17	132	Lilly, Pennsylvania	28
September 24	...	Foxburg, Massachusetts	26
September 30	128	Williamstown, Pennsylvania	34
September ..	126	Portage, Pennsylvania	..

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date		Location	No. Mus.
July	27	Springfield, Illinois	29
July	19	San Diego, California	82
September	10	Portage, Pennsylvania	31

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for period August 26, 1909, to September 30, 1909, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance August 26, 1909.....	\$ 827.95
Received for charter fees.....	\$ 30.00
Supplies	<u>361.31</u>
	391.31
Total receipts	\$1219.26
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenditures.....	\$577.33
Office expenses	100.31
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	<u>12.88</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 690.52
Balance September 30, 1909.....	\$ 528.74

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
THE BANNER, subscription September, 1909....	\$526.53
Shipping supplies	15.80
Bonds, National Officers	<u>35.00</u>
	\$ 577.33
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
Stationery National Officers and Staff.....	\$ 76.92
Postage, express, light	<u>23.39</u>
	\$ 100.31
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
Postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenogra- pher, express	\$ 12.88
	<u>\$ 12.88</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 690.52
By order of	

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. XI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.
Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., Nov. 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 11—Series of 1909.

I. The following Special Aides have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Comrade Harry M. Plat-

ner, Rockford, Ill.; Comrade J. L. MacDonald, 813 Second avenue, Seattle, Wash.; Brothers G. Kimble Pimley, Camp 64, 536 South Eighth avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; C. H. Floyd, Camp 133, 317 West 121st street, New York City; Morris Rothschild, Camp 133, 193 East 101st street, New York City.

In Paragraph 2 of General Order No. 10 the name of Past Division Commander Frank K. Maples, Camp No. 20, Richmond Hill, N. Y., was omitted from the list of Special Aides, and by a typographical error, the titles of Special Aides were omitted from the appointments made in that paragraph.

II. Complying with the requirements of the constitution, the following Committee on Military Affairs is hereby appointed: Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, 28 T street, N. W., Washington, D. C., chairman; Past Division Commander Herbert S. Foster, North Calais, Vt.; Past Division Commander Alfred G. Loyd, 2000 Union Bank Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.; Past Division Commander W. S. Reeder, Dayton, O.; Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. K. Darling, Federal Bldg., Boston, Mass.

III. By-laws of Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, were approved October 20, 1909.

IV. The Washington encampment authorized the appointment of a committee to procure the necessary information relative to placing a stone commemorative of our order in the Washington Monument, Washington, D. C. The committee as authorized will consist of Past Division Commander Edward K. DePuy, Camp No. 2, 3545 10th street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; Past Division Commander Edward C. Irelan, Camp No. 5, 518 North Arlington avenue, Baltimore, Md.; Past Commander Daniel W. McNeil, 453 Totowa avenue, Paterson, N. J. This committee will prepare itself to report at the next encampment regarding the matter referred to them.

V. Division Commanders are hereby requested to send two copies of their division rosters to these headquarters.

VI. Upon the recommendation of Division Commander Cressey, Division of Maine, the charters of the following camps are revoked for non-payment of per capita tax, they being in arrears for more than one year: A. E. Clark Camp 13, Belfast; John R. Eaton Camp 59, East Wilton; Captain H. L. Wood Camp 64, Dexter.

VII. The following Assistant National Inspectors have been appointed and are detailed to inspect division headquarters as indicated:

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

Alabama and Tennessee—L. W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.

California and Oregon—G. A. Conant, Los Angeles, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming—Past Division Commander John H. Head, 1854 W. 33rd street, Denver, Colo.

Connecticut—Past Division Commander Charles E. Sherman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Illinois—A. A. Boyer, Dwight, Ill.

Indiana—Frank E. Watson, Goldsmith, Ind.

Iowa—Lewis J. Yaggy, Davenport, Ia.

Kansas—Chas. B. Martin, Parsons, Kans.

Kentucky—Geo. H. Stebbins, Cincinnati, O.

Maine, Past Grand Division Commander F. H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.

Maryland—Past Division Commander Wm. B. McNulty, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Massachusetts—Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, Albany, N. Y.
 Michigan—W. L. Raynes, Battle Creek, Mich.
 Minnesota—A. L. Guilford, Chicago, Ill.
 Missouri—William Schneider, 3902 S. Broadway, St. Louis.
 Nebraska—Past Division Commander Bert J. Galley, Columbus, Neb.
 New Hampshire—Past Division Commander A. M. Soule, Portland, Me.
 New Jersey—Past Division Commander E. W. Estes, 309 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
 New York—Personal Aide A. I. Vesceius, Paterson, N. J.
 Ohio—John A. Bommhardt, Cleveland, O.
 Pennsylvania—Past Division Commander Harry Pennell, Atlantic City, N. J.
 Rhode Island—Past Division Commander Wm. O. Cutler, Natick, Mass.
 Vermont—Past Division Commander Frank S. Greene, St. Albans, Vt.
 Washington—Frank C. Shipley, Seattle, Wash.
 Wisconsin—Past Division Commander H. A. Wing, Duluth, Minn.

These Assistant Inspectors are requested to communicate with National Inspector Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Ill., from whom the necessary blanks may be secured. Expenses of Assistant National Inspectors are to be borne by the division inspected. They are requested to communicate with the division commanders to whose divisions they are assigned and arrange for a date prior to January 1, 1910, which will be convenient for both parties.

VIII. Per capita tax and quarterly reports of all divisions that have not forwarded same for September quarter are due and must be in the hands of the National Secretary this (November) month. No division will receive the new password and countersign unless tax and reports of the Division Secretary and Division Treasurer are received during the month. Make your remittances payable and forward said reports at once to the National Secretary.

IX. It has come to the knowledge of the Commander-in-Chief that many camps are without the banners as prescribed by the ritual. This cannot be; a camp without these is not conducting the work of the order properly, nor in accordance with the regulations. Every camp should have a set of these banners. They should be procured at once from the National Secretary on requisition, Form 1½, and no further reminder of this fact should be necessary. Division commanders will give this their attention as it affects their camps.

X. Camps should prepare for installation ceremonies, and it is well to remember that no camp can have said installation unless the per capita tax and reports are promptly forwarded to division headquarters. It is suggested that public installations be held or ceremonies for the kindred organizations allied with the Sons of Veterans, so that recruiting may be encouraged thereby.

XI. Inspections should be well nigh ended by the time this

order is received; if not, it is urged that same be conducted at once and reports promptly forwarded to the proper officer.

XII. Applications for new camps have been approved since last announcement as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
October 4	..	Appleton, Wisconsin	25
October 11	..	Federalsburg, Maryland	33
October 21	..	Rochester, New York	58
October 21	39	Milford, Connecticut	32
October 21	48	South Norwalk, Connecticut	17
October 22	2	Milford, Michigan	16
October 25	..	Kanopolis, Kansas	19

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Camps have been mustered as follows:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
September 30	132	Lilly, Pennsylvania	28
October 12	2	Milford, Michigan	16

STATEMENT No. 2.

XIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of October, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance September 30, 1909.....	\$528.74
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 98.87
Charter fees	35.00
Supplies	193.27
Total receipts	<u>\$327.14</u>
	\$855.88

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$691.77
Office expenses	114.33
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	12.54
Total expenditures	<u>\$818.64</u>
Balance October 31, 1909	\$ 27.24

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies.....	\$153.70
THE BANNER, October, 1909, subscription.....	529.76
Shipping supplies	8.31
	<u>\$691.77</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, expressage, stationery for national officers and staff, etc.....	<u>\$114.33</u>
	\$114.33

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Postage, traveling, office, stenographer, express..	<u>\$ 12.54</u>
	\$ 12.54

Total expenditures	\$818.64
Balance October 31, 1909.....	\$ 37.24
By order of	

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. XII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 1, 1909.

General Orders No. 12—Series of 1909.

I. The following Special Aides have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: John H. Folk, Camp 233, Easton, Pa.; Reynold W. Wilcox, Camp 140, 678 Madison avenue, New York City; C. B. Zeek, Camp 38, Bandon, Ore.; Chester C. Ford, Camp 4, Portland, Me.; Charles L. Welch, Camp 10, Lewiston, Me.; Dr. W. O. Cobb, Camp 62, Gardiner, Me.; Thomas E. Vose, Camp 1, Waterville, Me.; W. Frank McKinnon, Camp 3, Bangor, Me.; P. D. C. Arthur T. Bogue, Camp 6, Hartford, Conn.; P. D. C. Malcolm D. Rudd, Camp 3, Lakeville, Conn.; W. E. Chancellor, Camp 48, Norwalk, Conn.; Frank S. Nichols, Camp 20, New London, Conn.; Charles R. Hale, Camp 6, Hartford, Conn.

COMMITTEE ON MAINE MONUMENT.

II. The recent encampment at Washington authorized the appointment of a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Spanish-American war veterans, to consider the question of erecting a monument in Arlington Cemetery to the memory of the sailors who died at the time of the wrecking of the Maine in Havana Harbor, Cuba, the committee to be composed of those who saw service in the Spanish-American war. The following named brothers will represent the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.: Past Commander-in-Chief Arthur D. Spink, Camp 5, Rhode Island; Charles A. Sidman, Camp 30, Maryland; Major Frank B. W. Welch, Camp 4, Portland, Me.; P. D. C. Harry E. Pennell, Camp 11, Atlantic City, N. J.; Lieutenant-Colonel L. W. V. Kennon, 10th U. S. Inf., Camp 2, Washington, D. C.

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

III. Brothers are earnestly requested to consider the claims of Memorial University, Mason City, Ia., particularly at this time of the year. It would be a source of great pleasure to your Commander-in-Chief to know that every brother of the order had made a gift to this institution at Christmas time. A small amount from each brother received by the treasurer of the University during Christmas week would place this institution on a sound financial basis and would largely operate to give confidence

to those who are charged with the conduct of this institution which is so peculiarly linked with our name. Brothers are requested to read the monthly statements as prepared by President Patton, which are very full and complete as to the work of the University, and are intended to give the order full information as to the progress which is being made. This University is ours, and the time is gone by when it is at all useful to consider the advisability of adopting it. Its future is assured, if we as members of the organization which sanctioned it will support it, and it behooves every member of the order to give to the full extent of his ability. The claims of the institution have been and are being placed before the order so repeatedly that it is unnecessary to offer any arguments in its behalf. Let every brother do his duty as he sees it in this matter and the result is certain to be satisfactory to all of us.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

IV. It is not too early to begin preparations for the observance of Lincoln's Birthday. This day, adopted as our own, has been so uniformly observed by camps everywhere that the great success of former years should not lead us to conclude that further observance is unnecessary. The universal demonstration for the great emancipator made last February 12th should be an incentive for every camp to observe this day in some way, either in a large popular demonstration, or a more modest and simple way in their own camp work, but in any event, this day should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Every camp should arrange immediately with some local clergyman to deliver an appropriate discourse on the Sunday preceding Lincoln's Birthday and appoint a committee to attend to the matter.

V. Your Commander-in-Chief has no special scheme to suggest to increase the membership of the order. His experience of twenty odd years leads him to believe that there is but one certain, sure method of bringing into our ranks those eligibles who are not members. Personal work will accomplish more than any other method that has ever been advanced, and in these days every fraternal organization, realizing that as the best method, is appealing to those members to get out and ask those outside to come into the fold. Let each brother consider himself a committee of one to increase our numbers; to follow any particular line that occurs to him as being effective and it will not be long before we will be able to rejoice in a doubled membership.

VI. The wearing of the regulation badge at regular and formal meetings of the organization is to be commended, and the effective use of the lapel button needs no argument to commend it to every one. Always wear the button and thus advertise the fact that you are a member of this great patriotic organization of ours.

COURT MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS, FINDING AND DECISION.

VII. The report of the Judge-Advocate, together with the proceedings, has been received in the case of E. D. Baker Camp No. 277, Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa., against George W. King. The charge in the case was conduct unbecoming a Son of a Veteran. The verdict was guilty and that he be dishonorably discharged from the

order. As the evidence fully justifies the verdict, the same is hereby approved.

VIII. Your Commander-in-Chief takes this opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for every member of the order. May this coming year be one of greatest activity and one to be long remembered as the time when everybody, without regard to present or past rank, or having the lively expectation of future honors before them, turned in and did yeoman service for the order. Let everybody get to work.

IX. The password and countersign for the next ensuing term beginning January 1st, 1910, will only be promulgated by Division Commanders to such camps in good standing, that have paid per capita tax and forwarded reports of the camp secretaries and camp treasurers for the quarter ending December 31st, 1909. Camps failing to pay tax and to forward these reports will not receive the new password and countersign. Division Commanders will be governed accordingly. Camp Commanders will only give the new password and countersign to members in good standing December 31st, 1909.

X. Division Commanders will promptly issue to elective officers of camps their commissions, upon receipt of installation report—Form 22. Camp Commanders will also be prompt in issuing same to the appointive officers and staff of their camps.

XI. Division Commanders will close up their camp inspections by the time fixed in the constitution, viz: December 31st, 1909. By that date the work of inspections should be completed, reports in and the work of consolidation and reports prepared. This matter must receive attention.

XII. Proper forms for the reports of the camp and Division Patriotic Instructors should be promulgated by Division Commanders promptly after January 1st, so that returns of the Union Defenders' Day observance, which it is hoped will be universally observed by the camps throughout the order in February next, can be obtained without delay.

XIII. Attention is directed to the fact that many camps are not properly equipped in that they are not using and are without the banners prescribed by the ritual. This defect should be remedied at once, and it is the duty of Division Commanders to see that same is observed and the ritual in all its details is enforced. These banners must be secured on Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

XIV. All references and suggestions, recommendations and propositions pertaining to the proposed new constitution which is to be adopted at the next encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Atlantic City, 1910, should be promptly forwarded to Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies, Esq., Altoona, Pa., chairman of the committee. It is suggested that same be written or typewritten on one side of the paper or communication only.

XV. Division Commanders will promptly notify the National Secretary of the time and place for holding their respective division encampments. This information is desired at once.

XVI. The names and addresses of Division Commanders for 1909-1910 follow:

Alabama and Tennessee—Bert G. Covell, Birmingham, Ala.
California and Oregon—Theodore V. Brown, Jr., 400 W. Santa Clara street, San Jose, Cal.

Colorado and Wyoming—George L. Hooker, 1219 So. Ninth street, Denver, Colo.

Connecticut—Charles W. Roberts, P. O. Box 860, Hartford.

Illinois—W. T. Rawleigh, Freeport.

Indiana—John D. Miller, Winchester.

Iowa—Herbert C. Ring, Cedar Rapids.

Kansas—M. Jay Sweet, Wichita.

Kentucky—Wm. M. P. Ramsey, 424 E. Gray street, Louisville.

Maine—Wm. H. Cressey, Cumberland Mills.

Maryland—B. J. Northcott, 1348 A street, S. E., Washington,

D. C.

Massachusetts—Frank E. Warren, 15 Beacon street, Room 1, Boston.

Michigan—Charles C. Cook, 22½ So. Jefferson avenue, Battle Creek.

Minnesota—George W. Turner, 401 Corn Exchange Bldg., Minneapolis.

Missouri—Nicholas Iwig, 3719 Arkansas avenue, St. Louis.

Nebraska—H. B. Reed, Columbus.

New Hampshire—Fred L. Trask, Portsmouth.

New Jersey—Charles Schmidt, 585 Summit avenue, West Hoboken.

New York—George E. Snyder, Albion.

Ohio—Hy D. Davis, Cleveland.

Pennsylvania—D. Sherman Smith, Lancaster.

Rhode Island—Charles A. Davenport, 47 Washington street, Room 3, Providence.

Vermont—Ernest L. Kelley, West Salisbury.

Washington—Charles B. Wood, P. O. Box 493, Seattle.

Wisconsin—J. F. Smith, Bloomer.

XVII. Charter applications have been approved and camps mustered since last announcement as follows, viz:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
November 1	32	Saybrook, Illinois	15
November 1	139	Cerro Gordo, Illinois	24
November 5	201	Crown Point, Indiana	23
November 8	203	Arapho, Kansas	15
November 10	2	Pennsboro, W. Virginia	25
November 16	40	Sac City, Iowa	28
November 17	...	Sandwich, Massachusetts	19
November 18	38	Bergen, New York	17
November 19	58	Darby, Pennsylvania	15
November 22	15	Corydon, Kentucky	15
	6	Wray, Colorado, C. & W.	
	127	Foxburg, Pennsylvania	
	42	Foxboro, Massachusetts	
	128	Williamstown, Pennsylvania	
	51	Kanopolis, Kansas	
	39	Milford, Connecticut	
	48	South Norwalk, Connecticut	

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	Location and Division	No. Mus.
June 19	Saybrook, Illinois	15
October 11	Cerro Gordo, Illinois	24

October	28	Arapho, Kansas	15
September	24	Sac City, Iowa	21
November	26	Bergen, New York	20
October	28	Corydon, Kentucky	15
October	25	Wray, Colorado, (Col. & Wyo.)	23
September	7	Foxburg, Pennsylvania	34
October	7	Foxboro, Massachusetts	28
October	23	Williamstown, Pennsylvania	40
November	15	Kanopolis, Kansas	18
July	6	Milford, Connecticut	32
June	17	South Norwalk, Connecticut	17
Total number applications approved this term, 25.			
Total number camps mustered this term, 18.			
Total number applicants, 672.			
Total number mustered, 488.			

XVIII.

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	June 30, 1909		Sept. 30, 1909.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon ...	13	423	12	453
Colorado and Wyoming...	5	169	6	220
Connecticut	23	838	24	953
Illinois	43	1304	41	1212
Indiana	29	839	20	641
Iowa	30	899	30	897
Kansas	22	711	21	649
Kentucky	8	205	6	147
Maine	32	1233	35	1349
Maryland	13	500	12	485
Massachusetts	133	5100	132	5120
Michigan	8	155	5	89
Minnesota	22	530	13	431
Missouri	12	480	12	472
Nebraska	8	107	6	88
New Hampshire	35	1197	38	1244
New Jersey	31	1495	32	1576
New York	100	3991	109	4307
Ohio	77	3018	73	2818
Pennsylvania	144	10144	160	10373
Rhode Island	14	467	14	457
Vermont	23	653	23	642
Washington	4	118	4	117
Wisconsin	15	409	13	366
Total.....	853	35139	850	35260

XIX.

RECAPITULATION.

Gain—	Camps		Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1909.....	853		35,139
	Camps		Members
By muster-in.....	14	1,347	
By transfer		43	
By reinstatement	34	1,145	
Total gain		48	2,535
Aggregate	901		37,674

Loss—	Camps Members	
By disbanded	1	10
By death		52
By transfer		26
By honorable discharge		42
By suspended	50	2,284
Total loss		51 2,414

In good standing September 30, 1909.....	850	35,260
Cash on hand at Headquarters of Divisions.....		\$ 1,770.21
Cash on hand in Camps		49,805.04
Expended for relief and charity		5,972.49
Number members or their families relieved (reported), 72.		
Number veterans or their families relieved (reported), 7.		

STATEMENT No. 3.

XX. Report of the National Secretary for the month of November, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance October 31, 1909.....		\$ 37.24
Per capita tax	\$2272.16	
Charter fees	50.00	
Supplies	361.63	
Total receipts		\$2683.79
		\$2721.03

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1216.23	
Office expenses	24.80	
Commander-in-Chief's expense	13.93	
Total expenditures		\$1254.96
Balance November 30, 1909		\$1466.07

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 342.25	
THE BANNER November, 1909, subscription....	526.63	
Encampment, 1909, (printing proceedings)....	327.06	
Printing	3.00	
Shipping supplies	17.29	
		\$1216.23

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, wrapping paper, postage, etc.....	\$ 24.80	
		\$ 24.80

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 13.93	
		\$ 13.93
Total expenditures		\$1254.96

Balance November 30, 1909..... \$1466.07
 By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. I.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,

Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 1—Series of 1910.

I. The following Special Aides have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Marshall Hurley, Camp 78, Farmer City, Ill.; John T. Suttie, Camp 182, 830 East 163rd street, New York, N. Y.; P. C. Geo. W. Fritz, Camp 114, Kennett Square, Pa.; P. C. W. W. Hehn, Camp 223, 395 S. Second street, Pottsville, Pa.; P. C. D. D. Hammelbaugh, Camp 15, 121 Chestnut street, Harrisburg, Pa.; P. C. Jos. H. Grady, Camp 89, Tyrone, Pa.; P. C. D. J. Snavelly, Camp 14, Johnstown, Pa.; P. C. John Q. Davis, Camp 78, Wilmerding, Pa.; P. C. F. A. McKelvey, Camp 218, Zara street, Mt. Oliver Station, Pittsburg, Pa.; P. C. Ralph M. Campbell, Camp 249, New Castle, Pa.; P. C. L. C. Bassett, Camp 30, Union City, Pa.; P. C. John R. Himes, Camp 108, New Bethchem, Pa.; P. C. John Groff, Camp 118, Berlin, Pa.; P. C. W. B. Culley, Camp 96, Burgettstown, Pa.; P. C. C. F. Miller, Camp 8, Board of Trade Journal, Scranton, Pa.; P. C. L. H. Stedge, Camp 75, Towanda, Pa.; P. C. E. P. Wolf, Camp 25, Berwick, Pa.; P. C. Jere G. Snyder, Camp 150, Port Trevorton, Pa.; P. C. A. P. Kester, Camp 216, Slatington, Pa.; P. C. S. Atmore Smith, Camp 149, Media, Pa.; P. C. A. M. Mason, Camp 267, Hazleton, Pa.; P. C. Isaac Lewis, Camp 244, Norristown, Pa.; P. C. C. E. Luckenbach, Camp 61, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; P. C. Q. O. Reitzel, Camp 74, Mount Joy, Pa.

II. During the month of December your Commander-in-Chief visited the Division of Illinois, on December 4th, being the guest of Illinois Camp 100 at their Annual Banquet at Chicago. On the 4th and 5th he visited the camp at Bloomington, Ill., and the Illinois Soldiers' Orphans Home at Normal. While in Illinois he noticed with a great deal of pleasure the efforts made by the brothers of Illinois Division in providing for the pleasure of the children in the Home at Normal, this being the tenth year that our brothers of that Division and the sisters of the auxiliary in that state have contributed money toward purchasing supplies for the athletic features of the Home. These brothers and sisters are to be commended for their kindness in this direction, and it was a delight to be present and witness the evident pleasure with which the delegation was received by the children at the Home. The great state of Illinois is to be praised for the excellent manner in which they are providing for the education of so many soldiers' children, and due praise should be

given Comrade McCauley and his estimable wife for the good care given to the inmates of the Home. Your Commander-in-Chief has knowledge of the fact that in other states our brothers and sisters are following this same line of endeavor to carry out one of the fundamental principles of the Order and in this case it was brought so forcibly to his notice, that he thinks it is worthy of mention in General Orders. He takes this opportunity of thanking those brothers who made his stay in the west so pleasant and so profitable, profitable because of the fact that there was abundant evidence on all sides of the hearty interest taken by our brothers of that division in that portion of our work that came immediately under their notice. The large-hearted brothers of the great commonwealth have been doing for years in a substantial way the very best kind of work, the performance of which justifies the continuance of our Order.

III. Your Commander-in-Chief visited Atlantic City, N. J., December 8th and 9th in company with Commander-in-Chief Van Sant of the Grand Army of the Republic, and while there the final arrangements were completed to insure the holding of the Annual Encampment and Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied Orders in September next. As it was found necessary to make immediate arrangements for Headquarters for our organization, the Hotel Rudolf was selected, with the following special rates: from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day per person, American plan, two in one room, without private bath, and \$4.00 to \$4.50 per day per person, American plan, two persons in one room, with private bath, same being supplied with hot and cold, sea and fresh water. They also extend the privilege to those not using a private bath the use of their public bath rooms, which are also equipped with hot and cold, sea and fresh water and all toilet conveniences without extra charge. The Rudolf having been selected as Headquarters during the Convention week, those brothers desiring accommodation should communicate directly with the management of the Hotel. Brothers desiring accommodations at lower rates will have a number of hotels to choose from, the rates ranging from \$2.00 per day, American plan, upward, according to the accommodations. P. D. C. Frank M. Cunningham, Atlantic City, N. J., is Chairman of the Special Committee on Sons of Veterans of the Citizens' General Committee. Communications addressed to him on the subject of hotel accommodations will receive prompt attention. The arrangements for the encampment at Atlantic City are in the hands of a competent committee, and those brothers who recall with pleasure the former encampment held in Atlantic City can be assured that every attention will be paid to arranging matters so that all who come will be certain of spending a pleasant week at the seaside. Other information will be given on this subject in future General Orders.

IV. Following applications for charters for camps have been approved, and camps mustered since last announcement, viz:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
	30	Appleton, Wisconsin	
	201	Crown Point, Indiana	
	2	Pennsboro, West Virginia	
December 3	99	McKeesport, Pennsylvania	78
December 13	...	Amherst, Wisconsin	33

December 14	40	Seymour, Connecticut	23
December 14	19	Mystic, Connecticut	21
December 15	8	Branford, Connecticut	29
December 20	...	Brodhead, Wisconsin	29
December 20	38	Bandon, Oregon	29
December 23	127	Wilsonville, Nebraska	29

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
October 26	30	Appleton, Wisconsin	17
December 11	201	Crown Point, Indiana	22
November 24	2	Pennsboro, W. Va. (Pa. Div.)	25
October 4	40	Seymour, Connecticut	16
November 9	19	Mystic, Connecticut	24
October 7	8	Branford, Connecticut	17
October 16	38	Bandon, Ore. (C. & O. Div.)	29

Total number applications for camps approved, 33.

Total number camps mustered, 25.

Total number applicants, 943.

Total number mustered, 638.

STATEMENT No. 4.

V. Report of the National Secretary for the month of December, 1909:

RECEIPTS.

To balance November 30, 1909.....		\$1466.07
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1009.84	
Charter fees	40.00	
Supplies	417.93	
Total receipts		\$1467.77
		<u>\$2933.84</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1122.48	
Office expenses	105.19	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	187.10	
Total expenditures		\$1414.77
Balance December 31, 1909.....		\$1519.07

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 6.20	
National Patriotic Instructor's Department, appropriation 28th annual encampment Commandery-in-Chief	500.00	
THE BANNER, December, 1909, subscription....	526.69	
Encampment (28th annual) freight and ship- ping, postage, etc., on proceedings.....	20.86	
Reserves	51.17	
Shipping supplies	17.56	
		<u>\$1122.48</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, expressage, rent Oct.-Dec. 1909, inclusive	\$ 105.19	
		\$ 105.19

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 187.10	
		\$ 187.10
Total expenditures		\$1414.77
Balance December 31, 1909.....		\$1519.07
By order of		

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. II.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 2—Series of 1910.

I. Division Commanders are again notified that in order to secure the information requested on Form No. 16, the War and Navy Departments cannot furnish this information unless the numerical or other designation of the organization in which the veteran is said to have served, or the name of the officer under which his service was rendered and the state to which he was credited is given, and in the case of a veteran who served in the Navy, the name of the vessel on which he served, has been given. Your Commander-in-Chief finds that Form No. 16 is often sent in with no reference to the service of the party inquired about, excepting the number of the Pension Certificate issued for such service. This is useless, and Camp Commanders must insist on being furnished with the necessary information as outlined very briefly in Form No. 16. A number of these forms have been returned recently to the camps where they originated for the sole reason that they were sent in in an incomplete state.

II. Your Commander-in-Chief takes great pleasure in presenting the following copy of a letter received from the Chief-of-Staff of the Grand Army of the Republic, which gives us the pleasing information that the tender of an escort of the Sons of Veterans Reserve for the Grand Army parade to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., in September next on the occasion of the National Encampment of that body has been accepted. This seems to be the first time that an offer of this character has been accepted by the National Organization of the G. A. R., and is another indication of the closeness with which the Veterans and the Sons are drawing together. An earnest effort will be made by all concerned to have this representation a creditable one to both Orders. The sight of an armed, uniformed and equipped body of Veterans' sons marching as soldiers and acting as escort to their fathers, will be an inspiring sight and one

calculated to add to the esteem in which our Order is looked upon by the public generally.

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Office of the Senior A. D. C. and Chief-of-Staff.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 12, 1910.

Mr. George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Paterson, N. J.

Dear Sir:—By direction of Samuel R. Van Sant, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is my pleasant duty to inform you that your tender of an escort of Sons of Veterans, fully armed, uniformed and equipped, for an advance guard to him and to the Grand Army of the Republic, on the occasion of the parade at Atlantic City next September, is accepted.

At a later date I will ask you to furnish me with the regimental, battalion and company organizations, also list of staff officers actually connected with the uniformed commands.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

(Signed) SILAS H. TOWLER.

Chief-of-Staff, G. A. R.

III. Pages 122 and 123 of the printed Proceedings of the 28th Annual Encampment, held at Washington, D. C., contains a statement that the rank of Past Division Commander was restored to Brother G. W. Conart of the Division of California and Oregon. Brother Conart vigorously protests against appearing in the light of having lost his past rank, as he has been a member continuously since he earned that rank by service as Commander of the Division of California. The summary of the Proceedings of the Washington Encampment and also the carbon copy of the Proceedings, the latter presumably a duplicate of the copy furnished to Past Commander-in-Chief Allan, edited by him, and furnished to THE BANNER for printing, contains the information that E. W. Conant of the Division of California and Oregon had his rank of Past Division Commander restored to him. Brother Conart informed the National Secretary that the Brother who was seeking his past honors is J. F. Connant, a former Division Commander of the Division of California. Brother Conart is a loyal member of the Order, and in justice to him this correction is made.

IV. Division Secretaries are again requested to furnish these Headquarters with two copies of the latest published rosters of their respective Divisions. This information is needed at these Headquarters and it is to be hoped that the request will be heeded.

V. The attention of Camp Commanders is called to the advantage to be gained by their respective camps in arousing and increasing the interest of the Veterans in their respective localities, by securing the attendance of the veterans at camp-fires, gotten up with a view to observing events in the late rebellion which have more or less local flavor. Your Commander-in-Chief has knowledge of several camps that arrange programs of entertainment, extending over the meetings of several months, in some cases devoting one evening each month to a program prepared with a view to exploiting history of a regiment or company recruited in their own neighborhood, or to observing the

dates of important events in the War of the Rebellion or the birthdays of noted leaders. If this matter is gone into very carefully by Camp Commanders and a Committee selected by them with a view to giving this matter close attention, it is quite easy to evolve a schedule of entertainment which will serve the double purpose of attracting the Union Veterans to meetings of camps and arousing the interest of those members who feel the need of some special entertainment to secure their attendance at a meeting of their camp. Nearly every camp can find abundant material for programs of this nature and if carefully and intelligently considered, will find a surprising quantity of material ready to be used in this direction. Very much of the interesting history of the Union Veteran will be lost entirely unless he is given an opportunity of telling to his sons and their associates the interesting events which crowd every Union Veteran's recollection of his service, whether in the Army or the Navy. It is to be hoped the camps generally will make note of this suggestion where it has not been put into practice, and that an effort will be made to arrange a schedule which will bring about the desired result. The result secured by camps who have tried this feature is so encouraging that it is worth while for every camp to give it a trial.

VI. Special Aides are requested to justify their selection to this important position by putting forth renewed efforts to institute new camps and to increase the membership of those already in operation by looking up dropped and suspended members and arousing the interest of those who seem to be inclined to lag in their efforts as Sons of Veterans. Every Aide who is inclined to perform this duty should report to his Division Commander for duty, if he has not already done so, and to his Camp Commander, and to show by his regular attendance at meetings of his camp and his participation in the different functions that may be arranged for the entertainment, or for increasing the influence that the Sons of Veterans may have in their respective communities, and thus make themselves a bright example for all others in the Order. This appointment is not made for the purpose of complimenting some brother by giving him an opportunity to wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon, but in all cases these brothers have been selected because of a belief in their peculiar fitness for representing the Commander-in-Chief, and he feels that the brother who is regular in attendance at the meetings of his camp and who willingly serves on any committee that may be appointed for increasing the efficiency of the Order, is in a proper sense representing the Commander-in-Chief. He hopes that each Special Aide will give this matter careful attention and inquire of himself if he is doing all that lay in his power to advance the interest of the Order. Your Commander-in-Chief has noticed, as have others, that at this time, more than ever before, there is a general desire on the part of veterans' sons to connect themselves with the Order, in which heretofore they have been but little interested. All that is necessary is that personal application and perseverance and a reasonable amount of energy, coupled with a fair statement of the principles of the order and what it represents and what it desires to do, and it seems easy to expect that the membership will be largely increased before our next annual encampment.

VII. The report of the Judge Advocate, together with the proceedings has been received in the case of Gen. W. S. Hancock Camp No. 44, against William H. Shuler, Williamsport, Pa. The charge in the case was conduct unbecoming a Sons of a Veteran. The verdict was guilty and that he be suspended from membership in the Sons of Veterans and from all rights and privileges of the Order for four years. As the findings fully justify the verdict of the court, the same is hereby approved.

VIII. Reports and per capita tax for quarter ending December 31st, 1909, are due and must be forwarded at once to the National Secretary. It is hoped that there will not be any delays in this matter and that all Division Commanders will give this their personal attention and have reports and tax for the quarter stated forwarded at once.

IX. Previous orders directed that the National Secretary be notified at once of the date and place of holding the various Division Encampments. This order will be observed and the date and place of holding Division Encampments will be reported at once.

X. Applications for charter have been approved, and camps mustered, since last announcement, as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
January 3		Medford, Oregon, (C. & O.)	24
January 3		Lents, Oregon, (C. & O.)	19
January 17	9	Platteville, Wisconsin	21

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
November 22	58	Darby, Pennsylvania	19
December 9	99	McKeesport, Pennsylvania	105
January 15	127	Wilsonville, Nebraska	25
January 17	9	Platteville, Wisconsin	21
Total number applications approved, 36; applicants, 1007.			
Total number camps mustered, 29; number members, 808.			

STATEMENT No. 5.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

To balance December 31, 1909.....	\$1519.07
Received for per capita tax.....	\$115.69
Charter fees	15.00
Supplies	486.79
Total receipts	\$ 617.48
	\$2136.55

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$711.80
Office expenses	27.90
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	11.48
Total expenditures	\$ 751.18
Balance January 31, 1910	\$1385.37

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$163.70
THE BANNER, subscription for January, 1910....	526.89
Shipping supplies	21.21
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	\$ 711.80
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
Light, postage, telegrams, stationery, express...\$	27.90
	<hr/>
	\$ 27.90
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
Postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer, etc.	\$ 11.48
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	\$ 11.48
Total expenditures	<hr/>
	\$ 751.18
Balance January 31, 1910.....	\$1385.37

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. III.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., March 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 3—Series of 1910.

I. The following Special Aides are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: For the Division of Maine, George W. Gragg, Camp 46, Bath, 642 Washington street, Quincy, Mass.; for the Division of Massachusetts, the following named: Wm. A. Tirrell, Camp 67, Abington; Arthur C. Beal, Camp 17, Brockton; Wm. T. Tisdale, Camp 89, Brighton; Geo. M. Tucker, Camp 54, Medford; Benj. H. Hunt, Jr., Camp 30, Dorchester; Henry F. Wieler, Camp 79, Melrose; Wendell O. Howard, Camp 69, Pembroke; E. M. Gardner, Camp 9, Boston; Lyman W. Floyd, Camp 149, Manchester; Ivory H. Morse, Camp 146, Hyde Park; E. S. Emerson, Camp 15, Springfield; Chas. A. Higgins, Camp 9, Boston; E. S. Emery, Camp 57, Easthampton.

II. Brigadier General Fred Tschudy, late Commanding the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, having by order of the Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania, been dropped from the roll of membership in the Order until such time as he shall have shown that he is eligible to membership, and such action having been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, the Chief-of-Staff is hereby ordered and directed to order an election

for a successor to the said Fred Tschudy as Brigadier General, Commanding the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

III. Your Commander-in-Chief, during the month just closed, had the pleasure of attending the Lincoln Banquet of the Sons of Veterans Club of Pennsylvania and the demonstration in memory of Lincoln, held by the Philadelphia Association of Sons of Veterans, both at Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 12th and 13th, and noticing the good effect of this concentration of effort upon the part of a number of camps and brothers, and believing that where conditions are favorable that this course is the best to pursue in arranging for a public demonstration in the name of the Order for the purpose of attracting attention to it, not only on the part of those eligible to membership, but the general public as well, he would suggest that this course be followed, instead of a number of celebrations and demonstrations being held by camps separately for themselves and friends. The effect made by this concentration of numbers is certain to be felt for the better by every camp taking part in it to any extent, either greater or less, and your Commander-in-Chief would recommend that this be kept in mind in arranging for meetings for the purpose of attracting eligibles to membership, or for noting the birthday of some of our heroes or for any other purpose which may seem wise for them in arranging for a public gathering to advance the interests of the Order, either directly or indirectly. Later in the month your Commander-in-Chief attended meetings held in the cities of Providence and Pawtucket, R. I., and while there had the pleasure of noting, as he did at Philadelphia, the evident interest of the Grand Army of the Republic in our Order as an organization, the feeling existing between the Veterans and Sons in both localities being typical, no doubt, of that to be found in other sections of the country, and indicating very plainly that the organization need not desire any greater evidence of respect and esteem from the Union Veteran than it is getting at present. Meetings held for the purpose of arousing interest on the part of those not in the Order who are eligible to membership, could easily be arranged in such a way as to attract favorable attention, and in this way, those who are at present, not with us, but who should be, will be drawn to consider the claims of the Order and attach themselves to it. The gatherings at Philadelphia were honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief Samuel R. Van Sant, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his interest in the proceedings was quite evident. In his remarks he made it perfectly plain as to how he felt toward the Sons of Veterans and we may rest secure in the belief that in him we have a strong friend and an able advocate. The meetings in Rhode Island were notable because of the high character of the men attending and representing the Order of the Sons of Veterans, men who were active in the political and business circles of that state, and it was a pleasure for your Commander-in-Chief to meet these brothers and to find that they were as active and energetic in the endeavor to recruit members as those brothers of other Divisions. This Division may not be very large in numbers as compared with other Divisions, but the high character of the men composing the camps in that state is a credit to the organization all through the country.

IV. This is the time of the year when effectual appeals

may be made to those Veterans' sons who are outside of our Order. The closeness of the patriotic holidays, Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday and the subsequent attention on the part of American citizens generally to the character of these two men, is calculated to create an atmosphere of patriotic enthusiasm which should lead an eligible to inquire if it is not his duty to connect himself with the Order of the Sons of Veterans. The newspapers, magazines and other periodicals have been full of patriotic material for the past two months. The near approach of the anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox, the birthday of the illustrious Grant and the approaching ceremonies of Memorial Day are all calculated to arouse patriotic sentiment in the minds of those who are bound by ties of blood to the Union Veteran. It is recommended that camps everywhere, and to the extent of their ability, in as large a manner as possible, observe Appomattox Day, Grant's birthday and any other important days in the list of battles of the War of the Rebellion which may serve as a means to attract attention to the Order and its claim as a patriotic organization. These meetings should be arranged for very carefully, made as attractive as possible, not on an extensive scale, unless the camp's means will admit of it, and then finally, every member of the camp should prepare himself to state to a possible recruit, the advantages of membership in the Order. If he is only looking at the personal gain to himself, or if he feels that he cannot take on additional financial burdens without having something as a reason for it, tell him of the death benefit feature as provided for under this system controlled by the D. B. A., tell him of the hundreds of camps throughout the order that are and have been paying for years, a sick benefit to their members. Tell him of the great enterprise as manifested in Memorial University, this great undertaking that the Order has instituted for the purpose of higher education along patriotic lines. If he is inclined toward the duties of a soldier, tell him of the great benefit the Reserve has been to very many camps, inform him of the opportunities for drill and military exercise, which will be at his service in case he wishes that pleasure. Speak of our efficient auxiliary and its wonderful record for efficiency and assistance to the many camps that have auxiliaries attached. In other words, be prepared to offer as inducements to a possible applicant for membership, all of those features which are mentioned, and tell him of the fine record the organization has made along all the lines embodied in its principles and objects, and how it has for years increased its usefulness as an adjunct to the Grand Army of the Republic and thereby won the respect and esteem of this great organization, which now looks upon it as its efficient auxiliary. Inform him of the vast amount of work in the aggregate performed by camps all over the union in connection with the exercises of Memorial Day and those duties which immediately precede it. Be prepared to give a reason for seeking the application of a recruit, and if these few facts are kept in mind, together with others that may occur to the brother in reading this General Order, it seems to your Commander-in-Chief that there should be throughout the Order generally a great wave of progress, which will result in a noticeable increase in membership during this current year. He thoroughly believes the time is ripe for great additions being made to our membership, and it only remains for each brother of the Order

to give as much time as his engagements will permit to the work of bringing to the attention of eligibles the advantage of and manifest duty of every Union Veteran's son to connect himself with some camp.

V. Upon installation of the Division Officers at Division Encampments, Form 49 in duplicate (Certificates of Election) will be forwarded to the National Secretary. Newly installed Division Commanders will at once forward bond to the Commander-in-Chief. This bond must be made to "George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." Upon approval of the bond by the Commander-in-Chief Commissions for Division Officers will be forwarded.

VI. In answer to numerous inquiries it is hereby officially promulgated that in accordance with the Constitution, Division Commanders are required to issue to elective officers of camps, including Camp Council, Commissions. Camp Commanders are also required to issue warrants to staff appointees. All officers and staff installed should have their Commissions and Warrants by this time.

VII. Dates for Division Encampments noted at Commander-in-Chief Headquarters, thus far, are:

Nebraska Division at Columbus, Nebraska, Feb. 15-16. H. B. Reed was re-elected Division Commander. Headquarters have been established at Columbus, Neb. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Massachusetts Division at Boston, April 6-7.

Rhode Island at Providence, April 19.

Connecticut Division at New Haven, April 21-22.

Kansas Division at Hutchinson, May 11-12-13.

Illinois Division at Freeport, May 23-25.

Indiana Division at South Bend, June 7-8.

Maine Division at Boothbay Harbor, June 8-9.

Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre, June 20-24.

VIII. Applications for charters have been approved and camps have been mustered since last announcement as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
	264	Milford, Ohio	35
February 9		Batavia, New York	32
February 9		Melbourne, Missouri	28
	77	Phillips, Maine	29
	25	Waynesfield, Ohio	22
February 15		Coquille, Oregon (C. & O. Div.)	24
February 15		Theresa, New York	15
February 15		Ellenville, New York	21
February 19	80	Boonville, New York	15
February 21		Geneseo, Kansas	22
February 26	34	Pittsfield, Illinois	36

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
January 24	264	Milford, Ohio	35
February 2	77	Phillips, Maine	29
January 25	25	Waynesfield, Ohio	22
January 15	34	Pittsfield, Illinois	36

Total number applications for camps approved, 47.

Total number camps mustered, 33.

Total number applicants in new camps, 1286.

Total number mustered in new camps, 930.

STATEMENT No. 6.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1910:

RECEIPTS.

To balance January 31, 1910.....		\$1385.37
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 968.78	
Charter fees	55.00	
Supplies	330.18	
Total receipts		<u>\$1353.96</u>
		\$2739.33

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1532.07	
Office expenses	54.01	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	76.55	
Total expenditures		<u>\$1662.63</u>
Balance February 28, 1910.....		\$1076.70

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 141.60	
Memorial University, on account of appropriation 28th annual encampment.....	750.00	
THE BANNER, subscription for February 1910..	526.77	
Reserves	28.70	
Shipping supplies	15.80	
Miscellaneous—Committee on Constitution	69.20	
		<u>\$1532.07</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, telegrams, stationery, janitor and porter services, 6 months..	\$ 54.01	
		\$ 54.01

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, travelling, office, stenographer	\$ 76.55	
		<u>\$ 76.55</u>
Total expenditures		<u>\$1662.63</u>
Balance February 28, 1910.....		\$1076.70

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	Sept. 30, 1909 Camps Members		Dec. 31, 1909 Camps Members	
Alabama and Tennessee....	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon ...	12	453	12	425

Colorado and Wyoming ..	6	220	7	238
Connecticut	24	953	27	1083
Illinois	41	1212	41	1191
Indiana	20	541	16	586
Iowa	30	897	30	881
Kansas	21	649	23	609
Kentucky	6	147	7	133
Maine	35	1349	35	1319
Maryland	12	485	10	432
Massachusetts	132	5120	134	5092
Michigan	5	89	5	91
Minnesota	13	431	14	433
Missouri	12	472	11	446
Nebraska	6	88	6	91
New Hampshire	38	1244	35	1200
New Jersey	32	1576	32	1621
New York	109	4307	109	4284
Ohio	73	2818	72	2811
Pennsylvania	160	10373	169	10607
Rhode Island	14	457	14	465
Vermont	23	642	23	629
Washington	4	117	4	110
Wisconsin	13	366	17	458
Total	850	35260	862	35389

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gain—	Camps		Members
Number in good standing Sept. 30, 1909.....	850		35,260
	Camps Members		
By muster-in	23	1,637	
By transfer		82	
By reinstatement	19	432	
Total gain		42	2,151
Aggregate		892	37,411
Loss—	Camps Members		
By disbanded	2	15	
By death		50	
By honorable discharge		61	
By transfer		87	
By suspension	28	1,808	
By dishonorable discharge		1	
Total loss		30	2,022
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1909.....	862		35,389

*Amount of cash on hand at Division Headquarters...\$ 2,140.93

*Amount of cash on hand in camps..... 48,015.05

*Amount expended for relief 5,297.52

*Number members or their families relieved, 77.

*Number veterans or their families relieved, 7.

* Not all Divisions make report of these items.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. IV.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., April 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 4—Series of 1910.

I. The near approach of Memorial Day reminds us that, of the many duties which we have voluntarily assumed for the purpose of lightening the burdens of our veteran fathers, those incident to the 30th day of each recurring May are not lightened by the flight of time. The increased duties pertaining to the actual work of decorating the graves of departed Union Veterans with flags and flowers should be taken up and performed with the care and respect which the last resting place of these honored dead should receive at the hands of every veteran's son. Camps are urged to make immediate preparations to perform these duties to the entire satisfaction of the Posts with which they are affiliated; a tender of the services should be immediately made to the nearest Post, and when these offers are accepted, Camp Commanders should see that the wishes of the veterans are carried out to the fullest extent. There are many duties heretofore performed by the Grand Army Posts in former years that are now properly taken care of by camps. These duties whether large or small, should be promptly and carefully fulfilled where by reason of diminished numbers or the weakness which comes with increased age, the veterans have been compelled to forego their former tribute of respect for their departed dead. Camps should willingly take up these duties. For a number of years past it has been the custom of camps to attend divine services on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, as a rule, in company with the Grand Army Posts. Your Commander-in-Chief hopes that every camp in the order will be found in a body in some place of worship on Sunday, May 29th, in this way showing respect for their parent organization and confirming in the hearts of their fathers the belief that when the Grand Army of the Republic has passed away, the duties so loyally and faithfully performed by them for so many years will be taken up and performed by their sons. The observance of Memorial Day is so general throughout this nation, that no camp should feel it had performed its whole duty without appearing in public for the dual purpose of calling attention to their presence as an organization and to show that filial regard for their fathers which all sons should rejoice to possess.

II. The arrangement for the National Encampment to be

held at Atlantic City the week beginning September 19th, in conjunction with that of the Grand Army of the Republic and other affiliated societies, are progressing satisfactorily. The local committee have gone about their work in an intelligent manner and nothing will be left undone to make the stay of the various organizations pleasant and profitable. All those who can attend should begin to make immediate preparations to be at Atlantic City during that week. The Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief having been established at the Hotel Rudolf, members of the Order desiring to stop at the Headquarters Hotel are urged to write immediately to the manager of the Rudolf stating what accommodations they desire and having them reserved. The contracts as made between the Citizens' Committee and the different hotels are at a lower rate than ordinarily prevail, but they are based upon three-day stops, so that in making arrangements for hotel accommodations it should be borne in mind that in justice to the hotel proprietors, three days should be considered the minimum number of days for accommodations to be paid for. The proprietor of the Rudolf has made a better rate than originally offered to the Citizens' Committee and your Commander-in-Chief desires to have that hotel pretty well occupied by members of the order, together with the auxiliary and their families. The rates made for the Sons of Veterans apply as well to the Auxiliary and to those members of their families who attend. In order that the proper assignment of rooms may be made and the proper arrangements concluded for the accommodation of those intending to be present, it is quite necessary that rooms should be engaged in advance. The interest attached to the meeting at Atlantic City is so great, inasmuch as it is the first time the Grand Army of the Republic has invited our organization to meet with them, that it is the opinion of your Commander-in-Chief an excellent opportunity to show our parent organization what our membership is made up of. There should be a large attendance on all the dates of the encampment and those who desire accommodations at low rates can easily secure them by communication with the Citizens' Committee of Arrangements. When the details of the rates of fare have been completed they will be published in General Orders for the information of all.

III. Your Commander-in-Chief attended the Encampment of Massachusetts Division at Boston, April 6th and 7th. On the 7th he attended a gathering at Portland, Maine, under the auspices of Shepley Camp No. 4, which was attended by representative members of the Order and Grand Army Comrades in the state of Maine. April 14th he attended the 21st Anniversary of General Judson Kilpatrick Camp, No. 233, Easton, Pa. April 15th he was invited and attended the Annual Encampment of Connecticut Department G. A. R., and addressed the campfire held at New London on that day. April 22nd he will attend the annual encampment of Connecticut Division at New Haven. It is hoped that these visits resulted in substantial benefit to the Order and increased its membership and usefulness.

IV. Your Commander-in-Chief has no new reasons to offer why every Brother should put forth his best efforts this year for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Order. The reasons that have been advanced heretofore are just as good to-day. None better can be thought of and your Commander-

in-Chief again urges upon the members of our order, whether a member or officer, whether his position be low or high, that he immediately do his best endeavor along the line of attracting eligibles to membership and winning back those who were formerly members and endeavor to justify our organization by doing his whole duty toward it and the Union Veterans whose eyes are upon us to see to what extent we are living up to our obligations. Your Commander-in-Chief expects every brother to do his duty.

V. In addition to those previously announced, Division Encampments will be held as follows, viz:

California and Oregon at Oakland, Cal., April 20-22.

New Hampshire at Concord, April 13-14.

VI. All suggestions or propositions relative to the Constitution should be submitted to Edwin M. Amies, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Altoona, Pa., on legibly written or type written paper, on one side only.

VII. Requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by the remittance in payment for same. The National Secretary is not permitted to fill requisitions unless same are accompanied by the remittance paying same previous to shipment. Division Commanders will be governed accordingly in future.

VIII. Applications for approval of charters must always be accompanied by the fee, viz: \$5.00. No applications will be approved unless accompanied by the fee.

IX. Applications for charters have been approved and camps have been mustered since last announcement as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
	100	Rochester, New York	
	133	Sandwich, Massachusetts	
	67	Theresa, New York	
	80	Boonville, New York	
March 1	10	Fairfield, Iowa	23
March 8	57	Maplewood, Ohio	26
March 9	131	Barnesboro, Pennsylvania	75
March 17	133	Port Carbon, Pennsylvania	21
March 17	...	Greenport, New York	23
March 18	3	Vancouver, Washington	17
March 19	...	Swanville, Minnesota	26
March 22	13	Bristol, Connecticut	30
March 22	49	Waterbury, Connecticut	65
March 24	...	Owego, New York	15
March 26	9	Southington, Connecticut	26
March 26	14	S. Manchester, Connecticut	28
March 26	15	Thomaston, Connecticut	22
March 26	21	Putnam, Connecticut	30
March 26	36	Wallingford, Connecticut	21
March 29	...	Stockton, Kansas	52
March 30	78	Mechanic Fall, Maine	34
March 30	419	Lyons, Ohio	30
March 30	101	Romeo, Michigan	15
March 31	18	Winsted, Connecticut	49
March 31	34	Torrington, Connecticut	58

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
October 26	100	Rochester, New York	75
November 27	133	Sandwich, Massachusetts	15
January 27	67	Tneresa, New York	15
March 4	80	Boonville, New York	16
December 2	10	Fairfield, Iowa	23
February 24	57	Maplewood, Ohio	22
March 23	3	Vancouver, Washington	17
January 27	13	Bristol, Connecticut	38
February 22	49	Waterbury, Connecticut	38
January 31	9	Southington, Connecticut	19
March 1	14	S. Manchester, Connecticut	27
March 12	15	Thomaston, Connecticut	17
March 16	21	Putnam, Connecticut	34
December 14	36	Wallingford, Connecticut	17
February 16	78	Mechanic Fall, Maine	25
March 16	419	Lyons, Ohio	30
March 25	18	Winsted, Connecticut	49
March 22	34	Torrington, Connecticut	58

Total number applications approved for new camps, 68.

Total number of applicants in new camps, 1972.

Total number camps mustered, 51.

Total number members in new camps, 1449.

STATEMENT No. 7.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1910:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance February 28, 1910.....	\$1076.70
Received for per capita tax.....	\$2264.65
Charter fees	105.00
Supplies	541.86
Total receipts.....	\$2911.51
EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses	\$ 929.34
Office expenses	97.47
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	16.13
Total expenditures	\$1042.94
Balance March 31, 1910.....	\$2945.27

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For stock and supplies.....	\$ 360.85
THE BANNER, March 1910, subscription.....	526.81
Printing	17.70
Shipping supplies	23.98
Total.....	\$ 929.34

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, telegrams, expressage, rent, Jan.-Mar., 1910, inclusive	\$ 97.47
Total.....	\$ 97.47

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 16.13
	<u>\$ 16.13</u>
Total expenditures	\$1042.94
Balance March 31, 1910.....	\$2945.27
By order of	

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. V.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., May 2, 1910.

General Orders No. 5—Series of 1910.

I. The following Special Aides are appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Massachusetts, John F. Stratard, Camp No. 49, Natick; Rhode Island, Charles Tabor, Camp No. 2, East Providence; Albert E. Morrill, Camp No. 5, Providence; Charles Gould, Camp No. 7, Providence; Ezra Dixon, Jr., Camp No. 8, Bristol; Charles Thurber, Camp No. 9, Pawtucket; Joseph Burgess, Camp No. 10, Pascoag; J. Gorton Arnold, Camp No. 11, Arcadia.

