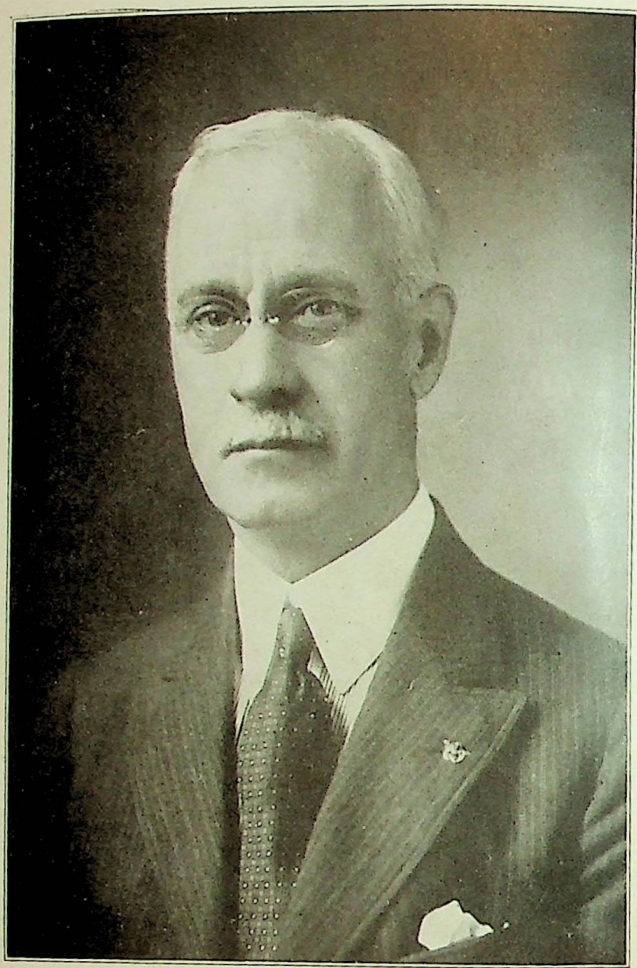


PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH
ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
OF THE
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF VETERANS
U. S. A.



HELD AT
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 22, 23 AND 24
1920



HARRY D. SISSON.
Past Commander-in-Chief.



PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Commander-in-Chief.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gottysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Elected.	Name.	Division.	Address.	Deceased
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania		
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine		July 8, 1909
1883	†*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania		May 1, 1899
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania		January 12, 1899
1885	Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio		October 19, 1901
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1889	†George W. Marks	New York	537 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana		December 21, 1902
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas		February 23, 1893
1891	*George T. Brown	New York		
1891	Edwin T. Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.	
1891	Bartow S. Weeks	New York	2 Rector St., New York, N. Y.	
1892	†Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	Hillsdale, Mich.	
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	198 Trenton St., Boston, Mass.	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio		August 16, 1903
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kansas	
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania		January 19, 1920
1897	Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	610 Exchange Bldg., Boston, Mass.	
1898	Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio		October 6, 1918
1899	†R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	2510 W. Lehigh Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania		November 24, 1912
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	Clermont, Florida	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana		February 7, 1912
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island		November 3, 1915
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois		February 14, 1918
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.	
1906	Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	Altoona, Pa.	November 26, 1920
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	113 Hamilton Ave., Paterson, N. J.	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	203 Emerson Ave., Aspinwall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	42 Wiggins Block, Cincinnati, Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	108 So. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.	
1917	Fred. T. F. Johnson	Maryland	McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.	
1918	Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	Room 225, City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.	
1919	Harry D. Slisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Massachusetts	

*Deceased.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

‡Not a Member.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., met and was called to order at two o'clock p. m., Wednesday, September 22, 1920, in the Convention Hall at the Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, by the Commander-in-Chief, Harry D. Sisson.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, let me present Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, Brother Dan M. Hall. (Applause). Before we officially open the Encampment I am going to digress to the extent of calling upon Brother Hall to pay his respects to the Junior organization, and incidentally we are going to treat you to a little bit of a surprise party. Until we take up the password and countersign the doors will be allowed to remain open, and I would ask all the brothers who can to come inside and take seats.

Brothers, distinctions are coming fast to your Commander-in-Chief this day. One of the proudest moments of my life was this morning when it was my fortune to be almost the first man in the parade to escort the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic on that notable parade; and a no less proud moment has arrived now when it is my pleasure to introduce to you not only the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, but the man who fell into the succession as Commander-in-Chief without a ripple and who has made good, a hundred per cent good, and a hundred per cent patriot, our Brother, Dan M. Hall. (Applause).

RECEPTION OF AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HALL'S ADDRESSES.