II. The attention of the Brothers is called to information contained in another paragraph of this order relative to the arrangements made for transportation for the National Encampment to be held at Atlantic City, September 19th to 24th next. Strict attention should be paid to the requirements of the transportation companies; if this is not done, it will be impossible to obtain any advantage from the lower rate granted. Further information, if obtained, will be promulgated in future General Orders. Brothers intending to attend the encampment should make immediate arrangements with hotel proprietors for accommodations. It is expected that this will be one of the largest Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic and this Organization, together with its affiliated societies, will draw so many in attendance that the hotel accommodations will probably be engaged far in advance of the dates set for the encampments. All should bear in mind that the rates quoted are based upon a three-days or more contract, otherwise a higher rate may be charged. The arrangements thus far completed indicate that every possible arrangement will be made for the convenience and comfort of those attending the meetings of the several organizations, and as September is an ideal month in which to visit Atlantic City, no one should hesitate to take ad-

vantage of the low railroad rates and the favorable rates quoted by the hotel proprietors. Your Commander-in-Chief anticipates that this will be a record-breaking encampment in point of attendance and Brothers of the Order, whether entitled to a voice and vote in the encampment or not, should avail themselves of the opportunity to see a National Encampment in session; it is the highest law making body in the Order and its proceedings should be interesting to every member.

III. Your Commander-in-Chief had the opportunity during the month of April to attend the Grand Army Encampment of the Departments of Massachusetts and Connecticut and address the delegates to both encampments while in session. He found in both states a very friendly feeling toward the Order of Sons of Veterans and received assurances from many prominent Grand Army Comrades that their interest in the Order was increased, by the manner in which the Brothers of these two Divisions had assisted them in various ways in promoting the objects of the G. A. R. It is quite certain that this same friendly feeling exists in other Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic and augurs well for the future and immediate success of our Organization. There are at present time three Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic which have movements on foot to place Camps where Grand Army Posts have been compelled to prepare to surrender their charters by reason of inability to any longer assume the duties which they have so faithfully and earnestly carried out, particularly with reference to Memorial Day. These suggestions of camps taking up the work of the Grand Army Posts upon their disbandment comes from the Comrades of the G. A. R., and it is at their suggestions that your Commander-in-Chief has taken up the matter of organizing camps with this particular object in view, so that the work heretofore performed by the G. A. R., can naturally and logically fall to the organization of their sons for some years at least be performed under the direct supervision of the Union Veteran.

IV. The appeals for financial assistance to Memorial University have not met with the response anticipated by those conducting that institution. The school year is about closing and those brothers of the order who expect to do anything in the way of substantial aid and assistance to this worthy enterprise, should do so this month. Before the month closes it is hoped there will be a general movement on the part of all those friendly to the institution to make this a record-breaking month in contributions to the University. It needs assistance now more than ever before and it is hoped that the response will be general and liberal, so much so that the college year may close without any deficit to be met next fall. President Patton is doing five men's work in connection with the unpleasant task of soliciting funds for the continuance of the University, and we should endeavor to make his heart glad by responding so abundantly before June 1st, that there will be no doubt of the financial conditions of the University affairs at the end of the year.

V. When this order is published, it will be expected that every camp will have in mind and have made the necessary preparations for its observance of and participation in the exercises of Memorial Day. It does not seem necessary to make any extended reference to the duties of every veteran's son, to

participate in the duties attending the observance of this day. It is so plainly and clearly evident that of all the organizations in existence, the Sons of Veterans as an Order, next to the Grand Army of the Republic, should make every preparation to publicly observe this day and tender to the Grand Army Posts of their respective localities their services in whatever capacity they may be required. Every camp should attend services on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day, and as is the custom generally, accompany the Post to which they are attached. The work attending the marking and decorating the graves of the Union Veterans is naturally increasing each year, and as it increases, the ability of the surviving Veterans decreases, so that our work as an organization of men affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic has abundant scope to put into practice one of the cardinal principles of our Order. It is to be expected that camps everywhere will see their duty very clearly and gladden the hearts of the Union Veterans by their prompt attention to the numerous details connected with the work of Memorial Day.

VI. Arrangements have been made with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Trunk Line Association for members of our Order and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to avail themselves of the fare and arrangements incident thereto, authorized by the Trunk Line Association for attendance at the National Encampments and Commandery-in-Chief Encampment and National Conventions at Atlantic City, New Jersey, September 19-24th, 1910.

Details for the arrangements that will apply from Trunk Line territory for the Grand Army of the Republic National Encampment and the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment of the Sons of Veterans and as stated, are:

Fare—One and one-half first-class limited fare, with minimum of \$2.00, for the round trip, going and returning via same route only and over which one-way tickets are regularly sold.

Dates of sale of tickets, September 16 to 20 inclusive.

Final limit to reach original starting point not later than September 28th.

Extension of final limit.—By deposit of ticket by original purchaser in person with Special Agent at Atlantic City not later than September 28, and payment of fee of \$1.00 at time of deposit, an extension of final limit may be obtained to reach original starting point not later than October 28th.

Special Agency for deposit and extension of tickets.—Mr. H. C. Blye, Special Agent, Morris Guards Armory, No. 12 South New York Avenue, Atlantic City, N. J. Office hours, 7:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. week-days and Sundays. Passengers desiring to leave Atlantic City by early morning trains may have their tickets validated the previous afternoon, but only between 4:00 p. m. and 6:00 p. m.

This announcement is made for the purpose of promulgating the general arrangements, so that all inquiries will be answered. The same should be preserved.

VII. Attention is directed to the requirement of the Constitution which applies to the bond of Division Commander. This provision is that newly elected Division Commanders must file their bonds (made to George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.) within thirty days after their elec-

tion. This must be observed. Certificates of Election in duplicate (Form 49) must be promptly forwarded to the National Secretary after installation at Division Encampments. Promptness is urged in this matter.

VIII. Reports and tax for quarter ending March 31st, 1910, are due. These must be forwarded to the National Secretary by May 29th. Let there be no delay in this matter. The new password and countersign will be sent to Divisions paying tax and forwarding reports of Division Secretary and Division Treasurer, on the date specified. Camps will be prompt in forwarding their tax and reports for the quarter stated; and no camp not having forwarded tax and reports for the quarter ending June 30th, can receive the new password and countersign until the tax and reports are forwarded.

IX. Attention is again called to Division Commanders to forward Form 16 direct to the Commander-in-Chief. It is not necessary to forward the applications for record of service (Form 16) to the National Secretary. By forwarding them direct to the Commander-in-Chief matters will be expedited and unnecessary expense avoided. It is found necessary to again warn Camp and Division Officers to be particular in filling in the blank spaces in applications for record of service. Unless the regiment and state is mentioned or the ship upon which the service was performed, the form will be returned to these Headquarters without the information. This is absolutely necessary and is only referred to here because recently several instances have occurred where the lack of this information has prevented the immediate completion of the inquiry.

X. Division Encampments reported in addition to those previously announced will be held as follows:

Missouri at Warrensburg, May 11-12.
 New Jersey at Red Bank, May 11-12.
 New York at Cooperstown, June 22-24.
 Kansas at Hutchinson, May 11-13.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

XI. Camps have been mustered and charters issued since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
	3	Amherst, Wisconsin	29
March 23	40	Lents, Oregon (Cal. & Ore.)	23
February 11	118	Batavia, New York	21
March 20	86	Melbourne, Missouri	24
March 14	41	Coquille, Oregon (Cal. & Ore.)	35
March 29	81	Greenport, New York	15
March 3	69	Ellenville, New York	21
February 9	101	Romeo, Michigan	15

APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

Applications have been approved since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
April 1	12	Windsor Locks, Connecticut	22
April 1	53	Middletown, Connecticut	31
April 5	21	Carlstadt, New Jersey	28
April 8	53	Eureka, Kansas	15

April 9	16	McLean, Illinois	30
April 11	18	Huntley, Nebraska	35
April 12	43	Belfast, Maine	32
April 13		Cohocton, New York	19
April 20	42	North Bend, Oregon (Cal. & Ore.)	22
April 23	41	Somerset, Indiana	43

CAMPs MUSTERED.

Camps have been mustered since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
December 10	53	Middeltown, Connecticut	24
February 2	12	Windsor Locks, Connecticut	16
March 29	21	Carlstadt, New Jersey	28
March 23	53	Eureka, Kansas	15
April 1	16	McLean, Illinois	30
April 25	18	Huntley, Nebraska	27
March 22	43	Belfast, Maine	25
April 7	42	North Bend, Oregon (C. & O.)	19

Total number applications approved, 78.

Total number camps mustered, 67.

Total number applicants in new camps, 2249.

Total number members in new camps, 1633.

STATEMENT No. 8.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1910:

RECEIPTS.

To balance March 31, 1910.....	\$2945.27
Received for per capita tax.....	\$282.78
Charter fees	50.00
Supplies	509.89

Total receipts

\$ 842.67

\$3787.94

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses.....	\$945.36
Office expenses	34.89
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	195.06

Total expenditures

\$1175.31

Balance April 30, 1910.....

\$2612.63

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$400.00
THE BANNER, April 1910, subscription.....	527.13
Shipping supplies	18.23

\$ 945.36

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, light, telegrams, expressage, stationery	\$ 34.89
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\$ 34.89

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$195.06	
		\$ 195.06
Total expenditures		\$1175.31
Balance April 30, 1910.....		\$2612.63
By order of		
Attest:		
H. H. HAMMER,		
National Secretary.		
	GEORGE W. POLLITT,	
	Commander-in-Chief.	

GENERAL ORDERS No. VI.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., June 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 6—Series of 1910.

I. Brothers who have not already secured quarters at Atlantic City during the week of the National Encampment to be held in September next, are requested to take steps immediately to have quarters retained for them. The accommodations and prices vary to such an extent that anyone may obtain just those accommodations that he may desire and at a reasonable rate. No city in this country can take care of as many people on short notice as Atlantic City, but it is desirable that these accommodations should be assigned as rapidly as possible so that there may be no congestion at about the time of the encampment. Brothers should give this matter their attention at once and thus avoid confusion.

II. Your Commander-in-Chief in company with National Secretary Hammer and Personal Aide Vescelius had the pleasure of attending the Annual Encampment of Illinois Division at Freeport, May 23rd and 24th. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and it is quite evident that the brothers of the Division are doing all that lies in their power to extend the scope and influence of the Order. Your Commander-in-Chief had the pleasure of speaking at the Union Meeting at which the various Orders affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic were represented by their National Officers. He found that the sentiment among the Illinois G. A. R. Comrades was favorable to our Order. Many of the comrades were enthusiastic in their predictions regarding the future of our organization and it was a pleasure to be assured that our Illinois brothers have the active aid and sympathy of the Comrades of the Department of Illinois G. A. R. May 25th and 26th your Commander-in-Chief visited Mason City, Iowa, and was an interested observer of the daily work of Memorial University, together with the scenes attending the closing week of the year's work. Every opportunity was given him to make

a personal inspection of the institution, and while in Mason City he talked with the brothers of the Mason City camp and others who are particularly interested in the University for local reasons. It is to be regretted that the financial returns of the past year will not admit of the Board of Trustees paying all current indebtedness and leave them in a position to begin operations in September again with a clean balance sheet. Your Commander-in-Chief feels that very many of the brothers have the welfare of the institution so near their hearts that its abandonment would cause keen regret and sorrow. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of the affiliated societies of women have taken a greater interest in the institution during the past year and apparently it only needs a fair amount of interest on the part of our own members to make it an assured success. The question to be seriously considered by Brothers of the Order is whether we can at this time leave the fate of the institution in the hands of others to carry on to ultimate success without in a measure reflecting upon ourselves, inasmuch as we were the ones who authorized the project. It is evident to even the most casual observer that the institution is conducted along economic lines and that every endeavor is made to have the money received go as far as possible. A fixed assessment to be levied upon every member of the Order is not advisable and your Commander-in-Chief does not now and never has at any time been in favor of it. The voluntary contributions made from year to year are of such a fluctuating character that it is not wise to depend upon them for the maintenance of the institution. Camps and individuals should seriously consider their responsibility in this matter and before July 1st make an earnest endeavor to raise and forward enough money to Memorial to pay all of its floating debt. A determined and systematic effort would easily produce sufficient moneys to bring about this much desired result and your Commander-in-Chief hopes that each Brother will make this a personal matter and not pass it along to some other Brother, for him to take care of. Memorial University is our institution and once having agreed to father it, it seems to be our plain duty to provide it with a means of sustenance. Let every Brother and every Camp do all that is reasonably right and proper in the matter and the future of Memorial will be assured. It should be stated that the camp at Mason City is preparing to keep the pledge they made at the last encampment. They have paid in more than one-half of the amount they agreed to give and will have the entire amount turned over before the end of the year. Brothers there are in a position to make their promises good and are willing to make even greater sacrifices than they have heretofore, to keep the institution going.

III. Several Divisions are delinquent with their Division Inspection Reports. National Inspector Jenkins has written the Inspectors of these Divisions numerous letters without results. These reports must be forwarded to National Inspector Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Illinois, at once. It is hoped that attention to this matter need not again be called. Division Commanders as well as Division Inspectors know their duty in this matter.

IV. Division Patriotic Instructors will promptly forward their reports to National Patriotic Instructor Rev. Dr. W. J.

Patton, Mason City, Iowa. It is enjoined upon all to be prompt in this respect and forward complete returns immediately, so that no further delay may occur. Division Commanders will give this matter their immediate attention.

Reports from Camp Chaplains must be promptly forwarded to Division Chaplains; now that Memorial Day is past, there should be no delay in forwarding reports of Camp Chaplains. Camp Commanders will give this matter immediate and personal attention and Division Commanders will take such action as will insure the prompt returns from these reports by their Division Chaplains to National Chaplain Rev. William A. Hallock, Honeoye Falls, New York.

Promptness in all these matters is urged and required, and all Division officers will give the same their personal attention so that the business of these respective departments may not be delayed and unnecessarily interfered with.

V. Reports from all Divisions in these respective departments will be necessary for Division representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Atlantic City, New Jersey, week of September 19th. Division Commanders will be governed accordingly without further notice.

VI. Attention is again directed to the necessity of forwarding to the National Secretary Form 49—Certificate of Election—in duplicate, immediately upon installation of Division Officers at a Division Encampment. Further notice to this effect should not be necessary.

Newly elected Division Commanders will be governed by the Constitution in the matter of bond which it is required, shall be filed within thirty (30) days after election, said bond to be made to "George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." It is hoped that this will be given prompt attention and that further notice thereof will not be required.

VII. ATTENTION: Division Commanders and Camp Commanders: Reports and per capita tax for *June quarter* must be in the hands of the National Secretary not later than August 10th. This timely notice is given all so that proper effort can be made to secure tax and reports of all camps so that same can be forwarded to National Headquarters by the time specified. No delay can be tolerated for the June quarter. Reports and tax must be promptly forwarded owing to the closing of the books and accounts at Headquarters in timely preparation for reports and returns to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. A special appeal is made to all to be prompt with these reports and tax for June quarter—the last in this administration.

VIII. Division Encampments not previously announced, by reason of not having been reported, and dates thereof, follow:

Alabama and Tennessee at Chattanooga, Tenn., June 27th.
 Colorado and Wyoming at Grand Junction, Colo., May 12-14.
 Iowa at Des Moines, June 8th-10th.
 Kentucky at Louisville, May 23rd-24th.
 Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 22nd.
 Ohio at Xenia, June 14th-16th.
 Wisconsin at Fond du Lac, June 6th-8th.

IX. Following have been elected Division Commanders in the Divisions designated, viz: and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

- California and Oregon—J. F. Mullin, Los Angeles, Cal., 325 Towne avenue.
 Colorado and Wyoming—Geo. L. Hooker, Denver, Col., No. 122 Lipton street.
 Connecticut—Ralph M. Grant, Hartford.
 Illinois—H. C. Springston, Peoria.
 Kansas—M. Jay Sweet, Wichita.
 Kentucky—W. M. P. Ramsey, 424 E. Gray street, Louisville.
 Massachusetts—Geo. M. Tucker, Boston, 15 Beacon street, Room 38.
 Missouri—John N. Hutchinson, St. Louis, 3427 N. 9th street.
 Nebraska—H. B. Reed, Columbus.
 New Hampshire—Martin P. Bennett, Dover.
 New Jersey—Fred G. Hansen, Hoboken, 44 Second street.
 Rhode Island—Joshua Pfeiffer, Providence, 47 Wash. St.

X. Applications for charter for new camps have been approved since last announcement and new camps have been mustered as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
May 5	* 5	Clinton, Wisconsin	22
May 10	79	Buckfield, Maine	42
May 10	80	Oxford, Maine	35
May 12	84	Frankfort, New York	18
May 13		Lykens, Pennsylvania	25
May 14		Albion, New York	22
May 19		Frostburg, Maryland	29
May 19		Schroon Lake, New York	17
May 19	105	Lincoln, Illinois	49
May 19	36	Collinsville, Illinois	15
May 24	22	Unionville, Connecticut	19
May 24		Georgetown, Del., Md.	39
May 26	106	Center Point, Iowa	25
May 26	1	Des Moines, Iowa	31
May 27	138	Shiloh, Ohio	22
May 28	4	Plainfield, Wisconsin	36
May 28	7	Antigo, Wisconsin	41
May 31	48	Siegfried, Pennsylvania	34
May 31	85	Nicholson, Pennsylvania	29
May 31	81	Brewer, Maine	63
	133	Port Carbon, Pennsylvania	
	82	Owego, New York	
	54	Stockton, Kansas	
	42	Cohocton, New York	
	41	Somerset, Indiana	
	131	Barnesboro, Pennsylvania	

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
April	29	* 5 Clinton, Wisconsin	19
April	11	79 Buckfield, Maine	35
April	23	80 Oxford, Maine	28
May	23	84 Frankfort, New York	16
April	28	105 Lincoln, Illinois	49
April	29	36 Collinsville, Illinois	15
May	10	22 Unionville, Connecticut	19

January	28	106	Center Point, Iowa	25
March	4	1	Des Moines, Iowa	31
May	18	138	Shiloh, Ohio	18
March	25	4	Plainfield, Wisconsin	36
May	2	81	Brewer, Maine	63
April	20	133	Port Carbon, Pennsylvania	28
April	6	82	Owego, New York	21
April	8	54	Stockton, Kansas	34
May	3	42	Cohocton, New York	15
May	3	41	Somerset, Indiana	22
March	21	131	Barnesboro, Pennsylvania	143

* Fee credited to Brodhead Camp, December 20, 1909, which camp was not mustered and said fee applied to Clinton Camp.

Total number applicants approved, 97.

Total number applicants, 2,840.

Total number of camps mustered, 86.

Total number members in new camps, 2,275.

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	Dec. 31, 1909		Mar. 31, 1910	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee ..	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon ...	12	425	16	534
Colorado and Wyoming ..	7	238	7	235
Connecticut	27	1083	36	1414
Illinois	41	1191	42	1253
Indiana	16	586	22	694
Iowa	30	881	29	882
Kansas	23	609	22	589
Kentucky	7	133	7	125
Maine	35	1319	36	1404
Maryland	10	432	10	396
Massachusetts	134	5092	134	5156
Michigan	5	91	7	114
Minnesota	14	433	15	445
Missouri	11	446	11	474
Nebraska	6	91	7	117
New Hampshire	35	1200	33	1154
New Jersey	32	1621	33	1683
New York	109	4284	115	4411
Ohio	72	2811	72	2846
Pennsylvania	169	10607	173	10877
Rhode Island	14	465	14	488
Vermont	23	629	No reports	
Washington	4	110	2	74
Wisconsin	17	458	20	544
	862	35389	872	36063

Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.....\$ 3,600.27

Cash on hand in Camp Treasuries..... 54,420.05

Expended for relief 7,228.22

Number members or their families relieved, 158.

Number veterans or their families relieved, 14.

RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gain—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1909.....	862	35,389
	Camps Members	
By muster-in	40	2,500
By transfer	—	57
	—	—
Total gain	23	633
Aggregate	925	38,579
Loss—	Camps Members	
By disbanded	5	41
By death	—	48
By honorable discharge	—	74
By transfer	—	45
By suspension including Ver- mont Division	48	2,298
	—	—
Total loss	53	2,516
Number in good standing..	872	36,063

STATEMENT No. 9.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1910:

RECEIPTS.

To balance April 30, 1910.....		\$2612.63
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1978.86	
Charter fees	95.00	
Supplies	664.41	
	—	
Total receipts		\$2738.27
		\$5350.90

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 621.63	
Office expenses	25.52	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	363.03	
	—	
Total expenditures		\$1010.18
Balance May 31, 1910		\$4340.72

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 55.50	
THE BANNER, May 1910, subscription.....	526.98	
Shipping supplies	20.46	
Miscellaneous	18.69	
	—	
		\$ 621.63

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For light, postage, express, telegrams, sta- tionery	\$ 25.52	
	—	
		\$ 25.52

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, office, stenographer....	\$ 363.03	
		\$ 363.03
Total expenditures		\$1010.18
Balance May 31, 1910		\$4340.72
By order of		

GEORGE W. POLLITT.

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. VII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., July 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 7—Series of 1910.

I. The following Special Aides have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly: Bert J. Galley, Columbus, Nebraska; W. O. Stiles, Nashua, New Hampshire; George L. Wakefield, Manchester, New Hampshire.

II. Attention is again called to the necessity of completely filling in Form 16 in making a request for ancestor's war record. In spite of the repeated warnings given in General Orders, the Commander-in-Chief has received a number of these forms recently that were deficient in the particulars mentioned. The War and Navy Department insist that the Company and Regiment in which the soldier served or the ship to which the sailor was attached whose record is desired, should be so stated upon the blank. Reference to the number of a pension certificate does not count and Division Commanders should require Camp Commanders to furnish the information to complete the record as far as it is required by the Department. Division Commanders will save time by sending these requests direct to the Commander-in-Chief, instead of sending them to the National Secretary.

III. During the month of June your Commander-in-Chief attended the Encampments of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York Divisions. The attendance at the encampments was large, much interest was manifested in the business considered and all these important Divisions show signs of renewed activity and promising indications of a large increase in membership. The retiring Commanders and their successors were all of the opinion that the Order is on the eve of a great revival of interest among its members, and this is certain to result in a large increase in members. Many who in former years were active in the Order and have dropped out, are inquiring after the method to follow to again obtain membership. Your Commander-in-Chief was

particularly impressed by the showing made by the Reserve in the Pennsylvania and Ohio State Encampments. The soldierly appearance and military bearing of the men impressed him with the advantage it is to have this feature generally adopted throughout the several Divisions. The appearance of the Reserve in camp and on parade elicited commendation from all who saw them and your Commander-in-Chief takes this opportunity of thanking Colonel William P. Baker in command of the Pennsylvania Brigade for the honor of a Review, tendered him while the Reserve were in camp. The Ohio Reserve lacked in numbers the ability to make the impression that their Brothers of the Keystone state had as an advantage, but the appearance of the Ohio Reserve was all that is to be desired and Lieutenant Colonel Yengling is to be commended for the progress he has made in organizing the Reserve in the state of Ohio. Those Brothers who desire the advantage that comes from military drill and who wish to organize a company of Reserve can secure information desired from Major Henry Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa., who will be pleased to furnish whatever information is required in order to establish a company of Reserve in a camp or several camps situated near to each other. In this connection your Commander-in-Chief would call the attention of the Brothers of the Order to the fact that the uniform of the Reserve should not be worn by any but that branch of the Order. Paragraph 13, Article 24 of the Constitution and Laws, is brought to the attention of all members of the Order, and it is to be hoped that Brothers offending in this direction will pay attention to the prohibition contained in that paragraph.

IV. Information received from Brothers of the Order in many sections of the country indicate that the duties of Memorial Day this year were more generally placed in the hands of the Sons of Veterans than at any time. Grand Army Posts in many localities turned over to the camps affiliated with them all the work attached to the preparation for the day and the fulfillment of its duties on the day itself, and it is with pleasure that your Commander-in-Chief has learned that these duties were never performed with greater faithfulness and efficiency than this present year. Camps everywhere should bear in mind that these duties, as they are being gradually surrendered by the Grand Army of the Republic, will be looked after by someone, and if the camps fail in responding as they should do and as their obligation requires them to do, other organizations will take up this work, offer their services and do it to the best of their ability. Camps should seize upon every such occasion to show their willingness to be useful to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Veteran and should not let any opportunity go by, whether large or small, to indicate their readiness for the performance of duties. This applies to Memorial Day and all other occasions during the year when it may be possible in any way to lighten the burdens that have so long been carried by the Union Soldiers and Sailors. There are many ways in which a camp can testify its desire to be of assistance and camps and brothers should seek out these ways and be quick to offer their services in any capacity where they may be of any possible use. Brothers, we have at present and will have more so in the future, many opportunities to assist and show our devotion to the Union Veterans and we should be prompt to avail ourselves of every such occasion.

V. The attention of the Brothers is again called to the National Encampment to be held at Atlantic City in September next. Many reservations of rooms have been made by individual members of the Order and many camps have secured quarters at the hotels in that city. Brothers who intend going are again urged to be prompt in making the necessary arrangements so that no trouble may follow in waiting till a late date in securing accommodations. There is no lack of suitable accommodations at Atlantic City, as persons desiring to go can secure very good, comfortable quarters at a very low rate. There will be no attempt to practice extortion and the Brothers who expect to go should make immediate arrangements. Those who do so now can secure a greater choice of accommodations than if they waited until a late date. P. D. C. Frank M. Cunningham, 1506 Pacific avenue, is the Chairman of the Committee having in charge the arrangements for the Order. Communications addressed to him will receive a prompt reply and he will be able to furnish quarters at practically any price desired. The weather conditions prevailing at Atlantic City at the dates selected for the encampment are the most favorable during the year, the experience of the last twenty years and the records of the Weather Bureau at Atlantic City showing uniformly clear, pleasant weather on these dates. There is every indication of a large attendance at the encampment and the committee is putting forth every possible effort to make the stay of the Brothers and their families pleasant. There will be an abundance of entertainment and Atlantic City is one of the most interesting spots upon the Atlantic coast. Brothers who go there will find themselves well repaid for the effort. The rates quoted by the several hotels apply to the families of members and their friends and to the members of the S. of V. Auxiliary, their families and their friends, and one thing to be guarded against is the failure to secure accommodations until a few days before the encampment opens. Those who wait until the last will have less choice than those who secure them now and it is desirable to have these matters settled with as little delay as possible.

VI. The following proposed Amendment to the C. R. and R. offered by the New Jersey Division, S. of V., is published for the information of the Order:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Article 12: Amend Section No. 1 by striking out entire section and inserting a new section to read as follows:

The meetings of Camps shall be held at least semi-monthly at such hours as they may from time to time determine. Should any Camp fail to hold a regular meeting for two continuous months, it shall be deemed guilty of a violation of the laws of the Order and shall forfeit its charter. The Division shall meet in encampment at least once a year.

Amend laws, Article No. 1, Page 35, Section 3, second paragraph, 3rd line, by striking out the word camp and inserting in lieu thereof, the word Division, making the first three lines of the paragraph to read as follows: The bonds of the Camp Treasurer and Camp Council shall be approved by the Division Commander.

FRED A. GENTIEU,
Chairman Com. C. & R., N. J. Div.

VII. The vacation season being at hand, many brothers will feel inclined to relax their efforts in behalf of the Order and neglect attending meetings of their respective camps. I would urge the brothers to acquire the habit of being a Son of a Veteran three hundred and sixty-five days in the year and never to neglect a meeting, no matter however unfavorable the weather conditions may be and report as usual at the regular meetings of the camp. Those brothers who are favored with a respite from their daily duties, in order that they may have an opportunity to visit other localities than their own, are urged to wear the button wherever they go, and thus advertise the fact that they are members of the Order; if in a locality where a small and weak camp is struggling to keep alive the fire of patriotism on the altar, visit the brothers at their meetings and encourage them by your presence and your voice. Perhaps a visit from a strange brother, and especially from one who is active in his own camp and has acquired an experience that would be of benefit if told to others, may succeed, by a fraternal visit of this character, in giving the camp visited a new lease of life and encourage them to hold on, instead of giving up in despair. Those brothers, and there are many, who have been honored by the Order in their elevation to a high office, should feel doubly bound to visit their brothers in the small camps, particularly those at a distance from other camps and where the possibilities for fraternal visits are small. Brothers everywhere should remember to do all they possibly can, not only in their places of residence, but in localities that they may visit, to give cheer and encouragement to their less fortunate brothers, and in this way exemplify the great principles that underlie the Order. It may not seem of much use to visit a camp where the interest is small and where a few faithful brothers are striving hard to keep the camp going, but there is abundant evidence that visits of this character have been the means of saving the camps, where otherwise the charter would have been surrendered and the local organization lost to the Order. Brothers who will keep this in mind and feel that they should be on duty all the time, will be amply repaid by the consciousness of a duty well performed. Your Commander-in-Chief has had this fact brought to his attention so often in a practical way that he feels that one great help to extend the Order's influence will be the activity of every brother, always and everywhere.

VIII. The claims of Memorial University for our consideration are again brought to the notice of the Brothers. The Commander-in-Chief desires to see a continuance of the friendly feeling toward this institution which shall make itself manifest in donations sufficient to wipe out the small debt which should be taken care of before the new year begins in September. He earnestly desires that every Brother will keep in mind his obligation to this commendable enterprise with the hope that some method may be very soon adopted which will place the University fairly on its feet and insure to it a regular and steady income, thus avoiding these frequent appeals for help of a temporary character. Brothers, while enjoying your vacation period, devote some thought to this subject and at the same time make a contribution as large as your financial condition will permit.

IX. The password and countersign for the term July to December, 1910, has been promulgated to all Divisions that have paid tax and forwarded reports for the quarter ending March

31st. Same will only be issued to camps in good standing, and members in good standing June 30th, 1910.

Divisions to be represented in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Atlantic City, must have their quarterly reports of the Division Secretary and Division Treasurer, as well as per capita tax for quarter ending June 30th, 1910, in the hands of the National Secretary not later than August 10th; on that date it is hoped all reports and tax will be in and it is requested that this matter be given prompt attention on the part of all.

In order also to have representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Atlantic City, every Division must have made report by Division Inspector to National Inspector Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Ill., Division Patriotic Instructor to National Patriotic Instructor Rev. Dr. W. J. Patton, Mason City, Iowa, and every Division Chaplain to National Chaplain Rev. William A. Hallock, Honeoye Falls, N. Y.

All the consolidated reports of the Division Inspectors, Division Patriotic Instructors and Division Chaplains, should be promptly forwarded to the respective National Officers of these Departments, so that reports and returns can be completed and be prepared for the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment in good season.

Attention is directed to the following, viz: No requisitions for supplies will be filled by the National Secretary after Aug. 31st. All supplies required and desired must be ordered prior to Aug. 31st, as, on that date the books of the National Secretary and National Treasurer will be closed. Camps and Divisions requiring supplies will be governed accordingly, as no supplies will be shipped after August 31st.

Mustering Officer's reports of all camps mustered in this administration must be forwarded to the National Secretary not later than August 31st, so that charters can be issued to such camps as have been mustered.

All affected by the foregoing will be governed accordingly. There can be no deviation from the same.

Several Divisions have failed to file Form 49—Certificates of Election in duplicate. It is expected that it will not be necessary to again remind the delinquents of their failure or omission, in this respect.

ROSTER.

X. Of Division Commanders and Division Secretaries, (reported).

Alabama and Tennessee—Commander, Horace E. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary, M. D. Friedman, 2406 5th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

California and Oregon—Commander, John F. Mullin, 325 Towne Ave., Los Angeles; Secretary, John A. Medlar, Los Angeles.

Colorado and Wyoming—Commander, Geo. L. Hooker, 122 Lipton St., Denver; Secretary, Kenneth A. Coon, 143 Alaska St., Denver.

Connecticut—Commander, Ralph M. Grant, P. O. Box 860, Hartford; Secretary, Robt. T. Alcorn, P. O. Box 860, Hartford.

Illinois—Commander, H. C. Springston, Peoria; Secretary, Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight.

Indiana—Commander, Joseph Segó, Valparaiso; Secretary, R. J. Bosworth, Winchester.

Iowa—Commander, L. J. Reed, Central City; Secretary, G. F. Taylor, Cedar Rapids.

Kansas—Commander, M. Jay Sweet, Wichita; Secretary, Louis Bulkley, Wichita.

Kentucky—Commander, Wm. M. P. Ramsey, 424 E. Gray St., Louisville; Secretary, A. F. Ross, 1020 German St., Newport.

Maine—Commander, Chas. L. Chase, Portland; Secretary, Edward K. Gould, Rockland.

Maryland—Commander, Everett F. Warner, 1651 Kraemer Place, N. E., Washington, D. C.; Secretary, Francis E. Cross, 319 9th St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Massachusetts—Commander, Geo. M. Tucker, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler, 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston.

Minnesota—Commander, Ulysses S. Villars, Minneapolis; Secretary, Geo. E. Bailey, Minneapolis.

Missouri—Commander, John N. Hutchinson, 3427 North 9th St., St. Louis; Secretary, William Heintz, 3940 North 20th St., St. Louis.

Nebraska—Commander, H. B. Reed, Columbus; Secretary, C. E. Devlin, Columbus.

New Hampshire—Commander, Martin P. Bennett, Dover; Secretary, A. W. Elliott, 41 Pine St., Concord.

New Jersey—Commander, Fred G. Hansen, 44 Second St., Hoboken; Secretary, Fred G. Reilly, 626 Park Ave., Hoboken.

New York—Commander, Chas. Vetter, 50 Central Park, West, New York; Secretary, Chas. Heimsoth, No. 67 Marks Place, New York.

Ohio—Commander, Michael G. Heintz, Provident Bank Bldg., 7th and Vine Sts., Cincinnati; Secretary, J. D. Barnett, Findlay.

Pennsylvania—Commander, John E. Sautter, Aspinwall; Secretary, William B. McNulty, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia.

Rhode Island—Commander, Joshua Pfeiffer, 47 Washington St., Providence; Secretary, Samuel W. Taylor, 47 Washington St., Providence.

Vermont—Commander, Fred V. Tuller, Tunbridge.

Wisconsin—Commander, Wm. C. Cowling, Hay Building, Oshkosh; Secretary, Chas. H. Hudson, 217 Pinckney St., Madison.

All the foregoing Division Commanders, who have been duly elected and installed, will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Bonds will be filed promptly by the said Division Commanders, said bonds being made to "George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." and said bonds to be filed within thirty (30) days after election, as required by the Constitution and Laws.

Elections not yet certified by Division Encampments will be promptly certified on Form 49 in duplicate, to the National Secretary.

Dates and places of Division Encampments not previously announced, were:

Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 22.

Michigan at Holland, June 22.

Minnesota at Minneapolis, June 28-29.

Vermont at Montpelier, June 16-17.

Washington at Seattle, July 6th.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

XI. Applications for charters for new camps have been approved as follows, since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
June 2		Moriah Centre, New York	26
June 3	55	Winfield, Kansas	36
June 4	101	Massena, New York	24
June 9		Atwood, Kansas	37
June 10	75	Oneonta, New York	39
June 13		Oakwood, Okla. Kan.	21
June 20		Fort Plain, New York	15
June 20		Caton, New York	19
June 22	52	Marion, Indiana	35
June 24		Ellettsville, Indiana	28
June 25	189	Hartford City, Indiana	22
June 27	57	Meade, Kansas	25

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Following camps have been mustered and charters issued to same, since last report, viz:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
June 1	39	Medford, Oregon	40
April 8	9	Swanville, Minnesota	22
May 9	134	Lykens, Pennsylvania	60
May 18	11	Albion, New York	40
May 31	101	Massena, New York	21
May 27	55	Winfield, Kansas	15
May 28	75	Oneonta, New York	28

Total number applications for new camps, 109.

Total number applicants, 3167.

Total number new camps mustered, 93.

Total number members mustered in new camps, 2501.

STATEMENT No. 10.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

To balance May 31, 1910.....	\$4340.72
Received for per capita tax.....	\$1160.90
Charter fees	60.00
Supplies	231.42
Total receipts	<u>\$1452.32</u>
	\$5793.04

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1163.22
Office expenses	98.21
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	185.14
Total expenditures	<u>\$1446.57</u>
Balance June 30, 1910.....	\$4346.47

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Stock and supplies	\$ 20.58	
Memorial University, quarterly remittance, account 28th Annual Encampment appropriation, salary National Patriotic Instructor..	375.00	
THE BANNER, June 1910, subscription	528.61	
Printing, lithographing new charters, commissions, and password and countersign.....	157.34	
Reserve	74.08	
Shipping supplies	7.61	
		\$1163.22
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
Rent—April-June, 1910	\$ 69.00	
Light, postage, express, telegrams.....	29.21	
		\$ 98.21
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
Postage, telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer	\$ 185.14	
		\$ 185.14
Total expenditures		\$1446.57
Balance June 30, 1910.....		\$4346.47
By order of		

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. VIII.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., August 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 8—Series of 1910.

I. Stewart E. Rowe, Camp 28, Exeter, N. H., has been appointed Special Aide, with rank from date. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. Through the kindly interest of Major General Leonard Wood, Chief-of-Staff, U. S. A., your Commander-in-Chief has received an application for a charter for a camp at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, South America. The applicants with one exception have not been members of the Order and their participation in the exercises of Memorial Day, May 30th last, was noticed by General Wood, who was present, and elicited favorable commendation from him. As a result of a conversation with the Sons of Veterans present the application was formally made for

the camp charter and forwarded to him for transmission to these Headquarters. The desire of these Veterans' sons to observe Memorial Day in a foreign country, far from localities where sentiment favorable to our Order exists, should be an incentive to every Brother of the Order to renew and redouble his efforts for its welfare. For the purpose of jurisdiction this camp when mustered will be attached to the Division of Pennsylvania. The thanks of the Order are due to General Wood and have been communicated to him by your Commander-in-Chief. The friendliness of men in his position is a decided advantage to the organization and is an indication that our principles and objects appeal to those who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic or the Sons of Veterans.

III. For the purpose of furnishing the escort to the Grand Army of the Republic on the date of the parade at Atlantic City, September 21, 1910, and for the performance of other duties that have been assigned to the Sons of Veterans, particularly to furnishing the guards for the Reviewing Stand at the close of the parade, a Provisional Regiment of the Reserve will be formed and Col. Henry Stewart, Assistant Adjutant-General, is hereby detailed to act as Colonel of the Provisional Command and is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to effect the Provisional Organization and render such duties as he may be called upon to fill by Commander-in-Chief Van Sant of the Grand Army of the Republic. It had been hoped that some financial assistance could have been given to Reserves and Commands intending to participate in the parade, which your Commander-in-Chief regrets cannot be given, and those Commands and individual officers and members of the Reserve will bear their own expenses of transportation and subsistence. It is to be hoped that the number parading will be sufficiently large to demonstrate to our fathers of the G. A. R. that we desire to honor them in all ways and to also draw the attention of spectators who may be eligible to membership in the Order to the fact that we can when necessary make a public demonstration of this character of a size commensurate with the strength of the Order. At this date it seems possible that in addition to the presence of a large contingent of the Infantry arm of the Reserve there will be present a battery of Artillery which will come prepared to fire salutes as may be necessary.

IV. The efforts of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic to secure a rate of one fare for the round trip within trunk line territory to the National Encampment at Atlantic City, have thus far been without success and at present the best rate that it has been possible to secure is the rate of one and one-half fares for the round trip; date of sale of tickets from about September 15th to September 20th; final limit of tickets September 29th and extension of the final limit made by the deposit of the ticket with the Special Agent at Atlantic City not later than September 28, and payment of a fee of \$1.00 at the time of deposit. By this method an extension of the final limit may be obtained to reach original starting point not later than October 28th. For more definite information apply to local Railroad Agencies. Every possible effort has been made to obtain a lower rate, but without success. In many cases it has been found that the regular excursion rates offered by railroads and the rate given for special excursions

within a limit of thirty days or more is much lower than this proposed rate of a fare and a half, and those who contemplate attending should make inquiry as to the best terms which may be had. Any further information, if received, will be promulgated in the September issued of THE BANNER.

V. Brothers who expect to visit Atlantic City at the time of the National Encampment and who have not made arrangements for hotel accommodations are earnestly requested to take up this matter immediately with the local committee or directly with the hotel management. Brother Frank M. Cunningham, chairman of the local S. of V. committee, 1503 Pacific Ave., reports that he has received many inquiries regarding accommodations and all indications point to the attendance of a large number of members of the Order and their families. These latter have the advantages given the Sons of Veterans, which applies as well to Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and their families. The Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief have been fixed at the Hotel Rudolf, arrangements having been made with Mr. Arnold Rukeyser, Manager of the Hotel to care for the Commander-in-Chief and his official family. He also reports having received many inquiries for quarters. This hotel is favorably situated for all the public functions of the week and all who secure accommodations there can depend upon their being comfortably housed and cared for. Attention to these suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief will minimize the troubles of the local committee and at the same time secure for applicants just those accommodations which they desire and which they might not secure if they delayed in making application for them.

VI. Pursuant to the action of the 28th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Rudolf, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Monday, September 19th, 1910.

It is hereby ordered that the Council-in-Chief report for duty and the transaction of such business as may be presented to it, audit the books and accounts of the National Secretary and National Treasurer at 4 o'clock p. m. of Monday, September 19th, 1910, at the Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief, Hotel Rudolf, Atlantic City, N. J.

Encampment Headquarters are hereby established at the Hotel Rudolf and during the sessions of the encampment, all committees will have their headquarters at the said headquarters hotel for the transaction of the business they may have.

The 29th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene at the Hotel Rudolf, (Assembly room) Atlantic City, N. J., on Tuesday, September 20th, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Officers and Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, and all members of the said Encampment, duly and properly certified as members thereof, in accordance with the rules and Constitution and Laws governing the same, are hereby ordered to be governed accordingly.

Representation will be based as provided by the Constitution and Laws; also required that: All per capita tax and indebtedness of Divisions, reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers for the quarter ending June, 1910, must have been paid and in the hands of the National Secretary; also that Consolidated reports of Division Inspectors, Patriotic Instructors and Division Chaplains must have been forwarded to the re-

spective officers or departments of the Commandery-in-Chief. All members of the said Encampment, must be in good standing in their respective Camps and Divisions, complying with the Constitution and Laws, governing same.

Division Commander Fred G. Hansen of the Division of New Jersey, is hereby ordered to detail from the Division of New Jersey, Inner and Outer Guards for duty during the sessions of the Encampment. They will report to the Commander-in-Chief.

VII. All Divisions having been notified that per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending June 30th, 1910, were to be in the hands of the National Secretary not later than August 10th, it is hoped that such as are still delinquent will at once comply and have their reports and tax in the National Secretary's department by August 31st, so that proper report can be made to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, the books and accounts balanced for audit and the work of this department closed.

All indebtedness due from Divisions must be paid prior to August 31st.

No supplies will be shipped after August 31st, so that requisitions to be filled prior thereto must be received by the National Secretary by that date.

In order that settlement can be made in this fiscal year with Memorial University for the Camps mustered during this term, Division Commanders must have the reports of Mustering Officers filed with the National Secretary not later than August 31st. All Camps mustered must be reported on Form 23 by that date.

It is earnestly hoped that all Division Commanders will have had the reports of the Division Inspector, Division Chaplain and Division Patriotic Instructor, duly forwarded in ample time to the respective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, filling these departments, so that due report of all Divisions can be made to and at this Encampment.

Make all remittances payable and send same to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, to avoid delay.

VIII. Since last announcement applications have been approved for new camps as follows:

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
July 1	85	Butler, Pennsylvania	50
July 1		Delevan, New York	15
July 13	21	Nevada, Iowa	67
July 14	28	Willimantic, Connecticut	18
July 14	29	Simsbury, Connecticut	23
July 14	30	Danielson, Connecticut	19
July 14	1	Fort Smith, Ark., Mo. Div.	19
July 27	1	Detroit, Michigan	26
	195	Moriah Center, New York	
	56	Atwood, Kansas	
	24	Ellettsville, Indiana	
	57	Meade, Kansas	
	18	Frostburg, Maryland	
	10	Georgetown, Del., Md.	
	48	Siegfrieds, Pennsylvania	
	178	Nicholson, Pennsylvania	

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
April 22	21	Nevada, Iowa	56
May 26	28	Willimantic, Connecticut	18
May 27	29	Simsbury, Connecticut	23
June 28	30	Danielson, Connecticut	19
April 14	1	Detroit, Michigan	26
June 17	195	Moriah Center, New York	23
June 18	56	Atwood, Kansas	16
July 12	24	Ellettsville, Indiana	20
July 8	57	Meade, Kansas	20
May 22	18	Frostburg, Maryland	29
May 28	10	Georgetown, Delaware	16
June 10	48	Siegfrieds, Pennsylvania	54
June 10	178	Nicholson, Pennsylvania	27

Total number applications for new camps, 117.—Number applicants, 3404.

Total number new camps mustered, 106.—Number members, 2848.

STATEMENT NO. 11.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

To balance June 30, 1910.....	\$4346.47
Received for supplies	\$385.11
Charter fees	40.00
Total receipts	\$ 425.11
	<u>\$4771.58</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$627.64
Office expenses	27.57
Total expenditures	\$ 655.21
Balance July 31, 1910.....	\$4116.37

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

THE BANNER, July 1910, subscription.....	\$538.44
Encampment	12.84
Printing	30.00
Reserve	33.99
Shipping supplies	12.37
	<u>\$ 627.64</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Postage, light, express, stationery	\$ 27.57
	<u>\$ 27.57</u>
Total expenditures	\$ 655.21

Balance July 31, 1910..... \$4116.37
 By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
 Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS No. IX.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,

Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 1, 1910.

General Orders No. 9—Series of 1910.

I. Elroy E. Messer, Claremont, New Hampshire and A. P. Brigham, Milford, New Hampshire, are appointed Special Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank from August 26, 1910. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. The court martial proceedings in the case of the charges and specifications preferred against Brother Henry W. Snow, of Admiral Robley D. Evans Camp No. 20, Division of Illinois, have been received. The verdict of the court was that the accused be dishonorably discharged from the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The evidence in the case appears to justify the severity of the verdict and the sentence is approved. Commander H. C. Springston, Illinois Division, is ordered to carry the sentence into effect.

III. It was the privilege of your Commander-in-Chief to attend the 34th Annual Reunion of the New Hampshire Veterans Association at The Weirs, New Hampshire, August 23, 24, 25 and 26, upon the invitation of Henry L. Johnson, President of the Association. The first day was given over to the Sons of Veterans and under the charge of Commander Bennett of that division a campfire was held in the evening, at which addresses were made by prominent members of the Order. Your Commander-in-Chief had the pleasure of being one of the speakers and the occasion was one of great credit to the Division of New Hampshire and no doubt will be of substantial benefit to it. A large percentage of the members of the Division were in attendance during the four days of the reunion and every evidence was given of the close relations between the Sons and Veterans of the Granite State. The prominent part given to the Sons in the program of the Reunion was appreciated by them and their activity was an evidence of their desire to assist their fathers in making the annual gathering a success. Your Commander-in-Chief had the pleasure of meeting personally many of the Veterans of the state and he had every assurance from them that New Hampshire Division, Sons of Veterans, have no better friends than the comrades of the Granite State. This annual gathering is one that should appeal to the members of that division, as the comrades are depending upon them more and more every year to make the reunion a success and to the

extent that they respond will follow benefits to the division. Your Commander-in-Chief was the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of comrades and brothers at the reunion and wishes to thus publicly acknowledge his indebtedness to them for their desire to make his stay pleasant.

IV. This order may be read by some brother who has not fully determined to attend the National Encampment at Atlantic City, N. J., the week beginning the 18th of this month. If so, his attention is called to the great advantage in attendance upon the sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief and the additional information given as to the status of the Order in general which may be acquired in no other way. The sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief are doubly interesting because of the presence of those men who are active in the work of the Order in the several Divisions and the discussion of questions that are all of vital interest to every member of the organization. Brothers who have not had the privilege of attending Commandery-in-Chief sessions should avail themselves of the opportunities offered in connection with the approaching encampment, it being held in a city contiguous to all the large Divisions in the Order, and within easy reach of any Division. The discussion regarding the new Constitution and Laws should be an incentive to draw the largest attendance that has been present at any encampment in the past. Brothers need not hesitate to come because they do not have any vote or voice in the encampment. They are privileged to attend as spectators and they will find that their time has been well spent. Reference was made in the last issue of THE BANNER to the rates of fare as granted by the transportation companies. There has been no change in these rates since that time and there probably will not be any material change in the rates. Accommodations may be had at Atlantic City at any price desired and your Commander-in-Chief would again urge every brother to arrange his affairs so that he can attend the full week of the encampment and bring his family with him, as the rates of transportation and accommodation apply equally well to them.

V. Your Commander-in-Chief has been gratified to learn from National President Donaldson of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary that the past year has been wonderfully successful and progressive along all lines of activity in that organization. At this date, 44 new auxiliaries have been chartered, with an aggregate membership of over a thousand and it is expected that the reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1910, will show a large increase in membership over reports for the June quarter of 1909. This is indeed gratifying news, because of the closeness of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The general belief in the fact that the Auxiliary is of great benefit to any camp to which it is attached, is so universally acknowledged that it is not necessary to here indulge in any argument in favor of that proposition. Your Commander-in-Chief has been and always expects to be a strong advocate of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, knowing from personal observation the great benefit it is to the Camps in our Order. Many camps are alive today because they had attached to them an auxiliary which would not let the camp die, although it seemed disposed to do so, and those camps that have not this interesting adjunct should avail themselves of the first opportunity to organize one and

get in line with the progressive camps of the order. Your Commander-in-Chief extends his hopes for the future prosperity of the Auxiliary, knowing full well how much it means to our own order.

VI. This will be the last General Order issued by this administration as at the encampment to be held this month at Atlantic City a brother will be chosen to head the organization during the following year. Your Commander-in-Chief desires at this time to express to the members of the Order generally his sincere thanks for the many kindnesses to him while in office, for the many courtesies extended to him while making his fraternal visits to divisions and camps and for the universally kind receptions that have been given him wherever he has appeared in the capacity of Commander-in-Chief. To the many brothers who have labored hard and incessantly during this current term to do all in their power to advance the interests of the order, some of them because, as they expressed, had a high personal regard for the Commander-in-Chief and others because they are always active in the interests of the organization and all because of the substantial advance made by the order during the present incumbent's term of office. A great gain in camps and in membership has been made throughout the order. This has been of a general character and the whole organization has been strengthened and made more efficient by not only an increased membership, but by the renewal of interest on the part of many who in past years have been inclined to be inactive. Your Commander-in-Chief takes pleasure in congratulating the Order generally upon the character of the new recruits, who are coming in to take their places along side their brothers in the many lines of patriotic work which has fallen to the lot of the Order to attend to. It is very noticeable and has been the cause of favorable comment that very many of those Veterans' Sons who in times past have not found any attractive features in our Order, are now coming in and asking to be given a share of the work to be performed. This is an indication of the solid growth of the order, and while the effective remedy for the stoppage of suspensions has not been discovered, it is believed that the percentage of suspensions in the future will be much smaller than in the past. Your Commander-in-Chief in closing would urge every brother in the Order, no matter how humble his position, to redouble his efforts during the coming years and in no degree abate his interest in the Order. No matter what your position may be, bear a part in the organization, give your very best efforts, your very best endeavor to your own local camp. Build up the Camps throughout the Order and the rest is easy. In conclusion the Brothers may be assured that your Commander-in-Chief will take this advice to himself and he expects to be in the future as active and as energetic as his limitations will permit, and in no sense will he diminish his endeavors to build up the organization of the Sons of Veterans. He wishes every brother in the order Godspeed in the work of making this organization of ours equal to the proportions of the work it has assumed to do, and while he regrets that he has not done more in the past year and has fallen far below the mark aimed at, yet he has the satisfaction of knowing that he did his best as far as his opportunities would permit.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS.

VII. Following applications for new camps have been approved and camps mustered since last announcement:

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Ap.
August 6	37	Victoria, Illinois	17
August 8	135	Powell, Pennsylvania	27
August 9	38	Waverly, Iowa	29
August 11	38	Herrin, Illinois	24
August 11	40	Carbondale, Illinois	25
August 22	7	Conneaut, Ohio	33
August 22	45	Bladen, Ohio	52
August 22	13	Snohomish, Washington	25
August 23	43	Oroville, Cal. (Cal. and Ore.)	20
August 29		Ramond, New Hampshire	22
September 2	31	Jewett City, Connecticut	21
September 2	32	Essex, Connecticut	31
September 2	42	Guilford, Connecticut	28
	85	Butler, Pennsylvania	
	134	Fort Plain, New York	
	106	Caton, New York	
	52	Marion, Indiana	
	2	Ellettsville, Indiana	

CAMPS MUSTERED.

Date	No.	Location and Division	No. Mus.
May 27	37	Victoria, Illinois	17
Aug. 17	135	Powell, Pennsylvania	25
April 26	38	Waverly, Iowa	28
July 20	38	Herrin, Illinois	24
Aug. 8	40	Carbondale, Illinois	25
July 11	7	Conneaut, Ohio	32
June 20	45	Bladen, Ohio	50
Aug. 27	13	Snohomish, Washington	24
May 17	43	Groville, California	20
June 27	31	Jewett City, Connecticut	15
July 29	32	Essex, Connecticut	26
July 26	42	Guilford, Connecticut	20
July 12	85	Butler, Pennsylvania	179
June 15	134	Ft. Plain, New York	22
June 18	106	Caton, New York	21
July 26	52	Marion, Indiana	54
July 27	2	Ellettsville, Indiana	15

Total number applications for new camps approved, 130.

Total number applicants in new camps, 3,758.

Total number camps mustered, 123.

Total number members mustered in new camps, 3,445.

VIII.