Commander-in-Chief Sisson and brother Sons of Veterans. This is certainly a proud moment for me. I am glad today that I was born early enough in the Nineteenth Century to have been able to take even an humble part in the making of the history that was made in those eventful years from 1861 to 1865. I am glad that I am a Son of a Veteran. (Applause). I have been a Son of a Veteran for thirty-five years, that is, I have belonged to the organization that long; and aside from my comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic I would rather meet with my brothers in this organization than those of any other organization in the world. (Applause). Do you know why? Because I know that beneath that badge you wear there beats a heart one hundred per cent American. (Applause). And with an organization like this in this country of ours, in these troublous times we are having, I know that by the influence of the patriotic men of this organization the spirit of patriotism will be kept alive when we are gone. Only ten per cent of the two million five hundred thousand men that enlisted in the Civil War are

left out of that great number. The rest have crossed over. There is only ten per cent left. Probably, if we could get the latest statistics from the Pension Office there would not be more than two hundred and thirty thousand living. And we are living in troublous times, yes; times of peace, so far as war is concerned, but there are thousands of men in this land of ours, just such men as the good for nothing scoundrels that assassinated three of our presidents, abroad in the land, and they are doing everything they can to undermine the best country on the face of the earth. You boys—you will excuse me for calling you boys; a man seventy-seven years old can call you boys—have got something to do. You have work ahead of you, and I know with the influence of this organization which is growing as we go down the spirit of patriotism will be kept alive, and in the end the country will come out all right.

I am glad the Department of Justice is doing something to stop these men. They are rounding up a few of these fellows and taking them down to the sea-coast; they are feeding them well; they are sending them across the ocean in fine vessels, and taking care of them, and when they get over there they are martyrs. They are met by bands and they are lauded to the skies for doing what they could to destroy this country. That is not punishment at all. I will tell you what I would do with them if I had my way. I would keep them in this country. I would put them on a piece of land and give them a warranty deed to it; and I would put them on it so that they would stay. (Laughter and applause). I would make that a little strip of land about two feet by six. (Applause). Until we stand some of those fellows up before a firing squad their work is going on. It is not punishment at all to send them home. They get free transportation and good board. Keep them here, as I say. Punish them as we have a way of doing in the Grand Army of the Republic. I am giving away no secrets when I say in the language of our ritual that the penalty of treason is death. We haven't any law on our statute books that will enforce that penalty but there should be; and there should be a law that would punish a man that way that tries to destroy the best government on the face of the earth. (Applause).

I am in no condition to make a speech now. I have stood for three hours on the reviewing stand, and have been busy at headquarters since I got back to the hotel. I haven't had time to get my lunch, and I have to acknowledge—although I don't allow people to call me old—that I am a little bit tired; but a delegation came over to the Claypool when I was eating breakfast this morning, some of the boys from Governor Dennison Camp in Columbus, to which I belong, and asked me to come over here at two o'clock. I was in hopes I would be able to introduce to you one of the best speakers in the State of Ohio, Governor Frank Willis. When I was Commander of the Camp I took him in. I took him in and made a Son of a Veteran of him, and I wanted to bring him over here and introduce him to you, but so far as I can learn he isn't here yet. I waited until after your meeting hour and then decided to come without him. I am told he is here and probably he will appear before you. He can tell you something that will do you good. He is a splendid talker, and a splendid member of the Sons of Veterans. His old father is one of the best comrades we have in the State

of Ohio, and I know if he talks to you you will be highly entertained.

Now I thank you, brothers, for this kind reception, and I will take no more of your time.

Commander-in-Chief: Is Brother Willis in the hall? If not I will ask Brother E. F. Berry, of Dennison Camp, Columbus, Ohio, to respond to the address of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army.

BROTHER EDWARD F. BERRY'S ADDRESS.

Commander Sisson, Brother Hall, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies and brothers: It is indeed one of the greatest privileges of my life that I am here today mingling with one hundred per cent Americans. In looking into the faces of the men here today my mind goes back to years ago, and I rejoice in the feeling that we are the descendants of the men who fought the noble battles of the sixties, that they are meeting in this beautiful city this afternoon, and the representative of the Grand Army of the Republic has taken the time and shown us the courtesy of coming over here to extend to us their greetings; and on behalf of this assembly I can say to you Comrade Hall that we welcome you in our midst. We are glad to have the veterans meet and mingle with us, and we are not unmindful of the fact that as time passes the cold hand of death is placed upon some of our beloved comrades, yet we are thankful that the lives of so many have been spared. We are also glad that the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic is also a Son of a Veteran, and the Past Commander of Governor Dennison Camp of Columbus, Ohio. In Ohio, of course, I am not permitted to say anything about him, but I am now in Indiana and I am going to tell you folks what we think of him in Ohio. I will say, brothers, that we are surely proud of Commander Hall. We are proud of the manner in which he has conducted the affairs of his magnificent office in the past year. We are proud of him as a citizen. We are proud of his record as a soldier, and we are more than proud to be identified with him as a brother in the fraternity; and I want to say to you, Brother Hall, that for the blood that was shed on the battle fields in the sixties to preserve the integrity of Old Glory I here and now pledge this assembly that the honor, that the grand exalted position in which you have placed Old Glory shall be maintained as long as there is a drop of blood in our veins. (Applause). I want to say to you Brother Hall, and you can convey these sentiments to that magnificent body meeting in another section of the city, that as long as we live no flag will ever float above Old Glory. (Applause). The integrity of Old Glory was maintained in 1860 and 1865, and from that time up to the present that magnificent banner has been emblematic of our American institutions; and at that time many men who are here today in this city fought that the integrity of that banner should be maintained and no stars and bars should be floating over it; and today we reassure those boys that as long as we have the physical strength and ability we are going to maintain the same attitude they did in 1860. (Applause).