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	June 1909.		March 1910.		June 1910.	
	Camp	Mem.	Camp	Mem.	Camp	Mem.
Alabama & Tennessee	9	154	9	154	9	154
California & Oregon..	13	423	16	534	19	578
Colorado & Wyoming.	5	169	7	235	6	150
Connecticut	23	838	36	1414	40	1606
Illinois	43	1304	42	1253	43	1339
Indiana	29	839	22	694	21	688
Iowa	30	899	29	882	25	865

Kansas	22	711	22	589	27	696
Kentucky	8	205	7	125	8	142
Maine	32	1233	36	1404	39	1481
Maryland	13	500	10	396	12	437
Massachusetts	133	5100	134	5156	134	5306
Michigan	8	155	7	114	6	116
Minnesota	22	530	15	445	8	349
Missouri	12	480	11	474	11	469
Nebraska	8	107	7	117	9	166
New Hampshire	35	1197	33	1154	34	1195
New Jersey	31	1495	33	1683	33	1707
New York	100	3991	115	4411	124	4658
Ohio	77	3018	72	2846	69	2803
Pennsylvania	144	10144	173	10877	169	10887
Rhode Island	14	467	14	488	14	502
Vermont	23	653	22	616	20	594
Washington	4	118	2	74	1	57
Wisconsin	15	409	20	544	20	586
Totals	853	35139	894	36679	901	37531

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 June quarter, 1910:

Cash on hand Division Headquarters.....	\$ 2422.64
Cash on hand in Camps.....	55736.22
Expended for relief	6385.79
Number veterans or their families relieved, 15.	
Number members or their families relieved, 88.	

IX. RECAPITULATION OF CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Gains—		Camps	Members
Number in good standing March 31, 1910.....	894	36,679	
Gained by organization and muster-in	44	2,766	
Gained by transfer		163	
Gained by reinstatement	13	376	
Aggregate	951	39,984	
Loss—		Camps	Members
By camps disbanded	2	34	
By death		54	
By honorable discharge		48	
By transfer		46	
By suspension	48	2,270	
By dishonorable discharge		1	
Total loss	50	2,453	
Number in good standing June 30, 1910,	901	37,531	

STATEMENT No. 12.

X. Report of the National Secretary for month of August, 1910.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance July 31, 1910.....	\$4116.37
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3593.48
Supplies	433.02
Charter fees	50.00
Total receipts	\$4076.50
	\$8192.87

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 869.02
Office expenses	67.98
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	69.85
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Total expenditures	\$1006.85
Balance August 31, 1910.....	\$7186.02

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

THE BANNER, August 1910, subscription.....	\$ 538.54
Shipping supplies	30.48
Miscellaneous (Encampment appropriation badge for Past Commander-in-Chief.....)	300.00
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	\$ 869.02

OFFICE EXPENSES.

Light, postage, telegrams, stationery, express, etc.	\$ 67.98
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	\$ 67.98

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Postage, telegrams, traveling, office (steno- grapher), express	\$ 69.85
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	\$ 69.85
Total expenditures	\$1006.85
Balance August 31, 1910.....	\$7186.02

XI. The Division of Washington elected as Division Commander Charles B. Wood, 425 Leary Building, Seattle, Wash., Division Secretary Frank C. Shipley, No. 2204 East John St., Seattle, Wash. Division Commander Wood will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDERS

SPECIAL ORDER No. I.

SERIES OF 1909.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., Sept. 27, 1909.

Special Order No. 1—Series of 1909.

I. P. D. C. Arthur M. Soule, Portland, Maine, is hereby detailed to install P. D. C. Edward K. Gould, Rockland, Maine, as National Counselor. He will perform this duty as speedily as possible and report his action to these Headquarters.

II. Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott, Chicago, Ill., is hereby detailed to install Brother Will F. Jenkins, Morgan Park, Ill., as National Inspector. He will perform this duty as speedily as possible and report his action to these Headquarters.

III. Brother James E. Blythe, Mason City, Iowa, is hereby detailed to install Brother Walter J. Patton as National Patriotic Instructor. He will perform this duty as speedily as possible and report his action to these Headquarters.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. II.

SERIES OF 1909.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., Oct. 12, 1909.

Special Order No. 2—Series of 1909.

I. Charges having been preferred by Samuel Clegg Camp No. 9, Division of Pennsylvania, S. of V., against Brother Albert Scott of said Camp No. 9, Division of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby detailed to investigate these charges and report if it is not advisable to order a Court-martial in this case.

II. Charges having been preferred by Samuel Clegg Camp No. 9, Division of Pennsylvania, S. of V., against Brother Harry Leiser of said Camp No. 9, Division of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, Pa., is here-

by detailed to investigate these charges and report if it is or is not advisable to order a Court-martial in this case.

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDER No. III.

SERIES OF 1909.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 13, 1909.

Special Order No. 3—Series of 1909.

I. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Courtland Saunders Camp No. 21, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Oliver S. Pancoast, said Court to consist of Albert E. Schaeffer, Camp 1, 3535 N. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry P. Schaeffer, Commander, Camp 5, 732 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Judge Advocate, George M. Dawson, Commander Camp 2, 3123 N. Carlyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. A. Schneider, Commander, Camp 13, 1011 West Cambria St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry A. King, Commander, Camp 114, 1844 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Alexander H. Chester, P. C. Camp 228, 1349 N. Mascher St., Philadelphia, Pa., to meet at the office of the Pennsylvania Division Secretary, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., on November 22, 1909, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By oruer of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDER No. IV.

SERIES OF 1909.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Nov. 16, 1909.

Special Order No. 4—Series of 1909.

I. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Gen. W. S. Hancock Camp No. 44, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother William H. Snuler, said court to consist of Brothers John Schreffler, Ira Hanes, George Bailey, Boyd

Bloem and H. T. Dinar, all of Williamsport, Pa.; Brother J. W. A. Kelley to be Judge Advocate, to meet at Williamsport, Pa., on Saturday, December 4, 1909, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. I.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,

Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 2, 1910.

Special Order No. 1—Series of 1910.

I. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Division Commander D. Sherman Smith, Division of Pennsylvania, S. V., U. S. A., against Brother Joseph M. Owens, Ruhl Camp No. 33, Division of Pennsylvania, S. of V., U. S. A., said court to consist of Brothers C. Day Rudy, P. D. C.; S. W. Tagg, Camp 15, P. C.; D. D. Hammelbaugh, P. C., Camp 15; J. Earl Hoerner, P. C., Camp 15; D. W. Cotterell, P. C., Camp 15; Joseph A. Hartman, Camp 15; Brother Q. O. Reitzel, P. C., Camp 74, to be Judge Advocate, said court to meet at Harrisburg, Pa. February 15, 1910, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. II.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,

Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 2, 1910.

Special Order No. 2—Series of 1910.

I. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Albert W. Scott, said court to consist of Brothers Albert E. Shaffer, P. C., Camp 1, 3531 N. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.; George M. Dawson, Camp 2, 3123 N. Carlyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.;

John H. Liesse, P. C., Camp 10, 2020 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. A. Schneider, Camp 13, 1011 W. Cambria St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry A. King, Camp 114, 1844 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Alexander H. Chester, P. C., Camp 228, N. Mascher St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry P. Schaffer, Camp 5, 732 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa., to be Judge Advocate, to meet at the office of the Pennsylvania Division Secretary, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., on February 15, 1910, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. III.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 2, 1910.

Special Order No. 3—Series of 1910.

I. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Leiser, said court to consist of Brothers Albert E. Shaffer, P. C., Camp 1, 3535 N. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.; George M. Dawson, Camp 2, 3123 N. Carlyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.; John H. Liesse, P. C., Camp 10, 2020 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. A. Schneider, Camp 13, 1011 W. Cambria St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry A. King, Camp 114, 1844 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Alexander H. Chester, P. C., Camp 228, N. Mascher St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry P. Schaffer, Camp 5, 732 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa., to be Judge Advocate, to meet at the office of the Pennsylvania Division Secretary, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., on February 15, 1910, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. IV.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., April 29, 1910.

Special Order No. 4—Series of 1910.

I. A court-martial heretofore appointed and convened to try

charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Albert W. Scott, is hereby disbanded and dismissed, and the power and authority therein conveyed is revoked.

II. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Albert W. Scott, said court to consist of Brothers Albert E. Shaffer, P. C., Camp 1, 3535 N. Water St.; George M. Dawson, Camp 2, 3123 N. Carlyle St.; John H. Liesse, P. C., Camp 10, 2020 S. 5th St.; W. A. A. Schneider, Camp 13, 1011 W. Cambria St.; Harry A. King, Camp 114, 1844 N. 20th St.; Alexander H. Chester, P. C., Camp 228, N. Mascher St.; William H. Redheffer, Jr., Camp 5, 1325 Arch St., all of Philadelphia, Pa., the latter to be Judge Advocate, to meet at the office of the Pennsylvania Division Secretary, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, May 14th, 1910, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. V.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., April 29, 1910.

Special Order No. 5—Series of 1910.

I. A court-martial heretofore appointed and convened to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Albert W. Scott, is hereby disbanded and dismissed, and the power and authority therein conveyed is revoked.

II. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Albert W. Scott, said court to consist of Brothers Albert E. Shaffer, P. C., Camp 1, 3535 N. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.; George M. Dawson, Camp 2, 3123 N. Carlyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.; John H. Liesse, P. C., Camp 10, 2020 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. A. Schneider, Camp 13, 1011 W. Cambria St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry A. King, Camp 114, 1844 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Alexander H. Chester, P. C., Camp 228, N. Mascher St., Philadelphia, Pa.; William H. Redheffer, Jr., Camp 5, 1325 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., to be Judge Advocate, to meet at the office of the Pennsylvania Division Secretary, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, May 14th, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. VI.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., April 29, 1910.

Special Order No. 6—Series of 1910.

I. A court-martial heretofore appointed and convened to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Harry Leiser, is hereby disbanded and dismissed, and the power and authority therein conveyed is revoked.

II. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to try charges preferred by Camp No. 9, Clegg, Division of Pennsylvania, against Brother Harry Leiser, said court to consist of Brothers Albert E. Shaffer, P. C., Camp 1, 3535 N. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.; George M. Dawson, Camp 2, 3123 N. Carlyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.; John H. Liesse, P. C., Camp 10, 2020 S. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; W. A. A. Schneider, Camp 13, 1011 W. Cambria St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Harry A. King, Camp 114, 1844 N. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Alexander H. Chester, P. C., Camp 228, N. Mascher St., Philadelphia, Pa.; William H. Redheffer, Jr., Camp 5, 1328 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., to be Judge Advocate, to meet at the office of the Pennsylvania Division Secretary, 215 Odd Fellows Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, May 14, 1910, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. VII.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., May 17, 1910.

Special Order No. 7—Series of 1910.

I. Objections having been made by the accused to the presence on the Court of George S. Pense in the matter of the Court-martial appointed to try charges preferred against Brother Henry W. Snow, Camp 20, Illinois Division, and Brother Pense having asked to be relieved from service on the Court, the request has been granted.

II. Brother Fred H. Voelker, P. C., George A. Custer Camp 6, Division of Illinois, S. V., U. S. A., is appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the declination of Brother Pense to serve.

Brother Voelker will be No. 4 on the Court, taking the place made vacant by the declination of Brother Pense.

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDER No. VIII.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., June 1, 1910.

Special Order No. 8—Series of 1910.

I. A Court-martial is hereby appointed to meet at the office of the Division Secretary, Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on the 13th day of June at 7:30 p. m., 1910, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of Brother George H. Younger.

DETAIL FOR THE COURT.

1. Brother A. E. Sheaffer, Camp 1, 3131 N. Water St., Philadelphia, Pa.

2. Commander Richard Robinson, Camp 2, 2237 St. Albans St., Philadelphia, Pa.

3. P. C. Walter C. Mabie, Camp 10, 2227 South 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

4. Commander Albert W. Rieber, Camp 13, 302 W. Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

5. P. C. William Reed, Camp 21, 3943 Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

6. P. C. A. L. Groff, Camp 114, 1028 Schiller St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Past Commander-in-Chief R. M. J. Reed, Camp 5, 2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., to be Judge Advocate.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

SPECIAL ORDER No. IX.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 9, 1910.

Special Order No. 9—Series of 1910.

I. The action of D. Sherman Smith, Commander of Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in ordering the

name of Harry Williams, Commander of Camp 80, Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be dropped from the rolls of his Camp on account of said Harry Williams' ineligibility in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby approved, to date from June 14, 1910.

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDER No. X.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., Sept. 8, 1910.

Special Order No. 10—Series of 1910.

I. Harry Williams, Commanding the 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, having by order of the Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania been dropped from the roll of membership of Camp No. 80, Pennsylvania Division, until such time as he shall show that he is eligible to membership, and such action having been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Henry Stewart, Commanding Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, is hereby ordered and directed to order an election for a successor to the said Harry Williams as Commander of the 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

By order of

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDER No. XI.

SERIES OF 1910.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Sons of Veterans Hall.

Department of Commander-in-Chief.
Paterson, N. J., Sept. 16, 1910.

Special Order No. 11—Series of 1910.

I. The Court-martial proceedings in the case of the charges and specifications preferred against Brother George H. Younger of Colonel William L. Curry Camp No. 82, Division of Pennsyl-

vanla, have been received. The verdict of the court was that the accused be discharged from the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. The evidence in the case appears to justify the severity of the verdict and the sentence is approved. Commander John E. Sautter, Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, is hereby ordered to carry the sentence into effect.

By order of

GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have listened to the report of the Commander-in-Chief, and if there is no objection, it will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

No objection being offered, it was so referred.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that we take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment resumed business at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Credentials reported additional names, which will appear in the completed report.

On motion, duly seconded the report was received and the committee continued.

At this point Battery "A," Department of New Jersey, Sons of Veterans Reserve, marched into the hall.

The following officers rendered their reports, in the order named, and as they were read they were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

September 20, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans; U. S. A.

Brothers:—

It is my pleasing duty and privilege to render my report as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for the year ending with this encampment.

Thirteen months ago you unanimously elected me to this office, an honor that had not come to New Hampshire for more than twenty years, and to say that the honor has been appreciated by the Division, by Gilbert F. Dustin Camp No. 8, to which I belong, and by myself, is stating it very mild; and to show my gratitude I resolved to do any and all duties assigned me to the very best of my ability.

The first official call from our Commander-in-Chief to reach my office was in February last when he requested me to attend as his Representative, Class Initiation and Veterans Night, under the Auspices of the S. of V. Club of Massachusetts, in Faneuil Hall, Boston, the evening of February 22nd, it was my pleasure to attend and witness the mustering into our Order of a Class of nearly fifty recruits, in the presence of more than a thousand Comrades and Sons; the ceremony being the most impressive and complete of any that I ever saw.

I attended the Division Encampments in New Hampshire and Vermont, and was most cordially received and royally entertained; had the honor of installing the Division Officers in both the above named Divisions.

It was my pleasure to meet our Commander-in-Chief at the Grand Army Reunion at Rochester, Vermont, on the fourth of

August; the rain fell in torrents but the Comrades seemed to appreciate our presence, as well as a goodly number of the Sons of Veterans, this visit being made in the interests of our Order, in the Green Mountain State; we also had the honor of having our Commander-in-Chief and family at The Weirs, New Hampshire, during the Reunion of the New Hampshire Veterans Association, and in company with him attended the Sons of Veterans campfire, the evening of August 23rd, and it was the first time in the history of our Order that the Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief have both been present at any meeting or campfire in New Hampshire.

To Past Division Commanders Warren of the Massachusetts Division, and Kelly of the Vermont Division, I am deeply indebted for entertainment, and the many courtesies received; I am very grateful to those Division Commanders who so kindly remembered me with Division orders, circulars and the proceedings of Division Encampments.

Have attended every meeting of my home camp, unless prevented by illness, or by being absent from the state, as I have always done since our camp was organized; have visited as many camps while in session as I conveniently could, thinking it far better to attend to the many duties needful to be done for the success of our order, locally, rather than to spend time looking for greater duties to perform, in other localities, that are in all probability well looked after by talent and patriotic energy nearer home.

To the Commander-in-Chief, national officers and all brothers, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks for the courtesies extended.

I wish to thank you one and all for the honor that you have conferred on me, and our Division in the Old Granite State.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

ARTHUR J. BOUTWELL,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Washington, D. C., September 18, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Atlantic City, N. J.

Brothers:—

About one year ago I was elected and installed Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and at that time expressed my willingness to assist or endeavor to perform any duty which might be assigned to me. No duties have been assigned or requests made of me, and therefore none have been performed, but I have been interested in the general welfare of the Order.

The honor conferred upon me, I assure you I greatly appreciate and I thank you one and all for it.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

FRANCIS E. CROSS,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.,
Department of National Secretary.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 20, 1910.

To Geo. W. Pollitt, Esq.,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

In compliance with the Constitution and Laws I have the honor to report the transactions of the Department of the National Secretary for the term ending at this Encampment. It will pertain to the finances, statistics and comparisons, owing to the duties and nature of the office.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.

August 21, 1909, to balance.....	\$ 827.95
August 21, 1909, to September 12, 1910, inc.	19312.83
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	\$20140.78

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$14796.25
Office expenses	885.82
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	1187.33
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By total expenses	\$16869.40
By balance	3271.38
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	\$20140.78

RECEIPTS.

August 21, 1909, to balance.....	\$ 827.95
August 21, 1909, to September 12, 1910, received for	
Per capita tax	\$13746.01
Charter fees	650.00
Supplies	4916.82
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Total receipts	\$19312.83
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	\$20140.78

EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For Stock and Supplies.....	\$ 1644.38
Memorial University—For printing, traveling, and other expenses of the Department of National Patriotic Instructor	\$ 500.00
Salary of the National Patriotic Instructor	1500.00
For Endowment Fund, Fees on 127 Camps mustered	317.50
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	2317.50
THE BANNER, subscription Sept. 1909-Sept. 1910, inc.	6897.04
Encampment, (1909, \$347.92) 1910, \$50.13...	398.05

Printing	208.04	
Reserves	207.59	
Shipping supplies, (postage, \$8.81; express, \$200.29)	209.10	
Salaries, Sept. 1909-Sept. 1910, inc.	2491.66	
Bonds	35.00	
Miscellaneous — Encampment appropriation for badge for Commander-in-Chief, \$300.; Committee on Constitution, \$69.20, etc.	387.89	
Total		\$14796.25
OFFICE EXPENSES.		
For Light	\$ 2.69	
Wrapping paper and twine	2.91	
Postage	259.43	
Express	14.53	
Telegrams	12.04	
Stationery	191.57	
Rent, Oct. 1909-Sept. 1910, inc.	276.00	
Miscellaneous, janitor, etc.	126.65	
Total		\$ 885.82
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.		
For Postage	\$ 39.10	
Telegrams	16.25	
Traveling	1061.52	
Office, stenographer, etc.	67.63	
Express	2.85	
Total		\$ 1187.33
Total expenditures		\$16869.40
September 12, 1910, balance cash.....		\$ 3271.38

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES COMPARED.

Term	Receipts.	Expenditures.	Balance.
1905-1906	\$14865.92	\$14309.51	\$ 556.41
1906-1907	16775.14	14816.54	1958.90
1907-1908	19605.64	18191.19	1414.45
1908-1909	19532.65	18704.70	827.95
1909-1910	19312.83	16869.40	3271.38

SOURCES OF RECEIPTS.

Amounts paid by the various Divisions, and received from all sources, were:

Alabama and Tennessee	\$ 64.31
California and Oregon	417.81
Colorado and Wyoming	99.22
Connecticut	1039.34
Illinois	667.52
Indiana	362.43
Iowa	431.08
Kansas	447.13
Kentucky	79.21
Maine	785.26
Maryland	295.59

Massachusetts	2566.28
Michigan	73.66
Minnesota	231.90
Missouri	235.50
Nebraska	87.89
New Hampshire	635.07
New Jersey	829.75
New York	2382.53
Ohio	1457.96
Pennsylvania	5069.62
Rhode Island	222.98
Vermont	360.98
Washington	83.53
Wisconsin	360.76
Department of National Patriotic Instructor	18.35
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary	4.00
J. A. Joel & Co.	2.70
Total receipts	\$19312.83

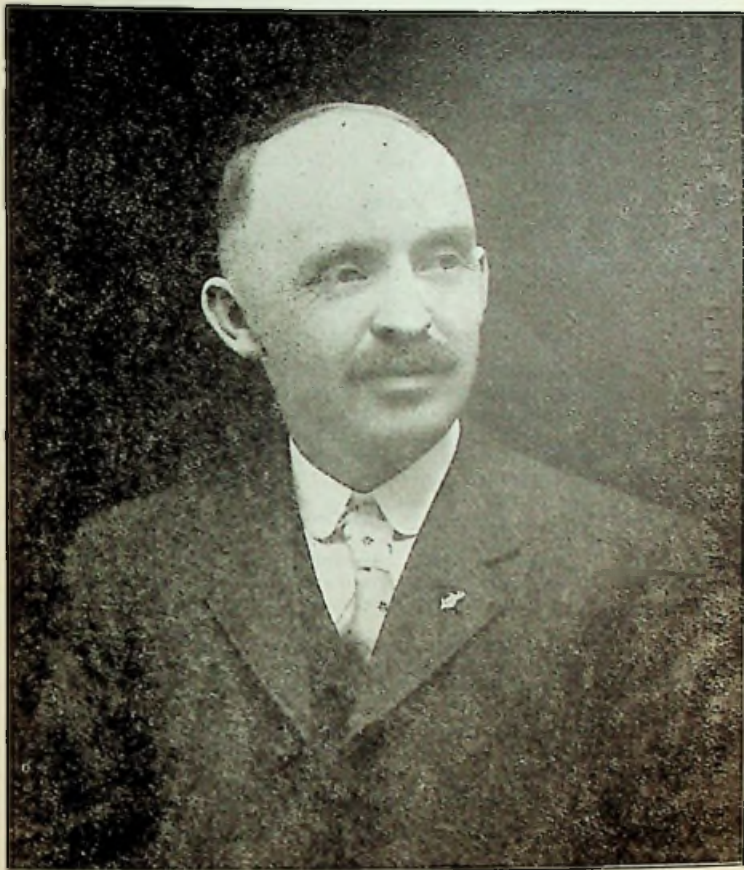
MEMBERSHIP.

There were mustered during the year 128 camps with 3,719 charter members. In recruiting new camps it is too often the desire to obtain thereby a gain. No regard is paid as to whether or not a camp will be able to continue to exist. Too frequently the fee of admission is too low. A camp is obliged to compete with other organizations with no asset other than the Camp Packet or supplies received from our Headquarters. Comparatively few camps start with the necessary outfit or complete paraphernalia. Invariably there is no fund in the treasury. The result is that the members—usually small in number—become discouraged, lose interest, fail to attend meetings of the camp and in the next report to Headquarters it frequently occurs that it is suspended. A camp should not be instituted unless it has a substantial membership and treasury to start with. The fee for admission should be such a sum that the members would realize and appreciate that they have something invested and at stake. No camp should be organized without the necessary paraphernalia or equipment. Divisions should be allowed and required to supply this outfit or proper camp equipment and paraphernalia at a reasonable profit. The average number of members mustered in new camps was 29; it should have been larger. The average number of applicants on applications for charters for new camps was the same. This should have been greater.

Camps required to raise revenue for institution will not readily disband or become suspended. The member who pays for something will be interested more than to be permitted to become connected with the Order for the small sum so generally charged.

There were 132 applications for new camps approved, with 3,899 applicants. New camps were mustered in all Divisions except the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee, and Rhode Island, as follows, viz:

Division.	No. of Camps.	No. Charter Members.
California and Oregon	7	248
Colorado and Wyoming	1	23



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Connecticut	23	567
Illinois	10	264
Indiana	5	133
Iowa	6	184
Kansas	8	150
Kentucky	1	15
Maine	6	205
Maryland	2	45
Massachusetts	2	43
Michigan	3	57
Minnesota	1	22
Missouri	1	24
Nebraska	2	52
New Hampshire	2	34
New Jersey	1	28
New York	17	406
Ohio	7	209
Pennsylvania	14	798
Vermont	1	24
Washington	2	41
Wisconsin	6	147
Total	128	3,719

This is a gain over last term of 7 camps and 24 members.

Of the applications approved 3 of the proposed camps with a total of 89 applicants lapsed or were not mustered, viz: Geneseo, Kans., with 22 applicants; Federalsburg, Md., 33 applicants; Brodhead, Wis., with 29 applicants. The charter fee of the latter was transferred and credited to Camp No. 5, Clinton, Division of Wisconsin.

The Division of California and Oregon will in all probability be segregated or can be, during the coming year, as the work of organizing in Oregon is being vigorously and successfully accomplished—5 news camps having been organized in that state and others under way and ready for muster, if not mustered by this date.

The Division of Kansas is organizing new camps in Oklahoma and with proper attention to recruiting, a Division can be instituted in that state, even though 8 of the 10 camps in the state are at present suspended.

With organization work the Division of West Virginia can also be organized as 2 camps were mustered in that state and attached to the Division of Pennsylvania.

CONSOLIDATED RETURNS.

Consolidated returns for quarter ending June 30, 1910, showed:

Gain—	Camps.	Members.
Number in good standing March 31, 1910....	894	36,679
Gained by muster-in	44	2,766
Gained by transfer		163
Gained by reinstatement	13	376
Aggregate	951	39,984
Loss—	Camps	Members
By camps disbanded	2	34

By death		54	
By honorable discharge		48	
By transfer		46	
By suspension	48	2,270	
By dishonorable discharge		1	
Total loss		50	2,453

Number in good standing June 30, 1910, 901 37,531

Gain for the quarter—7 camps and 852 members.

During the year 167 members were reported dropped. This is not correct. Few Divisions report the number dropped. The cash on hand at the various Division Headquarters June 30, was \$2,422.64. This item was not reported by the Division of Indiana. The Division of Pennsylvania was the only one to report a deficit. Cash on hand in camps, \$55,736.22. This item is omitted from the reports by the Divisions of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. Number members or their families relieved, 395. Number veterans or their families relieved, 43. Amount expended for relief, \$24,904.52.

STANDING OF DIVISIONS.

Division	June, 1909		June, 1910	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee..	9	154	9	154
California and Oregon ...	13	423	19	578
Colorado and Wyoming ..	5	169	6	150
Connecticut	23	838	40	1606
Illinois	43	1304	43	1339
Indiana	29	839	21	688
Iowa	30	899	25	865
Kansas	22	711	27	696
Kentucky	8	205	8	142
Maine	32	1233	39	1481
Maryland	13	500	12	437
Massachusetts	133	5100	134	5306
Michigan	8	155	6	116
Minnesota	22	530	8	349
Missouri	12	480	11	469
Nebraska	8	107	9	166
New Hampshire	35	1197	34	1195
New Jersey	31	1495	33	1707
New York	100	3991	124	4658
Ohio	77	3018	69	2803
Pennsylvania	144	10144	169	10887
Rhode Island	14	467	14	502
Vermont	23	653	20	594
Washington	4	118	1	57
Wisconsin	15	409	20	586
Totals	853	35139	901	37531

Gain over last year—43 camps and 2,392 members.

	Camps	Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1910....	901	37,531
Mustered since	18	604
Number in good standing this date.....	919	38,135

Number in good standing last Encampment,
August 21, 1909 861 35,315

Gain 58 2,820

Thirteen of the 25 Divisions show a loss from last year
in membership, as follows, viz:

Division	Camps	Members
Colorado and Wyoming		19
Indiana	8	51
Iowa	5	34
Kansas		15
Kentucky		63
Maryland	1	63
Michigan	2	39
Minnesota	14	181
Missouri	1	11
New Hampshire	1	2
Ohio	8	215
Vermont	3	59
Washington	3	61

The Division of Alabama and Tennessee remains unchanged
showing no gain or loss for some time.

Following are the gains:

Division	Camps	Members
California and Oregon	6	155
Connecticut	17	768
Illinois		35
Maine	7	248
Massachusetts	1	206
Nebraska	1	59
New Jersey	2	212
New York	24	667
Pennsylvania	25	743
Rhode Island		35
Wisconsin	5	177

These losses and gains are based on the returns for the
June, 1910, quarter. Since that period and at this date Divi-
sions making gains in addition, by muster of new camps, were:

Division	Camps	Members
Connecticut	3	61
Illinois	2	49
Indiana	3	89
Kansas	2	37
New Hampshire	2	34
Ohio	2	82
Pennsylvania	2	204
Vermont	1	24
Washington	1	24
Total	18	604

The Division of Pennsylvania made the splendid gain of 27
camps and 947 members. The Division of Connecticut made the
greatest record by doubling its membership in the last year
within 9 members. This is unprecedented in the records of
the Order and deserves special mention and congratulation for

that excellent Division. The Division of New York for its substantial gain is also entitled to praise. The Divisions of California and Oregon, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Wisconsin show excellent gains and with the other Divisions which have made gains are to be congratulated for the results in those respective Divisions.

RECAPITULATION FOR THE YEAR.

The recapitulation of gains and losses for the year shows:

Gain—	Camps	Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1909.....	853	35,139
	Camps	Members
Gained by organization and muster-in	121	8,281
Gained by transfer.....		345
Gained by reinstatement	89	2,587
Total gain	210	11,213
Loss—	Camps	Members
By camps disbanded	10	100
By death		215
By honorable discharge		226
By transfer		204
By suspension	152	3,074
By dishonorable discharge...		2
Total loss	162	3,821
Gain	48	2,392
In good standing June 30, 1910,	901	37,531
In good standing this date...	919	38,135

MUSTER OF CAMPS AND MEMBERSHIP COMPARED.

At the Encampment in 1905 establishing Headquarters as now, the membership was 29,558 in 778 camps. Since then the camps and members mustered in the respective terms, were as follows:

Year	No. of Camps	No. of Members mustered in said (new) Camps
1905-1906	85	2383
1906-1907	85	2421
1907-1908	133	4419
1908-1909	121	3695
1909-1910	128	3719
	June 30th	At Date of Encamp't
	Camps	Camps
	Members	Members
1905-1906	782	30601
1906-1907	776	31650
1907-1908	869	35425
1908-1909	853	35139
1909-1910	901	37531
		782
		790
		885
		861
		919
		30601
		32100
		35961
		35315
		38135

At Division Encampments we hear the pledges of many of the new officers. Some tell with tremors of the voice, tears and display of emotions, of the efforts they will make; how they

strive and what they will accomplish for their Camps, Divisions and the Order during their term of office. Well you know in many instances these promises are worthless and forgotten by the time their homes are reached. Their zeal and enthusiasm when inducted into office is short lived. There are Division Officers members of Camps which are now suspended. No further comment is necessary. But if these pledges were made in good faith and adhered to, our losses would be turned into splendid gains.

There is no doubt but that our suspensions or losses would be greater if it were not for THE BANNER. The interest many have is maintained through the channel of our official organ to an extent nearly as great as local efforts. Through this medium much is accomplished that otherwise could not be done in the matter of retaining interest among the membership, and greater number of suspensions or losses prevented. Other publications in some of the Divisions are also entitled to credit for the interest they arouse in the membership and all should be encouraged and supported.

Camps that have social affairs, public installations, or events jointly with the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, or Posts of the Grand Army are rarely suspended and seldom lost to the Order. This feature cannot be too strongly encouraged and urged for all camps. It will interest the members and induce them to be active more than anything that can be resorted to.

It is suggested that when a Camp becomes dilatory a Division Officer be promptly detailed to visit that Camp; and, when delinquent secure reports and per capita tax by visitation. By personal attention of this kind many Camps would be saved from suspension and loss and a new interest created. Division Headquarters should keep constantly in communication with Camps. It would be well to have Camps to report monthly to Division Headquarters the conditions existing. From these reports Division Commanders would be advised and should act accordingly.

STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

August 21, 1909, to cost of stock and supplies	
on hand	\$3660.13
Purchased during term	1644.38
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To value of stock and supplies to account for	\$5304.51
September 20, 1910, to cost of stock and supplies	
on hand	\$2821.53
To cost of stock and supplies sold during	
term	\$2462.98
Expended for wrapping paper and twine.....	2.91
Expended for shipping supplies	209.10
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Total cost of stock and supplies sold.....	\$2694.99
To amount received for stock and supplies....	\$4916.82
Total cost of stock and supplies sold.....	2694.99
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Profit	\$2221.83

To cost of stock and supplies, charged off, obsolete forms, electros of badge, etc.	90.99
Net profit	\$2130.84

Number of requisitions filled, 309.

The work and system of the Order is not properly understood or is disregarded in some instances. Where the amount of money received for per capita tax or supplies from a Camp by a Division, must be used and transmitted to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters in payment of per capita tax and supplies, for that Camp, it is evident that there is mismanagement and business is not properly conducted. All Divisions should have a per capita tax higher than that required to be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief. From the amount assessed and received from Camps, Divisions should have a balance.

In the matter of supplies Divisions should be allowed to add to the prices 15 or 20 per cent as a reasonable profit; there should be some provision by a fixed rule for Divisions to realize a fair surplus on supplies.

PER CAPITA TAX.

One of the principal subjects interesting the membership is the per capita tax. It is urged that if there is any possibility of successfully accomplishing it that favorable consideration for a reduction of the tax be given. Such action would be of material benefit, universally approved and greatly appreciated.

HISTORY OF THE ORDER.

The period has arrived when an authorized history of the Order should be published. This could be concise and printed and included in the Constitution. It would be beneficial in many ways and be information of value always desired.

DEFINITION OF LAWS.

There is great need for regulations defining laws and providing for conditions that confront officers in authority. Action should be taken for the preparation and promulgation of a Digest of Opinions of National Counselors and Decisions of Commanders-in-Chief.

FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR CAMPS.

Another necessary feature is the adoption of a form of By-Laws for Camps. This should be provided in such form that it could be printed in the Constitution, thereby furnishing all Camps, and particularly new Camps, information and guidance for the government of all Camps. It would produce uniformity and result in the adoption of legal and constitution By-Laws.

THE CHARTER.

The matter of our charter should receive attention. This instrument should be in the possession of the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters or a document representing it, and "exposed to view at all meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief." If our Order is within the provisions or authority, it is suggested that a National Charter be secured from Congress.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

Divisions should establish at their Encampments schools

of instruction. Uniformity would thereby be obtained in reports, forms, transaction of business and system established in the conduct of affairs. This could also be a feature at Commandery-in-Chief Encampments. The various officers of the different departments would profit by exchange of opinions and uniform methods would be of great benefit and service.

CONCLUSION.

The officers and members are to be congratulated on the condition of the Order. We have had a successful year. The prospects are excellent for splendid results the coming term. Application is required and attention is necessary to accomplish the hopes and desires indicated by the present outlook.

Taking this opportunity for personal references your indulgence is imposed upon. To you—Commander-in-Chief Pollitt—my sincere thanks are expressed for many courtesies. It is with deep regret that our official relations—always cordial—must cease. The experiences during the term now closing will always be cherished as most pleasant recollections of a life time. You have the gratification of having your services appreciated by the membership. You have been a Commander-in-Chief in whom we all relied for your conservative, sensible and high minded leadership. You have faithfully discharged your duties and want no better endorsement of your efforts than the Good Will of every member in the Order—which you have.

To my personal colleague on the Staff—National Treasurer Rake—appreciation for counsel, favors and assistance, cannot be expressed, and all is emphasized by wishing him his every desire in life.

For my other associates of the Commandery-in-Chief—Officers and Staff—for all their courtesies my thanks are tendered with an expression of due appreciation and sincere good will and earnest wishes for their future success.

To those in the Divisions and the Order with whom my relations officially and otherwise have brought me in contact, I am deeply grateful for their many acts of kindness and uniform courtesies. Our relations—always pleasant, are the more appreciated by the fact that at no time was there one unkind word of criticism. I wish you Commander-in-Chief Pollitt, and all Officers and Brothers, many years of prosperity, good health and happiness.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

Of the National Secretary, 29th Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Atlantic City, N. J. September 22, 1910.

RECEIPTS.

September 12, 1910, to balance.....	\$3271.30
Received for charter fee, from Division of New Hampshire	\$ 5.00
Miscellaneous—From National Treasurer, interest on deposit of funds.....	67.94
Total receipts	\$ 72.94
	<u>\$3344.32</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
By general expenses	\$935.86
Office expenses	17.97
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	42.86
Total expenditures	\$ 996.69
September 22, 1910, balance.....	\$2347.63

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.	
For Encampment, 1910.....	\$700.21
Committee on Constitution	235.65
	<u>\$ 935.86</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For postage—Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Chaplain, and National Inspector..	\$ 17.97
	<u>\$ 17.97</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, traveling, telegrams, office, stenog- rapher, miscellaneous	\$ 42.86
	<u>\$ 42.86</u>

Total expenditures	\$ 996.69
September 22, 1910, balance.....	\$2347.63

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

REPORT OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., September 20, 1910.

HON. GEORGE W. POLLITT,
Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the appended report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief for the current year.

The following is a statement of receipts, through the National Secretary, from all sources, together with the balance merging from the previous administration, with which this department stands charged:

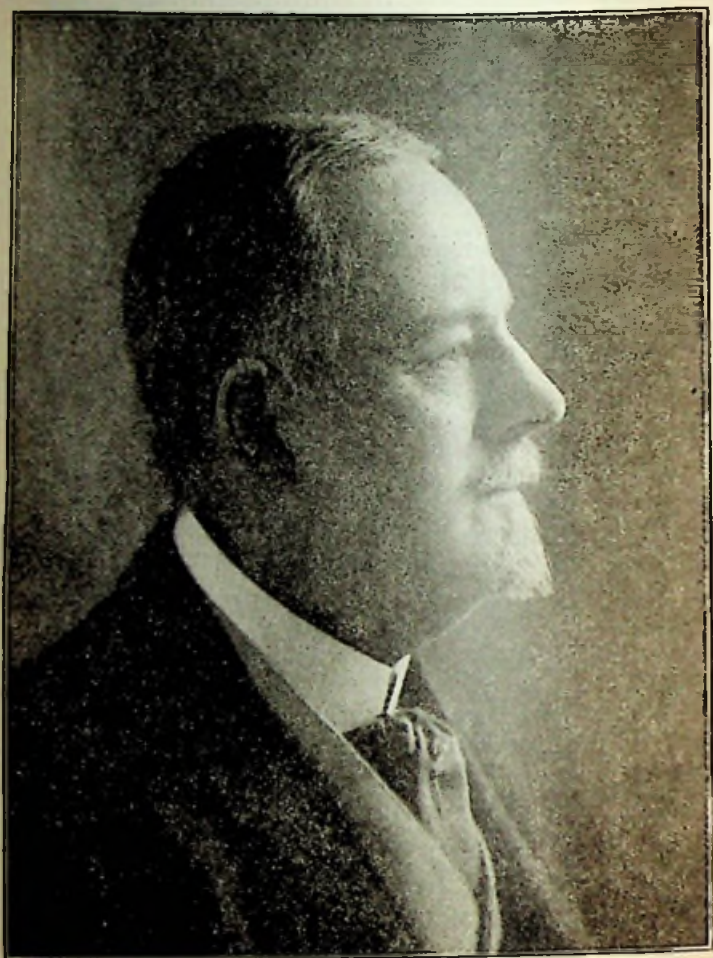
Balance, August 26th, 1909.....	\$ 827.95
RECEIPTS, 1909.	
September 30th	391.31
October 12th	112.26
October 23rd	206.62
October 30th	8.26

November 6th	278.13
November 15th	226.66
November 20th	325.73
November 27th	1,622.21
November 30th	231.06
December 4th	1,073.28
December 11th	97.54
December 22nd	102.25
December 31st	194.70
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January 8th	128.97
January 15th	144.25
January 22nd	112.70
January 31st	231.56
February 5th	172.22
February 11th	246.08
February 19th	422.02
February 28th	513.64
March 5th	1,364.40
March 12th	152.76
March 19th	178.35
March 21st	999.49
March 26th	109.53
March 31st	106.98
April 5th	141.54
April 16th	191.79
April 21st	151.63
April 30th	357.71
May 4th	630.89
May 7th	202.29
May 11th	290.81
May 14th	114.83
May 21st	147.01
May 28th	376.16
May 31st	976.28
June 4th	1,260.10
June 18th	96.92
June 30th	95.30
July 9th	188.30
July 16th	155.75
July 30th	81.06
August 3rd	280.72
August 6th	158.14
August 13th	1,409.34
August 20th	136.30
August 23rd	213.52
August 27th	270.55
August 31st	1,172.60
September 1st	435.33
September 12th	25.00
Total receipts	\$20,140.78

Disbursements during the year, for which this department has taken credit, have been made on warrants or vouchers certified by the National Secretary and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

Voucher 434\$ 526.53

Voucher 435	14.46
Voucher 436	32.63
Voucher 437	35.00
Voucher 438	52.22
Voucher 439	16.80
Voucher 440	12.88
Voucher 441	104.70
Voucher 442	49.00
Voucher 443	529.76
Voucher 444	7.25
Voucher 445	49.89
Voucher 446	65.50
Voucher 447	12.54
Voucher 448	275.00
Voucher 449	65.60
Voucher 450	4.65
Voucher 451	853.69
Voucher 452	15.75
Voucher 453	23.43
Voucher 454	2.91
Voucher 455	13.93
Voucher 456	6.20
Voucher 457	500.00
Voucher 458	546.50
Voucher 459	51.17
Voucher 460	16.88
Voucher 461	37.92
Voucher 462	69.00
Voucher 463	187.10
Voucher 464	112.50
Voucher 465	6.20
Voucher 466	571.89
Voucher 467	21.31
Voucher 468	25.80
Voucher 469	2.00
Voucher 470	11.43
Voucher 471	128.10
Voucher 472	13.50
Voucher 473	750.00
Voucher 474	526.77
Voucher 475	62.05
Voucher 476	14.50
Voucher 477	30.31
Voucher 478	35.85
Voucher 479	25.00
Voucher 480	76.55
Voucher 481	104.65
Voucher 482	131.20
Voucher 483	125.00
Voucher 484	544.51
Voucher 485	22.85
Voucher 486	29.60
Voucher 487	69.00
Voucher 488	16.13
Voucher 489	400.00
Voucher 490	527.13
Voucher 491	18.41
Voucher 492	34.71



J. L. RAKE
National Treasurer, Reading, Pa.

Voucher 493	195.06
Voucher 494	15.50
Voucher 495	40.00
Voucher 496	526.98
Voucher 497	18.03
Voucher 498	46.64
Voucher 499	363.03
Voucher 500	3.10
Voucher 501	20.48
Voucher 502	375.00
Voucher 503	528.61
Voucher 504	150.00
Voucher 505	74.08
Voucher 506	6.60
Voucher 507	34.56
Voucher 508	69.00
Voucher 509	185.14
Voucher 510	538.44
Voucher 511	38.45
Voucher 512	30.00
Voucher 513	33.99
Voucher 514	11.48
Voucher 515	2.85
Voucher 516	538.54
Voucher 517	29.34
Voucher 518	28.12
Voucher 519	341.00
Voucher 520	69.85
Voucher 521	692.50
Voucher 522	575.96
Voucher 523	19.65
Voucher 524	2,188.89
Voucher 525	325.00
Voucher 526	69.00
Voucher 527	25.00
Voucher 528	43.64
Total disbursements	\$16,869.40

BALANCE ACCOUNT.

Total receipts	\$20,140.78
Total disbursements	16,869.40
Cash balance on hand this date	\$ 3,271.38

In assuming the duties of office we were confronted with the necessity for the application of modernized business methods, and with the hearty co-operation of the National Secretary, we devised and put into practice a simple and effective loose leaf system which has fully met our expectations. The cash balance on hand was only made possible, nowever, by the determination to establish, and adhere to, a rule by which all bills contracted in a given month would be paid for on or before the fifth of the month following. The immediate result was to establish a credit for the Commandery-in-Chief by which the profits on supplies were largely augmented by (1) our ability to purchase for cash at lower prices and (2) to take advantage of all discounts offered.

The necessity for "cutting corners" has always confronted us, however, and to make possible an adherence to the program just referred to it has been found impossible to pay the salaries of your officers until the end of each year.

After meeting the expenses of this encampment there should remain a cash balance of Two Thousand Dollars or more, which may be said to represent the surplus accumulations of the past five years after meeting the current legitimate expenses of the Commandery, and providing the very liberal gratuities voted to the Memorial University from time to time.

I would earnestly renew my recommendation looking to the establishment of a Permanent Reserve Fund, and with that end in view would suggest that at least One Thousand Dollars of the present balance be invested in quick convertible, interest-bearing securities, and that the fund be added to from year to year until it shall reach a maximum of \$5,000.00. While we hope and trust the occasion may not arise calling for the use of this fund, business prudence suggests the establishment of such a fund to meet unlooked for contingencies.

The Constitution and Laws provide for surety bonds to be furnished by the respective Division Commanders, running to the Commander-in-Chief, and to be held by the National Treasurer. Great difficulty has been experienced and much delay has been encountered through the fact that no form, giving the precise wording of the bond, accompanies the provision in our laws calling for the bond. I recommend that a form be prepared and prescribed for use of incoming Division Commanders, that the return and re-drawing of these bonds may be obviated in the future.

I should open myself to the charge of ingratitude if I failed to acknowledge the harmonious relations which have existed throughout my incumbency of the office. My thanks are due you for the uniform courtesy which has marked your official career. The Order at large may congratulate itself upon having had the services of so valuable an official as the National Secretary, association with whom has turned labor into pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RAKE, National Treasurer.
Reading, Pa., October 1, 1910.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

The following is a supplemental report of the financial transactions of the Commandery-in-Chief to close of the Encampment, September 22nd, 1910:

September 20, 1909, cash balance.....	\$3,271.38
Receipts from all sources through National Secretary..	72.94
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	\$3,344.32

Against which should be charged the following disbursements, as per

Voucher 529	\$ 72.25
Voucher 530	21.35
Voucher 531	29.60
Voucher 532	49.78
Voucher 533	55.65
Voucher 534	34.50
Voucher 535	41.85

Voucher 536	45.76
Voucher 537	42.00
Voucher 538	49.40
Voucher 539	29.00
Voucher 540	12.74
Voucher 541	87.80
Voucher 542	105.69
Voucher 543	75.00
Voucher 544	89.85
Voucher 545	54.47
Voucher 546	100.00
Supplemental disbursements	996.69
Final cash balance	\$2,347.63

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. RAKE, National Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHIEF-OF-STAFF, S. V. R.

Altoona, Pa., September 20, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

I have the honor to submit herewith, my report as Chief-of-Staff, for the current year.

In my last report, submitted to your Body last year at Washington, D. C., I gave you a detailed statement of the Organization of the Sons of Veterans Reserve as it had been completed by me to that time, showing, as best I could, what had been accomplished during one year's incumbency. Since that time, this Department has proceeded along the lines then laid down, pursuing a rigid military fashion, in endeavoring to cement in one body, all Companies which were uniformed. That we have succeeded is evidenced by the increase in membership. True, it has not been much, but nevertheless we show a very perceptible gain. The work of this Department is still continuing along a military basis, and to this end, it is the intention to adhere in all respects. It is true in some Divisions the Department of the Reserve has encountered some difficulty, and some trouble, and in all instances we endeavor by persuasive means and manner to have them comply with the letter of the law, and in most respects, have succeeded.

To give you a full understanding and idea of the growth of this Body, I believe it best I should summarize in the beginning, the strength of the different Departments, as established to date. The recapitulation or summary of the men and officers so far enlisted is as follows:

Department	Officers	Men
Pennsylvania	218	2669
Ohio	26	234
New York	32	393
New Jersey	9	96

Massachusetts	2	36
Colorado	2	20
Kansas	1	32
Wisconsin	3	33

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In addition to the above, we have inquiries from other Divisions, and the work is under way for the organization of establishments in those states. A word, in view of the summary or recapitulation, may as well follow here, with relation to the different departments:

The Department of Pennsylvania shows a gain, not as much as it was confidently expected would be. Unfortunate circumstances occurred in this Department, relating to the commandant of this Brigade, which have not yet been settled, and it is confidently hoped that this Body may intervene before its rising and take cognizance of its status. But for this occurrence, I believe I can safely say that this Department would have increased at least thirty per cent in membership. This Department is most thoroughly organized, and working wonders throughout the Division of Pennsylvania in holding together and increasing the general membership of the Order. This Body has a complete establishment in all military branches, and numbers almost three thousand officers and men fully armed and equipped, and ready for service. The yearly encampment of this Department is a sight worth seeing. At Wilkes-Barre in June last, it was in camp and under canvas, having seven hundred men in regular military organization in camp for ten days. Their behavior and demeanor excited comment and wonderment, and were worthy of it, and a credit to the general Body of Sons of Veterans. I also attended the ten day encampment of the Fourth Regiment Infantry, which, because of the long distance of traveling and expenses, were unable to attend the Wilkes-Barre Encampment. The encampment of the Fourth was held at Oakford Park in Westmoreland County, and over two hundred men, fully armed and equipped were under canvas for that time, and under the command of Col. F. A. McKelvey, and in correct military establishment. In both of these camps, strict military conduct was insisted upon, and, commencing with reveille in the morning, until taps at night, all of the proceedings were followed as if different bodies had been in actual service. The school of the soldier, battalion, regimental and brigade drills following each other with regularity and precision, and in fact everything which pertained to the soldier was carried out to the fullest extent. Rigid military discipline at all times being insisted upon.

The Department of Ohio, under the command of Lieut. Col. Park F. Yengling, is making rapid strides, and before long, I expect to see this Department organized into a brigade. This Department now consists of two battalions, one of which has five companies, and the other, four. In addition to which, there is attached a band or drum corps. Too much praise cannot be given to Colonel Yengling for his work in this Department. He has been untiring in his work, and the result shows it. His correspondence through this office, with relation to what he has and is doing, partakes of who understands thoroughly the nature and importance of his position.

In the Department of New York, great strides also are be-

ing made. About the middle of the current year, it was necessary to make a change in the commanding officer of this Department, and now, since Major George E. Snyder, late Commander of the New York Division, has been consigned to the command of the First Regiment of the Department of New York, it is conducted upon a military basis, and is growing.

The Department of Massachusetts, while maintained, is not strong. The reason of this is, that because of the law governing military bodies, no armed troops are allowed, therefore, there can be no strong body of Sons of Veterans Reserve. A plan is now being formulated, whereby we think this can be overcome, and military bodies maintained and attached and made part of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Until this is finally consummated, we cannot look for a strong body of Reserve from Massachusetts.

The Departments of New Jersey, Colorado, Kansas and Wisconsin, while thoroughly organized on the proper basis, are not yet strong, but assurances have been received that we can expect by this time next year an increase, not only of companies, but in men.

You will notice, from the above, that we show an increase of one Department and three hundred fifty-one officers and men, which I consider, under all circumstances, a good, healthy gain and growth.

This office has advices that there are still a number of military companies, armed and equipped, which have not connected themselves with the Department of Reserve. How many there are, we don't know, we can only reiterate what we said one year ago, concerning this phase of the matter, and that is, that we hope that they will take advantage of our Organization, and become members of it. The law bearing upon this subject is plain and explicit, and we do sincerely trust that all armed bodies, not now members of the main establishment, join with us.

The report of the Acting Adjutant-General is most complete, giving a correct history of each and every Company and man connected with the Department, and the same is attached hereto and made part hereof, and that you may all have a true conception of the work of this Department, I earnestly solicit your perusal of it. I append it hereto and make it part of this report.

COMMENT.

Seven years ago next month, this Body met in this City. At that time the Department of Reserve was not fully organized, and among the delegates and visitors to the Commandery-in-Chief, were members of the Order, clad in nondescript uniform, having no idea of the requirements of the service. Some of our brothers appeared, wearing a blouse, bearing upon their shoulders the strap of a Captain, while upon their arm was the insignia of his rank in camp, possibly a sergeant or a corporal. Some had the ordinary uniform of a private, while girded about him was a sabre of a commissioned officer. Some had part of the uniform of the infantryman and artilleryman combined. In other words, the appearance of our brothers in this nondescript fashion, caused much comment as to set us up to the ridicule of the public. Stopping at this same hotel, at the same time that this Commandery met, was an officer of the United States Army, together with a retired officer of the United States Army, who each loudly and vehemently protested against the dragging of the uniform of the soldier of the United States Army to such

a ridiculous condition. Seven years ago, I say, this occurred. I now call your attention to the showing made by the different Departments of the Reserve, and ask whether or not this Commandery has made a mistake in recognizing the Department of Reserve. Yet we have not reached that high standard which I should like to see, and possibly we never can, because of the very nature of our organization. You must remember that this service is all voluntary, and, while this service is given with good grace, yet it is most difficult to maintain that strict discipline which is necessary for good government of a military Body. We are doing well, and the Department of the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the United States of America, is a credit to the Organization. It must also be borne in mind that these different establishments are maintained by the boys themselves, and not one cent of this Commandery's money goes to their support, and the only appropriation that is made, goes to the expenses of the office of Chief-of-Staff. If the Reserve as a Body is of such benefit to the Order in General as I take it, could not some more recognition be made of it by this Body than there is at present? That the Reserve as a Body is of great help to the civil Body, goes without saying, and, if as I have said time and time again, that that camp which has attached to it a military company is the best camp and the strongest camp, and, if we require any incentive to hold us together, it is this military spirit, which above all else will attain that end.

This office has met with several serious questions during the year, the greatest of which, is a woeful ignorance of some of our brothers, as to this Department. This Department is a legally recognized part of the Order, and, as such, should be obeyed and respected. It is not within the province of the officers of the different Divisions to advise military companies what to do, neither is it within the province of some members to advise companies to obey or not to obey the orders of their superior officers. Complaints have reached this office from officers of military companies, after orders have been issued, to do or not to do certain things and to pay no attention to these orders, and which advice comes from men who should know better. If it were borne in mind by all of our members to apply to proper authority for information, no such trouble would ever occur. I do not want to go into detail more fully on this subject, but would only suggest to you who happen to hear my report, that you abide by it, and convey the information to your brothers at home to apply to the proper parties for information, and it always will be cheerfully given.

In a former part of my report, I referred to an unfortunate occurrence which happened, concerning the Brigadier General of the Pennsylvania Department, and in which I said I hoped that this Body would take cognizance of it. Without going into details of the merits or demerits of this case, in which the heritage of one of our members was questioned, I have only to suggest that when we come to elect the executive officer of this Commandery-in-Chief, or of any of the Commanders of the respective Divisions, that we elect men who have some little knowledge of military practice and procedure. Had either of the executives or their counselors had any knowledge of military practice, the Department of Pennsylvania would not now be in the condition in which it is, nor would your orator be compelled to call attention to it. Had either of these executives possessed the first

inkling of military knowledge, much bad blood would not have been spilled, and friendships which have lasted for years would not have been severed, and the Pennsylvania Department would have shown the expected gain which I had honestly anticipated. I want what I have said above, to be construed literally, and I want it to be understood that these remarks are forced from actual experience. It is not with venom that I criticize the adverse opinions delivered by these executives, to whom I refer, but with a heart full of fraternity and loyalty for them, nor is it because I happen to be the counsel for the one upon whom this apparent wrong is being perpetrated, but because the heritage of each and every one of us is at stake, and must be preserved. If, because of ignorance of the law, one's very life in this membership is at stake, then, again I say, an executive of this Organization should be one possessed of at least a little military knowledge.

I want to say again, as I said last year, I believe that more attention should be given to the Reserve. From actual experience and knowledge and sight, I have come to the unalterable conclusion that the Reserve is the one thing which is essential to the growth of our Order. In Pennsylvania especially, the big camps are the camps which have the Reserve attached to it. We come of a body of men who sacrificed their all for this country, and we are the favored few who have this great heritage thrust upon us, and are filled with the same spirit of patriotism which caused them to give their lives and service to the country, and to make us, their children, to perpetuate all that they left us, by exhibiting in some manner, that patriotism which honestly comes to us, and this in no one thing can it be more exemplified than by a true military establishment.

Let me ask you, therefore, when you return to your homes and make report of the doings of this Commandery-in-Chief, that you impress upon your brothers at home to organize within their Camp Companies of Reserve, and I assure you that you will report next year with a prosperous and healthy growth.

FINANCES.

Last year, as year before, the Council-in-Chief appropriated to the use of the Chief-of-Staff the sum of \$250.00, to be used as required. Up to the present time, there has been used of this sum, \$207.59, leaving a balance unexpended, and in the hands of the National Treasurer, the sum of \$42.41. This sum has been expended for postage, traveling, printing, supplies, etc., for the office of Chief-of-Staff, and that of the A. A. G. As against the expenses of this office, we have as assets, a filing cabinet, commission plate, and stock of envelopes, stationery, blanks, etc. A detailed statement of the expenses of the A. A. G., showing assets of the office, will be found in his report, hereto attached. I might call your attention to the fact that it was necessary that a new commission plate be prepared. This was done at a cost of \$15.00, and the plate is part of our assets.

Necessity has not yet arisen when the Chief-of-Staff has been called to other Departments. As intimated last year, this day is not far off, and soon the expenses of the office of the Chief-of-Staff will be increased.

CONCLUSION.

I again want to thank those with whom I have come in contact during my administration as Chief-of-Staff. With one

or two exceptions, and minor ones at that, I have had the best of feeling and kindness extended me. An honest endeavor has been made to join with me in bringing the Reserve up to that high standard of efficiency which I would like to attain. In the main Body proper, a strict compliance with military laws and usages has been insisted upon, and universally, it has been returned. We hope for better work, and I am sure that, when all is understood and known, practical acquiescence will be given.

I want to especially return thanks and again give praise to Acting Adjutant General, Henry Stewart, for the magnificent work that he has done during the year. A close application to business, intense attention and insistence upon detail, correctness of reports, books and papers, and, in fact, everything pertaining to the administration of his office, is of the very highest order. I cannot commend him too highly.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN M. AMES,

Chief-of-Staff, S. V. R.

ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

HDQS. SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

ADJ. GEN'S OFFICE.

Gettysburg, Pa., September 1, 1910.

The Chief-of-Staff,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

Altoona, Pa.

Sir: I have the honor to submit the following Annual Report, of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, this date:

PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE.

Colonel Henry Stewart, de facto Commandant

	Officers	Men
Headquarters, Gettysburg, Pa.	10	7
Brigade Hospital Corps, Philadelphia.....		17

SECOND REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Colonel Wm. P. Baker, South Bethlehem, Pa.

Headquarters	8	8
Hospital Corps, Easton		12
Baud, Allentown		28
A Co., Easton, Capt. Horn.....	3	56
B Co., South Bethlehem, Capt. Ruth.....	3	39
C Co., Mauch Chunk, Capt. Luckenbach.....	3	33
D Co., Bangor, Capt. Boyer.....	3	42
E Co., Allentown, Capt. Carl.....	3	51
F Co., Lehigh, Lieut. Ziegenfuss.....	2	23
G Co., Summit Hill, Capt. Monroe.....	3	41
H Co., Slatington, Capt. Lever.....	2	27
I Co., Scranton, Capt. Bullock.....	3	34
K Co., Bethlehem, Capt. Cole.....	3	36
L Co., Montrose, Lieut. Baxter.....	2	23
	38	453

FOURTH REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Colonel F. A. McKelvey, Pittsburg, Pa.

Headquarters	13	7
Field Music, Braddock		21
FIRST BATTALION. Major Schaaf, Donora.		
D Co., Donora, Capt. Schaaf.....	3	31
E Co., Dubois, Capt. Steel.....	2	31
G Co., Sharpsburg, Capt. Lea.....	3	33
H Co., Carnegie, Capt. Steen.....	3	32
M Co., Belle-Vernon, Lieut. Harvey.....	2	26
SECOND BATTALION. Major Ferry, East Pittsburg.		
A Co., Greensburg, Capt. Wentzel.....	3	52
B Co., Braddock, Capt. Beuson.....	3	51
C Co., Turtle Creek, Lieut. McCutcheon.....	2	39
F Co., Irwin, Capt. Jenkins.....	3	33
I Co., McKeesport, Capt. Hinchman.....	2	40
	39	396

THIRD REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Colonel Geo. S. Brown, Shamokin, Pa.

Headquarters	9	3
Hospital Corps, Williamsport		10
Band, Watsonstown, Lieut. Trate	1	29
FIRST BATTALION. Major Tawney, Gettysburg.		
B Co., Gettysburg, Lieut. Ziegler.....	1	42
C Co., York, Capt. Smyser.....	3	39
D Co., Shamokin, Capt. Linderman.....	3	32
E Co., Williamsport, Capt. Strauss.....	3	36
H Co., Watsonstown, Capt. Diehl.....	3	42
L Co., Shenandoah, Lieut. Eisenhower.....	1	24
N Co., Montgomery, Capt. Jamison.....	3	41
SECOND BATTALION. Major Rhoads, Milton.		
A Co., Shamokin, Capt. Stepp.....	3	30
F Co., Minersville, Capt. Levan	3	42
G Co., Milton, Lieut. Hans.....	2	37
I Co., Mahanoy City, Capt. Hinchman.....	2	48
K Co., Middleburg, Capt. Rousch.....	3	39
M Co., Sunbury, Capt. Bobb.....	3	46
	43	540

EIGHTH REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Lieut. Colonel Geo. G. Palmer, Johnstown, Pa.

Headquarters	3	2
Field Music, Altoona		13
FIRST BATTALION.		
C Co., South Fork, Capt. Crawford.....	3	35
E Co., Bellwood, Capt. Shaner.....	3	37
H Co., Altoona, Capt. Stambaugh.....	3	38
I Co., Johnstown, Capt. Lec.....	3	50
SECOND BATTALION. Major Ebersole, Altoona.		
B Co., Gallitzin, Lieut. Burkhart.....	2	37
D Co., Somerset, Capt. Saylor.....	3	48

F Co., Punxsutawney, Capt. Neill.....	2	31
M Co., Union City, Capt. Holden.....	3	36
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	25	327

PHILADELPHIA BATTALION.

Major Geo. W. Klosterman, Philadelphia, Pa.

Headquarters	1	
A Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Goodwin.....	3	34
C Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Martin.....	3	32
D Co., Philadelphia, Lieut. Green.....	2	33
E Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Gretz.....	3	32
F Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Tretbar.....	3	41
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	15	172

FIFTH REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Major Harry Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.

Headquarters	2	
Band, West Chester, Lieut. Luff.....	1	20
B Co., Philadelphia		44
C Co., Wilmington, (Del.), Capt. Hubert.....	3	31
D Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Stevenson.....	3	56
E Co., West Chester, Lieut. Miller.....	2	32
F Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Hilton.....	2	37
G Co., Alleghany, Capt. Gross.....	1	22
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	14	242

FIRST REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Band, Reading, Lieut. Yocum.....	1	23
Field Music, Reading		13

FIRST BATTALION.

B Co., Philadelphia, Lieut. Clark.....	1	20
D Co., Reading, Capt. Jones.....	3	38
F Co., Conshohocken, Capt. Lawrence.....	2	25
I Co., Newmanstown, Capt. Noll.....	3	33
K Co., Manayunk, Lieut. Aldinger.....	1	20

SECOND BATTALION.

G Co., Philadelphia, Capt. Myers.....	3	45
H Co., Chester, Capt. Macklem.....	2	23
L Co., Philadelphia, Lieut. Henry.....	1	22
M Co., Lansdale, Capt. Brown.....	1	33
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	17	295

ARTILLERY.

Major Jos. DeG. Andrews, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Bat'y, Philadelphia, Lieut. Gerrish.....	2	20
B Bat'y, Philadelphia, Lieut. Young.....	1	13
C Bat'y, Williamsport		10
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	3	43

CAVALRY.

Capt. Henry Beyerle, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. Wright.....	3	33
B Troop, Philadelphia, Capt. Fritz.....	3	40

ENCAMPMENT		121
C Troop, Wilkes-Barre, Lieut. Hufford.....	2	34
D Troop, Carbondale, Capt. Alexander.....	3	38
E Troop, Philade'phia, Capt. Stiemmer.....	3	32
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	14	177
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Total	218	2669

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

Lieut. Colonel Park F. Yengling, Salem, Ohio.

Headquarters	3	
First Battalion. Major C. A. Lentz, E. Palastine	2	
A Co., East Palestine, Capt. Ward	2	33
C Co., Coshocton, Lieut. Starkey.....	1	11
F Co., E. Liverpool, Lieut. Applegate.....	1	23
I Co., Shelby, Capt. A. W. Myers.....	2	27
G Co., Mogadore, Capt. Morton.....	2	30
Second Battalion. Major T. E. Long, New Carlisle	2	
B Co., Salem, Lieut. Bentley.....	2	21
E Co., Mechanicsburg, Capt. Hendrix.....	3	34
H Co., Dayton, Capt. Frederick.....	3	37
K Co., Marietta, Capt. F. W. Coombs.....	3	32
Drum Corps, Dayton.....		16
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	26	234

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK—FIRST REGIMENT INFANTRY.

Major Geo. E. Snyder, Albion, N. Y.

First Battalion	2	
A Co., Rochester, Capt. Pittinger.....	3	46
B Co., Dalton, Capt. Havens.....	3	33
C Co., Watertown, Capt. Smith.....	2	43
D Co., Utica, Capt. Bowen.....	2	32
F Co., Pike, Capt. Bemis.....	3	33
Second Battalion. Major J. G. Wright, Wilson..	1	
E Co., Pine Valley, Capt. Jones.....	2	31
G Co., Wilson, Capt. Bigalow.....	2	48
H Co., Brockport, Capt. Fitzgerald.....	3	31
L Co., Corning, Capt. Huffman.....	2	24
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	25	321

SECOND REGIMENT INFANTRY.

A Co., Brooklyn, Lieut. Glover.....	2	21
B Co., Albany, Lieut. Wentworth.....	2	20
Ist Co., Coast Artillery, New York, Capt. Paul....	3	31
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Total	32	393

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

A Co., Hoboken, Capt. Reilly.....	3	31
B Co., Trenton, Capt. Beers.....	3	31
A Bat'y, Trenton, Capt. Reeger.....	3	34
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	9	96

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

A Co., Quincy, Lieut. Chubbuck.....	1	17
C Troop, Waltham, Capt. Wakefield.....	1	19
	<u>2</u>	<u>36</u>

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO.

A Co., Denver, Capt. Hooker.....	2	20
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DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

A Co., Parsons, Lieut. Callen.....	1	32
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DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN.

A Co., Madison, Capt. Hensley.....	3	33
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SUMMARY.

Department	Officers	Men	Gain (referred to '09 rep.)	Loss
Pennsylvania	218	2669	107	
Ohio	26	234	100	
New York	32	393	98	
New Jersey	9	96	7	
Massachusetts	2	36	3	
Colorado	2	20		6
Kansas	1	32	3	
Wisconsin	3	33	33	
	<u>293</u>	<u>3513</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>6</u>

A total of 3,806 officers and men. Net gain 345, (9.9 per cent.)

Proportion of officers to enlisted men is 1 to 12, as compared with 1 to 11.3 in last annual report.

OFFICERS.

(Legally in commission this date)

BRIGADIER-GENERAL.

1 June 1, '04	F. Tschudy	Penna Brigade
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COLONELS.

1 Jan. 1, '00	Wm. P. Baker	2nd Pa.
2 March 26, '04	F. A. McKelvey.....	4th Pa.
3 May 1, '04	Geo. S. Brown.....	3rd Pa.
4 April 1, '09	Henry Stewart.....	Chief-of-Staff, Pa.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS.

1 March 26, '04	W. S. Harvey.....	4th Pa.
2 Jan. 8, '09	Park F. Yengling.....	Ohio
3 Feb. 10, '09	W. T. D. MacDonnell...	Ass't Surg. Gen., Pa.
4 Sept. 21, '09	Geo. G. Palmer.....	8th Pa.
5 May 30, '10	Wm. T. Cruse.....	3rd Pa.

MAJORS.

1 Sept. 1, '04	Geo. E. Snyder.....	1st N. Y.
2 Jan. 2, '05	E. W. Richards.....	Surgeon, 2nd Pa.
3 Oct. 1, '05	Jos. DeG. Andrews...	Chief of Artillery, Pa.
4 Jan. 26, '06	Geo. W. Klosterman...	Phila. Battalion, Pa.
5 Jan. 11, '07	J. G. Wright.....	1st N. Y.
6 May 29, '07	Harry Williams.....	5th Pa.
7 June 22, '07	T. E. Long.....	2nd Battalion, Ohio
8 Oct. 1, '07	Chas. A. Herring.....	Ass't Q. M. Gen., Pa.

9	June 12, '08	Wm. McG. Tawney.....	3rd Pa.
10	Oct. 10, '08	G. W. Miller.....	Surgeon, 4th Pa.
11	July 1, '09	Jesse A. Ryan.....	Chaplain, Pa.
12	Sept. 5, '09	A. S. Rhoads.....	3rd Pa.
13	Sept. 21, '09	Bruce Ebersole.....	8th Pa.
14	Oct. 28, '09	Frank P. Stone.....	Surgeon, Pa.
15	Nov. 15, '09	C. A. Lentz.....	1st Battalion, Ohio
16	Nov. 20, '09	Gustav Schaaf.....	4th Pa.
17	Feb. 27, '10	John Miller.....	2nd Pa.
18	July 18, '10	S. E. Ferry.....	4th Pa.
19	Aug. 2, '10	Wm. J. Croll.....	Ass't Adj't General, Pa.

CAPTAINS.

1	Jan. 1, '10	S. S. Horn.....	A, 2nd Pa.
2	Aug. 7, '01	Thos. W. Boyer.....	D, 2nd Pa.
3	April 2, '03	R. M. Wright.....	A Troop, Pa.
4	Nov. 18, '03	Eugene G. Ritter.....	Adjutant, 2nd Pa.
5	Jan. 1, '04	Paul Smyser.....	C, 3rd Pa.
6	March 15, '04	J. J. Shaner.....	E, 8th Pa.
7	May 17, '04	Geo. W. Strauss.....	E, 3rd Pa.
8	June 1, '04	L. C. Havens.....	B, 1st N. Y.
9	Aug. 13, '04	Wm. Ray Goodwin.....	A, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
10	Aug. 13, '04	Geo. L. Martin.....	C, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
11	Aug. 13, '04	William Tretbar.....	F, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
12	Oct. 3, '04	G. H. Gretz.....	E, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
13	Jan. 18, '05	Sam'l D. Lawrence.....	F, 1st Pa.
14	Feb. 2, '05	John W. Stepp.....	A, 3rd Pa.
15	March 19, '05	Willard E. Levan.....	F, 3rd Pa.
16	March 20, '05	E. M. Neill.....	F, 8th Pa.
17	April 6, '05	J. W. A. Kelly.....	Chaplain, 3rd Pa.
18	June 1, '05	Wm. Carl.....	E, 2nd Pa.
19	June 15, '05	Thaddeus Weaver.....	Quartermaster, 2nd Pa.
20	Oct. 6, '05	Samuel Little.....	Commissary, 2nd Pa.
21	Oct. 30, '05	Wm. H. Diehl.....	H, 3rd Pa.
22	Nov. 13, '05	Auram Lee.....	I, 8th Pa.
23	Nov. 15, '05	Jacob Myers.....	G, 1st Pa.
24	Feb. 24, '06	Stanley M. Parks.....	Ordnance Officer, Pa.
25	March 28, '06	O. P. Benson.....	B, 4th Pa.
26	April 12, '06	Clarence H. Linderman.....	D, 3rd Pa.
27	May 1, '06	John H. Brown.....	M, 1st Pa.
28	July 17, '06	Geo. H. Wakefield.....	C Troop, Mass.
29	Aug. 17, '06	Geo. L. Hooker.....	A, Col.
30	Oct. 6, '06	A. H. Luckenbach.....	C, 2nd Pa.
31	Jan. 3, '07	W. L. Bird.....	Adjutant, 3rd Pa.
33	April 2, '07	Geo. C. Smith.....	C, 1st N. Y.
34	April 9, '07	John L. Reeger.....	A Battery, N. J.
32	June 8, '07	Chas. W. Bobb.....	M, 3rd Pa.
35	June 14, '07	W. H. Stambaugh.....	H, 8th Pa.
36	July 9, '07	Geo. Stevenson.....	D, 5th Pa.
37	Sept. 5, '07	C. S. Alexander.....	D Troop, Pa.
38	Oct. 12, '07	E. F. Mickey.....	Quartermaster, 4th Pa.
39	Dec. 5, '07	Harry G. Jones.....	D, 1st Pa.
40	Dec. 9, '07	F. W. Coombs.....	K, 1st Ohio
41	Jan. 1, '08	Wm. E. Rooker.....	Insp. Small Arms, 2nd Pa.
42	Jan. 16, '08	Geo. W. Fritz.....	B Troop, Pa.
43	April 13, '08	Samuel T. Steel.....	E, 4th Pa.
44	April 29, '08	Wm. C. Jenkins.....	F, 4th Pa.
45	Sept. 4, '08	W. P. E. Lever.....	H, 2nd Pa.

46	Oct. 10, '08	L. P. Wentzel.....	A, 4th Pa.
47	Oct. 15, '08	Henry Beyerle.....	Aide de Camp, Pa.
48	Nov. 21, '08	Edward Gross.....	G, 5th Pa.
49	Jan. 1, '09	Wm. R. Harvey.....	Adjutant, 4th Pa.
50	Feb. 19, '09	Wm. J. Macklem.....	H, 1st Pa.
51	Feb. 25, '09	John L. Hubert.....	C, 5th Pa.
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53	March 19, '09	John E. Noll.....	I, 1st Pa.
54	April 23, '09	John L. Huffman.....	L, 1st N. Y.
55	April 29, '09	Harry C. Lea.....	G, 4th Pa.
56	May 4, '09	Harry B. Jones.....	E, 1st N. Y.
57	May 4, '09	Frederick G. Reilly.....	A, N. J.
58	May 18, '09	Fred Bigalow.....	G, 1st N. Y.
59	May 19, '09	B. A. Holden.....	M, 8th Pa.
60	June 1, '09	P. W. Hendrix.....	E, 1st Ohio
61	June 4, '09	D. L. Steen.....	H, 4th Pa.
62	June 8, '09	W. C. Crawford.....	C, 8th Pa.
63	June 17, '09	Pharon H. Snyder.....	Insp. Small Arms, 3rd Pa.
64	July 15, '09	H. W. Frederick.....	H, 1st Ohio
65	July 25, '09	A. W. Myers.....	I, 1st Ohio
66	Sept. 9, '09	Oscar L. Rousch.....	K, 3rd Pa.
67	Sept. 27, '09	A. H. Cargo.....	Commissary, 4th Pa.
68	Oct. 8, '09	H. M. Zundel.....	Quartermaster, 4th Pa.
69	Nov. 2, '09	Jno. L. Hensey.....	A, Wis.
70	Nov. 19, '09	Wm. A. Ward.....	A, 1st Ohio
71	Nov. 27, '09	Thomas Monroe.....	G, 2nd Pa.
72	Dec. 6, '09	Franklin Cole.....	K, 2nd Pa.
73	Dec. 26, '09	Edw. O. Fitzgerald.....	II, 1st N. Y.
74	Jan. 2, '10	Volney A. Pittenger.....	A, 1st N. Y.
75	Jan. 4, '10	Wm. G. Bowen.....	D, 1st N. Y.
76	Jan. 28, '10	Earl W. Ruth.....	B, 2nd Pa.
77	Feb. 2, '10	D. W. Saylor.....	D, 8th Pa.
78	Feb. 23, '10	Gustav D. Schaaf.....	D, 4th Pa.
79	March 10, '10	W. W. Hinchman.....	I, 4th Pa.
80	March 16, '10	Chas. H. Slemmer.....	E Troop, Pa.
81	April 20, '10	Geo. H. Bemis.....	F, 1st N. Y.
82	May 5, '10	Ezra T. Beers.....	B, N. J.
83	May 13, '10	Abraham Hinch.....	I, 3rd Pa.
84	May 17, '10	M. C. Bullock.....	G, 2nd Pa.
85	May 19, '10	M. C. Morton.....	G, 1st Ohio
86	May 21, '10	John P. Jamison.....	N, 3rd Pa.
87	May 27, '10	John H. Hilton.....	F, 5th Pa.
88	June 8, '10	Chas. G. Paul, Jr.....	1st Co. Coast Art., N. Y.
89	June 24, '10	Thos. M. Morgan.....	Quartermaster, 3rd Pa.
90	July 29, '10	Fred M. Gordon.....	Chaplain, 4th Pa.
*52	March 2, '09	Geo. H. Savery.....	C Troop, Pa. Brig. (relieved from command for neglect of duty)
FIRST LIEUTENANTS.			
1	May 11, '99	Thomas Clark.....	B, 1st Pa.
2	March 2, '03	H. C. Gerrish.....	A Battery, Pa.
3	April 2, '03	J. E. Fisher.....	A Troop, Pa.
4	Jan. 1, '04	Hiram T. Nickel.....	C, 3rd Pa.
5	March 15, '04	W. E. Snaner.....	B, 8th Pa.
6	Aug. 13, '04	Wm. H. Daugherty.....	A, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
7	Aug. 13, '04	David Williams.....	C, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
8	Aug. 13, '04	Robert M. Green.....	D, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
9	Jan. 18, '05	M. F. Lawrence.....	F, 1st Pa.
10	March 19, '05	Allan F. Keller.....	F, 3rd Pa.

11	May 29, '05	Allan Henry.....L, 1st Pa.
12	June 1, '05	Chas. S. Adams.....E, 2nd Pa.
13	Sept. 14, '05	L. B. Reed.....A Battery, N. J.
14	March 31, '06	Henry Zimmer.....E, 3rd Pa.
15	April 1, '06	Joel Reber.....E, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
16	Jan. 8, '07	Dalley Krise.....B, 2nd Pa.
17	March 12, '07	E. H. Samson.....I, 2nd Pa.
18	May 14, '07	J. F. Eisenhower.....L, 3rd Pa.
19	June 8, '07	Jesse A. Wray.....M, 3rd Pa.
20	July 15, '07	Sumner T. Stevenson...Bat'n Adj't, 5th Pa.
21	Aug. 9, '07	Ira B. Lafferty.....H, 8th Pa.
22	Sept. 5, '07	L. H. Becker.....D Troop, Pa.
23	Sept. 5, '07	C. B. Applegate.....F, 1st Ohio
24	Sept. 13, '07	Edwin Goodwin.....F, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
25	Nov. 29, '07	W. C. Anger.....Bat'n Adj't, 1st N. Y.
26	Dec. 9, '07	Jas. H. McKenna.....K, 1st Ohio
27	Dec. 16, '07	Clyde H. Harrison.....H, 3rd Pa.
28	March 4, '08	Harry Sisco.....B, 4th Pa.
29	March 6, '08	Frank Warner.....I, 3rd Pa.
30	March 20, '08	L. G. Murray.....F, 8th Pa.
31	April 1, '08	Frederick H. Roll.....G, 1st Pa.
32	April 30, '08	W. P. Horn.....A, 2nd Pa.
33	May 11, '08	Chas. S. Aldinger.....K, 1st Pa.
34	May 21, '08	O. M. Stineman.....C, 8th Pa.
35	Sept. 4, '08	Lovelle L. Kern.....H, 2nd Pa.
36	Oct. 10, '08	John M. Baker.....A, 4th Pa.
37	Jan. 1, '09	Rue J. Arnts.....D, 2nd Pa.
38	Feb. 4, '09	Wm. Jones, Jr.....D, 1st Pa.
39	Feb. 4, '09	J. S. Burkhart.....B, 8th Pa.
40	Feb. 25, '09	Chas. Hollis.....C, 5th Pa.
41	March 2, '09	Wm. Hufford.....C Troop, Pa.
42	March 8, '09	Claude A. Drake.....E, 4th Pa.
43	March 17, '09	J. H. Wentzel.....Bat'n Adj't, 4th Pa.
44	March 19, '09	G. W. Brooks.....I, 1st Pa.
45	April 9, '09	Harry Miller.....E, 5th Pa.
46	April 22, '09	Elmer E. Startzel.....D, 3rd Pa.
47	April 23, '09	Wm. J. Freeman.....L, 1st N. Y.
48	April 23, '09	Robt. F. Wolf.....I, 8th Pa.
49	April 29, '09	Clarence L. Thompson.....G, 4th Pa.
50	May 1, '09	Paul M. Sutherin. Act'g Ass't Adj't Gen., Ohio
51	May 4, '09	Fred L. Murphy.....E, 1st N. Y.
52	May 4, '09	Walter Thomas.....A, N. J.
53	May 6, '09	Theodore C. Fields.....Bat'n Adj't, Ohio
54	May 11, '09	J. C. McCutcheon.....C, 4th Pa.
55	May 19, '09	L. C. Bassett.....M, 8th Pa.
56	May 23, '09	T. C. Bliss.....B, 1st N. Y.
57	June 1, '09	Roy M. Creamer.....E, 1st Ohio
58	June 4, '09	E. J. Sexton.....H, 4th Pa.
59	June 10, '09	Jos. H. Wentworth.....B, 2nd N. Y.
60	June 30, '09	Minor H. Day.....Ass't Surgeon, 4th Pa.
61	July 25, '09	James O'Connor.....I, 1st Ohio
62	Aug. 7, '09	John A. Ziegenfuss.....F, 2nd Pa.
63	Aug. 23, '09	E. H. Callon.....A, Kansas
66	Sept. 3, '09	Wilbur F. Sine.....H, 1st Ohio
64	Sept. 6, '09	John D. Keith.....Bat'n Adj't, 3rd Pa.
65	Sept. 9, '09	Harry J. Hughes.....K, 3rd Pa.
67	Sept. 18, '09	E. B. Litchard.....G, 1st N. Y.
68	Oct. 7, '09	C. E. Luckenbach.....C, 2nd Pa.

69	Oct. 8, '09	Chas. W. Teeple.....	Bat'n Adj't, 4th Pa.
70	Oct. 9, '09	Chas. M. Harvey.....	M, 4th Pa.
71	Oct 18, '09	B. Harrison Darrow, Act'g A. Q. M. Gen., Ohio	
72	Oct. 21, '09	Walter Ziegler.....	B, 3rd Pa.
73	Nov. 2, '09	R. L. Estes.....	A, Wis.
74	Nov. 11, '09	Elmer Hans.....	G, 3rd Pa.
75	Nov. 19, '09	F. W. Smith.....	A, 1st Ohio
76	Nov. 27, '09	John M. Moser.....	G, 2nd Pa.
77	Dec. 6, '09	Herman L. Mack.....	K, 2nd Pa.
78	Dec. 26, '09	W. R. Millard.....	H, 1st N. Y.
79	Jan. 2, '10	Arthur J. McIntyre.....	A, 1st N. Y.
80	Feb. 2, '10	W. G. Bauman.....	D, 8th Pa.
81	Feb. 3, '10	Herman Schrecongost.....	F, 4th Pa.
82	Feb. 23, '10	Chas. A. Chambers.....	D, 4th Pa.
83	March 11, '10	Chas. L. Buck.....	Bat'n Adj't, 2nd Pa.
84	March 16, '10	Wm. O. Marrin.....	E Troop, Pa.
85	April 2, '10	Ernest N. Felt.....	C, 1st N. Y.
86	April 15, '10	J. E. Bentley.....	B, 1st Ohio
87	April 26, '10	Chas. E. Trate.....	Band, 3rd Pa.
88	April 30, '10	D. Oscar Baxter.....	L, 2nd Pa.
89	April 30, '10	Edw. W. Young.....	B Battery, Pa.
90	May 5, '10	Chas. W. Keifrider.....	B, N. J.
91	May 7, '10	John H. Crawford.....	F. 1st N. Y.
92	May 11, '10	F. O. Miller.....	Adjutant, 8th Pa.
93	May 16, '10	David A. Glover.....	A, 2nd N. Y.
94	May 19, '10	E. W. Weckerly.....	G, 1st Ohio
95	May 23, '10	Jos. Meconnahey.....	B Troop, Pa.
96	May 24, '10	Lodge Riddle.....	Bat'n Adj't, 1st Ohio
97	May 27, '10	John A. Henry.....	F, 5th Pa.
98	June 6, '10	Samuel Mucher.....	A, 3rd Pa.
99	June 8, '10	Geo. H. Ring... 1st Co. Coast Artillery, N. Y.	
100	July 8, '10	John F. Wacha.....	Band, 1st Pa.
101	July 9, '10	Nicholas H. Price.....	D, 5th Pa.
102	Aug. 14, '10	John Vertz.....	N, 3rd Pa.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

1	April 2, '03	T. O. Dost.....	A Troop, Pa.
2	Aug. 13, '04	William Swartz.....	C, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
3	Aug. 13, '04	Wm. N. Flemming... D, Phila. Battalion, Pa.	
4	March 19, '05	William Roberts.....	F, 3rd Pa.
5	June 1, '05	Herbert J. Kramer.....	E, 2nd Pa.
6	Oct. 30, '05	Harry Fordesman.....	H, 3rd Pa.
7	April 1, '06	George Seipp.....	E, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
8	Aug. 17, '06	Kenneth A. Coon.....	A, Col.
9	Dec. 6, '06	R. M. Fagley.....	E, 8th Pa.
10	Jan. 28, '07	George Yarnall.....	I, 3rd Pa.
11	April 26, '07	J. W. Warrington.....	D, 1st N. Y.
12	May 31, '07	Wm. H. Sauerwine.....	B, 2nd Pa.
13	June 8, '07	Edw. B. Zerbe.....	M, 3rd Pa.
14	June 14, '07	F. V. Fowler.....	H, 8th Pa.
15	Sept. 5, '07	R. S. Mills.....	D Troop, Pa.
16	Nov. 2, '07	Samuel Tomkins....	A, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
17	Dec. 9, '07	Wm. A. Trickle.....	K, 1st Ohio
18	Jan. 23, '08	John H. Folk.....	A, 2nd Pa.
19	April 6, '08	J. C. Schreffler.....	K, 3rd Pa.
20	May 15, '08	John W. Riehl.....	G, 1st Pa.
21	May 22, '08	Robt. Pattison Bibby.....	G, 3rd Pa.
22	Sept. 30, '08	Harry R. Fowler.....	N, 3rd Pa.
23	Oct. 10, '08	D. F. Smith.....	A, 4th Pa.

24	Jan. 1, '09	O. W. Stackhouse.....	D, 2nd Pa.
25	Feb. 4, '09	Clinton G. Addams.....	D, 1st Pa.
26	Feb. 4, '09	J. W. Coons.....	B, 8th Pa.
27	Feb. 19, '09	Chas. E. Williamson.....	H, 1st Pa.
28	Feb. 25, '09	Chas. W. Bowser.....	C, 5th Pa.
29	March 2, '09	Luther Kniffen.....	C Troop, Pa.
30	April 9, '09	Clifford Washington.....	E, 5th Pa.
31	April 19, '09	Frank M. Chubbuck.....	A, Mass.
32	April 22, '09	A. F. Derk.....	D, 3rd Pa.
33	April 23, '09	H. Lee Wilson.....	I, 8th Pa.
34	April 28, '09	B. W. Williams.....	B, 4th Pa.
35	April 29, '09	Benj. J. Sleigh.....	G, 4th Pa.
36	May 11, '09	Stephen A. Martin.....	C, 4th Pa.
37	May 19, '09	Harry F. Dick.....	M, 8th Pa.
38	May 23, '09	H. Ward Lyon.....	B, 1st N. Y.
39	June 1, '09	Geo. C. Lemon.....	E, 1st Ohio
40	June 4, '09	J. W. Beadling.....	H, 4th Pa.
41	June 8, '09	H. C. Weaver.....	C, 8th Pa.
42	June 10, '09	Howard Ashley.....	B, 2nd N. Y.
43	June 11, '09	Geo. K. Litzinger.....	C, 3rd Pa.
44	June 16, '09	William Goodwin.....	F, Phila. Battalion, Pa.
45	June 21, '09	Wilson Luff.....	Band, 5th Pa.
46	Aug. 31, '09	Ralph DeFrehn.....	A Battery, Pa.
47	Sept. 18, '09	Lewis A. Wilson.....	H, 1st N. Y.
48	Oct. 7, '09	H. S. Witemeyer.....	C, 2nd Pa.
49	Oct. 8, '09	Bert Ammon.....	D, 4th Pa.
50	Oct. 9, '09	Albert C. Daniels.....	M, 4th Pa.
51	Nov. 2, '09	W. L. Gillette.....	A, Wis.
52	Nov. 27, '09	Albert Williams.....	G, 2nd Pa.
53	Dec. 6, '09	Edw. N. Daily.....	K, 2nd Pa.
54	Dec. 7, '09	William Funk.....	A, N. J.
55	Jan. 2, '10	Alfred Avery.....	A, 1st N. Y.
56	Feb. 2, '10	W. G. Bauman.....	D, 8th Pa.
57	Feb. 3, '10	W. H. Byerly.....	F, 4th Pa.
58	March 8, '10	Chas. Starkey.....	C, Ohio
59	March 12, '10	John L. Vliet.....	I, 2nd Pa.
60	March 16, '10	Sylvanus VanHorn.....	E Troop, Pa.
61	April 14, '10	Russel Williamson.....	A Battery, N. J.
62	April 15, '10	J. F. Voltau.....	B, 1st Ohio
63	April 21, '10	W. D. Fawcett.....	I, 4th Pa.
64	April 30, '10	Chas. L. VanScoten.....	L, 2nd Pa.
65	May 5, '10	William Crumbly.....	B, N. J.
66	May 6, '10	Phillip D. Hawk.....	H, 1st Ohio
67	May 6, '10	Tilghman Ruch.....	F, 2nd Pa.
68	May 16, '10	John B. Knappman.....	A, 2nd N. Y.
69	May 23, '10	Jacob V. Knouse.....	B Troop, Pa.
70	June 6, '10	William Thomas.....	A, 3rd Pa.
71	June 8, '10	Harry W. McNally.....	1st Co. Coast Art'y, N. Y.
72	July 9, '10	Samuel Sorden, Jr.....	D, 5th Pa.
73	July 29, '10	Frank A. Fitch.....	F, 1st N. Y.

RECAPITULATION.

Brigadier Generals	1	
Colonels	4	
Lieutenant Colonels	5	
Majors	19	
Captains	90	(1 relieved)
First Lieutenants.....	102	

Second Lieutenants	73
	<u>294</u>
	1 (relieved)
Total in service.....	293

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES—ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

August 1, 1909—September 1, 1910.

DR.

Receipts for Commissions and Warrants:

Captain Yawman, Kansas.....	\$ 1.00
Lieut. Callen, Kansas	1.00
Capt. Wakefield, Massachusetts	1.00
Capt. Hooker, Colorado.....	1.00
Lieut. Coon, Colorado	1.00
Capt. Hensey, Wisconsin	1.00
Lieut. Estes, Wisconsin	1.00
Lieut. Gillette, Wisconsin	1.00
Lieut. Funk, New Jersey.....	1.00
Capt. Reilly, N. J., (6 warrants).....	1.50
Capt. Hensey, Wisconsin, (6 warrants).....	1.50
Lieut. Bemis, New York.....	1.00
Major Wright, New York.....	1.00
Capt. Reeger, New Jersey	1.00
Lieut. Williamson, New Jersey.....	1.00
Capt. Bemis, New York, (3 warrants).....	.75
Capt. Beers, New Jersey.....	1.00
Lieut. Keifrider, New Jersey.....	1.00
Lieut. Crawford, New York.....	1.00
Lieut. Glover, New York.....	1.00
Lieut. Knappman, New York.....	1.00
Lieut. Ceumbly, New Jersey.....	1.00
Capt. Paul, New York.....	1.00
Lieut. Ring, New York.....	1.00
Lieut. McNally, New York.....	1.00

\$ 25.75

Received for blanks:

Lieut. Col. Yengling, Ohio.....	\$ 1.00
Capt. Hendrix, Ohio	1.21
Colonel Soper, New York.....	.10
Lieut. Col. Yengling, Ohio.....	.50
Lieut. Col. Yengling, Ohio.....	1.00
Lieut. Chubbuck, Massachusetts10
Lieut. Sine, Ohio	2.00

\$ 5.91

Received from the Chief-of-Staff.....

83.27

\$114.93

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Expended for postage:

On blanks	\$ 1.21
Commissions	7.62
General correspondence	10.83

\$ 19.66

For printing:

Press work (5205 forms).....	10.80
Composition .....	.50
Linotype metal	1.20
Electros, @4.00; commission plate, \$15.00...	19.00
Paper stock	21.02

\$ 52.52

For miscellaneous expenses:

Filing cabinet	28.25
Filing cabinet guide cards.....	5.83
Mailing tubes (200).....	3.40
Freight and express.....	1.72
Dating stamps	1.75
Map of New York.....	.25
Seals .....	.80
Mucilage .....	.05
Ink .....	.30
Elastic bands .....	.30
Twine .....	.10

\$ 42.75

\$114.93

Note:—The larger part of the expense for printing and forms, was the issue of a new edition of the commission form—1000 of which were produced at a cost of \$23.60.

ASSETS.

Filing cabinet	\$28.25
Commission plate	15.00

Stock of envelopes, stationery, paper and blanks.

It is impracticable to place a monetary value on these items of assets, as there is realized any return from a very small portion thereof.

REGULATIONS.

A recommendation for amendment of the Regulations, as published in General Orders, was found necessary, in practical working of the office. Having been published, and as it will undoubtedly appear in the report of the Committee on Military Affairs, it will not be detailed here.

RECORDS.

The records, on the lines indicated in last year's report, have been brought to a considerably higher degree of perfection, and I desire to note the excellent work done by Lieut. Col. Yengling, in the Department of Ohio, in which Department the work is nearly complete. In the Department of New York we have not been so successful. Difficulties with the late Commanding Officer, Col. Soper, resulted in his discharge at the expiration of his commission, and we were unable to designate a successor, the senior Major being at that time, the Division Commander, and unable to take up the work. For a time, the Department was administered from this office. Major Snyder is now in command of the First Regiment, but we have as yet no one in command of the Department. A number of new commands have been

organized, other than the First Regiment, and the field is ripe for a yield of good results to the right man, if we can find him.

I desire to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy shown by the Editor of THE BANNER, Past Commander-in-Chief Dustin. I am of the opinion that, more than any one thing, to his publication of our General Orders is due our gratifying gains.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for your many courtesies, and the pleasant official relations maintained.

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART, Colonel, S. V. R.,
Acting Adjutant General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Rockland, Maine, Sept. 20, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

In response to requests from the Commander-in-Chief I have rendered eight formal opinions upon questions concerning the interpretation of our Constitution and Laws. I have also from time to time rendered informal opinions to the Commander-in-Chief upon various subjects whenever called upon by him.

The Court-martial forms were also submitted to me by the National Secretary for revision, but as a new constitution will probably be adopted at this Encampment, it seemed best to defer drafting new court-martial blanks until after the new laws are enacted.

For my own information and guidance I have thoroughly revised and brought down to date the S. V. Digest of Decisions prepared by me while Judge-Advocate General in 1897 and published by the Order at that time, and have found the manuscript indispensable in finding precedents on the many different questions of law presented in the administration of the affairs of the Order. The adoption of a new Constitution will render necessary a further revision of this Digest to adopt it to the changed conditions. For that reason it was not published this present term.

It was a pleasant duty for me to attend the reception tendered Commander-in-Chief Pollitt and his staff by Shepley Camp No. 4, of Portland, Maine, soon after his installation, and I was particularly pleased to renew old acquaintanceship with him after the lapse of so many years since last we met.

I am also deeply indebted to him for the honor of serving on his staff, particularly as the position was tendered me without solicitation. My relations with him and the other National Officers have been exceedingly pleasant.

The following are the eight formal opinions rendered by me:

I. The Commander-in-Chief cannot grant a dispensation permitting the annual inspection of a Division Headquarters to be made later than December 31st, the time fixed in the Constitution when the inspection should be completed.

Rockland, Maine, November 10, 1909.

II. The Commander-in-Chief has no authority to issue an order extending the time or restraining the Division Commander from acting in the case where the Division Commander gives a brother ten days in which to show cause why he should not be dropped from the rolls because of ineligibility to membership. As to issuing an injunction, that is a process that can be issued only by the courts, and I can not advise the Division Commander to usurp any of the functions of the courts of the land. If injustice should be done the respondent in this case, he has a remedy in carrying the matter on appeal to the Commander-in-Chief after the Division Commander renders a decision.

Rockland, Maine, November 29, 1909.

III. Would the Division be obligated in any way, by reason of a Division Commander approving Camp by-laws containing an article specifying certain amounts to be paid as sick or death benefits, in case the Camp should fail to pay said benefits? My answer is, that the Division would incur no liability.

Rockland, Maine, December 20, 1909.

IV. Are members who are six months in arrears for dues, but not suspended, entitled to vote at the annual election of officers of the Camp? Such a member would have the right to vote. The section covering this subject in the old Constitution reads (Art. VIII. Sec. 3): "Any member of a Camp who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues shall be prohibited from voting, may not be permitted to enter any Camp room while the Camp is in session," etc., etc. When the present Constitution was prepared and adopted, this section was revised and the clause, "shall be prohibited from voting," was stricken out, so that the section now reads, "any member of a Camp who is six months in arrears in the payment of dues shall be ineligible to office in the Sons of Veterans, and may by a vote of the Camp be suspended," etc. The effect of this elimination is to repeal the clause prohibiting a member six months or more in arrears from voting, so that he can now vote if not suspended.

Rockland, Maine, December 20, 1909.

V. In answer to your question whether a person whose final discharge from the U. S. Army in time of peace was not honorable is eligible to membership, will state that as the person does not stand convicted of a felony or a heinous crime he would be eligible to membership. The manner of his leaving the service, however, should be carefully weighed by the Camp receiving the application and the investigation committee to whom it is referred, in determining whether he would be a desirable member of the Order or not.

Rockland, Maine, January 19, 1910.

VI. You ask the status of a suspended member who, being legally suspended afterwards applied for reinstatement, and the Camp, considering him an undesirable member, refused to do so by vote of the Camp at a regular meeting and reported him dropped in reports due at the end of last quarter? In my opinion the brother is no longer a member of the Order. Commander-in-Chief Webb, in a well considered decision held, that the presumptions are in favor of the regularity of the proceedings of a Camp in dropping a member (Dec. I, 10th, 28). If a Camp has acted irregularly or illegally in dropping a member, it may undo its action on reconsideration.

VII. In response to your telegram of June 21st, I have this day sent my opinion by wire to the Commander of the Massachusetts Division as follows:

June 22, 1910.

To George M. Tucker, Division Commander,
Fifteen Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

"Commander-in-Chief cannot force brother to take honorable discharge."

Rockland, Maine, June 22, 1910.

VIII. You ask me what line of procedure you can legally take in response to the resolution passed by the Pennsylvania Encampment asking you to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate the charges against Fred Tschudy, or direct that the Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania appoint said court?

There is no such tribunal recognized by the laws of our Order as a court of inquiry, and you have no power to create such a court. This man is charged with not being eligible to membership, has had his case passed upon by the Division Commander of Pennsylvania, who was the proper authority to take cognizance of such cases, and his name has been ordered dropped from the rolls by the Division Commander for ineligibility. From this decision he has never appealed and the case is not before you on its merits. A careful reading of the papers in the case indicates that the affidavit of Fred Tschudy, in which he states that he is the grandson of Lieut. Col. Fridolin Martin Tschudy, of the 69th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, has never been submitted to the Division Commander of Pennsylvania, and was not considered by him when he decided this case, neither was it before him when he refused to reopen the case.

I recommend that you transmit the affidavit to Fred Tschudy, and the resolution of the Pennsylvania Encampment, to the Division Commander of Pennsylvania, for such further action as in his judgment justice and equity may require, notifying Fred Tschudy, or his attorneys, of your action.

Rockland, Maine, July 5, 1910.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD K. GOULD,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Honeoye Falls, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1910.

Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt, and Officers and Members
of the 29th Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

My dear Sir and Brothers:—

Confident that Memorial Day is a pivotal day in our Order, indicative of our strength or weakness, our failure or success, I beg to present this report, largely dealing with that day.

The watchword of the year has been "Advance," and the figures compiled by this branch of the Commandery-in-Chief indicate that the hope for advancement has been realized, to a degree.

There has been an increase in the per cent of Camps re-

porting to Division officers, showing an increased interest on the part of the local Camp. More Camps are furnishing Firing Squads for Memorial Day—adding to that occasion the military flavor so much loved and appreciated by the old veterans. Slowly the Camps are becoming more largely armed and uniformed and better equipped for effectual work.

More and more the G. A. R. are calling upon us to perform certain works in regard to Memorial Day—which formerly they performed themselves with jealous care—indicating their growing confidence in us. In some places Camps have proved themselves so worthy that full charge of all arrangements for the day has been put in their hands. I know of one place, at least, where the members of the G. A. R., for most part, are too old and worn to longer march to the distant cemetery, and this year automobiles were furnished for the entire number as well as for the young school children who bear the flowers for the decoration of the plot held sacred to the unknown dead. The appreciation manifested by the G. A. R. was pleasing and helpful to the Sons.

There are three points upon which I wish to lay especial emphasis:

The first is the number of Camps observing Union Defenders' Day. This is our day, and we should hold it sacred and observe it with a hearty enthusiasm.

The second is the matter of attendance on Memorial Sunday services, and the

Third, the number in line Memorial Day.

While there is a marked increase—of more than a thousand a year—in the number of Brothers in line Memorial Day, I venture to say that one of the glowing weaknesses of our Order, and one of the greatest retarding forces, is found right there. We do not begin to appreciate the importance of these public functions in their influence upon the G. A. R. and the community at large. Being no longer mere boys, trying to handle a man's job, we have grown into manhood. Nor do we dare to handle this man's job before our fathers and communities as if it were boy's play. I believe that the members of the Grand Army of the Republic are sensitive as to the showing we make in their honor, on their day, and while, with the patriotic spirit of 1861-65 they are disgusted with anything in the nature of a dillydallying handful, where there should be hundreds, they are filled with pride and satisfaction whenever enthusiasm is in the least manifested. They take us at our "face value," and if we show our faces, you may depend upon a high valuation.

Commander and Brothers, I believe that every Division officer in our great Order should hammer home this conception of the value of the public functions until it is heard and heeded "from Dan to Beersheba and from the rivers to the ends of the earth."

No wonder the G. A. R. has been slow to recognize us. We have not recognized the powers and possibilities of ourselves, and oftimes have dishonored them and ourselves, by our half-hearted indifference.

Just think of it, Brothers, nearly 40,000 members of our Order—proud to claim the title of sons of those who bared their breasts to the enemies bullets to preserve us a free and united

nation—and only 18,000 to do them scant honor on the day of all the days of the year to them the best.

Brothers you take 30,000 men to Memorial Sunday services and put 30,000 in line next Memorial Day, and the following year you can take 60,000 to each of these features and along with them will go the proud and happy hearts of multitudes of the Grand Army hosts. Our fathers deserve these honors, they are worthy of the best, the very best that the noblest sons can give them, and they shall have it—from us.

We have been marching steadily forward; now let us “gird up our loins” and make a charge which will cause the dead to fall into line.

I wish to thank the Brotners who have had to do with the forwarding of Division reports, for their evident interest, for most part, in this their official and pledged duty. For three years I have been Chaplain of one of our large Divisions, and I know somewhat of the amount of commanding, coaxing, threatening and begging it takes to get results from some Camps, and I know how disheartening it is to send in reports that do not commend the Division to which we belong. Promptness, however, is one of the principles of our Order, and the discredit for poor records must rest upon the shoulders of those who are guilty.

Three Divisions reported that they could make no itemized report on account of the disorganized condition of the Division and the Camps therein; while we should put on the honor list the Divisions of

Alabama and Tennessee,
California and Oregon,
Indiana, and
Rhode Island,

all of which stand 100 per cent in the number of Camps reporting, and I should like to give honorable mention to Massachusetts, with 133 out of 134 Camps reporting.

Table No. 1.

	No. Camps Using Memorial Service		Number of Funerals Attended by Camps in a Body		Number of Burials Conducted by Camps		Number of Deaths in Each Division During Year	Number of Camps Observing Union Defenders Day	Number Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sunday	Number of Addresses Delivered by Members S. of V.	Number of Firing Squads Furnished	Number of Brothers Uniformed in Line Memorial Day	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line Memorial Day	Number of Brothers in Line Memorial Day	Number of Brothers Belonging to Camps	Per Cent of Camps Reporting	Number Camps Not Reporting	Number of Camps Reporting
	"A"	"B"	G. A. R.	S. V.	G. A. R.	S. V.												
Alabama and Tennessee	1	23	0	0	0	0	9	94	10	7	21	53	87	154	100	0	9	
California and Oregon	...	24	7	6	0	0	12	262	14	12	36	45	292	584	100	0	17	
Colorado and Wyoming	0	...	...
Connecticut	3	5	1	2	2	3	16	589	25	4	25	27	967	1400	86	5	31	
Illinois	1	8	0	5	5	8	9	565	7	9	108	73	611	1222	70	13	30	
Indiana	5	3	1	8	1	8	3	283	4	10	75	41	399	667	100	0	21	
Iowa	...	19	0	3	0	0	6	311	8	8	36	70	395	582	69	9	20	
Kansas	2	6	0	2	0	3	6	279	6	32	54	32	262	457	70	16	16	
Kentucky	0	...	...
Maine	3	0	1	0	9	595	11	5	436	101	776	1135	60	22	32	
Maryland	3	11	3	11	13	175	1	6	100	100	225	435	92	1	12	
Massachusetts	...	16	22	22	19	92	74	3395	77	33	3016	557	3864	5346	99	1	133	
Michigan	0	...	...
Minnesota	0	...	...
Missouri	...	38	0	0	3	38	5	140	14	16	87	115	203	467	88	2	14	
Nebraska	0	...	...
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	1	41	2	4	27	31	90	126	63	3	5	
New Jersey	8	3	8	15	16	649	7	14	518	88	792	1208	98	1	35	
New York	18	14	18	27	19	609	21	20	327	270	1644	1644	97	32	32	
Ohio	37	27	37	65	68	152	37	37	989	498	2289	4605	96	5	110	
Pennsylvania	2	3	2	40	26	1020	76	496	220	1250	1250	1525	56	35	46	
Rhode Island	58	50	58	167	70	3609	92	130	2438	2438	4454	9189	65	121	121	
Vermont	1	14	1	14	6	250	5	1	208	115	323	500	100	0	14	
Washington	7	4	7	6	7	219	6	2	108	55	491	673	73	6	16	
Wisconsin	5	0	5	17	4	161	15	5	94	32	406	406	62	8	13	

DIVISIONS

Table No. 2—Showing percentage of Camps reporting from each Division.

Division	Percentage
Alabama and Tennessee.....	100
California and Oregon.....	100
Colorado and Wyoming	
Connecticut .....	.86
Illinois .....	.70
Indiana	100
Iowa .....	.69
Kansas.....	.70
Kentucky	
Maine .....	.60
Maryland .....	.92
Massachusetts .....	.99
Michigan	
Minnesota .....	.88
Missouri	
Nebraska .....	.63
New Hampshire .....	.98
New Jersey .....	.97
New York .....	.96
Ohio .....	.56
Pennsylvania .....	.65
Rhode Island	100
Vermont .....	.73
Washington	
Wisconsin .....	.62

Table No. 3—Showing which Camp in each Division has largest membership.

Division	Camp No.	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	60
California and Oregon.....	37	83
Colorado and Wyoming		
Connecticut	6	239
Illinois	26	109
Indiana	44	123
Iowa	300	73
Kansas	20	45
Kentucky		
Maine	4	124
Maryland		
Massachusetts	11	168
Michigan		
Minnesota		
Nebraska	18	36
Missouri		
New Hampshire	10	103
New Jersey	8	237
New York	78	312
Ohio	466	239
Pennsylvania	16	474
Rhode Island	9	75
Vermont	9 & 34	49
Washington		
Wisconsin	35	73

Table No. 4—Showing which Camp in each Division had the greatest number of brothers in line Memorial Day.

Division	Camp No.	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	25
California and Oregon.....	23	60
Colorado and Wyoming.....		
Connecticut.....	6	150
Illinois.....	26	75
Indiana.....	44	43
Iowa.....	12	36
Kansas.....	18	33
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	4	73
Maryland.....		
Massachusetts.....	11 & 17	each 90
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....	1	42
Missouri.....		
Nebraska.....	18	30
New Hampshire.....	10 & 18	each 50
New Jersey.....	8	30
New York.....	168	75
Ohio.....	5	96
Pennsylvania.....	16	273
Rhode Island.....	16	40
Vermont.....	19	35
Washington.....		
Wisconsin.....	35	40

Table No. 5—Showing which Camp in each Division furnished the greatest number of brothers armed and in line.