Now, Brother Hall, on behalf of the members of Governor Dennison Camp and its Auxiliary I have the privilege and pleasure and great honor to present to you a small token of their

esteem and respect; and I want to assure you here and now that the ladies of Columbus—married or single—all love you. I further want to assure you, Brother Hall, in all sincerity that we are surely proud of you and proud to be associated with you. We have the highest regard for you and your ability and your love, and we hope and trust that God may spare your life that you may be with us for many years to come. Now as a token and emblematic of this sincere feeling of our high admiration for you I have the pleasure of presenting you this jewel in the form of a charm set with diamonds and rubies, emblematic of all that is pure and great and grand; and I trust you will accept it in the spirit in which it is given, and may you long wear it and cherish it as emblematic of our highest regard for you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Hall: Brother Berry, and Brother Sons of Veterans, and especially those of Governor Dennison Camp, and I see many or a number of the Auxiliary here whom the Judge tells me love me; it seems tame to say "I thank you," but I just want to say that a gift is prized not altogether on account of its beauty, although it may be and is very beautiful; not altogether on account of the intrinsic value it represents, although it is valuable, but on account of the love in the hearts of the donors that prompted the gift. I want to say that as long as I live when I look upon this beautiful jewel I shall remember the faces of my brothers and my sisters of the two organizations of Columbus, Ohio, and from the bottom of my heart I thank you for it. I shall preserve it and keep it as long as I live, and always remember from whence it came and remember the faces of those who presented it.

I do not know that I should take up any more of your time. As Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic I have gone to and fro all over this land. Since January first I have traveled 31,229 miles; I have been in 42 of the 48 States and talked to my comrades, and in a number of places to the Sons of Veterans. I have met your Commander-in-Chief at some of these encampments and become well acquainted with him, and I will tell you you have at the head of your organization a man who is not only 100 per cent American but a worker for the cause of patriotism. (Applause).

If I have made a success in any sense of the word of the administration of the office that came to me unsolicited—as you probably all know that I was never elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army; I was elected Senior Vice Commander, and according to the rules and regulations when the Commander-in-Chief drops out the Senior Vice Commander automatically takes his place. The man elected Commander-in-Chief at Columbus late in September last died November first. There was nothing for me to do but go to Brooklyn and attend the funeral and be installed as Commander-in-Chief and take up the work. He had been able to do nothing at all. I had the whole year's work to do. I never aspired to the position, never thought myself a big enough man, but I just said to myself "I will go ahead and do the best I can, and angels can do no more." I thank you. (Applause).

I think, if the Commander-in-Chief will excuse me now, I will go back and try to get a little rest. I have four or five receptions to attend—they come thick and fast—and I must leave you.

Commander-in-Chief Sisson: I want to convey to you, Commander-in-Chief Hall, the feeling of this aggregation of boys. I wish I had words fluently to express what is pictured on their faces and what they feel deeply in their hearts. You have heard the Irishman's toast, that his friend might live to eat the hen that scratched over his grave. (Laughter). We do not want you to do that but we would like you to be the man upon whom the honor of being the last Grand Army man may fall. It is the wish of this organization that the mantle of that honor may fall upon Dan Hall. (Applause).

RESOLUTION FROM OHIO.

Edward F. Berry: Commander, with your permission we would like to introduce the following resolution from the Seventh District, Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary:

Columbus, Ohio, August 22, 1920.

From: Seventh District, Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary.

To: Captain D. M. Hall, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, U. S. A.

Subject: Resolution.

At a meeting of the Seventh District, Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary, held at Columbus, Ohio, August 22, 1920, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Because of the executive ability and devotion to duty of Captain D. M. Hall, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the affairs of the National organization have been managed in such manner as to win the approval of the entire membership; add

Whereas, His administration has been of such high character as has reflected his loyal devotion to the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty as evidenced by his long and faithful service in the ranks; and

Whereas, We feel an intimate interest in his success since he is a life member of Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Columbus, Ohio, and therefore rejoice in the high honor that has been conferred upon a member of our organization. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Commander-in-Chief D. M. Hall with the earnest prayer that he be spared many years to enjoy the honors that he so richly deserves.

ARTHUR R. COLLINS,

Commander Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1.

J. P. SHRIEVE,

Past Commander Ohio Division, S. of V.

T. A. BOYLE,

Circleville Camp No. 52.

CARRIE E. WILSON,

Past President Ohio Division S. of V. Aux.

ANNA KATZEBUE,

President Lancaster Auxiliary No. 81.

VICTORIA PHELP,

President Logan Auxiliary No. 12.

R. J. WILLIAMS, President.

C. E. WEBSTER, Secretary.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to, unanimously.

Commander-in-Chief: It may be news to the Commandery-in-Chief that yesterday a message was sent to Brother Harding, incidentally candidate for President of the United States, asking if he could not make it convenient to be with us today or tomorrow. We have received this message from him in response:

"Delighted to have your message of greeting and reciprocate, cordially. Wish I might join you in fraternal session in Indianapolis.

WARREN G. HARDING."

Now Brothers you will make yourself as comfortable as possible and we will wait for Brother ex-Governor Willis, who will be here in a few minutes. Brother Carr has an announcement to make.