Division	Camp No.	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	3	12
California and Oregon.....	2	20
Colorado and Wyoming.....		
Connecticut.....	3	9
Illinois.....	4	14
Indiana.....	85	16
Iowa.....	2, 29 & 68	each 8
Kansas.....	223	20
Kentucky.....		
Maine.....	26	25
Maryland.....		
Massachusetts.....	90 & 106	each 25
Michigan.....		
Minnesota.....	1	32
Missouri.....		
Nebraska.....	127	25
New Hampshire.....	3 & 28	each 15
New Jersey.....	5	34
New York.....	98	37
Ohio.....	442	23
Pennsylvania.....	72	104
Rhode Island.....	10 & 16	each 28
Vermont.....	74	19
Washington.....		
Wisconsin.....	2	16

Table No. 6—Showing which Camp in each Division had the greatest number of brothers in uniform on Memorial Day.

Division	Camp No.	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	23	7
California and Oregon.....	2	16
Colorado and Wyoming.....		
Connecticut	3	9
Illinois	4	32
Indiana	85	16
Iowa	29	20
Kansas	223	20
Kentucky		
Maine	46	45
Maryland		
Massachusetts	11	90
Michigan		
Minnesota	11	20
Missouri		
Nebraska	127	25
New Hampshire	38	38
New Jersey	8	40
New York	168	75
Ohio	5	96
Pennsylvania	72	104
Rhode Island	16	40
Vermont	77	20
Washington		
Wisconsin	37	30

Table No. 7—Showing number of Camps in each Division furnishing Firing Squads on Memorial Day.

Division	Squads
Alabama and Tennessee.....	7
California and Oregon	12
Colorado and Wyoming.....	
Connecticut	4
Illinois	9
Indiana	10
Iowa	8
Kansas	6
Kentucky	
Maine	5
Maryland	6
Massachusetts	33
Michigan	
Minnesota	16
Missouri	
Nebraska	4
New Hampshire	7
New Jersey	21
New York	37
Ohio	21
Pennsylvania	92
Rhode Island	5
Vermont	2
Washington	
Wisconsin	5

Table No. 8—Showing number of addresses delivered in each Division by members of the Order on Memorial Day.

Division	Number
Alabama and Tennessee.....	10
California and Oregon.....	14
Colorado and Wyoming.....	
Connecticut	25
Illinois	7
Indiana	17
Iowa	18
Kansas	6
Kentucky	
Maine	11
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	77
Michigan	
Minnesota	14
Missouri	
Nebraska	2
New Hampshire	14
New Jersey	20
New York	152
Ohio	76
Pennsylvania	130
Rhode Island	1
Vermont	6
Washington	
Wisconsin	15

Table No. 9—Showing Camp in each Division having the greatest attendance at Memorial Sunday services.

Division	Camp No.	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	30
California and Oregon.....	37	60
Colorado and Wyoming		
Connecticut	6	75
Illinois	26	65
Indiana	169	30
Iowa	12	28
Kansas	16	40
Kentucky		
Maine	4	56
Maryland		
Massachusetts	17	81
Michigan		
Minnesota	1, 5 & 8	each 20
Missouri		
Nebraska	18	20
New Hampshire	26	52
New Jersey	8	60
New York	78	60
Ohio	5	70
Pennsylvania	72	256
Rhode Island	9	56
Vermont	15	26
Washington		
Wisconsin	35	30

Table No. 10—Showing number of Camps in each Division observing Union Defenders' Day.

Division	Number
Alabama and Tennessee.....	9
California and Oregon.....	12
Colorado and Wyoming.....	
Connecticut	16
Illinois	9
Indiana	3
Iowa	6
Kansas	5
Kentucky	
Maine	9
Maryland	13
Massachusetts	74
Michigan	
Minnesota	5
Missouri	
Nebraska	1
New Hampshire	16
New Jersey	19
New York	68
Ohio	26
Pennsylvania	70
Rhode Island	6
Vermont	7
Washington	
Wisconsin	4

Table No. 11—Showing number of deaths in each Division during the last twelve months.

Division	No. Deaths
Alabama and Tennessee.....	0
California and Oregon	7
Colorado and Wyoming.....	
Connecticut	3
Illinois	8
Indiana	4
Iowa	0
Kansas	3
Kentucky	
Maine	11
Maryland	3
Massachusetts	26
Michigan	
Minnesota	3
Missouri	
Nebraska	1
New Hampshire	8
New Jersey	12
New York	28
Ohio	14
Pennsylvania	65
Rhode Island	1
Vermont	7
Washington	
Wisconsin	3

Table No. 12—Showing number of funerals attended by Camps in a body.

Division	G. A. R.	S. of V.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	23	0
California and Oregon.....	24	7
Colorado and Wyoming		
Connecticut	5	1
Illinois	18	8
Indiana	18	3
Iowa	19	0
Kansas	5	2
Kentucky		
Maine	3	3
Maryland	1	3
Massachusetts	92	19
Michigan		
Minnesota	38	3
Missouri		
Nebraska	3	0
New Hampshire	15	8
New Jersey	27	18
New York	65	37
Ohio	40	2
Pennsylvania	167	54
Rhode Island	14	1
Vermont	6	7
Washington		
Wisconsin	20	5

Table No. 13—Showing number of burial services conducted by Camps.

Division	G. A. R.	S. of V.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	0	0
California and Oregon.....	0	6
Colorado and Wyoming		
Connecticut	2	0
Illinois	0	5
Indiana	3	1
Iowa	3	0
Kansas	0	0
Kentucky		
Maine	0	1
Maryland	11	3
Massachusetts	22	12
Michigan		
Minnesota	0	0
Missouri		
Nebraska	0	0
New Hampshire	3	0
New Jersey	14	14
New York	27	15
Ohio	3	2
Pennsylvania	58	50
Rhode Island	1	0
Vermont	0	4
Washington		
Wisconsin	0	0

Table No. 14—Showing number of Camps using Memorial services.

Division	Number	
	A.	B.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	0	1
California and Oregon.....	0	0
Colorado and Wyoming		
Connecticut	3	3
Illinois	1	1
Indiana	0	5
Iowa	2	0
Kansas	2	2
Kentucky		
Maine	0	1
Maryland	4	9
Massachusetts	26	16
Michigan		
Minnesota	0	0
Missouri		
Nebraska	0	0
New Hampshire	5	3
New Jersey	8	2
New York	25	27
Ohio	9	3
Pennsylvania	42	14
Rhode Island	0	0
Vermont	1	4
Washington		
Wisconsin	3	2

And now, Commander-in-Chief Pollitt, let me express to you my hearty appreciation of the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me to this high office, and the generous courtesy with which you have favored me, as a member of your staff, and to thank you for every assistance rendered to my department. And may I, through you, thank our efficient secretary, Hammer, for his willing and valued assistance and all the Division officers for their co-operation. I have enjoyed every minute of this fellowship and service for the good of the Order and thank you.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
 WILLIAM A. HALLOCK,
 National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

To Geo. W. Pollitt,

Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I herewith submit to you my report of the work done in the Department of the National Inspector for the year 1909-1910, closing with this, the 29th Encampment.

In General Order No. 11, the names of 25 Brothers were published and assigned to duty at Division Headquarters. The

following is a list of names and the Division Headquarters they inspected:

Alabama and Tennessee—L. W. Friedman.
 Colorado—John H. Head.
 Connecticut—Arthur T. Bogue.
 Illinois—A. A. Boyer.
 Indiana—F. E. Watson.
 Iowa—Lewis I. Yaggy.
 Kansas—C. B. Martin.
 Kentucky—Geo. H. Stebbins.
 Maine—Arthur L. Orne.
 Maryland—F. T. F. Johnson.
 Massachusetts—Ralph Sheldon.
 Michigan—W. L. Raynes.
 Minnesota—A. L. Guilford.
 Missouri—Wm. P. Schneider.
 Nebraska—Bert I. Galley.
 New Hampshire—Arthur M. Soule.
 New Jersey—E. W. Estes.
 New York—A. I. Vescelius.
 Ohio—C. H. A. Palmer.
 Pennsylvania—Harry E. Pennell.
 Rhode Island—Wm. O. Cutler.
 Washington—G. F. Gradenburg.
 Wisconsin—H. A. Wing.

The Assistant National Inspector, assigned to duty at the Headquarters of California and Oregon, and Vermont, were unable to make any inspection of these Headquarters, and the following is the consolidated report of those reporting:

- 25 Division Headquarters in Commandery-in-Chief.
- 23 Division Headquarters inspected.
- 21 Divisions have adopted By-Laws.
- 23 Divisions keep records correct.
- 23 Divisions send charters, commissions, etc., promptly and keep records.
- 23 Division Treasurer's books are correctly kept.
- 22 Divisions keep cash account with Camps.
- 20 Divisions fill requisitions promptly.
- 23 Divisions answer correspondence promptly.
- 15 Divisions keep copy of letters sent.
- 22 Divisions are free from indebtedness. 1, \$45.00 with \$75.00 in treasury.
- 23 Divisions have supplies valued at \$1254.21.
- 23 Divisions have cash on hand, \$3681.93.
- 9 Divisions pay Commanders salaries.
- 15 Divisions pay Secretaries salaries.
- 16 Divisions pay Treasurers salaries.
- 11 Divisions elect Secretary.
- 11 Divisions elect Treasurer.
- 4 Divisions combine the office of Secretary-Treasurer. 3 elected.
- 19 Divisions require bond of Treasurer.
- 23 Divisions issue commissions.
- 23 Divisions report letters, telegrams and personal visits are used to have Camps report promptly.
- 23 Divisions report letters, circulars and request of the G. A. R. Post to gain new Camps.

22 Divisions report no court-martials during past year.
 23 Divisions report relation with the G. A. R., good.
 23 Divisions report relation with the W. R. C., good.
 23 Divisions report relation with the Ladies of the G. A. R.,
 good.

17 Divisions report relation with the S. V. Auxiliary, good.
 6 Divisions report no S. V. Auxiliaries.
 23 Divisions send reports to National Headquarters promptly.
 5 Division Headquarters were inspected at a cost of \$31.74.
 18 Division Headquarters were inspected at no expense to
 the Divisions.

The Division of Kentucky was the first to report, Nov. 29,
 1909, and the last report received was June 22, 1910.

The following is a consolidated report of the Division In-
 spectors reports of 18 Divisions:

Number of Camps in 18 Divisions reporting.....	758
Number of Camps in good standing.....	725
Number of Camps inspected.....	625
Number of Camps properly equipped.....	515
Number of Camps having necessary paraphernalia...	525
Number of Camps in which secret work is committed	259
Number of Camps keeping records and accounts cor- rectly	605
Number of Camps forwarded all reports.....	605
Number of Camps having roster complete.....	599
Number of Camps paid all dues to Headquarters....	621
Number of Camps having password and countersign	604
Number of members in good standing last quarter..	28438
Number members gained	4282
Number members suspended	3643
Number members dropped	1221
Number Camps not having By-Laws approved.....	145
Number Camps presenting badge to recruits.....	578
Number Camps audit accounts.....	505
Total value of Camp property.....	\$165177.00
Total indebtedness of Camps.....	\$773.00
Number of Camps not free from debt.....	22
Total amount invested.....	\$85298.00
Number of Camps having military companies.....	112
Number of Chaplains forward reports promptly....	551
Number in charge Memorial Day exercises.....	203
Number attending divine services Memorial Day....	576
Number having Ladies' Auxiliary.....	171
Number in harmony with G. A. R.....	589
Number observe Union Defenders' Day.....	460
Number Camps beneficial	199
Amount paid since Dec. 31st for sick benefits.....	\$20.00
Amount paid since Dec. 31st for death benefits.....	\$15808.00
Number of Camps attend funerals of members.....	425
Expended for relief of G. A. R. members.....	\$2350.00
Expended for relief of veterans.....	\$528.00
Expended for relief of members of Camps.....	\$137.00

This consolidated report is as near correct as it is possible to be made from the reports received, and in my opinion is of very little value or importance to the Order for the reason that so many inspections made in camp are made in such a way and by those who are not competent and some are unreliable and dilatory in their report that it is only a farce and a far better inspection report could be made from the records of Division Secretary and National Secretary books and reports, than is now possible under the laws of the Order and I believe it is my duty to recommend to this Encampment that the office of National Inspector be abolished, and that all parts of the C. R. & R. pertaining to inspection of Camps and Division Headquarters be stricken out. And I would further recommend that if this Encampment sees fit to retain the inspection of Camps and Division Headquarters, that the laws be so made that it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Camp Council and the Chairman of the Division Council to make said inspection under oath, and that no Camp or Division Commander shall be entitled to his past rank until such report shall be received at proper headquarters.

In closing my report I wish to thank you, Commander-in-Chief Pollitt, for the honor you conferred upon me in appointing me as a member of your staff and hope you will excuse the mistakes and shortcomings that have occurred during my term as National Inspector, and I wish to thank all the Brothers who have acted as Assistant National Inspectors and those who have in other ways assisted me in the work of these Headquarters, and I also wish to especially thank Brothers Abbott, Dustin and Hammer for their able assistance and advice during the past, and hope the members of the Order will forgive, if not forget, the mistakes I have made in trying to do my duty.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WILL F. JENKINS.

National Inspector.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

To the Hon. George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief, and to the Officers and Members of the 29th Encampment, S. V., U. S. A.
Dear Sirs and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit the following report of the work of National Patriotic Instructor and National Organizer.

In preparing this report, the first statistical and consolidated record of the Department of Patriotic Instructor, I have had the following indisputable proposition in mind, to wit: The Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is a Patriotic organization. Primarily it is not a military order, nor a beneficial order, not even a fraternal order in the strict interpretation of terms. In our declaration of principles we say that our objects are, among other things, to teach patriotism and true American history.

Therefore, accepting this declaration as the statement of our assumed and natural duties, our work is cut out for us. We are banded together to teach patriotism and American history.

Again, we are restricted in this lofty and unselfish purpose

and aim. For many years the order from which we take our rise, the Grand Army of the Republic, has stood as the embodiment of personified and practical patriotism, and because of their devotion to and sacrifices in behalf of the nation, their right to be recognized as the teachers of patriotism has remained undisputed. As the legal heirs of our fathers, we have assumed that we shall fall heir to the responsibility of seeing that the traditions, the teachings and the history of our fathers and of their comrades shall be continued for all time, or at least during the life of the Republic for which they paid the last full measure of devotion to preserve. In the accomplishment of this great purpose it was necessary that the department of Patriotic Instruction should be organized within our Order and essential that it should be patterned after that of the parent organization. It would seem presumptuous, at least during the life of the Grand Army of the Republic, for us to start out on independent lines of effort. In fact, so complete and comprehensive is their plan of procedure that it would appear as though little might be added to or taken from their method.

The armies of 1861 to 1865 saved the Union from dismemberment and forever settled the question, always a disputed point, producing the Nullification Act by South Carolina and culminating, naturally in the War of the Rebellion, that this is not a government of states but a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." As the victors in the arbitration of arms, they have the undisputed right to dictate the kind of an education the future citizen, whether native born or naturalized, shall receive in order that that which they saved may be preserved.

After our Order was a quarter of century old we, the sons of those men, assume the responsibility of directing, fashioning and moulding the thought of the nation along certain well defined patriotic lines.

In order to maintain our position and to win the respectful attention of the intelligent public we, like our fathers, must manifest our faith by our works.

Therefore, our aims must be high, our efforts unselfish and our methods practical.

We are safe in maintaining, at any cost, that the traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic must be preserved. That the flag which they loved shall be respected. That the history which they "writ large" with their own blood shall be correctly and truthfully taught and that the type of citizenship which they exemplified shall be magnified and exalted as the ideal pattern for all coming generations.

In order to accomplish so noble and lofty a destiny we ourselves must be intelligently informed and in the pursuit of this high aim the Department of Patriotic Instruction has arranged a plan for a course of patriotic instruction for the Camp room.

Programs will be prepared for Camps which require such, to be carried out under the direction of the Camp Patriotic Instructor, covering a period of time as long as may be desired. These programs, or courses of study if you please, will cover any period of the nations history, with suggestive topics for consideration and discussion under the head of the Good of the Order in the Camp room, and references and historical works

for study and research by brothers outside of the Camp room. Topics for short papers will be provided, which may be given to some comrade or brother for preparation, the subject then to be open for discussion. Teachers may be invited in, under such plans as may be devised by the Camp Patriotic Instructor, to deliver short addresses on some given subject germane to the topic for the evening.

Two great objects it is hoped, may be realized under this plan. The Camp may be made a most attractive resort on the meeting night and the members become intelligently interested in the nations history and heroes.

This increased interest and intelligence must result in a profound and active interest in the cause of patriotic instruction, our efforts will become more methodical and persistent and our achievements more marked and permanent. Then will be brought to pass the dream of the founders and true lovers of the Order of Sons of Veterans when we shall stand forth in the full glare of the twentieth century civilization as the exemplars and teachers of a lofty and self-sacrificing patriotism.

Under the plan adopted at the Washington, D. C. Encampment, last August, the duties of the National Patriotic Instructor were added to by investing him with the title of National Organizer.

With this added responsibility placed upon me I have honestly endeavored to do what could be done in this most difficult field.

Having no precedents to follow, and, as would be the case with any one appointed to this most difficult task whose time was otherwise occupied, the difficulties have been numerous and almost insuperable. Nevertheless, we can point to some good work actually accomplished, and much preliminary work done in several states.

What promises to become a strong and aggressive Camp has been mustered in in Detroit, and a past Commander-in-Chief restored to membership. A Camp at Waverly, Iowa, was also mustered in under the direction of the Division officers. In addition to visits made to several Divisions, notably Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Michigan and Wisconsin, special work was done in Lincoln, Neb.; Fond du Lac, Wis., and in about twelve cities and towns in South Dakota. In the latter state, after much time and effort and at the invitation of the Department officers of the Grand Army of the Republic, preliminary work was performed and a plan was outlined for a visitation to about twelve cities in that state. The week before the start was to be made, heavy snows fell throughout the northwest, blockading traffic, breaking up railway schedules and making extensive railway travel and keeping of dates a physical impossibility. This stormy condition prevailed until late in the winter. As the result to us all our plans for organization in that state proved abortive and we have not yet been able to secure anew the cooperation of the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Pollitt has already referred to the work of this department and therefore a further review would be superfluous.

That substantial gains to the Order have been realized as a result of many of our public meetings, camp visitations and patriotic addresses we are fully assured. Because of a want of a system of report blanks, which is under consideration and

preparation by National Secretary Hammer, there has been no method for obtaining a systematic report of gains resulting from these visitations. This will be corrected during the coming year.

A detailed report of the expenditure of the appropriation of \$500 for traveling expenses for the National Organizer will be submitted to the Council-in-Chief.

Seventeen Divisions reported in full. One Division reported by a letter.

National Patriotic Instructor: I wish to supplement my report by the following remarks, in regard to the blanks used in my department. These blanks were prepared from blanks used by the Grand Army of the Republic. There are questions there that cannot be answered. The idea is to carry on the work of that order, exactly as they have laid it out.

In addition to my formal report in regard to visiting South Dakota, I wish to say that I also had plans for carrying on the work this summer, but unfortunately I broke down, my work having been so heavy. I appreciate the difficulties under which I labored. Some of you know that my work as President of the Memorial University is somewhat burdensome. As you know, my first work in the Order must be for Memorial University. Whatever time I have after that is given to the Order. The past year has been a trying one. I realize that, perhaps, my work as National Organizer has been somewhat of a disappointment. I feel that under the circumstances and considering all the conditions you are reasonably satisfied with the results, although I confess that I do not feel fully satisfied as to actual returns. Difficulties have arisen which I think may be obviated if the plan suggested by the Commander-in-Chief for Division Organizers is carried out—then there will be some with whom the National Organizer can co-operate. There must be some way by which we can work harmoniously, and then a great stride in advance will be made, and this, I think, can be accomplished if the plan is followed, as suggested by the Commander-in-Chief.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: The Council-in-Chief have some matters which they wish to give further consideration to, and will ask permission to report later.

No objection being offered, permission was given the Council-in-Chief to make its report later on.

RECEPTION AND REFERENCE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

The roll of the Divisions was called, and the following Divisions submitted resolutions and communications:

California and Oregon, relating to change of name of the organization.

Iowa, relative to duties of National Secretary.

Illinois, relative to rituals.

Maine, recommending Camp Secretary be given past honors after three years service.

Massachusetts, recommending Australian system of balloting; remission dues Civil War veterans, who are members of the Order.

Ohio, amendments to Constitution and Laws; relative to duties of certain officers and headquarters.

DIVISIONS AND
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S

	Number schools flying the flag.	Number school rooms giving daily flag salutes.	Number schools giving Military Instruction.	Number schools having retired army officers.	Flags donated to schools during the year.	School children invited to Memorial Day exercises?	Sunday School invited to observe Memorial Sunday?	Did Governor recognize Flag Day?	Does State Superintendent of Public Instruction furnish manuals of patriotism?	Is there state law regulating use of flag in schools?	Any objectionable school histories in use?	What amount expended for Patriotic Instruction—July '09 to June 30, '10?	Have the interests of Memorial University been presented to camps?	What amount has been received for support of Memorial University?
Alabama and Tennessee O. W. Boutwell	no record	no record	no record	no record	no record	no	no	yes	no record	no record	yes	150 00	yes	none 189-10
Connecticut Chas. W. Roberts	245	370	3		75	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	146 50	12 Camps	93 00
Illinois Geo. B. Abbott	475	223	55	3	58	yes	yes no	no	no	no	yes	100 00	yes	176 35
Indiana Le Grand Meyer	75	12	21	11	48	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	715 00	yes	45 00
Iowa Prof. Fred D. Cram	very few	few	none rep't'd	none	none rep't'd	yes	yes	yes	e	no	no	none rep'ed	yes	none rep'ed
Kansas S. A. Foreman	48	13	1	7	61	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes	132 00
Maine C. E. Kendrick	4629	4629	6	1	none	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	131 30	yes	88 30
Massachusetts John D. Brooks	606	712	7	0	58	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	17 81	yes	82 43
Maryland Thos. H. Morgan	a	50 per cent	7	6	b	some places	most cases	no	no	c		none rep't'd	some Camps	100 00
Minnesota A. O. Allen	202	17	15	4	487	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	10 00	yes	24 00
Nebraska Geo. W. Heine	do not know	do not know	do not know	do not know	none	yes	no	I think so	do not know	I think not	do not know	3 30	yes	do not know
New Hampshire Linn E. Drummer	146	338	13	1	4	yes	yes	yes	yes	do not know	no	25 00	yes	21 00
New Jersey Alexander Edgar	all			some	a few	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	do not know	200 00	yes	13 15
New York Jullus W. Gogarn	all				55	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	750 00	yes	52 00
Pennsylvania Titus M. Ruch	5378	5680	481	3	134	83 yes 7 no	61 yes 29 no	no	no request	no	no	d	38 yes 33 no	317 40
Rhode Island Arthur B. Spink	400	300	none	none	f	yes	yes	no		no	no	can't tell	yes	100 00
Wisconsin R. E. Brown	19	7	149	2	1	6	yes	yes		no	no	330 00	yes	52 25

California and Oregon, Colorado and Wyoming, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Washington, no report. Vermont, partial report.
Maryland, (a) reports indicate all schools; (b) Baltimore reports 90,000 large and small, no figures given from other sections; (c) in Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia school or municipal regulation. Virginia, no information. Pennsylvania, (d) 20 camps \$793.50, 71 camps none. Iowa, (e) not this year. he issues manuals. Rhode Island, (f) done by G. A. R.

Pennsylvania, relative to per capita tax; abolishing commissions to officers.

The foregoing were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

California, urging next encampment at Los Angeles.

Connecticut, relative to gold cross for Charles R. Hale.

Massachusetts, restoration past rank to certain brothers.

Missouri, restoration past rank to certain brothers.

Pennsylvania, reinstatement of Camp No. 2; removal of disability of a brother; relating to War Governor bill; restoration past rank certain brothers; reinstatement of James A. Tawney; restoration to full membership of Camp No. 2.

Maryland, restoration past rank to Samuel M. Croft.

New Jersey, restoration past rank certain brothers.

New York, restoration past rank to certain brothers.

Rhode Island, relative to \$1 a day pension bill; relative to raising "Maine."

Several invitations for next Encampment.

The foregoing were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Pennsylvania, as to Harry Williams, of Camp No. 10.

Referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

New Jersey, relating to change in ritual.

Referred to Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Am I to understand that all appeals will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions?

Commander-in-Chief: Petitions already presented have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Relative to Philip R. Schuyler Camp; does that go to the Committee on Resolutions?

H. Edgar Sherts, of Pennsylvania: There were two communications presented—one was an appeal from a disbanded camp, and the other was an appeal against it being reinstated.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I want to be assured as to the proper reference of an appeal, as to what committee the appeal shall go. I am under the impression that special committee on appeal should be appointed. If the chair rules otherwise, I want to know to what committee an appeal goes.

Commander-in-Chief: If the appeal is from any decision made by an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief, the chair will rule that an appeal from his decision as Commander-in-Chief shall go to the Committee on Officers' Reports—appeals of that character.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: At the Pennsylvania encampment there was a resolution passed certifying certain matters to this encampment. That should have been attached to the appeal from Schuyler Camp. If that resolution is not here, the petitioner should not be responsible, nor should action on his case be deferred because of the neglect of the secretary of the division to certify it.

Commander-in-Chief: It seems to be a matter for discipline for Pennsylvania Division to consider.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Is the appellant to suffer? This case has been here time and time again—the Schuyler Camp case, and it should not be passed over because a division officer has failed to certify it.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: What is this Schuyler Camp case?

Commander-in-Chief: This is the Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, that was dishonorably discharged from the Order, by Commander-in-Chief Dustin, which action was ratified by the Commandery-in-Chief.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I rise to a point of order. Section 2, Article XX, of the Constitution, says that the Commandery-in-Chief shall act as a final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief, and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting. That action of Commander-in-Chief Dustin was ratified at the Peoria Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: The point of order is that this matter is not before us. The Commander-in-Chief so rules.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Then the appeal should go to the committee.

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: The resolution adopted at the Wilkes-Barre encampment was certified to and signed by myself as Division Commander and by the Division Secretary. I do not know where it is this minute. I only know that it was prepared and signed under the seal of the Division. The action taken was this: that the Division of Pennsylvania request the Commandery-in-Chief to reinstate former Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2 to full membership; it was drawn up in proper form. I understand the Division Secretary will reach here late this afternoon, and I would request the privilege of presenting this resolution to this body upon his arrival.

Commander-in-Chief: This case cannot be brought before this body in its present shape. The Division of Pennsylvania, I understand, adopted a resolution which you have heard explained by the Division Commander. On the face of things, the resolution as adopted is not complete. There must be some other method for the Division of Pennsylvania to get this Camp into the Order.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I don't understand that Camp 2, or the Pennsylvania Division, are claiming any irregularity. I move you that the matters in connection with Camp 2 of Pennsylvania be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania has asked for further time because the matter is not complete.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I do not dispute the correctness of the statements of Division Commander Sautter.

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: The only thing is that the original resolution, signed by the Division Commander and attested by the Division Secretary, is not here.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I will admit that this is a proper resolution passed by the Pennsylvania Division.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: This, then, contemplates the reopening of the Schuyler Camp case.

Commander-in-Chief: That will develop when it goes to the Committee on Resolutions. I am informed that is the full intent of the resolution. It will be referred to that committee.

Ralph Sheldon, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, I move

that when we take a recess we reconvene at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon; the G. A. R. parade will be over by that time.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint the following

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio; R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania;
George F. Woltz, of Nebraska; Charles R. Hale, of Connecticut;
A. W. Elliott, of New Hampshire.

Recess taken.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Rev. William A. Hallock, National Chaplain: We will have a selection from the orchestra.

Song, by the audience, "Nearer my God to Thee."

Invocation, by Rev. W. J. Patton, National Patriotic Instructor.

Mrs. Loretta V. Patton, National Chaplain, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Among the many common-place truths to be found in the Bible and which, the common-place are yet startlingly expressed, there is not one which forces itself more frequently upon the attention of all than that of the declaration of David to Jonathan; "There is but one step between me and death." It is because of this fact, and because of its universality, that we are gathered here today to reverently do honor to the memory of those of our sisters who, one year ago, were with us in the flesh.

The angel of sorrow, as ever of old, still has arrows enough for every living heart. Sooner or later, sorrow darkens every doorway. The music of multitudes of homes may be joyous for years, but an hour draws near when there steals in a change in the melody. This sad hour has come into the lives of members of our Auxiliary during the past year.

Of all the influences which work in our lives, perhaps there is none purer or stronger than the hand laid upon us by the unseen, the hand that we know. It is only when a mother dies that her children begin to truly understand what their mother was, and only after years when they look back on father, that they see and realize his excellence, his integrity, his manliness and his wisdom.

This is just as true in the case of our departed companions; while they are with us we little realized their worth, their true value to society, their real helpfulness in the great work for which we are banded together. How true it is that our chiefest treasurers are not valued until they are taken from us. These, our sisters and friends, have passed from us, but "how sweet their memory still," and though they are no longer with us in the flesh, yet they left with us the things which never dies. As Charles Dickens writes:

"Let nothing pass, for every hand
Must find some work to do:
Lose not a chance to waken love—
Be firm and just and true.
So shall a light that cannot fade
Beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices say to thee
These things shall never die."

So it is with our dear dead. They are living in their words

and works and in our memory—the only ones who are fully alive and know the meaning of things and the will of God most perfectly. There is nothing brings the unseen close save those who have gone to join the choir immortal.

It is in the faith and strength of this most comforting thought that Mrs. Sangster closes one of her poems with these stanzas:

“We, too, will go home over the river of rest,
As the strong and the lovely before us have gone.
Our sun will go down in the beautiful west,
To rise in the glory that circles the throne.
Until then we are bound by our love and our faith,
To the saints who are walking in Paradise fair;
They have passed beyond sight, at the touching of death,
But they live, like ourselves, in God’s infinite care.”

As we grow older the throng increases of those that have left us and passed behind the veil. There are some who begin to feel that most of their friends are on the other side. Some of our sisters have no doubt seen their dearest ones vanish out of sight, and they are walking the daily round of life with an unending pain in their hearts. It is to such that this memorial service should bring a word of comfort.

In a good sense our companions are not gone from us. The memory of what they were and did abide with us as a precious possession. We could not forget them if we would, and we would not if we could. The influence that they exerted upon us and the unselfish labors in behalf of others are permanent. Even now do they reach forth with invisible hands and sway our lives. May we emulate their example. May we seek to continue their good works. May we ever strive, like them, to fight the good fight of faith, so that we may expectantly hope to overtake those that have entered the Kingdom before us. Shall we not, then, in this Memorial Service, mentally inscribe on the tombstones of our departed ones the words selected by Mark Twain for the gravestone of his daughter—

“Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here.
Warm Southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie tight, lie light,
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.”

Selection by the Orchestra.

Song, by the audience, “Jesus Lover of my Soul.”

National Chaplain: Several divisions have lost brothers in the Sons of Veterans. We have heard from the Auxillary, and now we will be glad to hear from the Sons. We will now hear from the various divisions. The following comes from the Division of California and Oregon:

In compliance with your request I herewith send you the name of a dearly beloved brother, whom the Angel of Death has called from our midst since the last National Encampment. I refer to the first elective Division Commander of the California and Oregon Division, Brother Clarence J. Callahan, who departed this life on the 7th of November, 1909, aged 47 years. Past

Division Commander Clarence J. Callahan might justly be called the founder of the Sons of Veterans on this coast. A native of Ohio, he arrived in this city in July, 1884, from Topeka, Kansas, where he was a member of Old Abe Camp, S. of V. He lost no time in getting a sufficient number of the "boys" to start a camp, succeeding so well that through his efforts Lyon Camp No. 1, was mustered March 30, 1885, being at that time the first and only camp west of Colorado. At the first encampment of the California Division held at Los Angeles, California, in February 1887, Brother C. J. Callahan was elected Division Commander (or Colonel, as then called), which office he ably filled with credit to himself and the Division. During the long years from that date till his death he served the order faithfully and loyally, and although having filled all the higher offices in the order in California he never hesitated to fill the humblest camp office, in order to conserve the best interests of his camp or division. Notwithstanding the many "ups and downs" incident to the life of a new country he never lost faith in the Order, nor faltered in the work of upbuilding its principles. Being a natural orator, possessing a warm heart and a patriotic, Christian spirit, as well as a genial sociable disposition, he was ever appreciated by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Aside from his connection with the Order, Brother C. J. Callahan was a well-known mining engineer, metallurgist and chemist, and was a life member of the Southern California Academy of Science.—J. F. Mullin, Division Commander. Official, J. A. Medlar, Division Secretary.

W. P. Wilcox, of Kansas: Brother Albert Miller, of Camp No. 121 Kansas, died March 16, 1910, at Kipp, Kansas. He was born in 1859. His father, Philip Miller, served in the Rebellion; he enlisted in the 66th Indiana Volunteers, July 30, 1862, and was discharged June 30, 1865, by reason of expiration of term of service, having served 35 months. Brother Miller was mustered into Lookout Camp No. 121, Division of Kansas, April 25, 1889, and served the Camp as Quartermaster, 1st Sergeant and 2nd Lieutenant, performing all his duties faithfully.

National Chaplain: Maine Division has lost a prominent member, Col. Thomas G. Libby.

Edward K. Gould, of Maine: Col. Thomas G. Libby, president of the Lane-Libby Fisheries Co., of Vinalhaven, and one of the most prominent Grand Army men in the state, died at his home in Vinalhaven, Thursday forenoon, January 6, 1910, aged nearly 62 years. His condition for many months had been such as to cause the family and friends the gravest concern. Some weeks ago he rallied to such an extent as to cause renewed hope, although the malady with which he was afflicted was of the most critical character. A relapse followed and the patient sank rapidly to the end.

The courage and bravery with which he bore his sufferings were a part of that indomitable spirit which had possessed him as a mere lad to battle for his country's honor. His one thought was to spare his family from a knowledge of the ordeal through which he was passing. At 4 p. m. he summoned the family to the bedside to tenderly give them a last message and to express through them his love and good will for all whom he had known.

Thomas G. Libby was born in Lincoln, March 24, 1848, a son of Thomas S. Libby, a wheelwright. Thomas, junior, was

only 14 when the Civil War broke out. His parents naturally refused to heed his pleadings that he might join the host, but his mother finally gave her consent with the understanding, unknown to him, that the medical examiner would not admit him.

But young Libby was not to be balked in that manner, and got a new set of papers, in which his age was given as 18. The boy enlisted in Co. A of the 18th Maine regiment, afterward known as the First Maine Heavy Artillery, in June, 1862, and was mustered in August 21 of that year. At Petersburg he was in the thick of the fighting and lost part of one of his hands, besides receiving a flesh wound in the left leg. The date of his discharge was April 21, 1865. He went from the City Point hospital to hospitals in New York and Rhode Island, and finally to the Cony hospital in Augusta, where he received his discharge.

The Lane-Libby Fisheries Co. is one of the largest wholesale fish firms in New England and the only one in the whole country, which carries on the same combination of industries represented by it and its allied companies. Its goods are marketed to all parts of the United States, and to the West Indies.

Colonel Libby served five years on the school board and had been a trustee of the public library since it was established. During the second administration of Governor Cobb he represented the fifth district as a member of the Executive Council, and a high estimate was placed upon the value of his services. He was one of the commissioners who had charge of erecting Maine's monument to her soldiers who died in the rebel prison at Salisbury, N. C.

Colonel Libby was a charter member of Lafayette Carver Post, G. A. R., and had served as its commander. T. G. Libby Camp, Sons of Veterans, was named for him, and he was a past colonel of the Maine Division, Sons of Veterans. He had been junior vice commander of the Maine Department G. A. R., and served on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Russell A. Alger. He had been president of the 1st Maine Heavy Artillery Association and was an honorary member of the 19th Maine regiment. One of his favorite organizations was the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Association, of Boston. He was a member of Moses Webster Lodge, F. A. M., Atlantic Chapter, R. A. M., and De Valois Commandery, and had held offices in all three organizations, serving as treasurer of the chapter many years, being succeeded by his son, Thomas E. Libby.

The news of Colonel Libby's death brings sorrow wherever it will be heard. He was always a favorite in the gatherings of patriotic organizations, and his genial manner, jolly smile and hearty handclasp earned him a welcome wherever he appeared. As a citizen of Vinalhaven he has had much to do with that town's welfare and progress, and as such he will be mourned by the entire island.

Colonel Libby was married in 1869 to Margaret A., daughter of Edwin Lane; she survives, together with their four children, Thomas E., Charles S., Mrs. Ernest E. McIntosh, and Mrs. Fred W. Morong, all of whom reside at Vinalhaven. There are five surviving brothers; A. P., V. E. and Frank Libby, of Lincoln, Orlando of California, and Alvin of Oregon.

Colonel Libby organized and was a charter member of Thomas G. Libby Camp, No. 29, Vinalhaven, which was mustered June 10, 1884. He was elected and installed 1st Lieutenant, having declined the captaincy. Later he served the camp as its com-

mander. Although the camp surrendered its charter some years later, Colonel Libby transferred to Anderson Camp No. 7, Rockland, where he continued his membership until the camp reorganized under the name of Gettysburg Camp, No. 13, when he rejoined and continued a member thereof until his death.

At the 5th Annual Encampment of the Maine Division, held at Rockland, May 4, 1887, Brother Libby was chosen Division Commander and he brought to the position the earnestness, zeal and fine executive ability which had won for him unusual success in the business world. He paid an indebtedness of \$55 and turned over the Division to his successor with a gain of 9 camps and 381 members, and available assets amounting to \$101.94. He purchased a fine sword and belt and offered it to the camp making the largest gain in membership during his term. This trophy was won by Shepley Camp No. 4, Portland, and is still cherished as one of its most valued possession; now that its honored donor is dead it will have an added value.

Colonel Libby always retained a lively interest in the Order, occasionally taking time from an active business life to attend the Encampments and always holding in the highest regard the friendships he had formed in the Order. He believed in the Order and thought it was worthy of his time and effort. Everything of a patriotic nature could always depend upon his support and encouragement. The Maine Division has met with a loss in his death that cannot be filled, and the memory of his kindly deeds and cheerful companionship will linger so long as his associates in the Maine Division remain.

Nation Chaplain: I understand the New Jersey Division has lost one or two members of which special mention might be made.

Commander-in-Chief: Chaplain Hallock, Brothers and Sisters. I wish to speak of two members of my Camp, Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8., William H. Brierly and Albert W. Serven. It is not often that we have a death in Camp 8, of Paterson. During the current year we have had two. Both of these brothers were contented to serve in the ranks; to parade with us on Memorial Day, and perform other simple duties that we are all expected to take part in. Brother Brierly held the position of First Sergeant; a good faithful brother, and after he went out of office he was a regular attendant at meetings; also regular in attendance upon special functions, and prompt in the payment of dues, and in many other ways he showed his love for the Order. Brother Serven never aspired to any office. He was modest and retiring, and did not seem inclined to push himself along; he attended the meetings, however. These two brothers are the type of the great body of our membership. They are the backbone of the organization. They served their purpose, and it is such as these that hold the organization together and are the means of making it strong. It seems proper that we should say a few words in behalf of these two brothers. Probably their relatives do not know that their names are to be mentioned at this time, but their loss is sincerely mourned by Camp 8.

National Chaplain: Pennsylvania also has lost a brother, Past Commander Vandegrift.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to say as to Brother Vandegrift; he was the first camp commander in our Order; thus he was the ranking past commander of our organization. In all that

time he was one of the most active, energetic members. At the breaking out of the war his father went to the front, and Brother Vandegrift was left with his mother. She performed her part in taking care of the family, working hard to keep it together, in order that he might have an education. On the day of Brother Vandegrift's funeral the demonstration was remarkable for size and for the distance many brothers traveled in order to attend.

Division Secretary W. B. McNulty presented the following:

Past Captain Lewis E. Vandegrift, who died on Friday evening, August 5, 1910, came from a family whose love of country was especially noted. The brother was born on December 27, 1857, in Philadelphia, Pa., and when Brother Vandegrift was four years of age his father, Horatio Vandegrift, enlisted in Company B, 67 Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for the preservation of the Union; shortly after the enlistment of the father, an elder brother enlisted in the 29th Pennsylvania Regiment of Volunteers, and almost at the completion of each others service to the country, the father received a soldier's burial at Culpepper Court House, Va., and the brother soon followed, he having been killed at the battle of Lookout Mountain. This practically left the mother, Mrs. Ellen Vandegrift, with a home destroyed by the horrors of war, and with a small child to work and provide for; after a struggle to keep the home together, the mother was forced by circumstances to place Brother Lewis Vandegrift in the Chester Springs Soldiers' Orphans School; after serving the prescribed time for the education of soldiers' orphans, he was honorably discharged from this institution.

In the fall of the year 1878, Brother Vandegrift became interested and took an active part in the work of forming and organizing what was then known as the Cadet Corps of Sons of Veterans of the Civil War of 1861-65, the objects of which were to perpetuate the history and work of the veteran soldier for the preservation of the Union of States, and by common consent the Corps was to act as an auxiliary to Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G. A. R., of Philadelphia; after a number of preliminary meetings, the Camp or Corps was finally instituted on April 24, 1879, with sixteen charter members, the majority of whom were graduates of the same soldiers' orphans school, and their election for permanent officers made Brother Vandegrift their first captain without a dissenting vote.

The work of recruiting for the Corps, as well as helping to organize other camps or corps, was pushed by Brother Vandegrift, and in a short time he had the pleasure of seeing the results of his labors and an Order grow around him that now numbers into the thousands and whose objects are the grandest in the land.

Past Captain Lewis Vandegrift has been active in the interest of our Camp at all times and has accepted and filled many offices of honor and trust in the Camp. His attendance at meetings were regular, except in the case of illness. He may have made mistakes in life but, in the main, he was faithful, and honorable, and he was a worker in the cause. His highest ambition in life was to see the Order of Sons of Veterans outnumber all other fraternal Orders. Some day, perhaps, the Order as an order may recognize his worth and erect over his last resting place a suitable shaft to commemorate his work.

National Chaplain: The Division of Vermont has also met

with a serious loss. We would be glad to hear from Division Commander Tuller.

Fred V. Tuller, of Vermont: We have lost several from our Division; two within a few days. Brother Fred Ellsworth Goss died during the past year; he was treasurer and at the time of his death secretary and member of the Division Council, and delegate to the encampment in 1909. He was prompt in attending meetings and in the payment of dues. He was a good brother—an ideal brother. The Grim Reaper took him from us while he was in the prime of life. Brother Goss was for a number of years a member of the Congregational Church.

National Chaplain: We are especially fortunate today in having with us Miss Donna Belle Elder, who is teacher of oratory and dramatic art in Memorial University, and she will now give us a reading.

Reading, an abridgement from Edward Everett Hale's "A Man without a Country," Miss Donna Belle Elder.

National Chaplain: I am sure that we are very grateful for this reading. Our time is passing rapidly. Let me say a word in regard to those who have gone. 176 of the brothers have passed away within the past year, and were it not for the fact that we have an expectation of something beyond the grave, this thought would fill us with a sadness which would be uncontrollable, but when we look and see life and then see it blossoming out in its largeness into a greater life, that which sometimes seems to turn a soul deeply into sorrow has within the light of victory. What is life? Life is that span, as we think of it, which is given us here, and in which we may serve, and the service of our fellow man is as part of life only. The service of the higher ends of life come in the service of Him who gave us life with which to serve. Life has a purpose, and the nearer we get the more we realize the greatness of that purpose. Sometimes in our youth, in our boyhood, we think little of the purpose of life, but as the years begin to weigh upon us we feel more keenly that if we are going to make the best of life we must take every opportunity it gives to us. There is a plant on one of the prairies which, we are told, whatever way the wind blows or however fast the rain may fall or whatever may be the condition of the atmosphere, that plant always points in one direction. It is the plant which makes it possible for the individual who is lost to know the direction in which he should go. It is a compass, as it were. So in life you and I must have a supreme and a commanding purpose, and that, brothers, must be so supreme and so commanding that whatever the trials, the sufferings and the joys of life may be, it will lead us in one direction, and that direction is the direction towards the greatest usefulness that is possible for us here in life. Some of our loved ones have finished their course. They have dropped out while they were yet young. And I doubt not that as they came towards the end of life that they thought to themselves, what, after all, has my life been. Is it not true that you and I, looking upon our own lives and sometimes looking upon the lives of others, are something like the one who looks at the weaver as he weaves the cloth and looking at the pattern, says, "What a homely thing that is," and says to the weaver, is it possible you are spending your time and energies on such a thing as that. Perhaps we go back in a few days and

see the weaver still casting the shuttle back and forth, and again say, "Can it be possible that you are spending your time on so homely a thing as that." The shuttle is cast for the last time. The weaver takes the cloth from off the reel, and on the other side from the side from which we have been looking he reveals to us a pattern that is beautiful beyond compare. Sometimes I think that we, in the race of life, look upon one another and upon ourselves and think harshly of the things that seem to be to us the homeliness and the roughness of life; but at the same time the Divine Architect is saying to us, "Wait, wait," and by and by, when you and I reach the heavenly shore, there will be revealed to us in the characters of those who have gone before something beautiful, while in life we may have seen imperfections. So it is worthy of us in looking upon those who have gone before, and looking upon their good qualities, that we console ourselves as we sorrow that they have been taken from us so soon, and as we shed a tear in sympathy with those who especially mourn, that we conserve the powers within our own lives and make the best possible that we can out of our own lives. We must, therefore, have the highest and noblest aims, and must put the best of ourselves in the accomplishment of the reaching of our highest ideals. Do you realize why it was that the Civil war was fought for so long without victory, and why it seemed that for the first two years the South was going to win from greater numbers of the North? May I recall to you that fact, that upon the first day of January, 1863, the man who sat in the Presidential chair, whose heart was as large as the whole United States, put his pen to that document, the Emancipation Proclamation, and thus consecrated himself and his country to the Almighty God. Did you ever notice that after his signature was affixed to that document, when Bragg was on one side with his 100,000 men, and Rosencranz on the other with his great army, facing each other; that after the signing of that proclamation—from that time—victory perched almost always on the banner of those who finally won? And why, because there was no reserve, and because the Government, beginning at the President and down to the very last soldier, had been consecrated to the very highest cause that could be conceived of. And so, you and I are called upon to give of ourselves the very best that we have in patriotic love and devotion for the advancement of this country and for the glory of the God to whom they have gone, who have gone on before. I read a little article not long since that struck me very forcibly: A young man had become engaged to a beautiful young lady. He loved her and felt sure he had her love in its purity and strength. He went to a jewelry store to find a suitable diamond which he might present to her. There were shown him several beautiful stones. One of them was considerably cheaper than others of the same size. "Why is this so cheap—so much cheaper than the others, when it seems to be of such fine water," he asked. The jeweler said, "No person would know it, but an expert, but in one place in the middle of that diamond there is a little flaw;" the jeweler also said, "She would never know of it." The young man handed the diamond back to the jeweler, and said, "Do you think for one moment that I would purchase for that pure woman, who promised to be my bride, a diamond which has within its heart a flaw." Dear friends, in patriotic love and devotion to our country, let us not present to our coun-

try anything else than the purest, the strongest, the best, the most Christian, if you will, service and lives. We remember those who have gone before, and the highest honor we can pay to them is to follow them with lives such as this.

Solo, by Captain Ralph A. Patton.

Benediction, by Rev. Walter J. Patton.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Encampment resumed at 3:30 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, September 21, 1910, with Commander-in-Chief Pollitt in the chair.

National Inspector reported all present entitled to remain.

Committee on Credentials made a further report, giving the names of those which had been presented since the committee reported last.

Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received and the brothers whose names have been read be seated. (Names appear in the roll-call).

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary then read the following telegrams:

"Providence, R. I., Sept. 21, 1910.

Horace H. Hammer,

National Secretary, Sons of Veterans, Hotel Rudolf.

Greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief from General A. E. Burnside Camp No. 5.
WM. H. McCORMACK, Commander."

"New York City, Sept. 20, 1910.

Sons of Veterans,

Hotel Rudolf, Atlantic City.

Greetings from allied camps and auxiliaries, New York.
M. ROHSCHILD, President."

"Findlay, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1910.

George W. Pollitt,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Rudolf Hotel.

Please convey my greetings to the National Encampment now in session; also my regrets. Hope you will have a harmonious and successful meeting and accomplish much for the good of the order at large. Ohio has a new camp at Ethel; twenty-seven members.

J. D. BARNETT, Secretary,
Ohio Division."

"Greetings from the Valley Forge Monument Association."

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of Committee on Military Affairs, Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, Chairman:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21, 1910.

The Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir:—

I have the honor to submit my report as Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as follows:

On March 7, 1910, the Acting Adjutant General of the Sons of Veterans Reserve submitted the following recommendation for amendments to the regulations governing the Reserve:

First: That there be added to the last paragraph of Section 1, Article I, the words, "Provided, that a Captain will not be commissined for a command of less than twenty-six men.

Second: That for the first and second paragraphs of Section 7, Article I, there be substituted as follows: "States wherein a Brigade organization is impracticable shall be termed "Departments." The Department Commandant may be—

a. designated from among the field officers of the Department by the Chief-of-Staff, or

b. elected, analagous to brigade commandants of grade appropriate to the strength of the Department, or

c. if an election is impracticable, appointed by the Chief-of-Staff.

Department commandants shall exercise the functions prescribed herein for Brigade commandants, under the supervision of the Chief-of-Staff, and subject to his orders, and shall be entitled to the appointment of such staff officers, of appropriate grade, as may be necessary to transact the business of the Department.

These recommendations were referred, in due form, to the Commander-in-Chief, who approved the same, and on the 29th day of July, 1910, were returned to the Acting Adjutant General.

Fully appreciating the high honor conferred upon this committee, and the importance of careful consideration by this committee of all proposed amendments, I respectfully recommend that in the appointment of the committee for the current year consideration be given to members of our Order who have had military training and experience.

With best wishes for your success in all your undertakings, I am

Respectfully and fraternally,
E. R. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report— no objection being offered, it will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. We will now have the report of the special committee relative to the proposition of the "Maine" Monument Association, Past Commander-in-Chief Arthur B. Spink, Chairman:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO "MAINE" MONUMENT ASSOCIATION.

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 20, 1910.

Hon. George W. Pollitt,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Commander:—

The Committee appointed by you concerning the feasibility of the Sons of Veterans participating in the erection of a monument to the officers and crew of the Battleship "Maine," who lost their lives in the harbor of Havana, Cuba, in February, 1898, members desiring to subscribe to a fund to provide therefor, has the honor to report as follows:

After diligent correspondence with Admiral Sigsbee, President of the Maine Monument Association, Mrs. Dunlop and Mrs. Allyn K. Capron, National Secretaries, have been informed that no steps will be taken by that association at the present time looking to the collection of such a fund, inasmuch as the Congress of the United States has appropriated the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of raising the "Maine," and it is the intention of those interested to avail themselves of the mast heads of the vessel, to be used and placed in Arlington Cemetery as a monument to those who lost their lives as above.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. SPINK, Chairman,

CHAS. A. SIDMAN,

HARRY E. PENNELL.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received, ordered printed in the proceedings, and the committee discharged with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the special committee on feasibility of installing a memorial stone in the Washington Monument, Past Division Commander Edward K. DePuy, Chairman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING A MEMORIAL STONE IN THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

Atlantic City, N. J. Sept. 20, 1910.

Commander-in-Chief George W. Pollitt, and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brothers:—

The Special Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, in compliance with the action of the 28th Annual Encampment, to look into the question of the feasibility of installing a memorial stone in the Washington Monument in the name of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., begs leave to report as follows:

The members of the Committee, as appointed, are as follows:

Edward K. DePuy, Past Division Commander, Maryland Division.

Edwin C. Irelan, Past Division Commander, Maryland Division.

Daniel W. McNeill, Past Commander of Camp No. 8, Division of New Jersey.

Immediately after the appointment of the committee, the Chairman, or first named member, communicated with the other members of the committee, and as he was on the ground, so to speak, he was authorized to take the matter up.

A communication was addressed to Colonel Spencer Cosby, U. S. A., in charge of Public Buildings and Grounds, Washington, D. C., asking what steps should be taken to bring about such an installation. Colonel Cosby replied by saying he had no authority in the matter, and that the U. S. Congress alone, subject to the approval of the President, could authorize a memorial stone to be placed in the monument.

Subsequently, the chairman visited Colonel Cosby in person, and asked if he would object to a bill if it were introduced in Congress. He replied that he would not, but that any stone that would be installed, or any tablet of whatever material should and must be approved by the War Department, and the method of installing same would also have to be approved by the same authority.

Your committee, therefore, suggests that it is feasible to install such a memorial, providing Congress shall grant the authority.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD K. DEPUY.

EDWIN C. IRELAN,

D. W. McNEILL,

Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report. What is the pleasure of the Encampment? Brother McNeill, who originated the movement, is present, but not being a delegate he is not authorized to speak on the floor of the Encampment.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that Brother McNeill, of New Jersey, be given the floor.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother McNeill will have the floor.

D. W. McNeill, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers; I wish that I had been given a little notice that I was to speak on this subject. When I visited the Washington Monument I noticed that different organizations had placed memorials in the monument, and I thought it would be a nice thing if the Order of Sons of Veterans would add its tribute to the memory of General Washington, and the more I thought of it the more I thought something ought to be done. I then presented the matter to my Camp. The Camp thought well of it, and approved it; the Camp's action was approved by the Division officers, and a resolution was submitted to your honorable body last year at Washington. I think this organization could not do a better thing than to have a tablet erected there.