E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska: Commander, there will be a special train by way of the Pennsylvania Lines to Chicago at 5:35 p. m. This arrangement has been announced by C. L. Nesbit, Traveling Representative of the Pennsylvania Lines. It is not for delegates. We assume they are going to stay here until we are through.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the announcement. We don't want anybody to take that train. (Applause). The National Secretary will now call the roll of the officers of the Encampment.

(After the roll call).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the roll has been called and all answered to their names except Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief McCrillis and Member of the Council-in-Chief Rhinesmith.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Walthers to act as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and Past Division Commander Fred W. Spear, of Vermont, to act as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and they will assume those stations.

If there are any honorably discharged veterans of the War of the Rebellion present they will please rise. It seems none is present. Patriotic Instructor Corrick and Council-in-Chief Milham will take up the password and countersign and ascertain if all present are entitled to remain.

Patriotic Instructor Corrick and Council-in-Chief Milham having reported that all present were entitled to remain, the Commandery-in-Chief was opened in due form for such business as may come before it.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Commander-in-Chief: The first business on the program is the report from the Committee on Credentials. I will appoint on that committee, and they can report immediately after appointment, National Secretary H. H. Hammer, Chairman; Past Division Commander T. W. Allen, of Indiana; Division Commander Carl S. Spalding, of Illinois; Past Division Commander

Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire, and Delegate E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander; the Committee on Credentials respectfully submits the following preliminary report:

Temporary Headquarters,
Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 22, 1920.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers, Etc., Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Divisions are entitled to representation in this Encampment.

Following report showing members of the Encampment entitled to be enrolled as such, is herewith presented:

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

H. H. HAMMER, Chairman,
T. W. ALLEN,
CARL S. SPALDING,
MICHAEL CROWLEY,
E. ARTHUR CARR,
Committee.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS AND STAFF.

- *Harry D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Frank McCrillis, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
500 Henry Bldg., Portland, Ore.
- *F. J. Walther, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief,
Cawkes Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.
- *R. J. Williams, Council-in-Chief,
Room 28, City Hall, Columbus, Ohio
- *E. H. Milham, Council-in-Chief,
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- Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Council-in-Chief,
Board of Trade Bldg., Peoria, Ill.
- *Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, Altoona, Pa.
- *H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer,
Colonial Bldg., Reading, Pa.
- *William F. Alcorn, National Counselor,
42 Church St., New Haven, Conn.
- *Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, Suncook, N. H.
- *F. P. Corrick, National Patriotic Instructor,
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- *Edward R. Campbell, Clermont, Florida
- *H. V. Speelman, 1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- *Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.
- *Ralph Sheldon, Lyons, N. Y.
- Edgar Allan, Jr., Richmond, Va.
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- *Charles F. Sherman, 46 South 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
- *A. E. B. Stephens, 207 Johnston Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio
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*F. T. F. Johnson, McGill Bldg., Washington, D. C.
 *Francis Callahan, 4333 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

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 *Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Ill.

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 *Henry M. Austin, Bedford City, Va.
 Horace E. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.
 *Sylvester A. Arrien, Birmingham, Ala.
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 *S. A. Pickering, Memphis, Tenn.

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DIVISIONS' REPRESENTATION AND NO. OF VOTES.

"All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, * * * Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

"One Delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional Delegate for every five hundred (500) members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding the Encampment." — Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Chap. IV, Art. 2, C. R. & R.

Division	Membership	No. Delegates	Constitutional Life Members	Past Grand Division Commanders	Past Commanders-in-Chief	Past Division Commanders	Division Commanders	Total Vote
Alabama & Tennessee.	192	1				20	1	22
California & Pacific...	903	3				23	1	29
*Colorado & Wyoming	137							
Connecticut	2386	6			1	20	1	28
Illinois	1992	5	1		2	23	1	32
Indiana	940	3	1		1	21	1	27
Iowa	942	3				7	1	11
Kansas	855	3			1	18	1	23
*Kentucky	100							
Maine	2161	5				26	1	32
Maryland	553	2			3	20	1	26
Massachusetts	7802	17			4	27	1	49
Michigan	662	2				16	1	19
Minnesota	513	2				13	1	16
Missouri	700	2				19	1	22
*Montana & Idaho....	176							
Nebraska	598	2				12	1	15
New Hampshire	1164	3		1		20	1	25
New Jersey	1693	4			1	22	1	28
New York	5058	11		1	3	26	1	42
Ohio	4514	10	1	1	2	29	1	44
Pennsylvania	13720	28	1		4	27	1	61
Rhode Island	475	2				15	1	18
Vermont	1229	3				26	1	30
Washington & Oregon	564	2				11	1	14
Wisconsin	1015	3				18	1	22
Total			4	3	22	461	23	635

* Charters revoked July 1, 1920. Colorado & Wyoming and Montana & Idaho attached to California & Pacific. Kentucky attached to Ohio.

E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska: Commander, I move the report be accepted, and the Committee continued.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio: Commander, Commander-in-Chief Hall of the Grand Army of the Republic, in company with ex-Governor Frank B. Willis, a member of Dennison Camp of Columbus, Ohio, are present.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens and Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman to act as a committee to escort the distinguished brothers to this station.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: There is also John B. Adams, Department Commander of Ohio, with them.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana, to act as escort for Department Commander Adams.

VISIT OF EX-GOVERNOR WILLIS AND DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ADAMS.

Commander-in-Chief: It is my extreme pleasure at this time to have the privilege of introducing to you former Governor Willis, of Ohio, a brother of our Order. (Applause). We would like to hear from him, and I will ask the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army who seems to be the running mate of the Governor, to introduce him and tell us what he knows about him.

Commander-in-Chief Hall: Commander-in-Chief Sisson and brothers; I am not going to tell you all I know about Governor Willis—it would take too long. Your Commander-in-Chief has told you where he is from. This commonwealth on the east of you is known as Ohio. Ohio is on the map this year. (Laughter). Ohio has been on the map a good while. From Ohio we have elected five presidents. Four of them have lived in Ohio and all of them had the good judgment to be born there; and without saying anything about politics, we are going to elect another president from Ohio this fall. (Laughter). I know who it is, but I am not going to tell. (Laughter).

Commander-in-Chief: Is he a Son of a Veteran? (Laughter).

Commander-in-Chief Hall: That would be telling. (Laughter). Well, it was my extreme pleasure and honor some years ago to take into the Sons of Veterans, into Dennison Camp when I was Commander of that Camp, the gentleman whom I am about to introduce to you today. He was not Governor then. He was just an ordinary citizen, but Frank B. Willis was made a member of Governor Dennison Camp and he is now a member of your Order in good standing. We afterwards elected him Governor. We know him for one of the finest patriotic workers in the State of Ohio (Applause), and I am going to tell you something else—and you need not think I am going to make a political speech here—we are going to elect him to the Senate of the United States this fall. (Applause). Of course, it is not because he belongs to one party or the other, but because he belongs to the Sons of Veterans. (Applause).

Now, brother Sons of Veterans, I am highly honored this afternoon in being permitted to introduce to you Frank B. Willis, former Governor of the State of Ohio, who will address you.

ADDRESS OF EX-GOVERNOR WILLIS.

Ladies and gentlemen of the various patriotic organizations here represented, I assure you that I deem it quite a privilege, as well as a pleasure, to have the opportunity of saying a word to you and of expressing my interest in and cordial approval of the principles that are set forth as the foundation and belief of these various organizations. I well remember the occasion that Commander Hall refers to when I was inducted into the mysteries of the Order. It has been to me a great pleasure and delight to be associated with the members of Governor Dennison Camp.

Now I recognize the exigencies of the situation and know that you have many important matters to attend to, and I shall therefore pass by this brief moment by simply bringing you a word of good cheer, and saying to you that as a matter of fact I am here not as the representative of Governor Dennison Camp; I am here not because the members of the Sons of Veterans requested me to come, although I should regard such a request as a command, but to be very frank with you fellows, I am here because of a remark that my old father made. My father is still alive, 86 years of age. I have heard him say many times that he belonged to the regiment that put down the Rebellion, but I have heard other soldiers say that same thing. (Laughter). He was a member of the old 48th Ohio, and I was reading in the paper the other night about the plans they were making for the Encampment, and he said to me, "Frank, are you going to attend the Encampment?" I told him that I doubted whether it would be possible because I had a speaking engagement for last night and another for tomorrow and I thought it might not be possible for me to attend; and he said to me, "I wish I could go, but I am not able to go, and if you can I wish you would go to represent me;" and I am here for that purpose. (Applause).

I assure you that I deem it an honor to speak for that old private soldier. He was not an officer in the army, but just a common soldier in the ranks. I wasn't there, but I'll bet he was a good soldier. I haven't any doubt about that. (Applause). I therefore deem it a great privilege to speak a word to you from him. I want you to believe me when I tell you that what I am now about to say is that which he said to me. Dear old soul, he was for many years a busy farmer caring for his farm and for the needs of his family. He did not then have a great deal of time to read, but in these later years, since he has not been able to do physical toil he has done a great deal of reading and a great deal of thinking. Here is what he said to me the other day—I think he is getting to be a pretty fair lawyer, too—here is what Dad said, and I always listen to what Dad says because he is a man of few words and full of action. I found that out in the wood-house. (Laughter). He said to me, "Boy,"—he calls me "boy" when he wants to say anything particularly pointedly, he says—"Did you know that the great Civil War of which I was a part, the great Civil War which made possible such patriotic organizations as we have here represented, did you know that that war came because of an ambiguity in the Constitution of the United States?" Well, I didn't know just what he was driving at. I told him I hadn't thought of it just in that way. But he had been reading history, and he pointed out this fact—which is a fact little recognized—

that the Civil War came not because of the institution of human slavery. Lincoln recognized that. You remember he said in reply to a letter of criticism that was written by Horace Greeley, "What I do about the institution of slavery I do because it will save the Union. If I could save the Union without freeing any of the slaves I would do that. If I could save the Union by freeing all of the slaves I would do that. If I could save the Union by freeing some of the slaves and leaving the others as they are I would also do that." Lincoln understood that the great thing in issue a generation ago when these men were clashing in arms at Chancellorsville and at Gettysburg and at Missionary Ridge and Antietam and on the other great battlefields of the war, was not slavery—that was settled as an incident of the war merely—the thing that was really at issue was the question of the preservation of the Union. So Dad was right when he said the Civil War came about because of an ambiguity in the constitution.