Edward K. DePuy, of Maryland: Colonel Cosby, in the conversation I had with him, stated that the best thing would be a bronze tablet, or possibly a stone. In any event the tablet or stone could not be more than two inches thick. Either could be fastened to the stones now in the monument by bolts.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I don't think that the cost will be very great, and I suggest the propriety of continuing this committee. It would seem to me that a resolution or bill could be introduced in Congress and passed without much trouble. For that reason I think the committee should be continued for another year, with instructions to use their best efforts towards securing the necessary legislation and also to ascertain the cost.

F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland: It is quite a difficult thing to get Congress to act in such matters. It is the work of a year or two, or may be a half dozen years, and there is always more or less expense attached to it.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I cannot understand why there should be any great expense in securing this legislation. Certainly we have enough influential members in Congress to get such a bill through. I think it is worth the effort. It would give us some advertising.

Robert C. Woerner, of New Jersey: Has any member here any idea how much a bronze tablet would cost. I don't know what it is worth. A certain fraternal order to which I belong paid \$1000 for a memorial tablet three by four, containing the names of about seventy-five deceased brothers. A plaster of Paris model has to be made, costing about \$200, without the bronze. I think the committee ought to be discharged.

B. J. Northcott, of Maryland: I have had experience in connection with procuring a mural tablet. The survivors of the 73rd Regiment of Infantry, Illinois, undertook to put up such a tablet. I was on the committee to have the work done in Washington. We had a mural tablet put up on a simple slab, with inscriptions and emblems, in the shape of stars, olive branch and so on—a mural tablet prepared by one of the best artists in Washington which cost less than \$300, and it was a work of art.

Commander-in-Chief: I suppose many of those present have seen the Gettysburg speech tablet. They are sold for \$129. There were a number of those made, of course; that reduces the cost. I think as Brother Speelman does, the more notice we take of ourselves the better it is for the Order.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: It will do no harm to investigate this matter, and then report to our Encampment next year. They can let us know what it will cost; then we can authorize an appropriation.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the committee be continued, and that they be authorized to use their best efforts to get a bill passed, and to ascertain the probable cost.

The motion was seconded.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I just wanted to ask this question. If this committee is to do any work it will probably be put to some expense.

John Collins, of Rhode Island: It occurs to me that we should not ask Congress before we find out what the expense will be and before we know if the Sons of Veterans want to go to the expense. I think the proper thing for us to do is to find out how much we want to expend before we ask Congress.

Commander-in-Chief: The committee will look after that first.

(Question called).

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to assume the chair temporarily.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The next business to come before this encampment is the reports of committees. Are there any committees ready to report?

E. W. Estes, of New York: The Committee on Resolutions is ready to make a partial report. I move that in considering the report, unless there is objection, each section of the report be adopted, as read.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

E. W. Estes, of New York: The partial report is as follows:

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 21, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submits the following partial report:

The Pennsylvania Division presents the following resolution:

HEADQUARTERS PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

August 27, 1910.

The Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment of
the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the 30th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, S. V., U. S. A.:

Whereas, The Conference of Loyal Governors held at Altoona, Sept. 24th and 25th, 1862, and the address of President Lincoln endorsing his Emancipation Proclamation, and pledging the Moral and Material Support of the States represented at the Conference, viz: Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Maine, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, New Hampshire, Michigan, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Connecticut had a salutary effect on the Nation at Large and gave great encouragement to the Armies in the Field, and

Whereas, The Historian, J. Russell Young declares that this conference was the "Most Important Civil Event of the War Period," while Alexander McClure quotes the Vice President of the Confederacy, Alex. H. Stephens, as saying that "The Altoona Conference of Loyal Governors sounded the Death Knell of the Confederacy," and

Whereas, Lt. S. C. Potts Post 62, Department of Pennsylvania, has inaugurated a movement to properly commemorate this important event, which movement is endorsed and aided by Fred. C. Ward, Post 463, G. A. R., the Union Veteran Legion, the Sons of Veterans and other Patriotic Orders, and has succeeded in having a bill offered by the Hon. J. M. Reynolds, M. C., for the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, in which the Government is asked to contribute the sum of \$50,-

000.00 toward the erection of a Memorial at Altoona. Therefore be it

Resolved. That the Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., do heartily endorse the movement so inaugurated and pledge itself to urge the passage of a bill at the next Legislative Session carrying an Appropriation commensurate with the interests which the States should show in a movement which will honor her celebrated War Governor, Andrew Gregg Curtin, by whose patriotic effort the Conferees were gathered together, and be it further

Resolved. That the Encampment favors the passage of a resolution at the National Encampment calling on the Encampments of the States taking part in the Altoona Conference to endorse the action of the Encampment of Pennsylvania, and calling for such interest to be brought to bear on the legislature of the various States as shall insure the passage of appropriation bills to the end that a fitting Memorial may be erected to the honor of the States above mentioned and to the Noble Men who, at the time of the Nation's darkest hour of need, came together at Altoona to encourage the President and the Armies in the Field.

Fraternally submitted,

(signed) JOHN E. SAUTTER.

Attested:

(signed) W. B. McNULTY.

Division Secretary.

Division Commander.

(Division Seal).

Your Committee approves of this resolution and recommends that it be endorsed by the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Rhode Island Division offers the following:

Resolved. That the Rhode Island Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in annual Encampment assembled respectfully petition Congress to take favorable action on House Resolution 12,390, being a bill presented by Congressman J. A. M. Adair providing for a pension of thirty dollars per month for all honorably discharged persons who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the late Civil war, or sixty days in the war with Mexico.

Resolved. That a copy of said resolution be forwarded to Congressman Adair B. Capron and William P. Sheffield with the request that they present the same to Congress and urge the passage of said pension bill.

Resolved. That the delegates from this Division to the National Encampment to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., in September next, be instructed to present to said encampment and use their best endeavors to secure its passage, a resolution praying Congress to enact the Adairs pension bill House Resolution 12, 390.

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Hon. J. A. M. Adair at Washington, D. C.
(Division Seal).

Your Committee concurs in the passage of this resolution.

The resolution offered by Lincoln Camp No. 7, Division of New York, commending the action of a certain congressman is not approved by the majority of your Committee because said

gentleman is a candidate for a high political office in that state and it was believed that favorable action by this Commandery-in-Chief might be misconstrued. Under the circumstances your Committee would request permission not to read the resolution in question.

Your Committee has received invitations from the Division of California to hold the next National Encampment in Los Angeles, providing the next session of the Grand Army is held there; also one from the Conventions Bureau of St. Louis and from Henry Lomb Camp No. 100, Division of New York, in behalf of Rochester, N. Y., inviting us to meet in those cities in 1911.

We have taken no action on these invitations, however, in view of the resolution adopted at the last session of the Commandery-in-Chief, held in Washington.

In giving consideration to the petitions from various divisions asking for the restoration of past Camp Commander's honors, your Committee has been influenced by what seems to have been the rule heretofore; namely: that a division is the best judge of the merits of cases of this kind and that it could safely be left to it. We also realize that owing to laxity in carrying out our laws in past years, the rules regarding notices of proposed disbandment of camps, the delivery of division transfer cards, etc., have not always been properly observed and many worthy past Camp Commanders lost their honors accordingly. We trust that this encampment will approach this subject in the same spirit of liberality and fraternity which has characterized former sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Division of Connecticut requests that past Camp Commander's honors be restored to John S. Gallagher, a member of Camp 49.

Approved by your Committee.

Your Committee also recommends like action in the following cases:

From New Jersey Division.—John L. Harrison, William F. Durham, Alfred Botticher, Charles P. Irwin, Benj. H. Ford Millard F. Feltley, Albert C. Harrison, Jr., all members of Camp 16 of that division.

From Massachusetts Division.—Frank E. Hobart, Camp 67; Charles A. Higgins, Camp 9, of that division.

From Rhode Island Division.—Charles E. Thurber, Willis Beattie and Alton L. Pierce, all members of Camp 9 of that division.

From Missouri Division.—John C. George, Camp 47; William L. Bowers, Camp No. 35, of that division.

From Maryland Division.—Samuel M. Croft, Camp 2 of that division.

From Pennsylvania Division.—Emery E. West and James T. Young, Camp 14 of that division.

From New York Division.—George L. McIntyre, Camp No. 65; Edward Trenchard, Gustav Zimmerman, William H. E. Jay, Wm. Emory Pettit, Charles F. Murphy, all members of Camp 140; F. W. H. Jackson and C. W. Herrick of Camp 75, of that division.

THE LEE STATUE IN WASHINGTON.

Two resolutions upon the above subject offered to your Committee by individual members of the Order have had our consideration. They vary in character and include conclusions and suggestions which your Committee is unwilling to endorse. The resolutions are informal and we do not feel obliged to present them for your consideration.

Your Committee agrees that the placing of a statue in the capitol, clothed in the emblems of the lost cause, was unfortunate and improper and that some legal means should be found for its removal.

(signed)

E. W. ESTES, Chairman.
A. G. LOYD,
H. C. SPRINGSTON,
A. I. VESCELIUS.

When the committee's report in regard to invitations to hold the next encampment was read, W. B. Moynihan, of New York, asked whether the adoption of the committee's report would prevent further action in regard to the matter later on during the Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the question of the place for holding the next encampment would come up under "New Business."

When the resolution in regard to restoring the rank of Past Commander to Samuel M. Croft, of Lincoln Camp No. 2, of Maryland Division, was read, Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, and Francis E. Cross, of Maryland Division, objected to the adoption of the report of the committee, on the ground that the brother, who had formerly been a member of Cushing Camp No. 30, was indebted to that camp when he was dropped.

E. F. Warner, of Maryland: As the Commander of the Division, I wish to state that this matter was submitted to the last encampment of the Division and the resolution was unanimously passed.

After some discussion the chair said—

Commander-in-Chief: This is simply a question of restoring past rank to a brother, and his Division has asked for it.

E. W. Estes, of New York: It seems to me that this question is very simple. The Constitution provides that when a brother is dropped by his old camp he can be readmitted. The question of the justice or injustice of that section is not properly before us today. The only question is, is he now a member of the Order in accordance with the usages of this Commandery-in-Chief. The brothers of the Maryland Division had their day in court, and if their division passed the resolution it is a thing we have nothing to do with now. I move that the report of the committee on the adoption of the resolution from Maryland Division be approved.

The motion was seconded.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: It seems to me that the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions is, by inference, undertaking to shut out a hearing on the merits of this case, some of the brothers of the Maryland Division who were not

present at the division encampment. This case cannot be tried in the Maryland Division encampment; here is the one place where it can be heard; this encampment is the only body that can restore the rank to the brother. It is pertinent whether he has paid his indebtedness to his old camp. True, as the Chairman suggested, he had the right to come in as a member. The Constitution gives him no further right. This encampment has from time to time, as a matter of course, favored restoration of past rank that has been lost through some misfortune. But in all such cases coming before this body the applicant must come with clean hands, and when the Maryland brothers come before this encampment and protest that before his past rank be restored to him he discharge his obligation to his old camp, it seems to me they should be considered, and I believe that before his past rank is restored he should square up with his old camp—at least the money that has been advanced out of the treasury for him to keep his membership. I am, therefore, opposed to the motion of Brother Estes.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I rise to ask for information, as to what part of the Constitution provides that a brother who has been dropped by one camp can, at his pleasure and disposition, go into another camp as a new brother?

Commander-in-Chief: The Constitution is silent on that point. The inference is that it is not prohibited.

E. W. Estes, of New York: We did have a provision in the old constitution that a man could not join a new camp until he had paid a certain sum, I think it was one year's dues. Then, in our wisdom, we decided to cut that out of the new constitution.

The previous question was called, and seconded by the Division, and the motion put.

The motion was agreed to.

When the committee's report concerning the two resolutions in regard to the Lee Statue in the House of Representatives, Washington, was read, the National Patriotic Instructor asked what would be the result if the recommendation was adopted.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I would like to say, personally, and for the committee, that we feel that we are on dangerous ground. Personally I do not think we should go into this matter any further than the committee has already done. The report of the committee is, in a measure, a compromise, but it is the committee's unanimous report; I trust that it will be accepted. The committee decided not to bring the two resolutions before the encampment, as they were presented by two individuals.

National Patriotic Instructor: At the "Camp Fire" last night I was asked what action would likely be taken relative to the Lee Statue. The comrade who asked me the question said he hoped that the Sons of Veterans would ignore the question, because the country at large was divided on the question, seeing that the statue is already installed there. I therefore move that this part of the report be expunged.

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief assumed the chair.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I am really in sympathy with the motion as made by the National Patriotic Instructor.

L. W. Friedman, of Alabama and Tennessee: For the purpose of having this question argued, I wish to second the motion of Brother Patton.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Was this the unanimous action of the committee?

E. W. Estes, of New York: It was; we felt that we were treading on dangerous ground, and yet we felt that we must make a report.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Is there not before this body a certain resolution from the Pennsylvania Division relative to the action taken by that division at its last encampment?

E. W. Estes, of New York: The committee has none.

Edgar Allan, Jr., of Maryland: I move the previous question. This is the first time I have said anything in this Encampment. It is admitted by the chairman of this committee that he does not desire discussion of this question, and the object of the report was to prevent discussion. I say that a body of this character should not attempt to discuss a matter which Congress has refused to take action on.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I submit a point of order—I have the floor.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: The point of order is sustained.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I feel that I would like to read the resolution.

H. Edgar Sherts, of Pennsylvania: I rise to a point of order. I think above all things we ought to be very careful and conduct this meeting strictly on parliamentary grounds—the previous question has been moved, properly seconded and should be put.

E. W. Estes, of New York: The previous question is not before the house until it is made by some brother who is recognized by name, and seconded by two brothers recognized by name, which was not done.

R. H. Dexter, of Rhode Island: I rise to a point of order. Is this a report of a committee or a personal report?

H. Edgar Sherts, of Pennsylvania: I insist that the chair make a ruling on my point of order.

Frank A. White, of Maryland: I don't believe that there are half a dozen people in the house who know what the previous question is.

H. Edgar Sherts, of Pennsylvania: I ask the chair to rule on my point of order.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: The chair rules that when a brother is on his feet when a motion for the previous question is made, it is not in order. Brother Estes has the floor.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I desire to state to the encampment my personal views on this question.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I rise to a point of order—Brother Estes is not speaking on the motion to expunge.

Commander-in-Chief: The brother is simply showing why the compromise reported was prepared.

Edgar Allan, Jr., of Maryland: I now move the previous question.

Seconded by E. W. Estes, of New York, and Alf G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is now on the motion of Brother Patton to expunge all reference to the Lee statue.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move that the courtesy of the floor be extended to the Commander-in-Chief to address the encampment.

The motion was seconded, put by the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief Pollitt: For this fresh evidence of the confidence and the respect that the Commandery-in-Chief has for its present Commander-in-Chief, I thank you. If we are going to act as men this is the time. Everybody knows the reason why that statue of Lee was clad in Confederate gray. How long do you propose to put up with these repeated insults. I say that we should protest firmly, not boisterously, not using heated language, but we should go on record plainly as men, as sons of Union soldiers and sailors, against this statue being in the capitol at Washington, clad in Confederate gray. I want to remind you, brothers, of the terrible mistake made by a section of this country, who fought to destroy the Union. It took four long years before these people were finally convinced that the loyal people of this country were ready to fight at any time for their country. I have no objection to General Robert E. Lee as a Christian gentleman. I cannot forget, however, that he took his education acquired at the expense of the United States and used it against the Union. I very much doubt whether our nation is reunited; I doubt very much whether in a section of this country which I need not name there is that patriotic feeling for the old flag that there should be. I have nothing at all against the people of the South. I hope they will be prosperous. It is not desirable that one section should be poor and the other rich. I believe that as a patriotic organization we ought to go on record against the statue being in the Capitol at Washington clad in Confederate gray. I doubt very much that the country is reunited to the extent claimed by some. I see so much evidence that the Southern people adhere to their old principles. You will have difficulty in convincing a Confederate soldier that he was in the wrong. We believe that we were right, and that they were wrong, and I believe from the bottom of my heart that there was a purpose in putting that statue in Confederate gray. It was simply to serve notice on the people of the North that they believed they fought for the right. I think we should raise our voice in protest against this statue. It seems to me that we have a perfect right as an organization to legislate on this matter. There ought to be a protest from this organization, and I firmly believe that the great body of our membership feels just exactly as I do in the matter.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the motion of Doctor Patton, to expunge from the record all reference to the Lee Statue. Are you ready for the question?

(Question called).

Commander-in-Chief: All in favor of striking out all reference to the Lee Statue please say "Aye." The motion lost.

C. F. Church, of Michigan: I call for a rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief: We will have a rising vote. National Secretary call the roll of the divisions.

On roll-call of divisions, the motion was lost, 54 "ayes" and 74 "noes."

Commander-in-Chief: The motion to expunge is lost.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I now move you that the report of the committee be adopted as the sense of this encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

E. W. Estes, of New York: This completes the partial report of the committee.

Commander-in-Chief: The committee has the thanks of this encampment for their care and attention.

We have in waiting a delegation representing the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary; I respectfully ask that all remain in the room. The committee on fraternal relations will please retire and escort the committee in.

GREETINGS FROM SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present to you Miss Kate Raynor, Chairman of the Committee.

R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania: I desire to introduce Miss Ada Wallace, Past National President.

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we are very glad to have you here.

Miss Kate Raynor: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers of the Sons of Veterans. It is always a very great pleasure for the committee from the Auxiliary to bring our greetings, and this year, as well as in the past, I have been specially favored by being selected for that pleasant duty. We are glad you have such a large attendance, and we hope that in the years to come your attendances will be doubled, and even trebled and that you will increase the membership of the Order accordingly, so that it will be hard for you to find a hall large enough to meet in. Your Auxiliary during the past year has not been idle; we have contributed over \$5000 for relief, and to other objects, including \$900 to Memorial University. It is the desire of the Auxiliary to do what it can to help you increase your membership. We want you to feel as proud of your Auxiliary as you do of your wives and daughters. Commander-in-Chief Pollitt, our organization adopted a resolution by rising vote thanking you personally for what you have done for our organization this past year. I know we have the love and best wishes of Commander-in-Chief Pollitt.

Miss Ada Wallace: I expected Sister Raynor would be the spokesman for the entire party. We are glad to extend to you our greetings. For myself, and for our girls, we pledge our loyalty and our hearty support and very best wishes.

Mrs. E. H. Milham: I bring you greetings from the Auxiliary, because you know we have been friends for many years; I felt when I came to this encampment I was not a stranger. Since I was last at your encampment I have been in strange lands. When one goes to foreign lands, and remains away thirteen months, as I have done, and comes back home it is a good thing to see "Old Glory" once more, the most beautiful flag that flies.

Miss Lenore Rivers: I can only agree with what my sisters have said.

Mrs. McKelvey: I bring you heart wishes from Pennsylvania for a successful year. I trust that it will be a profitable one for you. As we reviewed column after column today of the grand old heroes who fought so nobly to free our country we felt that the best we could do was to work for our organization. I trust that every son of a veteran in this room will prove as loyal as his father. They will soon pass away. Their mantle will fall upon your shoulders and our shoulders, to carry on their work. Let us be loyal and true to the stars and stripes, faithful to "Old Glory," above all other flags.

Miss Kate Raynor: you will be interested in knowing that we have just organized the Division of California.

Commander-in-Chief: I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief R. M. J. Reed, who has been connected with our organization from its very beginning, and who is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, to respond to these greetings.

R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania: I am very conversant with the workings of the Auxiliary, for it was my pleasure in 1883 to approve the first organization of the Auxiliary in Pennsylvania, when General Ross commanded what was known as the 2nd Grand Division. We are all very proud of the work that has been accomplished. I have always had faith in the organization, and have taken pleasure in witnessing what they have accomplished. I believe there are none more capable of understanding what we are doing than the members of the Auxiliary. I am sure that you regret, as I do, the fact that we cannot spend more time with them. I suppose tomorrow it will be my pleasure and my duty as well to visit the Auxiliary. I thank you for the honor of responding to the ladies.

Commander-in-Chief: Among the delegation from the State of Ohio, none is more qualified to speak than the chairman of the committee—we would be glad to hear from A. E. B. Stephens.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: One of the reasons that General Reed was placed on this committee was to do the talking. I consented to act with that understanding. However, I would not think I had done my duty, after being invited to say a few words, if I did not say something, and what I want to say is that we are very fond of the ladies. I have found in attending these encampments for the last twenty-five years that when we did not have the ladies we did not act as well as we do now. They must have a refining influence on us. I can remember some of the encampments when we did not have the ladies, or at least not many of them. We did not seem to take as much interest as we do now. You will find almost all the members of the Auxiliary when they come to the encampments have the attention of a large number of the Sons of Veterans. I have found it as one of my particular duties as a son of a veteran to look after them. I have read our Constitution, Rules and Regulations and studied our by-laws, and I have studied the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Auxiliary; I have studied them so carefully that in Ohio they made me their Judge Advocate. It is therefore my duty to look after the welfare of the Auxiliary as well as to take an interest in ours. Whether I am right or wrong I cannot say. We cannot get along without the ladies.

That was true during the Civil War and it is true now. I can see a marked improvement in General Reed, General Dustin and other Past Commanders-in-Chief since we have been taking more interest in the ladies, for the last four or five years; they have become better Sons of Veterans. We owe a debt to the ladies, not only for what your order, but on account of the great benefit we have derived from associating with you.

Commander-in-Chief: During the past year I have had the pleasure of visiting some of the Western Divisions. I am sure you will agree with me, that I have made no mistake by calling upon Division Commander Springston, of Illinois, to make a few remarks.

H. C. Springston, of Illinois: I am sorry that we have not more societies of the Auxiliary in our State than we have. I hope we will soon be able to bring a delegation of the Auxiliary to the encampments as large as some of the other divisions, notably Pennsylvania and Ohio. I assure you, as Commander of the Division, that I will always do what I can to help you in any way. I shall always be at your command.

The committee was then escorted out of the room.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: As it is very likely that we are going to have a great deal of business before this encampment before we adjourn—matters that we will have to give the most careful consideration to, I move that when we take a recess we assemble here again at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Robert C. Woerner, of New Jersey: I move that we now take a recess.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess declared.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Encampment resumed business at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Thursday, September 22, 1910, with Commander-in-Chief Pollitt in the chair.

National Inspector reported all present entitled to remain.

Committee on Credentials made a further report, giving additional names (which appear in the roll-call).

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received and that the brothers whose names have been read be seated.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary then read the following telegram:

"Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1910.

George W. Pollitt,

Sons of Veterans Headquarters.

Nordquist Camp No. 64, Division of New York, Sons of Veterans, being in meeting assembled, sends its greetings to the Commander-in-Chief and the brothers of the 29th Annual Encampment.

G. KIMBLE PIMLEY, Commanding."

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Board or Regents of the Memorial University, Doctor Patton.

National Patriotic Instructor: The annual report of the Board of Regents was published in the July BANNER; the report is largely figures. However, if you desire it, I will give it to you later on. May I have the floor for a question of personal privilege.

Commander-in-Chief: No objection, it is granted.

National Patriotic Instructor: I desire to appear correct in the published proceedings of our Encampment. After the previous question had been called yesterday, I, as the mover, had no opportunity to speak on the question. My position is this: I am in full accord with the Commander-in-Chief in his decision. My position has always been, however, that the Grand Army of the Republic is first to be considered. They asked that we take no action. That is the reason I made the motion. They had expressed the hope that we would take no action this year.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Ritual ready to report?

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: It is. I will preface my report by answering the statements that there is not enough secret in the present ritual. Our's is not a cryptic organization, not a mysterious organization. It is simply a body of gentlemen maintaining an organization for a specific purpose. The

organizations which are so strictly secret were started at a time when much secrecy was necessary. It is not necessary for the Sons of Veterans. The committee, however, believes that membership cards should be issued by the Camps, such cards to originate with the Commandery-in-Chief, and the card, together with the password and countersign, is all the secret work we need to obtain admission to another camp; they would be sufficient identification, and every brother desiring to visit another camp should have his card, showing him in good standing. I will read the report of the committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Atlantic City, Sept. 21, 1910.

To the Commander-in-Chief and the Officers of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:

We have received but two communications which are from the Divisions of New Jersey and Illinois, which are as follows:

FROM NEW JERSEY DIVISION.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth National Encampment.

Greeting:—

At the twenty-eighth annual encampment of the New Jersey Division it was resolved that the delegates to the National Encampment offer the following changes, to replace in the ritual or to promulgate the same in some manner. The secret work as it existed prior to the adoption to the present ritual reinstating in the secret work: The Grip Hailing Sign, Test of a Son of a Veteran, crossing the room during a meeting, proper instruction in use of gavel and salute. Calling attention to letter F being short in the key to cipher, rule 6: report of visiting committee to be eliminated and changed to read: payment of dues is now in order, or something similar to especially call attention to payment of dues by Commander.

By order of

FRED G. HANSEN,
Division Commander.

FROM ILLINOIS DIVISION.

Freeport, Ill., March 24, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Ritual and Ceremony begs leave to submit the following report, in regard to resolutions of General Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 6, which are as follows:

Whereas the Ritual of our Order as it now exists contains only a part of the secret work,

And Whereas no method is provided of proving a stranger to be a member of our Order,

Therefore be it Resolved by Gen. George A. Custer Camp No. 6, Division of Illinois, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in regular meeting assembled, that the delegates of this camp be instructed,

and the other members of the delegation from this camp at the Division Encampment at Freeport to be held during the month of May 1910 be requested to do all in their power to have the following resolution passed at that Encampment:

Resolved, That this Division in regular session convened instruct the delegates to the next National Encampment, and request the other members of the delegation from Illinois who shall be present at that Encampment, to do all in their power to have the National Encampment replace in the ritual or promulgate in some other manner the secret work as it existed prior to the adoption of the present ritual, or its equivalent therefore."

Lacking from the Ritual: 1st, Grip. 2nd, Testing a S. V. 3rd, Way to cross room while Camp is in session. 4th, Way to leave room while Camp is in session. 5th, Hailing sign, or answer. 6th, Use of gavel explained to candidate. 7th, Proper instruction in short form. Read: No. 17 and 20.

In regard to letter from General Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 6, Chicago, which is as follows:

Chicago, May 9, 1910.

"To the Officers and Members of the 28th Annual Encampment, Division of Illinois, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—As secretary of General Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 6, I am instructed to call your attention to the following oversights in the present ritual:

First. In the cipher there is no character for the letter "F."

Second. At the end of the short form a note should be inserted calling attention to the Commander's charge on Page 27, which should be given after the short form as well as after the long form, and the two optional forms. Also on Page 59 the diagram differs from that provided for camps.—Joel F. Longenecker, Secretary Camp No. 6, S. V."

We recommend that the delegates to National Encampment be instructed to bring the matter of errors in ritual before them for their consideration, and that the errors be corrected when the new rituals are printed.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WILL C. CREIGHTON,

W. E. JAYCOX.

A. M. REININGER.

L. A. MILLAR,

GEO. M. GOULD.

Committee on Ritual and Ceremony.

The omission of the letter F in the cipher was noticed within a few days after the rituals came from the press, and naturally will be corrected when the next edition of this ritual goes to press.

The reason why the secret work of the order was reduced to the minimum was explained in detail at the time of the adoption of the present ritual; was published in full in THE BANNER, and the committee is of the opinion that the work as now given in the ritual should stand.

The Committee is fully aware that there are several examples of questionable good English form, existing in several places in the ritual, and recommends that before another edition goes

to press that these should be corrected, and would suggest that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint some brother to go over this ritual and make such corrections in its language as good English demands, without changing the sense or form of the ritual.

The committee further recommends that we adopt the more modern and important methods in use by up-to-date organizations, for identification, and for facilitating visitation between the members of various camps, and that the incoming National Secretary be instructed to prepare the necessary cards and incur the necessary expense to put the same into operation, which shall become effective January 1, 1911.

Respectfully,

A. L. FREEDMAN,
W. H. RUSSELL,
GRANT VAN SANT,
NEWTON J. MCGUIRE,
G. B. ABBOTT, Chairman,

Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move the adoption of the report.

Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island: Rhode Island did object to leaving out of the ritual so much of the former secret work, without any provision being made for recognition. We are, however, perfectly satisfied with the report of the committee.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Committee on Credentials made a further report, giving additional names (which appear in the roll-call).

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received and that the brothers whose names have been read be seated.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Committee on Constitution and Laws ready to report?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: The committee will be ready to report in about three-quarters of an hour. It will not be a complete constitution. We will submit what we have.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I would like to ask whether the encampment last year adopted a resolution, or took some action providing that a new constitution was to be prepared and submitted to the members of this encampment thirty or sixty days prior to assembling.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: The action of the last encampment will be found on page 135 of the printed proceedings of the 28th Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: The National Secretary will please read the portion of the proceedings referred to.

The National Secretary then read from the proceedings of the 28th Encampment, beginning with the 8th paragraph of page 135 thereof and ending with the 8th paragraph of page 137.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have a supplemental report from the Committee on Resolutions.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.—COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the 29th Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following supplemental report:

The Division of Connecticut submits the following:

CONNECTICUT DIVISION,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

At the Annual State Encampment held at New Haven, Conn., May 20, 1910, in and for the Division of Connecticut, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, all proper efforts be made to obtain for Special Aide and Division Organizer, Charles R. Hale, the Golden Cross for meritorious services, and that the delegates to the next Commandery-in-Chief, be and they are hereby instructed to present these resolutions thereto.Attest,
(signed) RALPH M. GRANT,
Division Commander.
(signed) ROBERT T. ALCORN,
Division Secretary.

(Division Seal).

Your Committee, believing that the successful results of the work of Brother Charles R. Hale, of Connecticut Division, in organizing camps and recruiting members of that division having been so unusual, recommends to this encampment the authorizing of the conferring of the Gold Cross of the Order upon him and to instruct the National Secretary to purchase said emblem and to forward it to the Division Commander of Connecticut, the division particularly interested and benefitted upon receipt of the necessary funds from said division to meet the expense thereof.

THE TAWNEY MATTER.

The Pennsylvania Division offered the following:

HEADQUARTERS PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

August 27, 1910.

The Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

The following resolution was adopted by the 30th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, S. V., U. S. A.

Resolved, That the delegates elected at this encampment to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at Atlantic City, be instructed, and the Past Commanders of this Division be requested, to use their best endeavors for the reinstatement of James H. Tawney, a former member of Camp 7, and for the restoration of honors lost to him by reason of the Court-martial proceedings against him.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be signed by the Commander of this Division, the seal of the Division attached thereto, and the same be duly attested by the Secretary of this Division, and such copy be presented or filed with the proper officers of the Commandery-in-Chief for its favorable action.

Fraternally submitted,

(signed) JOHN E. SAUTTER.

Attested:

Division Commander.

(signed) W. B. McNULTY,

Division Secretary.

(Division Seal).

The Committee has had public hearings on the above resolution and has listened to all interested. James H. Tawney has not appeared nor have we any communication from him personally. This matter has been before the Commandery-in-Chief several times. We believe that it was fully understood that it would be given no further consideration until all legal proceedings in the courts of Pennsylvania brought by James H. Tawney against the order and individual members had been discontinued. At the encampment of this body held at Washington last year, the matter came up. On page 127 of the proceedings of that meeting we find that the Committee on Resolutions reported that no evidence had been presented to show that Tawney would discontinue said legal proceedings or that he would accept his reinstatement, and the Committee refused to make any recommendation. The report was approved. This committee has had no evidence submitted to it proving either one of these points.

Tawney was tried by Courts-martial on various charges and the verdict of loss of honors and dishonorable discharge approved by the Commandery-in-Chief. No questions growing out of said trial were considered by your Committee, nor can they legally come before this Commandery now. Tawney's position is now that of seeking a pardon from this body. Your Committee believes that in such cases it should be assured, before recommending favorable consideration, that the applicant does desire pardon and is ready to come into the order in the proper spirit and not with the idea of being a disturbing element. Your Committee does not know what Tawney's personal attitude is and no evidence has been presented regarding the legal proceedings as aforesaid. It declines to recommend favorable action upon the request of the Pennsylvania Division on this question at this time.

Your Committee has received several communications regarding old Camp 2 (Philip R. Schuyler Camp) of Pennsylvania Division. They are as follows:

(1) An appeal from an organization, duly signed by officers and under seal) claiming to be Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, asking to be re-instated in our order under certain conditions as to past honors, name and number and with a copy of a division circular attached, showing that favorable action on this request was taken by the last Pennsylvania Division Encampment. It reads as follows:

HEADQUARTERS

CAPT. PHILIP R. SCHUYLER CAMP, No. 2,
 SONS OF VETERANS, INCORPORATED,
 DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA, U. S. A.

South-east corner Norris and Sepviva Streets,
 Philadelphia, Aug. 19, 1910.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Representatives of the
 29th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons
 of Veterans, U. S. A.

Greeting:—

On the 12th of June, 1905, the Commander-in-Chief revoked
 the Charter of Capt. Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, of the Divi-
 sion of Pennsylvania, for disobedience of orders issued by him.

At the 30th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division,
 Sons of Veterans, held at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June, 1910, favorable
 action was taken on a Resolution, to re-instate Capt. Philip R.
 Schuyler Camp No. 2, Philadelphia, Pa., to wit:

Resolved, that the Representatives of this Division to the
 next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be, and hereby,
 are instructed to use all honorable means to have the said Capt.
 Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, of Philadelphia, Pa., restored to
 full membership in the Order, together with its original number
 and all rights and privileges, as well as Past Honors for all its
 members, both those who were expelled and those who have
 affiliated with the Camp since its expulsion and served in the
 capacity of Camp Commander as they stand on the rolls of the
 camp at the present time.

In accordance with the action of the 30th State Encampment
 of Pennsylvania Division.

On August the 19th, 1910 the said Capt. Philip R. Schuyler
 Camp No. 2, voted to appeal to your Honorable body for re-in-
 statement and appointed the following Committee with full power
 to act, and present this appeal for your consideration.

Fraternally yours,

1st Sergeant, John H. Schmidt. Captain, Walter M. Tarpy.
 Committee,

JOHN JAMIESON,
 WILLIAM S. CURRY,
 ANDREW G. BECK.

(Seal)

(2) A Resolution from Col. Fred Taylor Camp No. 2, Divi-
 sion of Pennsylvania, protesting against our granting the appeal
 of the old Camp No. 2. It is as follows:

HEADQUARTERS OF

COL. FRED. TAYLOR CAMP No. 2,
 SONS OF VETERANS, DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA, U. S. A.

2210 East Susquehanna Avenue,
 Philadelphia, Sept. 14, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment,
 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

At a regular stated meeting of Col. Fred. Taylor Camp No. 2,
 Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the follow-
 ing resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas. We have been informed that a body calling themselves Capt. Philip R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Sons of Veterans, Division of Pennsylvania, will seek re-instatement to the Order,

Whereas. Col. Fred. Taylor Camp has among its large membership nearly (100) members, who remained Loyal to the Order, when the Charter of the former camp was revoked,

Whereas. We have complied with the laws of the Order, and are in good standing,

Whereas. We were assigned the number 2, and were so chartered by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

Whereas. This body seeking re-instatement are located in the same district with Col. Fred. Taylor Camp and the having of a similar number would cause confusion and constant trouble between both bodies,

Whereas. This body seeking admission through its Officers at the time of the suit of the Order against this body to recover the money and property of the Order. swore under oath that they were never Chartered by the Order. and never had a charter,

Whereas. We believe that the re-instatement of such body would be injurious not only to this Camp, but to the Order in general.

Resolved. That we petition this the Highest body in the Order to refuse to accede to the request of this Rebellious Body, or the request of any other person or body, for their re-instatement to our beloved Order,

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, through Division Commander, John E. Sautter.

Hoping that the petition of Col. Fred. Taylor Camp No. 2, Division of Pennsylvania, will be granted,

We remain, fraternally,

Col. Fred. Taylor Camp, No. 2,
Division of Pennsylvania, U. S. A.
(signed) RICHARD ROBINSON,

Commander.

Attest:

GEO. W. RIGG,
Secretary.

(Seal).

(3) A petition from Wm. R. Marshall, formerly a member of the Order in old Camp 2, asking for the removal of disability in order that he might rejoin the Order.

It is as follows:

Philadelphia, July 11, 1910.

To the 30th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief,
S. of V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

I hereby make application to have my disability removed so that I may join the Order as I was one of the members of former Camp No. 2, S. of V., Division of Pennsylvania, U. S. A., at the time of the revocation of its charter in which I was unfortunately among the members who were dishonorably discharged. I desire to say that I was in no way responsible for the trouble at that

time as I desired then and do now to be a member of the Order. Praying that this petition may be granted, I remain,

Fraternally,

(signed) Wm. R. MARSHALL.

P. O. Sta. E., 2044 E. Birch St., Philadelphia.

This matter came before this Commandery at Peoria in 1906. On page 176 of the proceedings thereof we find that it was decided illegal to assign the same number to two camps and that old Camp 2 could not be re-instated under said number. Your Committee has also considered other phases of this question and declines to recommend favorable action upon the request of old Schuyler Camp No. 2 as an organized body.

We do recommend the passage of the following:

Whereas, On June 12th, 1905, the Commander-in-Chief revoked the charter of P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2, Division of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, As a result of this revocation, certain members of that camp have not since been members of the order; Therefore be it

Resolved. That the Commandery-in-Chief hereby removes the disability of any and all the members of former Schuyler Camp No. 2, who were on the rolls of said camp June 12th, 1905, and does authorize and permit any camp of the order so desiring to receive as members under the laws of the order governing admissions to it, such former members of said camp.

Be it further resolved that this Commandery-in-Chief does also remove the disability to membership of those members of Schuyler Camp No. 2, who were dismissed from the order by Court-martial proceedings in 1905.

Your Committee also offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Encampment tenders its hearty thanks to the Citizens Committee of Atlantic City for the consideration shown us during this session of the Commandery-in-Chief; to Brother F. M. Cunningham, chairman of the local committee of our order, and to the members of said committee and of our local camp for the zeal shown by them in making this meeting of our Encampment so pleasant and enjoyable.

Resolved. That this Encampment extends its thanks to Mayor Stoy and the citizens of Atlantic City for the cordial reception tendered us; to the management of the Hotel Rudolf for its attention to our needs as the headquarters hotel; to the Press of the city for the space accorded us.

Resolved, That this Encampment is gratified at the showing made by our Reserves in the parade and extends its thanks to Chief-of-Staff Amies, to Assistant Adjutant General Stewart and to the other officers and men who took part therein.

Resolved, That we acknowledge with gratitude the very efficient efforts of the members of our local auxiliary in assisting in the entertainment of the delegates to this Commandery-in-Chief.

Resolved, To the Grand Army of the Republic, we pledge our loyalty and devotion. We acknowledge the obligation we are under to Commander-in-Chief Van Sant for the recognition he has given us and for the interest he has shown in our welfare.

Resolved, That we note with pleasure the growth of our Auxiliary throughout the order and we acknowledge our indebtedness for the very material assistance rendered us during the year. We hope the auxiliary will continue to enlarge its sphere of usefulness, and we commend to all camps of desirability of having an auxiliary attached to every camp.

(signed)

E. W. ESTES, Chairman.
CHAS. K. DARLING,
A. S. LOYD,
H. C. SPRINGSTON,
A. I. VESCELLIUS.

No objection was raised to the committee's report regarding the gold cross to Brother Hale.

When the report of the committee regarding the resolution concerning James H. Tawney was read—

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: I think the committee misunderstands the condition. I understand that brothers of the Pennsylvania Division appeared before the committee and stated that Tawney has signed an agreement to withdraw the legal proceedings. The Commander of the Pennsylvania Division signed that agreement with him.

Commander-in-Chief: Do I understand that Mr. Tawney has signed an agreement.

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: He signed it with the then Division Commander and in the presence of the then Commander-in-Chief, Edgar Allan.

Commander-in-Chief: At what session of the Commandery-in-Chief was the James H. Tawney matter passed upon?

E. W. Estes, of New York: The court-martial proceedings will be found on pages 70 and 119 of the Dayton proceedings. The reference of last year will be found on page 127 of the Washington proceedings. Answering Brother John I will say, that the statement he has made was also made to the committee. It appears that Tawney and several members of the Pennsylvania Division did meet and sign some sort of a paper to discontinue legal proceedings, but that one brother interested refused to sign. The committee does not understand that the signing of that paper by Brother Allan carried with it a discontinuance of the legal proceedings, as other brothers of the order have been served with mandamus papers, and they have received no notice of the discontinuance of the legal proceedings against them. Several brothers who have been asked about this matter stated that they believed the matters had been dropped, but no proof was actually presented to us; at least we did not consider that the proof presented was sufficient.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I believe that this Commandery at this time should decide this case one way or the other. I move that the report of the committee on this case be not concurred in, and that Mr. Tawney be re-instated.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commander-in-Chief will rule that the motion to re-instate Mr. Tawney is out of order.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I move you, then, that the report of the committee be not sustained.

The motion was seconded.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: I have just entered the meeting, and I would like to ask what the committee reported?

E. W. Estes, of New York, read the report.

The Committee on Credentials at this point made a further report, giving additional names (which appear in the roll-call).

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received and that the brothers whose names have been read be seated.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island: Do I understand in this Tawney case, that Tawney signed a petition for restoration?

Commander-in-Chief: The petition comes from the Division of Pennsylvania.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I would like to ask the Commander of the Pennsylvania Division whether anybody appeared before the Pennsylvania Division and asked for the reinstatement of Mr. Tawney?

John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Not to my knowledge.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: Then I wish the privilege of withdrawing my motion.

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: Mr. Tawney has asked his camp to use its endeavors to have him re-instated; his camp has put forth such endeavors. It is the desire of the rank and file of the Division of Pennsylvania to have Mr. Tawney re-instated in the Sons of Veterans. Owing to a little technicality Tawney did not make personal application to Secretary McNulty; a brother of his camp says, however, that he did make application. I do not think this motion should be withdrawn, but should be placed before the house. It is the honest desire of a vast majority of the members of the Pennsylvania Division that Mr. Tawney be re-instated. It was unanimously carried to pray this body to re-instate him in this organization. I think it is great injustice if this encampment should adjourn without taking favorable action in his case.

W. H. Russell, of Kansas: I have a suggestion to make, which may, perhaps, clear this matter up. If Mr. Tawney has asked to be re-instated to his camp, and that petition has been acted on by his camp and division what reason have we to oppose it. If there are legal proceedings still pending which he instituted, then these things should be cleared up before the re-instatement takes effect. It will be a year before this body meets again. I suggest that the report of the committee be nonconcurrent in, and that Tawney be restored to take effect upon the dismissal of all actions or proceedings against everybody in this order; when he shows that he has a clean bill of health, this will take effect. It seems to me that would be satisfactory to everybody.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers. This is a matter that will take a long time to discuss, but I will try to be as brief as possible and answer some of the questions that have been presented here. James H. Tawney has not withdrawn the legal proceedings. I just left our attorney, William A. Gray, only yesterday. This organization is still waiting for the calling of the suit of James H. Tawney against it. The Pennsylvania Division does not want James H.

Tawney to be re-instated. This statement may seem strange, in view of the resolution coming from the division. As the committee on resolutions has said, that is a question beyond the Division Encampment; it is a question to be settled by the Commandery-in-Chief. The resolution was passed through the Division Encampment without anybody offering opposition. The position of James H. Tawney today is one of an unforgiving person. He is still as radical and just as bitter, with just as much animosity as at any time. There is not a single expression of regret for what he has done. There has not come from him a single statement to the effect that he would like to be a member of this organization. At the request of Brother Bower and myself, we met James H. Tawney in the presence of Brothers Gray and Keith. We offered to shake hands with him and overlook the matter. We even went so far as to say that if he would promise to be a good brother, we would not oppose his re-instatement. He absolutely refused to do it. He stated that he was coming back into the order to drive out certain members.

E. W. Estes, of New York: The committee did not make a full report on statements made to it, but what Brother McNulty now states was also stated to the committee—to the same effect, and that is the reason we worded our report the way we did.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: Mr. Tawney was court-martialed after long and due consideration. He originally preferred charges against Brothers Bower, Hammer and myself, and asked that we be court-martialed. Brother Speelman, after investigation, dismissed the charges. The court-martial proceedings against him were started after many months of patience on our part; the court-martial was finally ordered and he was given a fair trial. If James H. Tawney had come to us and expressed a desire to be re-instated, saying that he would live up to his obligation if re-instated it might be well to take favorable action on such a request. As the matter now stands James H. Tawney is not a member of any camp; he is the same as a man who never belonged to this Order. We ought not to consider a case of this kind, where a former member has been tried, found guilty and the findings approved by the Commander-in-Chief, unless all proceedings are withdrawn and he applies for admission in the regular way.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: This is the second national encampment that we have listened to recommendations from the Pennsylvania Division asking for Mr. Tawney's re-instatement. It seems to me that a Division encampment of six hundred members would not vote unanimously for the re-instatement of a man of this character; it does not seem probable that it was allowed to slip through. The Division of Pennsylvania has a resolution, regularly signed by the Division Commander and attested by the Division Secretary.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: As Secretary of the Division I am compelled to sign any document passed at the encampment.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I would like to ask Brother McNulty why he sat there and allowed this resolution to be passed unanimously, without protest.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: I was ill and was not at the encampment at the time.

Division Commander Charles Vetter, of New York: I move

you, sir, that we concur in the report of the committee. This committee has been duly appointed, and the report made by it shows that considerable deliberation was given to the question.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: It is regularly moved and seconded as a substitute to the original motion that the report of the committee be concurred in. Has any brother anything to offer on this substitute motion.

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: I earnestly hope the substitute motion will not prevail. The statements of the brother from Pennsylvania that it is the desire of the division that Mr. Tawney be not re-instated should not be considered. He knows no more about the desires of the people at Wilkes-Barre than I do. He tells you that Tawney refused to shake hands with him and Brother Bower. That is neither here nor there. I am authorized to make this statement. I hope, and want to say to this convention that Tawney is not in the frame of mind as portrayed by the brother from Pennsylvania; he has promised to come back into this organization and be a law abiding member. He was tried as by a grand jury. His side of the case was not presented to the court; he was not given a chance. It is true that I represented him at that court, but unfortunately I was called away to attend a funeral. I asked the court to postpone the case until the next week, as I had to be away. They held the meeting Friday night, and cleaned up the entire matter.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I rise to a point of order—that discussion of the validity of the court-martial is not in order.

Commander-in-Chief: The point of order is well taken.

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: I hope and I ask that this Commandery-in-Chief will take into consideration the honest appeal of six hundred members of the Pennsylvania Division in convention assembled; that the prayers of those brothers to this encampment to take away all obstacles in the way of Tawney's re-entering the organization should be given favorable consideration.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I would like to ask if the legal proceedings brought in this case, either against the brothers or the bodies of the Sons of Veterans in Pennsylvania were not brought by Mr. Tawney.

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: They were.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: These persons and the bodies were put to the expense of defending, were they not, and the cases are still pending—have not been dismissed.

Charles L. John, of Pennsylvania: I will admit proceedings have not been fully withdrawn, but as I have before stated, Tawney was very willing and had gone on record with the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans and with the Division Commander of Pennsylvania, in an agreement to withdraw all charges, individually and collectively, and that is true. This agreement will stand the moment he is remustered into this Order; then all suits will be withdrawn. That is a fair proposition. He has no enmity with brothers of this organization, save one; all he wants, however, is to receive the same treatment as any other brother would receive. This resolution was not rushed through the Division Encampment.

James H. Wentworth, of Massachusetts: I move the previous question.

W. H. Russell, of Kansas: Before that motion is put, let me suggest this. If this is the unanimous desire of the Pennsylvania Division (Cries of "No," "No")—while it would be perfectly easy to meet this proposition, provided the suits are dismissed, still if there is violent opposition to his restoration then that matter ought to be threshed out where he is known; that is, in his own division; and then let them come here. Pennsylvania is not agreed; we can see that. This is a representative body; there are brothers of the Pennsylvania Division who are objecting to Tawney's re-instatement. I am not in favor of having this matter threshed out in the Commandery-in-Chief. If this comes up another year, and I attend the encampment, I want to serve notice right now that any resolution presented by Pennsylvania Division must show that it is unanimous. This body would then be informed, and could act intelligently.

T. C. Harter, of Pennsylvania: It seems to me, as a delegate from Pennsylvania, we are presenting our case in a very peculiar light. There is too much jealousy. We were instructed to come here today and do all we could to restore the brother to membership. These were our instructions. I would not do my duty if I did not do all I could to carry out those instructions. We have too little rotherly feeling. I believe that it is Mr. Tawney's wish to come in and be a good brother. I may be wrong. I had a long talk with him at Wilkes-Barre, and it seems to me that is his wish. If the action was unanimous, we are not going into it in the right spirit. We should have settled it in Wilkes-Barre, where I thought it was settled, and Mr. Tawney should be restored to membership. I have this to offer: that we should pass this resolution if Brother Tawney is willing to come back into the Order and be a good brother, and withdraw all legal proceedings.

Commander-in-Chief: The National Treasurer has just informed me that he accepted service in the Tawney suit, and that the Commandery-in-Chief is a defendant in the case.

H. L. Lange, of New York: In view of the fact that the suits that have been brought against certain members of the Order and the Commandery-in-Chief, I don't see that the agreement has any weight, as, in case we do restore him in the Order, he can still bring suit against the Commandery-in-Chief. If he will withdraw his suit no doubt he will receive proper recognition at our hands.

Charles J. Miller, of Pennsylvania: I want to corroborate the statement that the resolution was not put through the Pennsylvania Division without the full knowledge and consent of every member of that encampment. I was there and voted, and there was not a dissenting voice in the convention. I understand that the proceedings which he has brought are for re-instatement in this organization; nothing else. If we re-instate him, the proceedings will fall of their own weight, the brother being received back, there is nothing to sue for.

Commander-in-Chief: That is, as far as they apply to the Commandery-in-Chief.

(Question called).

Commander-in-Chief: All in favor of passing the substitute

motion to concur in the recommendation of the committee, will say "Aye."

Commander-in-Chief: The Ayes have it; the motion is carried, the report of the committee is concurred in. Brother Estes will please proceed with the report.

E. W. Estes, of New York: In addition to the report of the committee in regard to Philip R. Schuyler Camp question, I have this to say. This action not only removes the disability of the loyal members, but also the disability of the thirty-five; it removes the disability against the members of that camp who were court-martialed prior to June 12, 1905, and the dismissal which caused the trouble. It clears up everybody so far as permitting them to rejoin the order in any camp desiring their membership. The question of past honors can be taken up and considered later on.

R. M. Wright, of Pennsylvania: I have a letter here in regard to the matter that I would like to have read; a copy of this letter was sent to every member to join the loyal order.

Commander-in-Chief: The matter has been passed upon; we will take your statement.

E. W. Estes, of New York: Brother Wright appeared before the committee and showed us a circular letter which the newly organized camp sent to everyone of the members of the old camp, excepting the thirty-five disloyal members. Brother Wright is connected with Taylor Camp No. 2. Their point was that while they did not object to these brothers coming back, they did object to their being given No. 2, and in that respect we have followed the wishes of Brother Wright.

National Chaplain: There is nothing in this action which would prohibit them from forming a new camp?

Commander-in-Chief: Nothing at all.

E. W. Estes, of New York: There is now nothing to prevent those men from forming a new camp, under the name of Philip R. Schuyler, but they cannot use the number "2."

No further objection, the report of the committee was concurred in.

No objection to resolution thanking the citizens of Atlantic City.

No objection to resolution thanking Mayor Stoy and others, nor to any of the resolutions of thanks.

No objection to the resolution pledging our loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic.

No objection to the resolution relating to the growth of the Auxiliary.

E. W. Estes, of New York: The committee now asks to have its report approved in full and the committee discharged.

S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: I move that the report of the committee be received and the recommendations be adopted as a whole, and the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief be extended to the committee for their efficient services.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: The committee will be continued.

The Committee on Credentials at this point made a further report, giving the names of additional members whose credentials had been presented, showing the present membership of

the encampment as one hundred and seventy-two, the highest in five years.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received and the brothers whose names have been read be seated.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Board of Regents of the Memorial University.

REPORT OF BOARD OF REGENTS OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

Commander-in-Chief Geo. W. Pollitt, Officers and Brothers of the 29th Annual Encampment, S. V., U. S. A.

Sir and Brothers:—

As President of the Board of Regents, I beg leave to submit the following report of the financial operations of Memorial University for the year ending June 30, 1910:

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR.

Grand Army of the Republic.....	\$ 575.00
Woman's Relief Corps	1311.09
Ladies of the G. A. R.....	164.75
Daughters of Veterans	200.70
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary	894.20
Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans.....	750.00
Sons of Veterans Camps, gifts.....	1459.80
Sons of Veterans, personal, gifts.....	1956.89
Lincoln Memorial Endowment Fund.....	845.00
Department of Oratory	100.00
Library fees	31.50
Commercial College	903.90
Sale of College supplies	106.89
College, Academy and Normal, tuition	1884.61
College of Music	161.25
Dormitory	286.00
Correspondence School	27.50
Cash on hand, July 1, 1909.....	232.64
Total receipts	\$11891.72
Overdraft, July 1, 1910.....	54.13
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	\$11945.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

College supplies	\$ 204.75
Library	16.51
College of Music	33.40
Dormitories	354.15
Paid on old accounts	2143.87
Lincoln Day Exercises	20.00
Field Expenses	864.07
Office Expenses	333.95
Fuel, Light, etc.	1069.03
Miscellaneous, freight, etc.	65.34
Salaries	6786.06
Printing	20.22
Interest on notes	34.50
Total receipts	\$11945.85

The deficit for the year amounts to a total of \$3200. The total amount due the teachers for faithful services during the past five years is, in round numbers, \$3500.

The above report completes the statement of the receipts and disbursements for the academic year 1909-1910.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WALTER J. PATTON,

President Board of Regents, Memorial University.

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: I move that the report be received.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: At the last encampment at Washington the incoming Commander-in-Chief was directed to have the ritual exemplified at this encampment. It occurs to me that we might better utilize our time by considering the business of the encampment.

Frank K. Maples, of New York: I move that this matter be left to the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Inasmuch as the Committee on Constitution is not ready to report at this time, we will proceed under the head of new business. Brother Allan has something to say.