You remember the constitution was made about 133 years ago, after long months of effort by the greatest body of constructive statesmen that ever was assembled on this continent, perhaps the greatest that was ever assembled in the world. William Ewart Gladstone said of the Constitution that it was "the greatest work ever stricken off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." Who were some of the men who made that Constitution? Let me name only four or five. Washington was the presiding officer at the Constitutional Convention. Who were the leaders in framing the plan of government? Think of some of them. Washington was at the head. There was Franklin. There was Hamilton. There was Madison. There was Randolph. There was Gouverneur Morris. Many of the mightiest men that American history has given the earth. These great men labored for many weeks in the constitutional convention. As I have said that body was probably the ablest body of constructive statesmen of their day, and in many respects the ablest body of political leaders perhaps of all time. And yet they, all these, careful as they were, great lawyers as they were—Gouverneur Morris was a great lawyer, Alexander Hamilton was a great lawyer, James Wilson was a great lawyer—they worked week after week, month after month, on the constitution of the United States, and yet after they got through with it, as they supposed had everything threshed out, after the constitution was adopted, within a month from the time it went into effect, there was a great dispute in the country as to the meaning of the constitution. Indeed, on the passage of the very first law by Congress that question was raised. One body of men said under this constitution we have simply made an arrangement among sovereign states that had the power to break up the government whenever they pleased. The other body of men said No, that is not the kind of a government we have here. This government is not builded on a state basis. It is builded on the people. They said it is truly a federated nation. Out of those honest differences of opinion there came those controversies which heaped up higher and higher, piling Ossa upon Pelion until finally, almost two generations ago, they broke out in titanic civil strife, the greatest war the world had ever seen up to that time.

I say this to the younger men because it ought to be said. No man will go farther than I to pay tribute of respect to the

soldiers of any other war, soldiers of the Spanish-American War, soldiers of the great World War just happily passed, because the great war is over—everybody in the country seems to know that except the President; he seems not to be acquainted with the fact (Laughter)—so I say no man dare go beyond me in paying tribute of respect to the soldiers of the Spanish-American War that drove tyranny from this western world, or to the soldiers of the war just passed that saved civilization from utter rout; but let us always remember this, that if it had not been for the devotion and the love of the constitution and the patriotic principles of the men and women of a generation ago, represented by your fathers and mine, if it had not been for the old soldiers of the Civil War, there would not have been any country here to fight for. (Applause).

And so that was the word of suggestion that my father gave me, that the greatest war of all time up to the last one, that that greatest conflict of titanic armies that ever shook the continent, grew out of a difference of opinion as to the meaning of one clause of the Federal Constitution. He called my attention to that fact, and how tremendously important it is that in any great national or international undertaking there shall be at the outset complete understanding; and permit me to say this: If in a great document, our constitution, singularly free from ambiguity, there could arise over the cloudiness of meaning in one clause a mighty civil war, then we should be exceedingly careful about the obligations that we undertake or the arrangements we may make with other nations, in order that we may understand right at the beginning just exactly what those obligations are, and not leave them to the future, because in the future it takes war to determine. (Applause).

What I am saying is this. One of the great things about this organization is that there is freedom of thought, freedom of expression. Now my own thought is—you may not all agree with me, but I will tell you what I think—my own thought is that in any arrangement that we may make, and we shall make some arrangement—just what I am not prepared to say just now—but we will make some arrangement for co-operation among the nations of the world. Nobody of any sense has any thought that this Republic is going to stand aloof from the other nations of the world. But at the same time it seems to me that it ought to be recognized that while we propose to discharge our obligations to the limit, while we propose to ever heed humanity's call always, we think that can be done without surrendering the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America. (Applause). We want it just so that there will not be any misunderstanding in the future.

There is doubt now. One set of men say a certain document means one thing. Another set of men say it means another thing. There is ambiguity to start on. If one ambiguous clause made the Civil War what have we a right to expect when there are fifty ambiguous clauses? Before we get in let us clean it up and make it perfectly clear. So far as I am concerned as one individual, one American, one private citizen, I am in favor of saying in clear, distinct unmistakable unequivocal language three or four things.

First, that the United States of America will never give over to anybody, to any foreign council of kings or anybody else, the Monroe Doctrine. (Applause). That is ours. (Ap-

plause). Now why leave it ambiguous? I can pick out in this room from people whom I do not know personally a committee of three that in five minutes can write a phrase of fifteen words that will make that absolutely clear. Then why not make it clear now? Why say this has got to be swallowed, pole, hook, line, sinker and worm, and all without any investigation? Why not make it clear and avoid trouble? First, let us stand by the Monroe Doctrine. When we proclaimed it a hundred years ago we did not trot off over to Europe to see what the King of Greece thought about it, no, and I do not think we need to consult him about it now, because it is none of his business. That is a great American doctrine.

I say to you there is another thing that ought to be made perfectly clear, because I believe it is in the heart of every American, no matter what party he belongs to, and that is that no matter what arrangement we enter into, no American soldier is to be sent anywhere outside of the United States subject to the command of anybody on earth except the authorities of the United States. (Applause). That is the second thing that ought to be made absolutely clear and unequivocal.

And I think there is another thing that ought to be cleared up—I am just mentioning two or three high spots—I think it ought to be made perfectly clear that the United States of America will insist upon it that in any future deliberations our country shall be entitled to the same voice and the same vote that any other country is entitled to. (Applause).

I heard a man say the other day that we should not object to any arrangement of that kind; suppose some other nations do have more votes than we do, they are great nations, they have possessions clear around the world, we should not object to it. Ordinarily I can find language to express my thoughts, but I say to you that I cannot think of a word that expresses the thoughts I have this moment concerning the man who takes that attitude. It is absolutely unpatriotic and un-American. This Republic is entitled to the same voice in the affairs of the world that any other nation is. Let us make those things clear so as to avoid trouble and wars in the future. It is not a question of partisanship. It is a question of Americanism. I say to you now, so that there will be no question about it—there are a good many people from Ohio here; some of the best looking folks here are from Ohio (Laughter)—I have said to my folks in Ohio, as I say to you, as I think everybody ought to say and will say when they get out of the heat of political contest, I say to you, my friends, that if in public life or in private life the time ever comes when I have got to decide between internationalism and Americanism I propose to be American. (Applause).

So I say in my last word, ladies and gentlemen, and I am glad to emphasize that part of it, *ladies* and gentlemen, because things have come about now so that at this critical hour in the history of the country, when questions confront us that are as grave as those which it faced on the day that the guns of General Lee were thundering at Gettysburg, at such a time and at such a crisis, I for one am tremendously grateful that we are to have the added wisdom and patriotism that is coming from the active patriotism of women in the public affairs of this country. So I say to you men and women, my friends, let us keep the faith of our fathers; let us hold to the principles

that have made this republic mighty; let us not trade them off; let us not surrender one iota of them; let us hold to American sovereignty and independence; let us not permit Asia or Europe or anybody else but Americans to vote on American issues. We all can afford to trust the conscience of the American people and American principles. Let us hold to the principles that are everlasting, the abiding principles of patriotism on which this organization is founded, represented by the flag that means more now that it ever could before. Let us not put out or obscure any of the stars:

"Your Flag and my Flag!

And Oh, how much it holds—

Your land and my land—

Secure within its folds!

Your heart and my heart

Beat quicker at the sight;

Sun kissed and wind tossed,

Red and blue and white.

The one Flag—the great Flag—the Flag for me and you—

Glorified all else beside—the red and white and blue."

(Applause).

J. Burdette Little, of Indiana: Commander, a committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary is in waiting.

Commander-in-Chief: We will receive the committee in a moment. Brothers, we are particularly honored again this afternoon before we have been able to get fairly started by having another honored guest in the person of the Department Commander of Ohio, and I am going to ask you to listen for a few moments to Dr. Adams, Department Commander of Ohio.

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER ADAMS.

Mr. Chairman, Sons of Veterans, my honored Commander-in-Chief: There is nothing that gives me more pleasure than to express my opinion and love and affection for you Commander Sisson, because you are the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, that I should be expected to make even a few remarks is to me a very unexpected circumstance. I learned in the corridor that I was to be brought up here. I knew of no reason why. I had no prepared speech to offer you. I am perfectly free to say, however, that I am glad to be here, and as representing an important Department of a great organization which you recognize as the Grand Army of the Republic, I am pleased to be here. The Grand Army of the Republic is grand in fact. It is great in your estimation because of the relations which you sustain to the members of that great organization, because some of the men who as you have been informed by the speaker who preceded me saved this country to make it great, and made it possible indeed for all Americans to hold up their heads and bow to no consideration which would in any degree be humiliating or ambiguous.

Now when I look out upon your faces I recognize them as the faces of the sons of my associates in that gigantic war which brought about the results referred to, and one thing I

have had in mind for a great many years and occasionally I have had opportunity to express in private is this: That while the soldiers of 1861-65 were efficient agents in maintaining the integrity of the Union—I always like to refer to that war not as the Civil War or any other kind of a war excepting a war for the Union, as has already been expressed by the previous speaker—what I had in mind was this, that there was good stock in those soldiers in that army the remains of which you have seen parading the streets, exceeding their power by reason of the mere fact that their enthusiasm has remained through all these years, and whatever is left of them they are willing to sacrifice for American principles, for if it is good for anything at all it is good for American principles.