Edgar Allan, Jr., of Maryland: One of the most pleasant experience of my term of office was the several visits which I paid to the Division of Connecticut. I had the pleasure of sitting one night until perhaps 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning talking with Brothers Hale and Grant in regard to their organization work. Now, Commander-in-Chief, when we find a hard worker, a good worker, a designer of methods, and when we find that the encampment wants to show that man some appreciation of his efforts, and wants to crown him with a cross, as this encampment has done, the only thing lacking to make it an absolutely first-class presentation without any strings to it, is to pay for that cross. We have decided to give Brother Hale for having doubled the membership in the division during my term of office, and with doubling it again during Commander-in-Chief Pollitt's administration; we have decided, brothers, to present Brother Hale with the gold cross, but we have put in the report that the Division of Connecticut will have to pay for it. They could have given him the gold cross. I think the Commandery-in-Chief ought to pay for it. I say, the least we can do now is to decide that the Commandery-in-Chief shall make an appropriation of \$25 dollars to pay for it; authorize the National Secretary to buy the badge and pay for it, to show these brothers that we are going to recognize their work in some way. Let us pay for it, and do the right thing as a national body.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I am the last man who would rise to take one jot or tittle of honor away from a brother. I think I was the originator of the question of presenting the gold cross for meritorious services. It was originally given to Past Grand Division Commanders. You will find that Brother Challis has one because he is a Past Grand Division Commander. When we dispensed with grand divisions, that decoration became obsolete. We decided to bestow it only in cases where a brother should perform such service as to make his work par-

ticularly effective. I will grant that the work of our brother from Connecticut is worthy of special consideration. When I went out of office as Commander-in-Chief I went before the national encampment in my report, and asked that the privilege be granted that divisions be permitted to give the golden cross as a mark of special honor, and divisions have been delighted to honor those brothers who have been granted the privilege of wearing it. The price of \$25 is not the point. We have always considered that it was a great honor for the Commandery-in-Chief to grant the privilege of conferring it on persons who have not earned it in accordance with the original constitution. So that the Commandery-in-Chief has always considered it has fulfilled its duty by granting this cross. Among others, the cross has been granted to Brothers Rake and Hammer. The Division of Pennsylvania was only too glad to receive the direct benefit of the work performed by those two brothers, and regarded it as a special favor to be permitted to buy the gold cross for them. The only exceptions that have been made are two brothers who worked for the Commandery-in-Chief with exceptional ability; one was the first National Quartermaster General, who served six years, and was granted that privilege, and the badge was paid for by private subscription—some of it at least. I believe the Commandery-in-Chief appropriated a certain sum; the jewel cost, I believe, \$300. I think we did the same thing for Brother Bolton, who had served the Commandery-in-Chief for seven years. Those have been exceptions. The Division of Connecticut is the direct gainer, and I feel that that division would be very glad themselves to show to their work who worked for that division, that they appreciate his work, and that they desire to pay for the decoration; and the Commandery-in-Chief has shown its appreciation by granting the privilege. Past Commander-in-Chief Allan has said that the Division of Connecticut could buy it and give it to the brother. The division would not have the authority to do that. It is a decoration that can only be granted by the Commandery-in-Chief. I don't object to it on account of the little cost. But I do not think the precedent should be broken. I think we should stand by the rules we have heretofore established. I simply want to stand on that ground and I certainly do not want to be considered as objecting to the honor.

Edgar Allan, Jr., of Maryland: I am informed that the members of the Division of Connecticut, who are the most interested in this matter, prefer that this badge be presented and given by the Commandery-in-Chief. I don't agree with Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott that because Connecticut has gotten the direct benefit that it should pay for the jewel, as there was a direct benefit to the Commandery-in-Chief and the Sons of Veterans, and I might add, a great deal of pleasure and consolation to the Commanders-in-Chief who served last year and this year. To add to the meritorious service that has been rendered by these national officers, to add to that record that the Commandery-in-Chief approved of individual efforts by men in various divisions, and put that badge on Hale's bosom, would add honor and respect to the badge which Brothers Hammer, Rake and Bolton wear, and would simply make one more exception to the two which he has enumerated to you. You know that Connecticut is too modest to refuse to pay for this badge. Connecticut is too modest to get up here and ask you to present

that badge and pay for it. It is as little as we can do; if it cost \$1000 I would be in favor of presenting it. This Order has gotten quid pro quo time and time again. Brother Hale has engaged to go on and work harder in the future. Let the Commandery-in-Chief place that badge on his bosom that he may wear it and show the people that we appreciate the work that he is doing and has done.

E. W. Estes, of New York: The committee on resolutions discussed this matter in the spirit that Brother Abbott has discussed it. We went over the records. It is due to Brother Hale to say that his work has been exceptional, and places him in a class by himself as an organizer. We had in our rooms when we were considering the matter, another brother who had mustered a great many recruits. We knew that there were others. I believe that the report as made by us to the Commandery-in-Chief was correct according to past history. We understood that it was entirely acceptable to the Division of Connecticut. I hope that no further action will be taken.

Edgar Allan, Jr., of Maryland: I move that the National Secretary be instructed to purchase the badge at \$25, in the name of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and upon being put was lost.

National Treasurer: The original gold cross of the Order carried with a white centered ribbon, with red, white and blue border. That ribbon has for a long time been exhausted. It is impossible to duplicate any of those ribbons without going to an expense of between \$600 and \$900 for looms. I merely mention that, so that we will have no misunderstanding of it.

Commander-in-Chief: The granting of this badge does not carry with it membership in this body.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE ARMY NURSES ASSOCIATION.

Commander-in-Chief: The Army Nurses Association have sent a delegation of three to greet us. I will appoint Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania; Joseph Sego, of Indiana, and Fred A. Gentieu, of New Jersey, to escort the ladies in the room.

Committee escorted in the room.

Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania: It gives me great pleasure at this time to present to you and to this Commandery-in-Chief, Mrs. Cole and her lady associates, who were active during the days of the Rebellion in taking care of those men who went to the front to preserve our flag and our country.

Fred A. Gentieu, of New Jersey: I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Cochrane, who has a son who is a member of the Order.

Joseph Sego, of Indiana: It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mother Stewart, whose son you all know—Colonel Stewart.

Mrs. Cole: I come in the name of our Army Nurses. You look very much to me like the boys we took care of in the War. I thank you for this demonstration. We love you all. May God aid you in every good work.

Mrs. Cochrane: I thank you for this opportunity to visit you. I wish you all God speed.

Commander-in-Chief: It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Mother of Colonel Stewart, of the Reserve, who added so much to the luster of the parade yesterday.

Mrs. Martha Stewart: All I can say is, that I love you all, because you have my own boy with you. I wish you God speed. I can wish you nothing better than to be worthy sons of noble sires.

Commander-in-Chief: Among those present I know of none better qualified to respond than Division Commander Heintz, of the Ohio Division. I will call upon him.

Michael G. Heintz, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Army Nurses Association. We certainly feel highly honored for your visit. I am sure that the delegation that comes from your society gives us more real pleasure and honor than any other organization. It was my pleasure night before last to be where many of the nurses were present, and when they were asked to rise the whole audience felt that standing before them were representatives of an organization that did as much as any one else to cause victory to be perched on the banners of the Union Army—exceeded only by the soldiers themselves. We thank you for your visit. You have said that we look very much like the boys you took care of during the War. Most of the soldiers were a good deal younger than we are. I hope you will continue to visit us for many years.

Commander-in-Chief: We have with us at this encampment Brother William H. Russell, of Kansas, who is a Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order, and I am going to ask Brother Russell to further respond to the greetings of these dear ladies.

William H. Russell, of Kansas: Commander-in-Chief, brothers and ladies; it is indeed an unexpected pleasure to be called upon to respond to your greetings. I am sure the members of this encampment must feel as I do when they stand in the presence of those noble women who went forth with our fathers in the days of war, to tenderly minister to the comfort of the soldiers and care for those in need as only a woman can. We stand in the presence of those who are, indeed, beloved by us. I come from the home of Mother Bickerdyke, one of the most famous of the Army Nurses, as she was one of the most beloved by the soldier boys of all that splendid band of noble women who sacrificed and bore so much in ministering tenderly and lovingly to the needs of those who were stricken down while fighting the nation's battles, and because I come from the home of Mother Bickerdyke, who, though she has laid aside the nurse's cap for a crown of glory, lives in history as a type of those who were as heroic in the field of activity as the soldier who carried the musket. I cannot help but feel a deep regard for their organization now. We may praise those who climbed to grandest heights of glory, like Hooker's men at Lookout Mountain, but we cannot forget the mothers who smoothed back the tangled hair from the brow moist with the death damp, and took the last sad sweet message to loved ones, or who, like the angels of mercy, went in and out among the sick and wounded, bringing comfort and health to untold thousands who otherwise would have given up the fight. Yours was a glorious service, a splendid mission, a never-to-be-forgotten work—a service that endeared you to each and every soldier and to every soldier's son, forever. So now, in these later days of peace and of recompense, it is indeed a

loving privilege we would gladly accept to convey to you our thanks for the service you rendered your country and the soldiers of the Union. We extend to you our greetings as the sons of those you served so unselfishly. God bless you, ladies, and all here associated with you.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to say that whenever we meet, if it is possible for you to do so, we hope you will always visit us. I think our committee will sometime during the day reach your association. If it does not, I will extend the greetings of the Sons of Veterans now, in case our brothers fail to reach you.

Francis Callahan, of Pennsylvania: If you will allow me one more word. I remember as a small boy when the men who had volunteered to go and fight the battles to preserve our country, I would take to the ladies who were caring for the soldiers the boxes of lint sent by the mothers while the fathers were fighting for their country. The army nurses are worthy of our praise.

The committee was escorted from the hall.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I move that we take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment resumed business at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Thursday, September 22, 1910, with Commander-in-Chief Pollitt in the chair.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Commander-in-Chief: A delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps is in waiting. I will appoint as a committee of two to escort these ladies in, Past Division Commander Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island, and Brother Herman L. Lange, of New York.

H. L. Lange, of New York: I have the honor of introducing Mrs. Jones, the Junior Vice National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Charles H. Young, of Rhode Island: I have the honor to introduce Past Division President, of New York Division, Mrs. Ida Schotts Pentreath.

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we are very much pleased to have you with us. We know the great work your organization has done and is doing.

Mrs. Jones: I come all the way from Utah to bring greetings to the Sons of Veterans. You know what your fathers have done. You know how they fought for the Union. You also know that they are fast passing from us to join the Great Commander on high. It is your duty to take up the work they have begun and carry it on, to teach patriotism; that is, true patriotism, and the Woman's Relief Corps is doing all it possibly can along that line. I wish you God speed. May God bless every one of you. I had a brother who died in Libby Prison. I love all the old veterans, and it is perfectly natural that I should love you also.

Commander-in-Chief: I am sure you will all be glad to hear from Mrs. Pentreath, the daughter of a veteran.

Mrs. Pentreath: I thought I was very highly honored when I was privileged to accompany our Junior Vice President to visit this organization, but I did not know that I was so well known. I am a daughter of a veteran, and as such I am interested in the Sons of Veterans. You are patriotic sons of patriotic sires, and as such you must follow in the steps of your fathers, that all may know that when this country is left in your hands you will respond just as promptly as your sires did in 1861, to defend "Old Glory." I wish you God speed in your work, and, believe me, it is one of the greatest pleasures that has ever come to me since I have been in the Woman's Relief Corps, to visit your encampment and look into your faces.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott to respond.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, and ladies of the Relief Corps; there is no word of mine that can express not only my own feelings, but the feelings of the Sons of Veterans, towards the organization which you have the honor to represent. It has been many years since I was Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, but not so many that I can forget the great assistance and many favors that I received from the Woman's Relief Corps in the work I was then engaged in, in building up this organization, which was a new work, an untried work, and a work the result of which was very doubtful in the minds of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. I can even say that in many places we were without sympathy from the Grand Army. They were then young men, comparatively, in the prime of life, and it never seemed to occur to them that they would get old and would need the assistance of an organization composed of their sons. Of course that has all changed now, and the Grand Army of the Republic thoroughly appreciates our organization; but, what I wanted to say was this; that never did I appeal in vain to the ladies of the Relief Corps for assistance in organizing a camp, for they would send their boys around the night of organization. When I went into a town to organize a camp, if I could not get the boys together, I would go to their mothers, the members of the Relief Corps and appeal to them, and, John would be there. Mother would make John go, whether Father said anything or not. I always take pleasure in paying that tribute to the ladies of the Relief Corps. They have always and ever been friends of our Order, and they always will be. We are engaged in the same unselfish work, and as the Grand Army of the Republic must disappear in the course of time, then the work that has been carried on jointly by the Grand Army and the Relief Corps must be carried on by the Sons of Veterans and the Relief Corps. Therefore the Relief Corps is going to look to us, and the relations between the two organizations are surely going to become stronger as the years go by, just as surely as the sun rises and sets, and that union is bound to become stronger, because, as the Grand Army disappears, the Relief Corps, composed more or less of the younger ladies, must have somebody, and they are going to their sons and the sons of their fathers, and we are going to unite, working together to do good—one grand loyal family. I cannot say all that I want to, because I am one of those talkers who don't know when to stop. I know what the ladies of the Relief Corps are doing. I lived in Southern Illinois, as a little boy, in the land that was controlled by what was known as the "Golden Circle." I can remember the threats that my mother received, of having her house burned down; my father was away in the Army; and I know how she met those threats, living out on the farm alone, and I know what she went through. What she went through many other women also went through. Her case was no exception; and so I know what these grand ladies of the Relief Corps are and what they mean. I know the spirit in them. I thank you, on behalf of the Commandery for visiting us. We trust that all encouragement, advancement and success will attend your organization.

Mrs. Jones: There is just one word that I would like to say. In the past year the Woman's Relief Corps has expended quite

a little over \$100,000 in relief. You may know that the dependent old soldiers have not been forgotten.

Commander-in-Chief: You might add that the total expenditures amount to over \$3,000,000. What the Sons of Veterans have done during the past twenty-five years is very little compared with what the Woman's Relief Corps has done. We hope to stretch over that gap between what you have done and what we have done.

The committee was escorted from the room.

National Secretary: The following telegram has been received:

"Goldsmith, Ind., Sept. 20, 1910.

Geo. W. Pollitt,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, Rudolf Hotel.

Urgent business. Impossible to attend. Best wishes for a co-operative encampment.

FRANK E. WATSON."

Commander-in-Chief: Comrade Miles O'Reilly, of Grant Post, G. A. R., Brooklyn, Department of New York, has something he would like to say to the encampment.

Miles O'Reilly: I am attending the encampment of the Grand Army. I belong to Grant Post. I served four years in the Army during the War. I want to see this organization prosper. I came over to speak to the delegates from the various states. The Sons of Veterans must increase in membership. You are the men who will have to carry on the work of this great Government. Your obligations are great; your duties are greater. You have been handed that flag by your fathers without a star missing from its folds; the proudest heritage that was ever handed down to a young man by his father is that American flag. We must appeal to you as Sons of Veterans. The Grand Army is dropping off at the rate of ninety a day. In a few years the Grand Army of the Republic will have passed away and you will have to bear the burden. You young men will have to teach patriotism. It is your duty to teach it at home, in your schools, in your churches, particularly in the public schools. There are children who don't know what the flag stands for. The children will have to be taught in the schools. Sons of Veterans, just think what a noble heritage you have. Do your duty, and thus follow in the footsteps of your fathers. Increase your membership. I frequently attend John Eiseman Camp, Brooklyn. Together with the Grand Army Post, Grant Post, the Woman's Relief Corps and the daughters, we have campfires, and the fathers, mothers, daughters and sons are there. Wherever I go I raise my voice for the Sons of Veterans. Hamilton Post No. 152 can be mentioned as doing good work. Other posts are working as well as Hamilton Post. I thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Your committee has considered several matters which have been referred to it by the different divisions. The following is the report of the committee:

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:—

Appended herewith is the report of the committee on constitution, rules and regulations upon the various matters which have been submitted by the Encampment to this committee.

No. 1.

A Communication from the Division of California and Oregon and from the Divisions of Washington and Illinois, pertaining to the change of name of the Order, was submitted and your committee reported as follows:

"We see no necessity for making a change of the name at this time and report adversely to the entire proposition."

This recommendation of the committee was, upon motion, adopted by the Encampment.

No. 2.

A Communication from the Ohio Division, recommending that the Secretary shall devote his full time and attention to the Order of Sons of Veterans, and that the Commandery-in-Chief shall, by vote, establish the place of headquarters of the Secretary for his term of office, and also a communication from the Division of Iowa relative to the same subject was presented to your committee and your committee reported as follows:

"These communications are reported adversely. The tenure and duties of the National Secretary being determined by the constitution, rules and regulations adequately and correctly."

The above recommendation of the committee was, on motion, adopted.

No. 3.

A Communication from the Division of Maine recommending the change in the constitution so as to make the services of the Secretary and Treasurer for three continuous years entitle them to the rank of Past Commander was presented.

Your committee reported adversely the above recommendation.

The above recommendation of the committee, on motion, was adopted.

No. 4.

A Communication from the Division of Massachusetts recommending the adoption of the so-called "Australian System" of balloting for the election of officers was presented to your committee.

Your committee reported adversely to said recommendation, believing it to be impracticable and absolutely unnecessary.

The above recommendation of the committee was, on motion, adopted.

No. 5.

A Communication from the Division of Massachusetts recommending that members be not required to pay per capita tax on members who are veterans of the Civil War, provided such brothers are exempted by camps from the payment of dues.

Your committee reported adversely to the above proposition, it being impracticable and unconstitutional.

The above recommendation of the committee was, on motion, adopted.

No. 6.

A Communication from the Pennsylvania Division relative to delegates using their best endeavors to have commissions for camp officers abolished, was presented to your committee and they believe that no action is necessary or required on said resolution.

The report of the committee was, on motion, adopted.

No. 7.

A Communication from the Pennsylvania Division recommended that delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to use their best endeavors to have the constitution so amended as to abolish the per capita tax of fifty cents on new members was presented.

Your Committee reported that said resolution requires no action on the part of this committee.

The recommendation of the committee was, on motion, adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN M. AMIES, Chairman.
RALPH SHELDON,
E. R. CAMPBELL.
FRANK SHEPARD.
ARTHUR B. SPINK.

FROM CALIFORNIA AND OREGON DIVISION.

No. 1.

Copy of Resolution passed at the 24th Annual Encampment of the California and Oregon Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

April 23, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment, Division of California and Oregon, S. V., U. S. A. Brothers:—

Whereas a large proportion of our present, as well as prospective members, are men who have reached their majority; and for the purpose of adding the right and proper dignity to our beloved order, we, your committee, respectfully submit the following resolution and ask for its adoption by the Encampment.

Resolved, That the Division of California and Oregon, S. V., U. S. A., in encampment assembled desires the name of our organization changed from "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.," to Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic. Inasmuch as the term veteran has become so common that it is applied to the old timers of any vocation to such an extent that it has ceased to have significance or special connection with those heroes who so valiantly defended the flag of our country during the dark days of 1861 to 1865, and as there is but one (and there can be no other) Grand Army of the Republic, the change of name sought for will add dignity to our organization and the meaning will give unmistakable prestige, as it will show that the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic are the descendants and the true

representatives of the men who fought in the Civil war for the preservation of the Union.

Fraternally submitted,
(signed)

GEORGE W. CONART,
H. A. LONGFELLOW,
C. E. THURSTON,
H. W. CULVER,

Committee.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution passed by Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment of the California and Oregon Division, Sons of Veterans.

J. F. MULLIN.

Division Commander.

Attest:

J. A. MEDLAR,

Division Secretary.

Seattle, Wash., January 20, 1910.

To the Division Commander,

Dear Commander:

We are enclosing copies of a resolution passed by Gen. Geo. A. Custer Camp, No. 1, Sons of Veterans, Division of Washington and Alaska. We would like to have you send one copy to each camp in your Division, so we may know how the camps stand in regard to changing the name of our order.

Fraternally yours.

HARRY BALLINGER.

Commander.

No. 1.

Seattle, Washington, U. S. A., Dec. 10, 1909.

To the Commander, Officers and Members, General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans.

Brothers:—

Whereas, A large proportion of our present as well as prospective members are men who have reached their majority; and for the purpose of adding the right and proper dignity to our beloved Order, we, your committee respectfully submit the following resolution and ask for its adoption by the Camp:

Resolved, That General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., desires the name of our organization changed from "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic," and that our desires in this regard be communicated to the Division Commander of the Division of Washington and Alaska with the request that he may take it up with the Commandery-in-Chief.

Resolved, That the term "Veteran" has become so common that it is applied to the old timers in every occupation and walk in life to such an extent that it has ceased to have significance or special application in connection with those heroes who so valiantly defended the Flag of Our Country during the dark days of '61-'65.

Resolved, That as there is but one (and there can never be another) "Grand Army of the Republic," the changing of the name of our Order as sought for in this resolution, will add dignity to our organization and the meaning will give unmis-

taken prestige as it will show that the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic are the descendants and true representatives of the men who fought in the war for the preservation of the Union.

Fraternally submitted,

EMERSON C. BELDING,
G. M. McLEAN,
CHARLES MILICE.

HEADQUARTERS
GEN. GEO. A. CUSTER CAMP No. 1,
DIVISION OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
SONS OF VETERANS.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10, 1909.

The above resolution was presented and passed by the camp by a unanimous vote, Dec. 10, 1909.

Official.

CHARLES MILICE,
Secretary.

HARRY BALLINGER,

Commander.

(Seal)

HEADQUARTERS
DIVISION OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA,
SONS OF VETERANS.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 11, 1909.

I hereby approve of the above resolution.

Official.

FRANK C. SHIPLEY,
Secretary.

CHARLES B. WOOD,

Commander.

(Seal)

FROM OHIO DIVISION.

No. 2.

Columbus, Ohio, June 7, 1910.

Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., recommends that the following laws be made a part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, and that the representatives of the Ohio Division be instructed to use all honorable means to secure their adoption at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held in Sept. 1910, at Atlantic City, N. J.

First. That the National Secretary shall devote his full time and attention to the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; that he shall engage in no other business or occupation for remuneration while holding the office. That when not engaged in clerical work, he shall act in the capacity of a National Mustering Officer under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief; when by him directed to travel he shall receive necessary expenses but no further pay.

Second. That the Commandery-in-Chief at time of election of the National Secretary, shall by vote, establish the place of the Headquarters of the Secretary for the term of his office.

Passed at the regular meeting of the Camp held June 7, 1910.

J. W. CRANE,

Official:

A. L. SCHIEBLICH,
Secretary.

Commander.

July 2, 1904. Approved for transmission to National Commandery.

Attest:
 J. D. BARNETT,
 Division Secretary.

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,
 Division Commander,
 Cincinnati, Ohio.

FROM IOWA DIVISION.

No. 2.

Resolution passed and offered to the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be held September 19th, 1910, in Paterson, N. J., by the Iowa Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, June 9th, 1910.

Resolved, That the National Secretary shall devote his full time and attention to the Order of Sons of Veterans, that he shall engage in no other business or occupation while holding office. That when not engaged in clerical work, that he shall act in the capacity of a National Supervising Mustering Officer, that when ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to travel he shall receive necessary expenses but no further pay.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief shall at time of election of the National Secretary, by vote, establish the place of the Headquarters of the Secretary for the time of his office.

FROM MAINE DIVISION.

No. 3.

Rockland, Me., July 13, 1910.

Division of Maine,
 Sons of Veterans.

To the National Secretary:—

This is to certify that at the Annual Encampment of the Maine Division held at Boothbay Harbor, June 8th and 9th, the following proposed change to the Constitution was recommended to the Commander-in-Chief, viz:

Voted, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the service of the Secretary and Treasurer for three continuous years entitle these officers to the rank of Past Camp Commander, and it is hereby recommended to the Commander-in-Chief that the Constitution be amended so that they can receive this past rank.

A true copy. Attest:

EDWARD K. GOULD,
 Division Secretary-Treasurer.

Received, Reading, Pa., July 16, 1910.—H. H. HAMMER.
 Recommendation of committee adopted.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION.

No. 4.

At the Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, held on April 6 and 7, 1910, the Senior Vice Division Commander recommended as follows:

RECOMMENDATION.

That this Division adopt the so-called "Australian System" of balloting for the election of officers at our annual conventions.

By vote of the Encampment, the delegates were instructed to present this recommendation to the National Encampment in September and the same is hereby presented.

G. M. TUCKER,
Division Commander.

Attest:

HENRY F. WEILER,
Division Secretary.

Report of committee adopted.

RECOMMENDATION.

No. 5.

HEADQUARTERS
MAJ. J. A. CUMMINGS CAMP 3, S. OF V.,
SOMERVILLE, MASS.

To the Massachusetts Division, S. of V.

Whereas, There are numerous Camps throughout the Order whose memberships include Brothers who are Veterans of the Civil War; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Constitution and Laws of the Order should be so amended that Camps will not be required to pay per capita tax on Brothers who are Veterans of the Civil War, provided such Brothers are exempted by such Camps from the payment of dues.

Resolved, That the delegates to the National Encampment use their best efforts for the passage of these amendments.

JAMES H. HAGERTY,
FRED E. WARREN,
H. N. DEARBORN.

Committee.

The above recommendation was referred by the Encampment, to the delegates as instructions, and the same is hereby presented for your consideration.

G. M. TUCKER,
Division Commander.

Attest:

HENRY F. WEILER,
Division Secretary.

Report of committee adopted.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

No. 6.

August 27, 1910.

The Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers:—

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the 30th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, S. V., U. S. A.:

Resolved, That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief

Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors to have commissions for Camp Officers abolished.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. SAUTTER,

Division Commander.

Attested:

W. B. McNULTY,

Division Secretary.

Committee report adopted.

No. 7.

August 27, 1910.

The Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Gentlemen:—

The following resolution was enacted by the 30th Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Division, S. V., U. S. A.

Resolved, That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be requested to use their best endeavors to have the Constitution so amended as to abolish the per capita tax of 50 cents on new members.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. SAUTTER,

Division Commander.

Attested:

W. B. McNULTY,

Division Secretary.

FROM ILLINOIS DIVISION.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

Freeport, Ill., May 24, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Constitution and Laws wish to make the following report in regard to the change in representation to Division and National Encampments.

It is a well-known fact that the Commandery-in-Chief at the last national encampment at Washington, appointed a Committee on Constitution and Laws of which Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Altoona, Pa., is chairman. He has made a request that all those who wish changes made in the Constitution would send him their requests as soon as possible.

The idea of the Commandery-in-Chief at its last session was to make a complete revision of the Constitution and Laws of our Order, and to report in full at the national encampment at Atlantic City in September.

The changes recommended in the Constitution will be published in THE BANNER at least 30 days before the national encampment.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that the matter of representation as presented to our encampment by General Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 6, Division of Illinois, Sons of Veter-

ans, U. S. A., be referred to the national committee on Constitution and Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. G. DUSTIN,
G. F. KORF,
A. L. VAN NESS,
ED. A. LAXTON,
T. J. KILLIAN.

Committee.

Following are the resolutions as presented by Camp 6:

Whereas. We believe the basis of representation to Division and National Encampments of the Sons of Veterans as now constituted, to be inequitable,

And Whereas we believe it would redound to the credit of our Order if said representation were re-apportioned, and reduced.

Therefore be it Resolved by General George A. Custer Camp No. 6, Division of Illinois, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in regular meeting assembled that the delegates of this Camp to the next Division Encampment be instructed, and the other members of the delegation from this Camp who shall be present at that Encampment be requested, to do all in their power to have the following amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Order, recommended by the Division Encampment to the National Encampment:

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 1. Sub. Sec. "first," by striking out the words, "and appointive" and the words, "and its sitting Camp and Division Commanders."

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 1. Sub. Sec. "Second"—by striking out all.

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 1. Sub. Sec. "Third"—by substituting the word "Second" for the word "Third."

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 2. Sub. Sec. "First"—by striking out the words "and appointive" and the words "(except members detailed for special duty), life members and Division Commanders."

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 2. Sub. Sec. "Second"—by striking out all.

Amend Article XVII, Sec. 2. Sub. Sec. "Third"—by substituting the word "Second" for the word "Third."

EDW. J. SALISBURY,

Commander.

Attest:

JOEL F. LONGENECKER, Secretary

The report of the committee was adopted.

The following resolutions were received from Illinois:

Whereas, we believe the name "Sons of Veterans" has not as much significance as the name of our Order should have,

And Whereas, we feel that every person would immediately recognize the purposes and nature of the name "*Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic*."

And Whereas Also an organization "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic" has already been formed by five members of

the Sons of Veterans, and a charter issued to them by the State of Illinois,

And Whereas Also the said five members have signified their willingness to discontinue the said organization of the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, provided the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans will, at the next Encampment, take definite steps to change the name of our Order to that of "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic,"

Therefore be it Resolved by General George A. Custer Camp No. 6, Division of Illinois, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in regular meeting assembled that the delegates of this Camp be instructed, and the other members of the delegation at the Encampment to be held in Freeport in May 1910 be requested, to do all in their power to have elected to the next National Encampment, as delegates from this Division, members who shall pledge themselves to support the above mentioned change in name, and who will endeavor to have the next National Encampment take definite steps toward compassing a change in name to "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic,"

And be it Further Resolved that the delegates to the next Division Encampment be instructed, and the other members of the delegation from this Camp be requested, to do all in their power to have that Encampment act favorably upon a resolution embodying the change in name as proposed above, and to have said Encampment recommend to the National Encampment similar action.—Edw. J. Salisbury, Commander. Attest: Joel F. Longenecker, Secretary-Treasurer.

All members having been notified of the above the foregoing resolution was adopted this 14th day of February, 1910.

JOEL F. LONGENECKER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

The same resolutions were passed March 22, 1910, by Austin Camp No. 12, signed by Willard B. Comstock, Commander, and Leonidas A. Brown, Secretary; Admiral Robley D. Evans Camp No. 20, Chicago, February 24, 1910, signed by L. Bolenbaugh, Commander, and E. F. Ahlers, Secretary; Moline Camp No. 31, Moline, signed by Geo. M. Gould, Commander; Cerro Gordo Camp No. 139, Cerro Gordo, N. C. Phillips, Commander, W. J. Willis, Secretary; Robertson Camp No. 330, Greenup, signed by O. O. Thomen, Commander; Ravenswood No. 28, Chicago, signed by A. H. Clark, Commander, A. B. Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee on Resolutions desires to report the recommendation that these resolutions be forwarded by the Division Secretary-Treasurer to the Committee on Constitution and Laws appointed at the last encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief without recommendation by this encampment.

R. F. LOCKE,

R. D. ROBINSON,

H. B. BEEDLE,

H. C. SPRINGSTON,

Committee on Resolutions.

The committee report was adopted.

Recommendation No. 1.—Change of name.

No objection was raised to the report of the committee relative to change of name.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I understand that this committee was expected to report at this time a complete revision of the Constitution. The chairman states that the matters which the committee is ready to report on are matters which have been referred to it at this time. Is it not also so that if these proposed amendments to the Constitution can be acted on without being published in *THE BANNER*, the whole Constitution can be treated in the same manner?

Are we to understand that after this Commandery has acted upon certain matters which have been referred to the committee the committee is then going to offer us today for consideration a complete revision of the Constitution?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: We will offer the revised Constitution after we get through this work of the committee.

E. W. Estes, of New York: What does the committee think of the action of the Commandery-in-Chief last year relative to printing this proposed Constitution?

Commander-in-Chief: I will decide that the reading of the committee's report regarding the several amendments is in order. We will proceed to consider the amendments.

Recommendation No. 2. From the Ohio Division, concerning the National Secretary—to devote his whole time.

No objection to report of the committee.

Recommendation No. 3. From the Division of Iowa—on same subject.

No objection to report of committee.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I understand that we are not supposed to be acting on any question amending the Constitution.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: These are communications that were presented to the encampment and read by the National Secretary, and, under the direction of the Commandery-in-Chief, referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws. They do involve proposed changes in the Constitution; that is, they suggest changes; but the committee reports adversely to each suggestion; the encampment adopts the recommendations of the committee.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: If a new Constitution is not submitted, the recommendations would have to be published in *THE BANNER*.

Commander-in-Chief: The notice from the Division of Ohio reached the Commander-in-Chief's office too late for publication. It was sent to the National Secretary and promptly forwarded to me. I received it on the day of the month in which *THE BANNER* goes to press—too late to be printed in the July *BANNER*. About five days too late.

Recommendation No. 4. Communication from Division of Maine, relative to having Secretary having past honors.

No objection to report of committee.

Recommendation No. 5. From the Division of Massachusetts, relative to the so-called Australian system of balloting.

No objection to report of committee.

Recommendation No. 6. From the Division of Massachusetts,

relative to remitting per capita tax of members who are Civil war veterans.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: In connection with this matter I have to say. The camp may remit the dues of any brother, if they desire to do so, working under the present Constitution, in the words of the chairman of the committee which prepared it, who said, that the purpose of that committee was to adopt, as near as possible, the policy of "home rule."

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Referring to Section 1, Article XVIII, page 13, which says, "Each camp and division shall regulate its fees and revenues."

Frank H. Challis, of New Hampshire: I object to the conclusions of the committee. The chairman of the committee has very well stated that the camps can remit dues. This proposition, if it is legally before us, is, in my opinion, a good one. I am in favor of it. It would be no more "class legis'ation" than we are enacting all the time. I have had in mind for several years that I should like to exempt the veteran soldiers from the payment of per capita tax.

Lewis A. Dilley, of Iowa: If this committee should report favorably on any amendment, could we legally pass it? Can it be adopted if they report favorably?

Commander-in-Chief: Some disposition must be made of these resolutions and communications.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: In order to put the matter before this body, I move that the report of the committee in regard to this matter be concurred in.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recommendation No. 7. From the Pennsylvania Division, concerning abolishment of commissions for camp officers.

No objection to report of the committee.

Recommendation No. 8. From the Pennsylvania Division, concerning the abolishment of tax of 50 cents on new members.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: Do I understand Brother Amies to say that we cannot act on this?

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: The committee took no action on this resolution. There is nothing before the committee to show that the delegates from the Pennsylvania Division have done anything, although they were directed to use their best efforts to bring about certain legislation.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: Do I understand that we still have an opportunity to present the amendments.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Sure, but nothing is before the committee.

No further objection to report of committee.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: The Committee on Constitution and Laws which was appointed sometime ago to draft a new Constitution reports in substance. Three members of this committee have been very active in endeavoring to formulate such a Constitution as would come before this body in such a shape that it would be presentable. At no time during the year did any of this committee get together, except two members, and then only for consultation. This committee met here last Saturday, and have been in session almost continuously night and day

ever since, excepting Tuesday night, when one of the members was sick. During the absence of those members, the balance of the committee attempted to do what they could. We now bring before you what we consider a Constitution, to be adopted by you as the law of the Order. We do not present any laws at this time. Our idea has been to present a Constitution which we hope will stand and remain as the Constitution of the Order; it may be lengthy, but in it we have endeavored to lay down the fundamental law of the Order and call that our Constitution, and providing that it should not be changed except under certain rigid rules and regulations, leaving the laws to be provided hereafter. I understand that there is to be some objection raised to the presentation of this report. In order that any objections may be brought properly before the Encampment, I present formally the Constitution as prepared by the Committee.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I rise to a point of order. My point is that this Encampment has no right to take action on any amendments or proposed constitution except as provided by Article XXV, page 33, of the Constitution, which reads as follows: "The Constitution and Laws and the Ritual of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall only be altered or amended by the Commandery-in-Chief, by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to a vote, at a stated annual meeting thereof. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and Laws shall be submitted in writing by Divisions, Camps or Committees on Constitution and Laws to the Commandery-in-Chief at least sixty days before the first session of each Commandery-in-Chief, and that such proposed changes be made the subject of an order or circular to be issued by the Commander-in-Chief, copies to be mailed to all who are entitled to a seat in the encampment at least fifteen days before the first session of the Commandery-in-Chief." My point of order is that this provision of the Constitution has not been complied with.

B. J. Northcott, of Maryland: I regret very much that that point should be made, after it was practically decided at the Washington encampment by Past Commander-in-Chief Allan, and the Commandery-in-Chief sustained his decision, that this section of the Constitution has no application in a case like the present. That matter was decided by an overwhelming majority.

E. W. Estes, of New York: It does seem to me that the point of order raised by Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman is well taken. The rule that was made last year at Washington regarding the printing of the new Constitution in THE BANNER should have been followed, and I see no reason why we should be asked to consider this Constitution with only a single copy. I was going to make a motion to have the Constitution printed for action next year.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: Referring to page 137 of the proceedings of the Washington encampment, you will find the action of the Commandery with reference to this same question. At that time an amendment was proposed to the Constitution. Under conditions exactly similar to those existing today. I rose on a point of order identical with the one I make now, and discussion followed. The Commander-in-Chief, as the record will show, ruled that the point of order was not well taken. From that decision there was an appeal made by Brother Estes of New York. Following that there was further discussion. On

page 134, the Senior Vice, who was in the chair, put the question, as follows: "The question before the house is, shall the Commander-in-Chief be sustained." The motion was put and lost. The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair, and stated: "The point of order of Brother Speelman, of Ohio, is well taken. You will now listen to the further report of the Committee on Constitution."

Commander-in-Chief: It strikes me that at least the spirit of the action taken by the Commandery-in-Chief has not been followed. I hold now, as I did, that the brothers should know of any change of a permanent character. In this case no notice has been given, in accordance with the desire of the Washington encampment. We should have had this notice at least 60 days before this encampment. The point of order is well taken.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I now move that this proposed Constitution be printed, and that sufficient number of copies be distributed for the benefit and use of the next encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in accordance with the provisions of the present Constitution.

The motion was seconded.

W. G. Dustin, of Illinois: The offer of last year remains good for the proposed Constitution to be published in THE BANNER.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: I desire to state that the Committee on Constitution and Laws had no desire to force for the consideration of this encampment a draft of a new constitution. The committee will be very glad if the motion of Brother Speelman prevails, as that will give the members an opportunity to study and scrutinize the Constitution before the encampment. That has been impossible for the reasons stated by the chairman. It has occurred to me, however, that it is unnecessary to go to the additional expense of having two publications of the proposed draft. The publication in THE BANNER will go to every brother of the Order. The publication in pamphlet form would be superfluous. The proposed draft will be submitted for publication to the end that it may be presented at the next encampment for consideration. I think the motion of Brother Speelman should limit the publication to THE BANNER.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I think the motion fully covers that point, as copies of THE BANNER will be mailed to all who are entitled to a seat in the encampment, without the necessity of mailing additional copies.

W. G. Dustin, of Illinois: I will say, in addition to what I said before, that when the proposed Constitution is printed in THE BANNER, I will have at least 200 extra copies printed and have them at the encampment.

National Inspector: Is this to be left until about 60 days before the next encampment, or will it be published in THE BANNER so it will reach the brothers in time for them to consider it for discussion at the division encampments.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I am glad that Brother Jenkins brought that point out. It is the idea of this committee to have this Constitution out and printed before any of the divisions meet.

Charles Vetter, of New York: I will offer an amendment to

the motion—that the Committee on Constitution be requested to draft laws in addition to the constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: The committee will do that.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I have attended many meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief for the last twenty-five years. I will pay this encampment the compliment of being the most technical of any, and we are very fortunate in having a most excellent and good natured presiding officer. I don't wish to cast any reflections about his successor, whoever he may be, but the next encampment, by progression, wou'd naturally be a little more technical than this one. Therefore, I hope this encampment will most carefully provide for this situation, which I have seen at other encampments. The committee will propose the laws. They will be published. Under the law, they are the only things we can consider; but suppose some brother gets up and proposes a change in the law; then my technical brother arises and says that was not published in *THE BANNER*, therefore we cannot discuss it; we can only reject or accept what has been recommended. How are we going to cover that point? Are we going to provide that nothing but what has been published may be adopted?

Committee on Credentials made a further report, giving additional name, making 173 accredited delegates.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the report be received and that the brother whose name has been read be seated. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: I think the question that Doctor Abbott has raised was decided last year at Washington. That was discussed, and it was decided that if anybody wanted to inject in the constitution that was not in the present constitution, or the one submitted, it would be perfectly proper to do so.

While I am on the floor, I take the opportunity to report for the Committee on Fraternal Relations, of which I am chairman. We visited the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. I have here a communication from Miss Stella Irish, Department of Wisconsin, greetings and best wishes to Commander-in-Chief Pollitt for Hugh C. Irish Camp, Sons of Veterans.

(Question called on motion of H. V. Speelman).

The motion was put and agreed to.

Frank M. Cunningham, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, there is a delegation in the ante room from the Grand Army of the Republic, headed by the Department Commander of Iowa.

Commander-in-Chief: I will detail Past Division Commander Charles F. Sherman, of New York, Personal Aide A. I. Vescelius, of New Jersey, and Past Division Commander Daniel F. Goulding, of Massachusetts, as a committee to escort the veterans in the hall.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: It gives me pleasure at this time to introduce to you, and through you, to this Commandery-in-Chief, representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the person of Comrade W. H. Armstrong, of Indiana, Past Senior Vice Commander of the Grand Army and present

chairman of the Executive Committee, and Past Division Commander of the Indiana Division; also Comrade H. A. Dyer, at present Department Commander of Iowa; and Henry M. Fairback, present Department Commander of Missouri.

Commander-in-Chief: We feel that we are a most favored people for you to come here as the representatives of the greatest patriotic body that was ever organized.

There is also in waiting a delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. I will ask Past Division Commander Newton J. McGuire, of Indiana, Division Commander Fred V. Tuller, of Vermont, and Past Division Commander Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin, to escort the ladies in the hall.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you two representatives of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Helen M. Wilson, and Mrs. Toby.

Commander-in-Chief: We are glad to have you with us. I will call upon the Grand Army delegation, in the order that they were presented—Comrade Armstrong, who is also a member of our Order.

W. H. Armstrong: Inasmuch as I am a member of this encampment, you will excuse me from any extended remarks. I only wish to express my gratification at the closer relations between the Grand Army and the Sons. I think this meeting marks an epoch in the history that we have been waiting for for many years. I am very glad to have with me, as comrades of the Grand Army, the Department Commander of the Iowa Department, of Mason City. I am sure that what he will have to say to you will be especially interesting. And Comrade Fairback, of the Department of Missouri, who has the honor of being a Past Department Commander of that Department; he will also bring you greetings from that strong state.

Henry M. Fairback: I notice that some of the comrades call you "boys;" from your appearance, however, I would say that you are no longer boys, but men. In a few years you will be our successors. I differ with many of the members of the Grand Army on this issue. I was criticised in the "National Tribune" for an article I wrote a short time ago, concerning your alliance with us. I wrote the article to bring out the criticism, if any, and there was criticism in the last issue, but it was a very weak one. In Missouri we are helping the Sons in every way we can. A few of our members may say we are not ready for an alliance. I say that the time has come when we need you, and we should extend the right hand of fellowship and treat you just the same as the Sons of the Revolution are treated; just the same as the companions of the Loyal Legion are treating the second class members. The question is not to be settled the next year, or the year following, but now. I give the Grand Army but five years more of vigorous activity. They now average seventy years of age; they are less active, and the result is that they should recognize the fact that in only a few years they will have all gone. The question comes up, how are we going to assimilate. I have talked with many on the question. I am frank to say that the quicker we assimilate the better. The boys are ready to assist on every occasion when we require their services. In

Missouri, through present Division Commander Hutchinson the policy of visiting as often as possible has been adopted. Good results have already come from that policy. I think there ought to be a change so that you can come right in our posts. Let me suggest that you take the name of the post in the town where your camp is located. I don't know of any better plan to encourage your activity than to permit you to listen to the splendid service we have in our muster; nothing is grander than the ritual of the Grand Army; especially the burial service. Only the other evening I attended a meeting of Fremont Camp, and saw seven sons of a father of Harding Post mustered. Most of the comrades who were present gave the father a great deal of credit for having seven such splendid sons. I thought to myself that one-half of them had light hair and the other half dark; surely the mother had as much to do with them as the father. The question I would like you to take up, while you are holding your encampment, is, how you can come nearer to the Grand Army. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to prepare a petition asking the Grand Army to open the doors of the posts to you. You should follow the Grand Army as near as possible as to names for your camps. I should think you should make reports to the Grand Army Post whose name you have adopted. The Woman's Relief Corps do that; they make that one of their essential points. The Ladies of the G. A. R. are getting closer to us. As you know, the Ladies of the G. A. R. take none but blood relatives of soldiers. You are all of you blood relatives; you come first in law. I hope that I will live to see the day when the Sons of Veterans will come into the post room. We have some of the brightest men of the nation in our ranks. I could name fifty men who could make as good presidents as any president we have had. I hope you aspire to the highest office the nation affords, and that some day the chief executive will be chosen from your ranks. One of the brightest men we have in Missouri, who came from Kansas, is a son of a veteran; he is our Governor; Governor Hadley is one of the brightest men we have in this country. You should initiate him in your Order. You should go out skirmishing for such men, as the Grand Army has done. I am interested in your Memorial University. The Department Commander of the Iowa Department will tell you what a splendid institution that is. I have read its history, and if I were not so old I would go there and finish my education. We had a flag raising in St. Louis at one of the most magnificent schools in the country—a colored high school. We went out there; the flag was raised by one of the colored posts. The principal took us through the school house. It cost \$318,000. Every convenience in the world to encourage the black race who are ambitious to have an education.

If there is anything in the world, Sons of Veterans, that you can think of, to bring about a closer relation between the Grand Army and yourself, you should begin now. No matter if you find discouragement. Now, Commander-in-Chief, I want to thank you very much indeed for this opportunity. When you come to St. Louis, I want you to visit our post, and my home. My wife is just as strong an advocate of the Sons of Veterans as I am.

Commander-in-Chief: Comrade, I speak for the Sons of Veterans; just as soon as the Grand Army want us they can have us. We will be glad to come. There is not a man in the Order who

would not be glad and proud of the privilege of being admitted to a Grand Army Post. When you go back to the national encampment tell them there is only room in this country for one auxiliary of men to the Grand Army, and that is the one made up of their sons.

We are favored with the presence of the Department Commander of Iowa; the great soldier state.

H. A. Dyer: I want to call you the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, because you are certainly the sons of the grandest army that ever kept step. You are the sons of the men that saved the great nation. You hold an exalted position today. I come here with the two other comrades to bring you good cheer, my young friends of this glorious order. I am glad to be here this afternoon, and to look into the faces of this grand army of young men, assembled here, full of intelligence. We are proud of you. I have a son, who, like his father, drew n's sword and fought for his country. The men who went to the front in the Spanish War were valiant soldiers; did the best they could in a short time; showed the American spirit, and it did not take long to clean the Spaniards up. I want to talk to you about something that is near and dear to my heart. I see sitting over there the president of one of the grandest memorials ever erected—the Memorial University at Mason City—on the brow of Veterans' Hill; property worth at least \$200,000, on 40 acres of ground, given by the people of Mason City. Railroads run in every direction from Mason City. The institution is not too far west, as has been said. From the table of distances which I had prepared and showed at Syracuse, it will be seen that we are 600 miles nearer New York than San Francisco. Mason City is in the center of two of the greatest rivers in this country.

Your order is composed of young men who are the blood relatives of the men who saved the nation. You have erected a memorial which will be a lasting memorial. This memorial is the legitimate offspring of the Sons of Veterans, first conceived in the fertile brain of A. L. Sorter. This memorial was adopted into the family of the Sons of Veterans at Syracuse in 1900. The great absorbing question is, what will you do with it, so that it will stand as a lasting memorial. I feel very sure you will say that it shall not crumble and go to decay, but that it shall be maintained throughout coming generations. My friends, I want to talk to you today along the line of a father, who loves his son. He wants to see his son do well. You have builded there a foundation which is one of the grandest memorials to men. You have builded a monument. You have done us proud by conceiving the idea of erecting this memorial. It will cost you only 25 cents per capita to maintain it. It rests with you whether you will accomplish what you set out to do. Do not let the flag of that institution be hauled down. You have with you, President Patton, and let me tell you, not because he is from my town, but because he is worthy of it, that he is doing a noble work there in that institution. He is anxious for the success of the university, not for the little pittance he is getting out of it, but because the blood of a union soldier flows through his veins. You have received aid from the various patriotic organizations, including the good women of the organization, the Ladies of the G. A. R. The Woman's Relief Corps is working hard for the institution, and the Grand Army has also contributed. If the Sons of Veterans show a disposition to build

that institution up, then some wealthy man can probably be prevailed upon to contribute to it. Those moneyed men put their money into an institution so that their name shall be handed down from one generation to another. You have forty acres of as fine land as ever grew anything. All you need is to contribute twenty-five cents per capita and everything will go along smoothly.

I came down here as the representative of the Grand Army, to bring you greetings, but in my heart I wanted to talk to you about the institution, to tell you what we have, what you have there, and my prayer is that you will resolve that this institution shall not perish from the face of the earth, but will stand until time shall be no more. You owe it as a debt of gratitude to your fathers. God bless you. Every fourteen minutes one of the comrades is laid away. It will not be many years until you will have to take up our work, and, as far as I am concerned, let me say that I want you to come into our posts. You are ours. Let us go down this life together. Again let me urge you to take some steps to perpetuate that institution of yours; remember it only costs the mere pittance of twenty-five cents per capita. The loyal women of the country want you to keep up this institution.

And now, in closing, let me say, let us keep that glorious old flag floating.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Division Commander Charles F. Sherman, of New York to respond.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the Grand Army, and honored sires. It is indeed a pleasure that the Commander-in-Chief has delegated to me the honor of responding on this occasion. I only wish that nature had provided me with an ability to express myself the appreciation that we have for you as an organization, and to thank you for your presence. To the best of my recollection this is the first time in the history of the Order of the Sons of Veterans when the encampments of the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans have been held at the same time on the invitation of the parent organization. When the invitation came to our body, I think there is no gainsaying the fact that we felt that we were honored, and we felt that we could do nothing less than to accept the invitation in the spirit in which it was offered. It has been a pleasure to meet at the same time. Yesterday I stood on the curb and watched the parade of the old veterans, and as I watched their faces closely, I could see that many of them would not be in another parade. I felt as I did when only a few years ago I looked for the last time upon the face of my father. It was the first time that I have seen the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic at the annual encampment. Though I may never see another one, I count it as one of the most interesting sights of my life. We appreciate the presence of the representatives of our parent organization at our encampment, who have come here to extend the greetings of that body. We are the sons of the noble veterans, and there is nothing in our lives that gives us greater pleasure than to have you with us. We prize nothing higher than the priceless heritage which our fathers have left us—the fact that we are Sons of Veterans. I assure you that we will to the best of our ability endeavor to make this organization of Sons of Veterans as worthy as possible of your praise, and if in the process of time it shall be decreed by the parent

organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, that we, the Sons of Veterans, are to be honored by gaining admittance to your post rooms, it is hoped that we will live up to the high honor. We are not knocking at the door of the post room. We are waiting to do all we can to assist the Grand Army, and whatever they want, they need only to request the brothers, and we will respond readily to their wishes. We do not stand in the position of seeking admission. But we do expect to carry on the work which you have started, but we will stand until the time shall come for us to receive the heritage.

The comrade has referred to the Memorial University. We admit the parentage, and there is no doubt but that in the fullness of time this organization is going to live up to its responsibility in this matter, though it may be for others to decide in just what way the institution shall be supported. If it is right it will prevail. I have a faith that believes that in the process of time the problems which have arisen in that Memorial will be solved. It may be a good thing that a responsibility of that character has been placed upon us. We are going to endeavor to the extent of our ability to live up to the responsibility. I may say that we esteem it one of the richest treats in connection with this encampment to have received this delegation, and we pray you that as you return to your encampment you will convey to the comrades our sincere greetings, with the assurance of absolute loyalty under any and all circumstances. Test us, and you will find that we are your sons. You will find us, as an organization, as willing as ever to be of service to you and to honor you. We are glad that you are here; we recognize your presence as the beginning of a new and fraternal relationship. If we are to meet again at the same time and place as your organization, I want to say that we will always have a place for you at our meetings. Convey to your body our best wishes, and we pray earnestly that though the time must soon come for us to relieve you, it may be removed as far as possible, and that you may stand before us for many years. May the God that watches over us spare your lives and may you bask in the sunshine of His Love for the remainder of your years. (Applause).

The Committee from the Grand Army was escorted from the room.

Commander-in-Chief: There is no delegation whom we would more heartily receive than the Ladies of the G. A. R. Brothers, you are received in the circles on the same terms as the Grand Army comrades. It has been my pleasure to become an honorary member of a circle in Paterson, New Jersey. Ladies, I am interested in your work.

Mrs. Helen M. Wilson: As the senior in service, I assume the honor of speaking first. I will be brief. You know the privilege is given us of having the last word. We have asked the privilege of listening to the comrades. We have listened to them. I can only say that I am like the man who pinned his prayer on the wall, because he was too lazy to repeat them, and said "Lord, them's my sentiments." For they are our sentiments. Four years ago, at the time I had the honor of presiding over the national convention, one of my recommendations was that the eligibility clause might be extended so as to include the Sons of Veterans as well as the veterans in our circle rooms. During the

twenty-one years I have attended national convention it has been my desire that you might come with us. As the representative of our national organization of 50,000 members, I bring you greetings. We are the blood relations of the brave men that you desire to honor; we also desire to honor them. I bring you these most hearty greetings; any time the Ladies of the G. A. R. can be of any service to you, it will be our greatest pleasure to serve you. In our Department convention in Kansas the doors were open. They came in as a body—the whole organization of the Sons of Veterans was received in that convention. It was a proud day for the Ladies of the Grand Army, and I believe equally proud for the Sons of Veterans. I have with me the Department President of Illinois. We want to see the Memorial University a success, and we will do all we can to that end.

Mrs. Toby: There is much that I would like to say to you, Sons of Veterans. There is no love so dear as the love that a mother has for her son; these veterans, your fathers, belong to us, and you belong to us. As the sister was speaking of the Sons of Veterans being admitted into the circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R., I want to tell you that the circle to which I belong has several sons who have been admitted. Commander Springston, of Illinois, is an honorary member of my circle. While the comrade was speaking of the sons coming into the post rooms, I thought also of the Ladies of the Grand Army. It is the desire of the Ladies of the G. A. R. that the Sons of Veterans shall perpetuate the Grand Army.

One word in regard to the University, I want to emphasize every word that has been said in its favor. Doctor Patton is here, and if you have not heard from him, I am sure he will tell you about it. Send your children there; do all you can for the institution. I hope this year will be a prosperous one for the university.

Miss Tobey: I come from Utah. I am glad to have the privilege of extending to you the hand of fellowship. Keep up the good work.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Commander McNulty, of Pennsylvania, to respond.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: I am glad to have the opportunity of talking to these handsome ladies. I want to say that in our gatherings when we dwell upon the heroism of our fathers, when we speak of the magnificent charges; when we dwell upon the splendid fighting at Antietam; when we speak of what took place at Vicksburg; when we tell what our fathers did for the preservation of the Union; when we tell of those things, we sometimes forget what our mothers and our grandmothers have done, and as great as I admire the heroism and the service they rendered, I do not forget what our mothers and grandmothers endured during the dark days of the Rebellion. It is but just, and it is a pleasure also, for us to welcome the patriotic Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is but just that we should extend to them our thanks for the kind of endorsement that they have given our organization. When the ladies opened the doors we were glad to enter. I will close by saying, you are welcome here, and we are glad you have come to see us. We hope you will continue in the good work in which you are engaged, and that God may bless and prosper your organization, and give you long life to enjoy the prosperity. I

don't think there is any better sentiment that I can express than the three words, which we utter from the innermost recesses of our hearts—"We love you."

The Committee was escorted from the hall.

PRESENTATION OF LOVING CUP ON BEHALF OF D. B. A.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, a great honor has been conferred upon me. I have been called upon to perform a very pleasant duty, and I assure you I am very glad to say a kind word and compliment you upon the splendid work you have done. It is a pleasure to have been sent here by brothers to say a few words of compliment to a distinguished member of our Order, and I don't think I could do any better or make my remarks any stronger than by saying to you, Commander-in-Chief, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." You have put your heart and soul in this work, and the results show for themselves. You are one of the busy men of your community, but you have always found time to do something for the Sons of Veterans, and you have displayed the same love for the Order that you have for your Camp. There is much that I would like to say, but I will simply present this loving cup to you as a testimonial from your brothers, the Board of Managers of the Death Benefit Association.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, in the language of somebody, I don't exactly know who, I have been "knocked galley west." If there are any sailors present they may understand the allusion. I know what it means to me. I have been connected with the D. B. A. for nearly eleven years, having been elected a director ten years ago. In that time some of the directors have gone and others have been elected to fill their places. I had not the slightest idea that I was to receive this cup. I will take this home, Brother McNulty, and it will be kept as an heirloom. I want you to thank my brothers of the Death Benefit Association for this. I sincerely hope, brothers, in the fullness of time, when this Commandery-in-Chief desires a good Commander-in-Chief, they will look again to the ranks of the members of the Death Benefit Association. Again, I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now have the report of the Council-in-Chief, Brother Kremer.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: The following is the

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the 29th Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

A record of the proceedings of your Council-in-Chief is submitted herewith.

Following the adjournment of the 28th Annual Encampment our first meeting was held at Washington, D. C., the Council-in-Chief organized with Felix A. Kremer, of Madison, Wisconsin, chairman; John A. Bommhardt, of Cleveland, Ohio, secretary.

Bonds were fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, \$1000.00.

National Secretary, \$5000.00.

National Treasurer, \$5000.00.

It was voted that the sum of One Thousand and Three Hundred Dollars be allowed the Commander-in-Chief for office expenses and travel.

It was voted that Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars be allowed the Chief-of-Staff for his department.

The action of the G. A. R. fixed the time and place of holding the encampment.

We have carefully checked and audited the accounts, vouchers and checks of the National Secretary and National Treasurer and found them absolutely correct. The same painstaking care and accuracy of these two officers is once again manifest and the organization should feel proud that men of this type are in charge of its financial affairs.

We recommend that the per capita tax be fixed at 36 cents per member as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX A. KREMER,

THOMAS J. HANNON,

Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Council-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. We will now have the report of that committee.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: The Committee on Officers' Reports has held numerous sessions, and we regret exceedingly that the duties involved upon the members of that committee prevented their attendance upon the sessions of the Encampment this morning. We endeavored to the best of our ability to take up the several matters referred to in the officers' reports, and we believe our recommendations are strictly fair and impartial. Had we known that our worthy presiding officer was to be presented with such a testimonial, we would not have found it necessary to engross our ecomiums upon the pages of this report. There is no doubt of the affection in which our worthy Commander-in-Chief is held by this body at large.

The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICER'S REPORTS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 21, 1910.

To the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Encampment Assembled.

Greeting:—

Your Committee on Officer's Reports beg to submit the following report:

We have carefully listened to the reading of these several reports and noted their contents. It is our judgment that this body has never been favored with more exhaustive reports, and we believe we are to be congratulated because of the peculiar efficiency of our representatives, as evidenced in these reports.

But rather than to deal in generalities, we shall take them up individually, and give you a summing up in as few words as possible.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

This report is one of the most complete and voluminous now the property of this body. It indicates the deep and thorough interest taken by Commander-in-Chief Pollitt in all that he attempted. It was felt by many when the mantle of power had been bestowed upon George W. Pollitt that he would worthily bear the honors and responsibilities, but not even his fondest admirers conceived with what a spirit of zeal, devotion, industry and intelligence he would discharge his duties. The report further shows that he has been faithful to the promises made at the time of election, that he has been at the command of the demands of our Order at all times during the year, that he has dignified the office he has held, that he has cemented more closely the relations with our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, that though he has been confronted with a number of breaches of discipline, yet he has sincerely and honestly endeavored to interpret the law, and his decisions thereon, are, according to his interpretation, and also his legal advisor, strictly in accordance with the law. Differences of opinion may exist, but there are none to say that the errors made by Commander-in-Chief Pollitt, if he made any, are due to anything other than his honest interpretation of the law, and to ascribe anything else to this worthy official is, in our judgment, manifestly unfair.

As to his decisions:

After a very careful consideration of these several decisions, and with due regard that if this body shall approve this report, they will become the law of our Order, we unanimously recommend the approval of Decisions I, II, III, IV, V and VII.

As to Decision VI. A careful reading of Section 3, Article XIX, indicates that a brother under suspension for nonpayment of dues is a member of the Camp until dropped. Therefore, we are of the opinion that the Camp must re-instate a suspended member, upon his removal of the disability which has existed, viz: a tender of the amount of his indebtedness.

As to Decision VIII. We are unanimously of the opinion that the Commander-in-Chief has the power to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate charges of any kind whatsoever, and there are records of former Commanders-in-Chief having appointed committees to investigate charges.

As to recommendations:

No. 1. Continuance of present per capita tax. We concur.

No. 2. Appointment of committee to prepare resolutions to be presented to Commanders-in-Chief Van Sant, and Nevius, and to Mrs. Merrill. We concur.

No. 3. As to printing 1500 copies of proceedings. We concur.

No. 4. As to organization fund: Your committee is unanimously of the opinion that this is one of the most vital and far-reaching recommendations made at this encampment, and they are in hearty sympathy with it, but they suggest, instead of concurrence in the recommendation, the following substitute:

That \$1500 be devoted to organization purposes. That when a Division shall place an organizer in the field under salary the Commander-in-Chief is authorized to aid such Division to the extent of furnishing a sum equal to that expended by the Divi-

sion until the exhaustion of the fund, provided that no Division shall receive from this fund more than \$250 in any one year. That the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to arrange all details whereby this may become effective at once, and that the Division so aided make a detailed report of the disposition of the organization fund.

Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8. Dishonorable discharge from the Order of G. W. King, William H. Shuler, H. W. Snow, and George H. Younger. We concur.

Recommendation No. 9. As to recommendation in the Fred Tschudy matter. It is recommended that the status quo of this case be preserved as at present, and that all matters appertaining to the eligibility of Fred Tschudy, as a member of the Order of Sons of Veterans be, and they are hereby referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, from other than the Pennsylvania Division, for the purpose of investigating, hearing and determining the eligibility of said Fred Tschudy to membership in said Order.

All parties interested shall present their evidence and arguments to said committee within six months from the first day of October, 1910, and the decision of said committee shall be rendered in writing and filed with the Commander-in-Chief within sixty days thereafter.

The decision of said committee to be final as to said eligibility of said Fred Tschudy, unless an appeal therefrom be taken to the next regular Annual Encampment of this Commandery-in-Chief. In the event of such an appeal, notice of said appeal and the reasons thereof, shall be filed with the Commander-in-Chief, and a copy thereof served upon the appellee, or his attorney of record at least thirty days previous to the day of convening of said National Encampment.

No. 10. As to matter of Harry Williams, of Camp No. 80, Pennsylvania Division. Parties representing both sides of this controversy appeared before the Committee, and after a careful hearing we concur in the decision.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Brother Boutwell brought to the office an experience of many years, all active, and was without doubt well qualified to discharge such duties as pertain to the office. His report indicates an appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him, and a perfect willingness to be at the service of the Order. We commend his activities and express our satisfaction with his work.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Brother Cross states that as no duties were required of him, he performed none other than fell to his lot in connection with his own Division. Our knowledge of the Brother justifies us in saying that we have no doubt but that had work been assigned he would have found pleasure and satisfaction in performing it.

NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Brothers, we assure you it is a pleasure to report on this Report. In years past numerous bouquets have been thrown at the feet of the "Little Giant" from Pennsylvania, until florists supplies have been entirely consumed. Dictionaries have been searched to find words expressive of the high regard in which

we hold his service, or in case of failure to find them, new words coined to meet the emergency. And year after year, he turns in a report which is so precise, concise, and withal unabridged, that the Committee has real difficulties in finding adequate language to express its unqualified approval of his services as revealed in the Report. To properly understand it, one need not be a member of the Bureau of Municipal Research or a Certified Public Accountant (though to such a one it would be easy), yet it is made up of such a vast multitude of figures, all statistically and artistically arranged, that on first glance it seems to be the statements of fact as set forth by Doctor Cook, the infamous discoverer, trying to prove that he really and truly discovered the North Pole. Commend his work? Why, certainly. Far be it from us to hammer anything harder than that he is the man for the job and the job is for the man. As well think of performing a surgical operation on the Siamese Twins as to divorce the little giant from his position. And this is not prophecy.

As to his recommendations:

No. 1. Per capita tax. Covered by Commander-in-Chief's recommendation.

No. 2. Relative to History of the Order. Who has been in constant attendance upon our Order since its birthing except our doughty National Secretary. Who knows so well its ups and downs and its ins and outs, its vagaries and vicissitudes, as this same one. And we are conscious of the value of such a work and most heartily approve this Recommendation, providing National Secretary Hammer create such a history, its preparation of matter to be without any expense to this Commandery-in-Chief, and that its publication be left to the judgment of the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the incoming National Secretary.

No. 3. Definition of laws. We heartily approve, and suggest that in view of the fact that National Counselor Gould has prepared much matter along this line, he be asked to furnish such matter for this body without any expense, and the same be published and become available for the Order at large.

No. 4. Form of By-Laws. We approve.

No. 5. As to Charter. We approve, and recommend further that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be delegated to attend to such matter.

No. 6. School of Instruction. We approve.

NATIONAL TREASURER.

In this report we believe Brother Rake has actually touched the acme. It is a paragon. Prepared with more than ordinary care every detail reflects the character of the man. Let us take satisfaction unto ourselves that J. Lewis Rake has been our "watch dog." He makes but one recommendation—that of establishing a Reserve Fund, and not for the first time, either. Your Committee carefully considered this question, and took no snap judgment thereon, and our judgment was that now is as good a time as there ever will be to begin,—so we approve.

CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

This voluminous report is the best indicat'ion of the thoroughness of it. General Amies has had much experience in the Reserve, and he has the loyal assistance of men like Colonel

Stewart, which has made his work very agreeable. We fully recognize the tremendous task of making a fine showing with such a heterogenous lot of material and so separated, and assure our Chief-of-Staff that we appreciate the labor of love he is doing, fully cognizant of the fact that only love of the Order would prompt him to do what he has and is doing.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

We certainly owe a debt of gratitude beyond our ability to pay to Counselor Gould for bringing the Digest of Decisions down to date. It was surely a labor of love, and the only compensation we can tender in exchange is our heartfelt thanks. As to decisions, we approve these several opinions, except such cases as were referred to in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, which we did not approve.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

For three years this divine'y inspired brother has ministered to the spiritual needs of the brothers of the New York Division, and it was no great effort for him to extend his parish to include our whole Order. He has proven a worthy Shepherd of a worthy flock, and though we, like lost sheep, are often led astray, yet we recognize the call of the Master and are brought back to the fold. His report was much appreciated because he had the wisdom to write much more than he read, and we heartily approve of taking this absent treatment in homeopathic doses. His criticisms are not without wisdom and we consider it wholesome to have them brought thus to the attention of the brothers.

AS TO REPORT OF NATIONAL INSPECTOR.

We appreciate the thorough work of Brother W. E. Jenkins, who has attended to his duties with marked faithfulness and presented a report that has much food for thought. As to Recommendation; first, abolish Inspection. Referred to Committee on Constitution. Second, Referred to Committee on Constitution.

AS TO REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR AND NATIONAL ORGANIZER.

Brother Patton as President of Memorial University has worked faithfully and loyally during the year. He has almost sweat blood to keep the institution alive, but because of the necessity of his working as for his bread and butter, very little has been done along the line of increasing the work of this department and we believe that it is incompatible for the President of Memorial University to be the National Patriotic Instructor, as it is evidenced by the Report of the Committee on Resolutions as adopted at the Washington Encampment:

"Whereas, it appears most desirable to make an earnest and systematized effort to extend and enlarge the work of patriotic instruction through the proper officers of the Sons of Veterans, for the advancement of the Order in all the Divisions,

And whereas, it is believed that active, aggressive and intelligent work in the department of Patriotic Instruction under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor, carried on by him and with the assistance of the division and camp patriotic instructors can be made in the extension of the order and at the same time produce substantial contributions from patriotic

friends to a permanent endowment fund for Memorial University, the income from which shall be forever used for the support of the school."

As to the work of Organization, by the Report of Brother Patton in the department, we judge he feels that a mistake was made at Washington, and that he could not successfully undertake the work of organizing new camps and also fill the position of President of a University, whose need for money is so great that practically every hour of the day is needed to get the necessities for its existence. We have no criticism to offer, and only confirm what Brother Patton read and stated in his report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

We approve their action.

AS TO REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

We deplore the necessity of this report being delayed so late in the session, but we are sure that the two members of the Council-in-Chief present would have been glad to have reported earlier had they been able to do so. We commend it in its entirety and approve its recommendation.

To my fellow members on this Committee, I want to extend my hearty thanks for their uniform courtesy and patience in dealing with knotty problems, and to the two attorneys who by agreeing to a compromise made it possible to settle questions at issue.

All of which is most respectfully and fraternally submitted.

C. F. SHERMAN,
RALPH M. GRANT,
F. T. F. JOHNSON,
H. V. SPEELMAN,
A. M. SOULE.

No objections were offered to the report of the committee as to Recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of the Commander-in-Chief. When the report of the committee on Recommendation No. 4 of the Commander-in-Chief was read, the National Secretary said—

National Secretary: We have already provided that the National Organizer be paid a certain salary, and also when he goes out and brings in new members, he gets a fee.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: The committee went into this thing with a great deal of thoroughness. We considered the amount shown to be on hand; money which is now in the hands of the Treasurer available. Every division that goes to work on this plan and pay an organizer, the national body will at once begin to receive more than it pays out, as the income of the organization will be greater. We cannot do better than to encourage our divisions. The Division of Connecticut has solved the problem and other divisions can do it also. It seems as though this Commandery-in-Chief could afford to set aside that amount of money with a view to increasing our membership, not only in one or two divisions, but throughout the whole of our organization.

National Secretary: I withdraw my objection.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: At our last encampment we employed an organizer, giving him \$15 for each camp organized this year. If a man knew he was going to get something out of the Commandery-in-Chief also, he would be willing to devote more time to it.

Commander-in-Chief: The divisions complying with the conditions would get the money; not the organizer.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana: Most of the divisions will meet next May or June. This resolution would allow them to get only a pro rata of this salary, probably two or three months.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania Division has been doing this work for years without any assistance. I believe it would be better for the incoming Council-in-Chief, the National Secretary and National Treasurer to work out the plan.

National Secretary: If each of the 25 divisions would take advantage of the plan and ask for \$250 it would take \$6200.

National Treasurer: It is not very likely that every division will call for the appropriation. At any rate, if the division of this or that proposes to spend \$50 on special organizer in the month of November, having spent it and they show satisfactory results, they would get \$50 from us. It is a starter.

C. F. Church, of Michigan: There are some divisions which need assistance. We in Michigan would like nothing better than to put an organizer in the field, but a division of less than 200 is not in position to pay an organizer. I hope it will be able to before long.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I move that the report of the committee be adopted.

The motion was seconded and agreed to (National Secretary and National Treasurer voting no).

No objections to the report of the committee as to Recommendations Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Commander-in-Chief.

When the report of the committee on Recommendation No. 9 of the Commander-in-Chief was read, the chairman of the committee said—

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: Much of the time of the committee was devoted to endeavoring to ascertain the right course to take in connection with this recommendation. The proposition we have to offer has been taken only after the most careful deliberation. A full discussion was had before a plan of procedure was decided upon, and then, after deciding upon the plan. The representatives of the two parties came together and agreed to the recommendation that your committee is now about to present to you. Brother Amies, as representing one of them, agreed that in the event of the passage of this recommendation he would withdraw from the body the appeal which he filed yesterday.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I would like to add the suggestion that this committee shall consist of persons who are life members of the Commandery-in-Chief and are not living in or belong to the Division of Pennsylvania.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: The committee thought the committee to be appointed should consist of brothers other

than members of the Division of Pennsylvania, but I do not believe the committee had any idea of limiting the membership.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: The understanding between us all was that this committee shall consist of three members who are not members of the Division of Pennsylvania; one possibly of New York, one of New Jersey, one of Maryland.

H. Edgar Sherts, of Pennsylvania: I think all of us, and the members of the committee, will be satisfied if the matter is left to the incoming Commander-in-Chief. It seems to me that we should be very careful and not limit business too closely in matters of this kind, and I think the whole matter should be left to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: It is suggested that the Division of Pennsylvania bear the expense.

W. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania: I don't think the Pennsylvania Division should be saddled with this expense; it has no jurisdiction in the matter. You are not going to allow us to select the court. The Commandery-in-Chief should pay this.

Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut: I wish to call attention to the convention that passed the resolution requesting the Commander-in-Chief to appoint a court of inquiry. This encampment is simply carrying out the wishes of a division encampment. I think the expense properly belongs to the division requesting the appointment of this committee.

National Secretary: The presumption was that the attorneys would present this matter to the Commandery-in-Chief, and that body would decide it.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I am under the impression that the expense of a court of inquiry appointed by the Commander-in-Chief should be borne by the Commandery-in-Chief; I think the legitimate expenses of this committee should be borne by the Commandery-in-Chief, but not the expenses of the attorneys.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: It was exceedingly gratifying to the members of this committee to find the representatives of this case getting together in this manner; just like two brothers. We endeavored to frame up such a recommendation as would permit this matter to be settled right. The matter of expense was broached to the committee; I think there was a willingness on the part of the committee that if it was insisted that the Commandery-in-Chief pay the expense, it better be paid by that body. The attorneys agreed to keep the expenses down to the minimum; not over three hearings.

National Treasurer: I raised this question so that the officers who pay the vouchers might know whether they were presented in accordance with the action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: While the Constitution does not expressly direct that the expense of courts of inquiry should be borne by a division or the Commandery-in-Chief, that part of the Constitution would indicate that in this case the expense should be borne by the Division of Pennsylvania. Under Paragraph 2 of Section 1, on page 28, it is stated that expenses of courts-martial shall be borne by the camp or division in which the court-martial shall originate. The application might be made

that the expense of a court of inquiry should be borne in like manner.

H. Edgar Sherts, of Pennsylvania: Very likely if this question had not been raised here and if it had been acted on by this body without reference to the expense, it would have been borne by the Commandery-in-Chief. It is not a court of inquiry, and the expense should be borne by the body appointing the committee. As to the question whether or not it is the proper course to pursue. This proposition was brought up by a member of Camp 10 in Philadelphia. I respectfully pray that this body leave it to the Commandery-in-Chief to pay the expense of the committee.

Charles Vetter, of New York: I move that the expense be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: On behalf of the committee, I wish to offer an amendment to that motion, that the expense be borne, half by the Commandery-in-Chief and half by the Division of Pennsylvania.

The amendment was seconded.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: In speaking in favor of the amendment, it appears that we are approaching this question in the same spirit of fairness; we will agree that there will be some expense, and this seems to be a fair compromise of the matter.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: It seems to me that the Commandery-in-Chief should bear the expense of its own committee. We are trying to foist that expense on the Division of Pennsylvania without asking their consent, without giving them any way of limiting the expense. I should say that the expense should be borne by the Commandery-in-Chief, and the original motion should carry.

The amendment was put and lost.

The original motion was agreed to.

No objection was made to the report of the committee concerning Recommendation No. 10 of the Commander-in-Chief, nor to the report of the committee as to the recommendations of the National Secretary, the National Treasurer, the Chief-of-Staff, the National Chaplain, the National Inspector, the National Patriotic Instructor and the Committee on Military Affairs.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I move the adoption of the partial report of the committee.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

W. B. Moynihan, of New York: I move we take a recess until 8:15 tonight.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Recess taken.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Encampment resumed business at 8:50 p. m., Thursday, September 22, 1910, with the Commander-in-Chief in the chair.

Commander-in-Chief: Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey, has something to say.

Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey: One year ago the encampment saw fit to elect our brother George W. Pollitt to the high office of Commander-in-Chief. We promised you that he would be one of the best Commanders-in-Chief that you have ever had. We feel that he has made good. Following the usual custom, Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, of Paterson, New Jersey, desires to present to the Commandery-in-Chief this portrait, which we wish to be hung on the walls of the Memorial University in company with his illustrious predecessors.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I move you, on behalf of this encampment, that this portrait of our beloved brother, the Commander-in-Chief, be accepted.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Has the Committee on Officers' Reports any report to make on the report of the Council-in-Chief?

Charles F. Snerman, of New York: Your indulgence is requested for a second time. We have embodied in the report of our committee reference to the report of the Council-in-Chief, which I will read (see original report).

No objection to the committee's report.

Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I now have the honor to move you, sir, that the report of the committee on officers' reports be accepted and the committee discharged.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Any other committees to report?

E. W. Estes, of New York: As chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, I desire to state that no further matters have been brought before us, and we ask to be discharged.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the Committee on Resolutions be discharged with the thanks of the encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: We are now under the head of "New Business."

National Patriotic Instructor: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers of the encampment. I desire to say a few words in regard to Memorial University. What are we going to do with it? What is it going to do with us? The property is worth—I had it appraised before I came here—exclusive of furniture and the fittings, and the library of between 4000 and 5000 books; it is

worth not less than \$200,000. A forty-acre campus, worth \$100,000, and the buildings \$100,000. I feel nothing but pride in the results accomplished by Memorial University. We have sent forth each year a body of young men and young women with high ideals and with a good knowledge of American history. Two avenues are open to us. We can accept it, support it financially and make it a success, or we can close it up. I am pleading for the magnificent principle upon which the University was founded. An American institution founded and dedicated to a generation of noble men the like of which does not exist anywhere in the world. It is to your credit and to my credit as a son of a veteran that the institution was founded. It stands there as a monument. Twenty-five cents from each member of the order each year will maintain it, and with this amount we believe we can do a work that will astonish you.

A Doctor Patton made an earnest appeal for funds to take care of the expenses for the coming year, and to pay off the deficit, with the result that subscriptions amounting to \$1600 or \$1700 were received.

S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: I move we proceed to select the place for holding the encampment next year.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was put by the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Where will we meet next year?

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: If the Grand Army of the Republic invites us to meet with them, we being their sons ought to obey them. If you should decide to go some place else, I have in mind a little city of about 30,000 people, surrounded by beautiful lakes. It has recently completed a \$7,000,000 capitol, where we can meet. Our organization is not so strong in the west as it ought to be. I believe, for the good of the entire organization of the Sons of Veterans we should go to Madison, Wisconsin, and therefore, in behalf of Camp No. 2, located at Madison, I extend a cordial invitation to come to Madison in 1911 and there hold your convention, and I pledge you my word that you will have as good a time as you ever had.

E. W. Estes, of New York: You will remember the Committee on Resolutions had referred to it several invitations for the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and that the committee failed to make any recommendation on those invitations, because of the legislation of last year, which was to the effect that, hereafter we would meet with the Grand Army. If we are now to take some action on the several invitations, it will be but right and proper that the invitation of Camp No. 100, of Rochester, N. Y., be considered. That invitation was that we meet in Rochester in 1911, and the invitation was extended with the expectation that we would go to Rochester; the Grand Army voted to hold its next session in Rochester.

National Chaplain: We have been courting the Grand Army of the Republic, to a certain degree, for a number of years, and last year received an invitation to meet with them. It has been said that we would, in a certain sense, be swallowed up if we had our encampment at the same time and place as the Grand Army. It does not seem that it would be a courteous thing after years of courting for us one year after accepting their in-

itation to suffer ourselves to meet elsewhere than at the same time and place with them. I move that we accept the invitation of Lomb Camp No. 100 to meet at Rochester, in accordance with the invitation of the Grand Army.

The motion was seconded.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: Did we not last year pass a resolution to hereafter meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army?

Commander-in-Chief: I think we did.

National Chaplain: I made the motion with the idea in my mind that the matter was settled, but with the view of having the motion acted on if the matter was not settled.

Commander-in-Chief: The chair rules that the motion of the National Chaplain is out of order, in view of the action of the 28th Annual Encampment.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: In view of that action, I move that the time and place for holding the next national encampment be left to the Council-in-Chief, they to be governed by the action of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

E. W. Estes, of New York: Knowing Rochester as I do, having lived there for several years, I assure you that you need not fear that you will have the warmest kind of a welcome from the Grand Army Posts and citizens generally; you will not regret that the Grand Army is going to Rochester.

Commander-in-Chief: There is a delegation of the Daughters of Veterans in waiting, who want to pay their respects. I will appoint Commander Pfeiffer, of Rhode Island, and Commander George M. Tucker, of Massachusetts, as a committee to escort the ladies in.

VISIT FROM DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Joshua Pfeiffer, of Rhode Island: I have the honor to present Mrs. Brock, of the Daughters of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: We will be glad to hear from Mrs. Brock.

Mrs. Brock: Gentleman of the Sons of Veterans. I wish first to apologize to you for coming at this late hour. I was told that this would be your last session. I want to extend the greetings of the national department of the Daughters of Veterans. We feel that our organization is on a parallel with yours, that our work is parallel with yours, except that we have the feminine side, while you have the masculine. I appreciate the privilege you have given to come here, even for a moment. I will take no more of your time, and will close by saying that I bring to you from our convention the greetings of the Daughters of Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Division Commander D. Sherman Smith, of Pennsylvania, to respond to the ladies on behalf of our organization.

D. Sherman Smith, of Pennsylvania: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, we accept your greetings, but I cannot make any extensive remarks. We love you at all time and at all places.

You are our sisters in the work, and we extend to your organization our most hearty greetings.

The committee was escorted from the hall.

S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania: I move that we now proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Roll-call of Divisions.

When Alabama and Tennessee was called, L. W. Friedman gave way to Massachusetts.

Joseph B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts: Mr. Commander, I rise in the performance or to discharge an assignment that to me is an exceedingly pleasant one; indeed it might be said that it would very properly come under the dual caption of duty and love; duty to my camp, duty to my division, and love of my order and of the Old Bay State's best beloved Son, who we desire to present for the honor of the nomination of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Fred E. Bolton. It is a most delightful coincidence that within a few hours in a hall dedicated for the time being to the men who stood the test in 1861 to 1865, one of our dear friends has been elected to lead that thin line of blue for the ensuing year, a comrade of Post 26, of Roxbury, Mass., affiliated with which Post is Camp 46, within whose ranks is one of the boys who helped to make that camp a success, this same Fred Bolton. It is of this man that I love to speak to you now. While honored by division and commandery, he has never for one moment allowed those honors to divert his interest in and his loyalty to his camp and his division. Let me for a minute step from the present to what we call the past. In this hall there are certain men, certain brothers, who, with me, or I with them, helped to start this organization on its way. During the time intervening between that and now, we all have seen joys and all have seen sorrows, but no joy is better than when we know the Order of Sons of Veterans is going along. Bolton has always given of his best, and in the old days he would have been indeed a prince, as he is today. Public spirited, patriotic, able, and at all times willing, he will make an ideal Commander-in-Chief. I wonder if there lives a man who has studied the problems of the day who can say to himself truthfully that there is no function or mission in life for the Sons of Veterans. My friends, there never was a time when there was a greater need for an organization of the Sons of Veterans than at the present time. You are facing great problems in your national life, and as public spirited men, men, every one who will lay down life for the flag, it is your duty to give closer adherence to the camp and to the Commandery-in-Chief than ever before. With the influx coming to our shores constantly, there is no greater need than for an organization of this kind, banded together in the name of patriotism and love of country. We who live in the great seaports of this nation, realize that. I pledge you then, to return to the subject, that Brother Bolton will fulfill every requirement or obligation that can be placed on his broad shoulders. I have known him a great many years; known

him as a boy in the old cradle of liberty, where his beloved and revered father, who was indeed a part of that great institution, whether as a representative of the state, or in the halls or council of the commonwealth, and he has always been a credit to the cause he represented, at all times loyal to the flag, to his country and to the Sons of Veterans. Language fails me on this occasion to say just exactly what I desire to say of this proved loyal son of a veteran, but, on behalf of the old commonwealth, that division that we all love, Massachusetts, I desire to present the name of Fred E. Bolton for the position of Commander-in-Chief, and I pledge with our heart of hearts that he will do everything possible to carry the banner of the Sons of Veterans on to glory, such as you have done, sir, creditably and honorably. (Applause).

When Maryland was reached, E. R. Campbell, of Maryland, seconded the nomination; the nomination was also seconded by W. B. Moynihan, of New York, and Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio: I move that the Secretary of this encampment be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Fred E. Bolton for Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded, by S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed George M. Tucker, of Massachusetts, and S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, as tellers.

The motion was agreed to.

The National Secretary cast 173 votes for Fred E. Bolton, for Commander-in-Chief.

The tellers announced the vote.

Commander-in-Chief: Fred E. Bolton having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I declare him elected as Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing term.

Roll-call of Divisions.

When Alabama and Tennessee was called, L. W. Friedman gave way to Maryland.

D. M. Rittenhouse, of Maryland: I take great pleasure in placing in nomination a member of Camp No. 5, of Maryland, for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—a man who doubled the membership of his division while he was Division Commander. I would respectfully nominate Edwin C. Ireland, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and call upon Commander-in-Chief Bolton to use him to the best of his ability.

C. F. Church, of Michigan, seconded the nomination; he followed by Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, who said—On behalf of the Pennsylvania delegation, and myself personally, I desire to second the nomination of Edwin C. Ireland, of Baltimore. Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin, also seconded the nomination.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the nominations close, and that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Brother Ireland for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast 173 votes for Edwin C. Ireland, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The tellers announced the vote.

Commander-in-Chief: I hereby declare Edwin C. Ireland elected as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing term.

Roll-call of Divisions.

When Alabama and Tennessee was called, L. W. Friedman gave way to New Jersey.

Harry E. Pennell, of New Jersey: Following the custom that has been in vogue for years, New Jersey desires to bring before you a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, a man who for twenty years has been a member of this organization; who has served his camp, and served his division as Division Commander, and one to whom a great deal of entertainment of the city at this time is due. On behalf of this division, I desire to place in nomination Past Division Commander Frank M. Cunningham.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the nominations close, and that the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Brother Cunningham for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast 173 votes for Frank M. Cunningham, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The tellers announced the vote.

Commander-in-Chief: Frank M. Cunningham having received the unanimous vote of this encampment, I hereby declare him elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Roll-call of Divisions.

When Alabama and Tennessee was called, L. W. Friedman gave way to Ohio.

W. F. Chambers, of Ohio: I desire to place before you one who is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific; who is thoroughly capable; who has filled the office of Commander-in-Chief. Where good service, coupled with the knowledge and experience is needed, he is always available. I take pleasure in naming H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, for a member of the Council-in-Chief.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Commander, and brothers. We don't figure much out west. I go back in my mind, well about twenty-five years ago, and recall a little boy playing around the streets in a little town in Illinois where I lived at that time, a little boy going around in knee breeches, going to school. I remember his old father. This boy came into our Order about seventeen years ago, and ever since then he has been a good, consistent member, a worker along the lines of the head work. I want to nominate this brother as a member of the Council-in-Chief. He has attended several of the encampments; he is thoroughly competent; he has a clean record. I refer to Fred Phillips, son of Fred Phillips, of Austin, Illinois.

Daniel F. Goulding, of Massachusetts: I wish to second the nomination of H. V. Speelman, of Ohio.

E. W. Estes, of New York: I rise to nominate a brother of the New York Division for the office of Council-in-Chief. In doing so I realize that I do not have to apologize in any way to the members of this Commandery for the nomination that I am going to make. The brother is so well known to every member of the encampment, that he needs no introduction, no eulogy. I believe that every member of this encampment has learned to love the brother whom I will name during the last forty-eight hours. I have known him for years. I have never found one

flaw in his character. He will bring to the office a trained business mind, and he will serve in it with a credit to himself and to the Order, and make a most valuable member of the Council. I nominate Charles F. Sherman, of New York, as the third member of the Council-in-Chief.

Felix A. Kremer, of Wisconsin: I rise to second the nomination of all three whose names have been presented.

Thomas J. Hannon, of Massachusetts: I move that the nominations close and that the National Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of this encampment for the three members nominated.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The National Secretary cast 173 votes for H. V. Speelman, Fred J. Phillips and Charles F. Sherman, for Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I hereby declare H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois, and Charles F. Sherman, of New York, elected as Council-in-Chief.

Roll-call of Divisions.

When Alabama and Tennessee was called, L. W. Friedman gave way to Pennsylvania.

Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania: I don't know that in all my experience as a member of this organization, I have arisen to perform a more pleasant duty than I do at this moment. I realize, however, that I have only a few minutes to talk, because we are all anxious to get away. When Joe Maccabe nominated Fred Bolton for Commander-in-Chief it took me back twenty-eight years in the hall in the city of Philadelphia, when this body met the first time in annual convention. Looking further around the hall, I see Lew Rake, I see Horace Hammer and others. I remember how at that time, when I was hardly out of my swaddling clothes, I was selected as the Judge Advocate General of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Recalling that encampment and of the great duty we performed at that time, in the great Hall of Independence, and the magnitude of the honors and duties that were thrust on our shoulders, I also remember how Horace Hammer impressed me. The Commandery-in-Chief today is composed of men which are older than our fathers when they bared their breasts in defense of their country. We are men far beyond their years, meeting our duties manfully, and I claim well; from all walks of life; in the halls of Congress and in the Senate; through the states and municipalities of our country. During all these years of the growth of the Sons of Veterans some of us have stood shoulder to shoulder, among those is one I desire to place in nomination for the office of National Secretary. Thirty years ago, in the City of Reading, Division of Pennsylvania, at the first encampment, Horace Hammer was an active member of Camp 16; probably the most active member; and from that time to the present in camp, division and Commandery-in-Chief he has continued active. The duties of his office have grown, and he has grown with them; at least in responsibility; in strength, power, courage and energy, and today he and his co-worker, Lew Rake, have the office of National Secretary and National Treasurer in better shape than any counting room that I know of, and I am acquainted with a good many. Their system is so simple that within a minute you can refer to the standing of this Commandery-in-Chief, and

strike a balance of its assets and liabilities. The duties have also grown, and with the system which he uses in the management of his office, the business of the day is transacted immediately upon receipt of any communication, and no division commander and no division secretary and no member of a camp waits twenty-four hours to receive an answer. No requisition is unfilled; no letter goes unanswered. During the past year, not counting the multitude of letters he has written, he had disposed of 309 requisitions, all sent out on the day of their receipt. I mention these things in order to impress upon you the duties which the office requires, and which he fulfills. In all of them he meets the requirements. He has grown with it until he and his co-worker can attend to the business of the Commandery-in-Chief with no delay whatever. I desire to place in nomination for the position of National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, of Camp No. 16, Division of Pennsylvania. (Applause).

J. Morgan Reimers, of Iowa: There has been some talk around the convention that Iowa would have a candidate for the position of National Secretary. In order to ease the minds of some of the brothers, I wish to say that Brother Lewis A. Diley, of Iowa, will not be a candidate.

George E. Hunt, of Massachusetts: On behalf of the Massachusetts delegat'on, I desire to second the nomination of Horace H. Hammer.

W. B. Moynihan, of New York: I move that the nominations close, and that the Chairman of the Council-in-Chief, Thomas J. Hannon, cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Horace H. Hammer for National Secretary.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Chairman of the Council-in-Chief cast 173 votes for Horace H. Hammer for National Secretary.

The tellers announced the vote.

Commander-in-Chief: Horace H. Hammer, of Camp No. 16, Reading, Pa., having received the unanimous vote of this encampment is declared elected as National Secretary for the ensuing term of five years.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Fred E. Bolton announced the following appointments:

J. Lewis Rake, of Pennsylvania, National Treasurer, for five years.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana, National Inspector.

Past Commander-in-Chief George B. Abbott was selected as installing officer, and he installed the following officers in due form:

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts, Commander-in-Chief.

Edwin C. Irelan, of Maryland, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Frank M. Cunningham, of New Jersey, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

H. V. Speelman, of Ohio; Fred J. Phillips, of Illinois, and Charles F. Sherman, of New York; Council-in-Chief.

Horace H. Hammer, of Pennsylvania, National Secretary.

J. Lewis Rake, of Pennsylvania, National Treasurer.

T. W. Allen, of Indiana, National Inspector.

In closing the Installing Officer said:

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: Brother Bolton, I have known you many years. You know well what you will be called upon to perform, and I think I know that you will perform those duties faithfully, honorably and with credit and honor to the Order, with honor to your division, and with honor to your camp as well as yourself.

PRESENTATION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S CROSS.

Brother Pollitt, I have a word to say to you. You have during your service been through many experiences. You have been gloriously entertained by various civilians and organizations. You have had many trials, but I assure you that this is the most solemn moment that has come to you during your term. At this moment you sever your relations as Commander-in-Chief of this Order to which you have given probably the most strenuous year of your life; a year of pleasures and responsibilities, a year that has crowded itself full of work; but at this moment, when you separate yourself from these brothers with whom it has been your pleasure to serve, I know that you are devoted to the Order, and as the years roll by the recollections of your connection with the Order of Sons of Veterans as its Commander-in-Chief will probably afford you much satisfaction. The thousands of faces will come back to you, with expressions of love, which you have earned. I know that you take with you the love and regard of every member of this Order. It is a great thing to have the regard of so many magnificent men. Now, in token of the service which you have rendered, it is my pleasure at this time—of course it is not entirely a surprise to you—following the custom of many years, to present to you the beautiful jewel of a Past Commander-in-Chief. While it is a very beautiful jewel, yet it is of small value compared with what it carries with it—the love of these Sons of Veterans—the love of every brother of the organization. I know you are going to keep in touch with the work, and, as the oldest member of the "Has Beens" now living, I welcome you to our honorable body. (Applause).

National Treasurer: Installing officer, before permitting Brother Pollitt to make a reply, I should like to remind him that during the past year he has probably come in contact with Reading, Pa., and we, the National Secretary and myself, have always looked forward to the end of the month when we would have a visit from our Commander-in-Chief. In appreciation of our love and respect, Hammer and I want to present to Brother Pollitt this button, a miniature of the golden cross of a Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Pollitt: Brother Abbott, I am very glad I have had the experience of being your Commander-in-Chief. Previous to my election there was one thing lacking to make me entirely satisfied. I am now satisfied. I can assure you that I will in no degree lose my interests in the organization. I expect to go back to my desk as treasurer of Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8. As long as I live I will never forget the

many kindnesses that have been extended to me. I have no doubt but that the same kindnesses will be extended to my successor and so on down the line. It always was a great thing to have been Commander-in-Chief of this Order; it is a great thing. This organization is bound to grow. We stand better than we have ever stood before. As I feel that the Order has not suffered at my hands during the past year, I shall be very well satisfied to go home tomorrow and resume my position as treasurer of my camp. To Brother Rake and Brother Hammer who have decorated me in this handsome manner, I don't know what to say, except this, that if there is an organization in this country that has better men than Horace H. Hammer and James Lewis Rake handling its affairs I have been unable to learn of it. To you, Commander-in-Chief Bolton, my worthy successor, I extend my good wishes, I now hand you this insignia, with its four stars, which signifies that no one ranks you in the Order. I sincerely hope that when your term expires you will leave the office with the same satisfaction and the same feeling and love for the Order that I have.

Commander-in-Chief Bolton: At this late hour, after so long a session, it is not my purpose to speak to you at great length. I do, however, wish to say that I feel that I am perfectly conscious of the duties and responsibilities which now are mine. I wish to say frankly, because that is my method in meeting all things, that I sought this office. I wanted to be Commander-in-Chief. I regard it as a great honor. You have been kind enough to confer it upon me. I believe that in some degree the particularly friendly and personal relations which exist between the Commander-in-Chief-elect of the Grand Army of the Republic and myself, will result in benefit to our Order, as he is very much interested in it; he has two sons who are members of the camp to which I belong. Back in the late 70s, before this organization was in existence, a lot of small boys, sons of the soldiers of the post to which the Commander-in-Chief-elect belongs, would gather together on each Memorial Day under the instruction of Comrade Gilman we would arrange for and take part in the service at Forest Hill Cemetery. I happened to be one of those boys. The respect and love I have for this organization while it came to me naturally was due largely to his influence. I am now privileged to serve with him. I feel that I know something of the duties of this position. In the National Secretary and National Treasurer I have officers of great experience and great ability, and I am sure they will give me much support. I believe that the officers who have been elected with me will be of much assistance in making this a successful year. I don't intend to indulge in generalities. Whatever I do will be in accord with my ideas, and I will always do my very best for the interests of this organization. (Applause).

George W. Pollitt, of New Jersey: I think it would be a very good idea to have our fraternal relations committee call upon the Grand Army encampment tomorrow morning.

Commander-in-Chief: The brothers who are members of that committee will please carry out the suggestion of Past Commander-in-Chief Pollitt.

George B. Abbott, of Illinois: I move that the minutes of this encampment as taken down by the official stenographer be

adopted without reading; and that all committees be discharged, except as otherwise provided.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

National Secretary: I move we adjourn.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Commandery-in-Chief closed in due form.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

Report of Committee on Credentials, Roster and Roll-call of the Encampment. Those present during the Encampment marked "P."

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

George W. Pollitt, Commander-in-Chief. P.
Arthur J. Boutwell, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. P.
Francis E. Cross, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. P.
Thomas J. Hannon, Council-in-Chief. P.
Felix A. Kremer, Council-in-Chief. P.
John A. Bommhardt, Council-in-Chief.
Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary. P.
James Lewis Rake, National Treasurer. P.
Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff. P.
Edward K. Gould, National Counselor. P.
Rev. William A. Hallock, National Chaplain. P.
Will F. Jenkins, National Inspector. P.
Rev. Walter J. Patton, National Patriotic Instructor. P.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

George B. Abbott. P.
Joseph B. Maccabe. P.
W. H. Russell. P.
James Lewis Rake. P.
R. M. J. Reed. P.
Charles K. Darling. P.
Frank L. Shepard. P.
Edward R. Campbell. P.
Arthur B. Spink. P.
William G. Dustin. P.
H. V. Speelman. P.
Edwin M. Amies. P.
Ralph Sheldon. P.
Edgar Allan, Jr. P.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Frank H. Challis. P.
R. M. J. Reed. P.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBER.

R. M. J. Reed. P.

Alabama and Tennessee:

L. W. Friedman, Past Division Commander. P.
H. M. Austin, Past Division Commander. P.

California and Oregon:

W. W. McDowell, Delegate.

Connecticut:

Ralph M. Grant, Commander. P.
 E. S. Bishop, Past Division Commander. P.
 Charles R. Hale, Delegate. P.
 Robert T. Alcorn, Delegate. P.
 George E. Fletcher, Delegate. P.
 Nathan Czamanski, Delegate. P.

Illinois:

H. C. Springston, Commander. P.
 George B. Abbott, Past Division Commander. P.
 William G. Dustin, Past Division Commander. P.
 Frank L. Shepard, Past Division Commander. P.
 Fred J. Phillips, Delegate. P.
 Henry Cull, Delegate. P.
 Homer Hall, Delegate. P.
 Harry Platner, Delegate. P.

Indiana:

Joseph Sego, Commander. P.
 Newton J. McGuire, Past Division Commander. P.
 William H. Armstrong, Past Division Commander. P.
 C. C. Hartzell, Past Division Commander. P.
 T. W. Allen, Delegate. P.
 W. F. Gallen, Delegate. P.

Iowa:

Lewis A. Dilley, Past Division Commander. P.
 J. Morgan Reimers, Delegate. P.
 Wm. L. Kerr, Delegate. P.
 Ralph A. Patton, Delegate. P.

Kansas:

W. P. Wilcox, Past Division Commander. P.

Maine:

Edward K. Gould, Past Division Commander. P.
 Arthur M. Soule, Past Division Commander. P.
 Clarence H. Cram, Past Division Commander. P.
 George W. Gragg, Delegate. P.
 E. N. Keene, Delegate. P.
 Orrin Ricker, Delegate. P.
 A. W. March, Delegate. P.

Maryland:

Everett F. Warner, Commander. P.
 Edward R. Campbell, Past Division Commander. P.
 Frank A. White, Past Division Commander. P.
 Edward K. DePuy, Past Division Commander. P.
 D. M. Rittenhouse, Past Division Commander. P.
 Edgar Allan, Jr., Past Division Commander. P.
 F. T. F. Johnson, Past Division Commander. P.
 Frank P. Gentieu, Past Division Commander. P.
 Francis E. Cross, Past Division Commander. P.
 Harry L. Streib, Past Division Commander. P.
 Edwin C. Ireland, Past Division Commander. P.

Benjamin J. Northcott, Past Division Commander. P.
W. C. Whitley, Delegate. P.
Charles J. Butler, Delegate. P.

Massachusetts:

George M. Tucker, Commander. P.
Joseph B. Maccabe, Past Division Commander. P.
Charles K. Darling, Past Division Commander. P.
Fred E. Bolton, Past Division Commander. P.
Daniel F. Goulding, Past Division Commander. P.
Harry D. Sisson, Past Division Commander. P.
Fred E. Warner, Past Division Commander. P.
James H. Wentworth, Past Division Commander. P.
William O. Cutler, Past Division Commander. P.
George E. Hunt, Delegate. P.
James H. Haggerty, Delegate. P.
John E. Wilcox, Delegate. P.
O. J. Sebolt, Delegate. P.
William F. Wilson, Delegate. P.
Herbert A. Mayo, Delegate. P.
B. H. Hunt, Jr., Delegate. P.
F. L. Kirchgassner, Delegate. P.
H. F. Weiler, Delegate. P.
J. W. Lewis, Delegate. P.
E. P. LeBarron, Delegate. P.

Michigan:

C. F. Church, Delegate. P.

Minnesota:

John Gunther, Delegate. P.

Missouri:

Wm. Schoening, Delegate. P.

Nebraska:

George F. Woltz, Past Division Commander. P.

New Hampshire:

Frank H. Challis, Past Division Commander. P.
A. J. Boutwell, Past Division Commander. P.
A. W. Elliott, Delegate. P.
R. R. McGregor, Delegate. P.
George L. Wakefield, Delegate. P.

New Jersey:

Fred G. Hansen, Commander. P.
T. H. Edmonds, Past Division Commander. P.
George W. Pollitt, Past Division Commander. P.
G. H. Bailey, Past Division Commander. P.
F. M. Cunningham, Past Division Commander. P.
Robert C. Woerner, Past Division Commander. P.
Fred A. Gentieu, Past Division Commander. P.
Charles C. Lawrence, Past Division Commander. P.
Harry E. Pennell, Past Division Commander. P.
Theodore E. Jones, Past Division Commander. P.
Arthur I. Vescelius, Delegate. P.
Clinton F. Elliott, Delegate. P.
J. L. Reeger, Delegate. P.
J. N. Delhagan, Delegate. P.

New York:

Charles Vetter, Commander. P.
 E. W. Estes, Past Division Commander. P.
 Ralph Sheldon, Past Division Commander. P.
 P. K. Carroll, Past Division Commander. P.
 W. B. Moynihan, Past Division Commander. P.
 Frank K. Maples, Past Division Commander. P.
 Charles F. Sherman, Past Division Commander. P.
 George E. Snyder, Past Division Commander. P.
 E. A. Bolton, Delegate. P.
 Harvey Bennett, Delegate. P.
 Theodore A. Cazeau, Delegate. P.
 L. M. Raynor, Delegate. P.
 F. W. Judge, Delegate. P.
 H. L. Lange, Delegate. P.
 William H. E. Jay, Delegate. P.
 Charles S. Quinn, Delegate. P.
 E. W. Holmes, Delegate. P.

Ohio:

Michael G. Heintz, Commander. P.
 A. E. B. Stephens, Past Division Commander. P.
 H. V. Speelman, Past Division Commander. P.
 Wilfred E. Monts, Delegate. P.
 W. S. Watson, Delegate. P.
 W. H. Barner, Delegate. P.
 W. F. Chambers, Delegate. P.

Pennsylvania:

John E. Sautter, Commander. P.
 James H. Closson, Past Division Commander. P.
 R. M. J. Reed, Past Division Commander. P.
 W. B. McNulty, Past Division Commander. P.
 Charles L. John, Past Division Commander. P.
 Charles J. Miller, Past Division Commander. P.
 H. H. Hammer, Past Division Commander. P.
 James Lewis Rake, Past Division Commander. P.
 L. S. Ramsey, Past Division Commander. P.
 Walter E. Smith, Past Division Commander. P.
 S. S. Horn, Past Division Commander. P.
 Alfred G. Loyd, Past Division Commander. P.
 William P. Baker, Past Division Commander. P.
 C. Day Rudy, Past Division Commander. P.
 Paul Smyser, Past Division Commander. P.
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 Francis Callahan, Delegate. P.
 John H. Folk, Delegate. P.
 Charles O. Hohe, Delegate. P.
 Newton E. Dlem, Delegate. P.
 H. Edgar Sherts, Delegate. P.
 Karl Steward, Delegate. P.
 J. Harry Kresge, Delegate. P.
 Charles F. Miller, Delegate. P.
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 Wm. Henneka, Delegate. P.
 W. E. Smedley, Delegate. P.
 J. B. Hershey, Delegate. P.
 w. N. Clark, Delegate. P.

W. C. Mabie, Delegate. P.
 Charles T. Charters, Delegate. P.
 T. C. Harter, Delegate. P.
 M. Allenbach, Delegate. P.
 Wm. T. Sproats, Delegate. P.
 Ira Knauft, Delegate. P.
 W. R. McGirr, Delegate. P.
 Frank Hoffman, Delegate. P.
 D. D. Hammelbaugh, Delegate.
 W. H. Pensyl, Delegate.

Rhode Island:

Joshua Pfeiffer, Commander. P.
 Reuben H. Dexter, Past Division Commander. P.
 Arthur B. Spink, Past Division Commander. P.
 Chas. H. Young, Past Division Commander. P.
 Charles A. Davenport, Past Division Commander. P.
 Ezra Dixon, Jr., Delegate. P.
 John Collins, Delegate. P.

Vermont:

Fred V. Tuller, Commander. P.
 Fred W. Spear, Past Division Commander. P.
 Fred E. Terrill, Delegate. P.
 H. C. Stickney, Delegate.

Wisconsin:

Rev. Walter J. Patton, Past Division Commander. P.
 Felix A. Kremer, Past Division Commander. P.

Paterson, N. J., October 8, 1910.

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GEORGE W. POLLITT,
 Past Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary.

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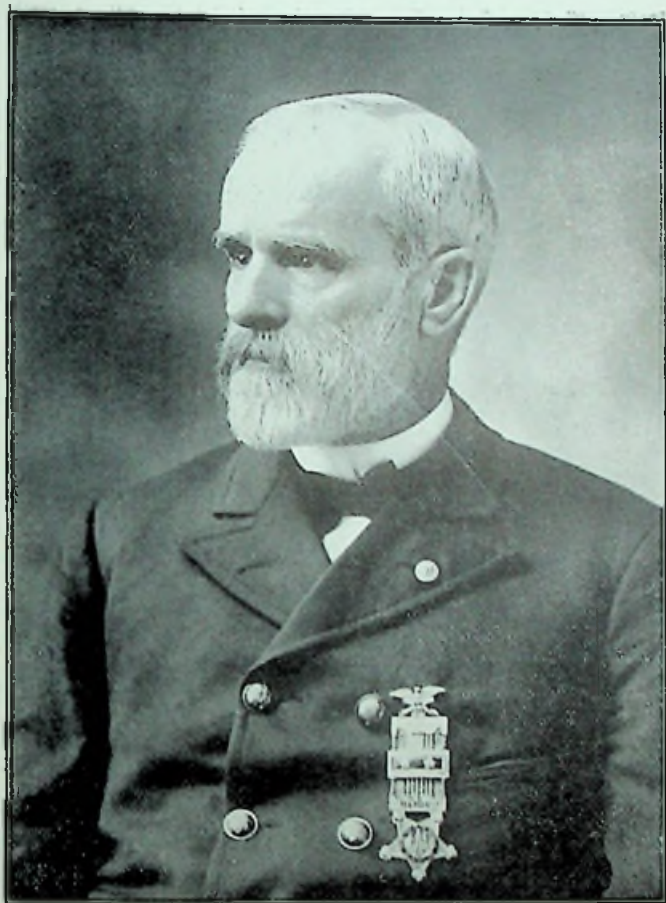
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