There is the further idea, and it is the only one I am going to offer you. While they are accorded the reputation of being good stock and having done their manly duty when it was possible for them to do so, you who are their sons have inherited from them, and you come with the vigor of youth on the stage to take up the responsibilities that these good old men, comrades of mine, can no longer carry. They must depend upon you, they expect it of you, and I am personally aware and entirely satisfied that their expectations will never be disappointed by the Sons of Veterans. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Mr. Department Commander, we have heard from your Commander-in-Chief and Governor Willis and yourself, and the best that we have to offer you is Congressman A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio, who will respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers and Sisters and Department Commander of Ohio, Dr. Adams. I want to say that we have had from the time of the beginning of this organization a great love for the boys who served in the Civil War. The members of this organization have got the spirit of those boys and have been traveling along in their footsteps for a good many years; and I want to say as we grow older we are bound to follow and bound to lead in the great lessons that have been taught us by you men of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I would say that it was my happy privilege to be associated with Department Commander Adams when he was Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic at the time that Captain Montfort was Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army and I was Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. Our relations were very pleasant, and they grew into love and affection, and I want to say to the membership of this great organization, as you have looked over some of the men, representatives from the State of Ohio, you have now listened to one of the sweetest and most lovely characters of American citizenship that we have in Ohio, and that is Dr. John Adams. (Applause). We all love him in Cincinnati. The little girls and little boys in the neighborhood in which he lives all speak of Dr. Adams in that very affectionate way that they would speak of their parents. He loves children and he loves pretty women. (Laughter). Am I not right Doctor?

Department Commander Adams: You are eminently right.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: I want to bespeak for Dr. Adams many more years of life and pleasure, and I trust,

Doctor, that you will be with us a good many more years, and come in person to our National Encampments and speak to us.

Department Commander Adams: Commander Sisson, Comrades Sons of Veterans, I feel very grateful to you for your kind reception, and thank you for your courtesy.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Commander-in-Chief: The Chair appoints the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

National Secretary H. H. Hammer, Chairman.
 Past Division Commander T. W. Allen, of Indiana.
 Division Commander Carl S. Spalding, of Illinois.
 Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire.
 Delegate E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

National Counselor William F. Alcorn, Chairman.
 Division Commander A. K. Myers, of Ohio.
 Division Commander Jesse T. Drake, of Wisconsin.
 Division Commander Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania.
 Past Division Commander Chas. C. Behnke, of Missouri.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Division Commander William H. Hyden, of California & Pacific, Chairman.
 Division Commander William M. Stuart, of New Jersey.
 Past Division Commander Park F. Yengling, of Ohio.
 Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, of Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 Past Division Commander P. A. Barrows, of Nebraska.
 Past Division Commander Clifford Ireland, of Illinois.
 Past Division Commander Frank Shellhouse, of Indiana.
 Past Division Commander E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Past Division Commander H. Harding Hale, of Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.
 Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, of New York.
 Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, of Maryland.
 Past Commander-in-Chief Francis Callaban, of Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana, Chairman.
 Past Division Commander M. D. Friedman, of Alabama & Tennessee.
 Past Division Commander Walter C. Mable, of Pennsylvania.
 Past Division Commander William A. Sparling, of Michigan.
 Past Division Commander Otto Berner, of Wisconsin.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio, Chairman.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. R. Campbell, of Maryland.

Past Commander-in-Chief N. J. McGuire, of Indiana.

I would like to have the Chairman of the latter Committee assume the Chairmanship and appoint details for the various visitations. The other members of the Committee will be:

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief F. J. Walthers, of Wisconsin.

National Chaplain Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig.

National Patriotic Instructor Frank P. Corrick.

Past Division Commander Arthur I. Vescelius, of New Jersey.

Past Division Commander Wm. B. Moynihan, of New York.

Alabama & Tennessee, Division Commander Victor I. Philippi.

California & Pacific, Past Division Commander John A. Medlar.

Connecticut, Past Division Commander Robert T. Alcorn.

Illinois, Past Division Commander Geo. B. Holmes.

Iowa, Delegate Don D. Donnan.

Kansas, Division Commander F. A. Hobble.

Ohio, Hon. Frank B. Willis.

Maine, Past Division Commander Ralph Burbank.

Maryland, Division Commander O. A. C. Oehmler.

Massachusetts, Past Division Commander Geo. N. Howard.

Michigan, Division Commander Wm. A. Sparling.

Minnesota, Past Division Commander Daniel Sharp.

Missouri, Division Commander J. J. Couch.

Pennsylvania, Past Division Commander W. E. Smith.

Rhode Island, Past Division Commander Chas. W. Senior.

Vermont, Past Division Commander Fred W. Spear.

Washington & Oregon, Division Commander B. S. Sheire.

Wisconsin, Division Commander Jesse T. Drake.

This brings us up to Officers' Reports, and the Officers' Reports are submitted in print and will be referred to the various committees to which they should go. The Secretary will read them.

Chas. J. Schnabel, of Washington & Oregon: Commander, I move that the Commander-in-Chief read his own report, and that the other reports be referred to the proper committee as printed.

The motion was seconded. The motion was agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: Commander, I move that the Committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary be received at this time, before the reading of the report.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the motion. Is there objection? The Chair hears none. I will appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan of Pennsylvania and Division Commander Sparling of Michigan as the committee to escort the ladies in.

VISIT OF COMMITTEE FROM THE SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: Commander and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to the Commandery-in-Chief the committee representing the Sons of Veterans Aux-

iliary, Miss Mary L. Tredo, National President; Blanche L. Beverstock, Past Division President of New Hampshire; Frances A. Fox, Past National President; Laura M. Miller, Past National President, and Mabelle Ham, Past National Secretary. (Applause). This is Miss Tredo.

Miss Mary Tredo: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers and Sisters, I am not going to make any lengthy speech because I know you are extremely busy, as we are, and I am not of the greetings committee—I just came along to see that they did their duty—but I do want to express to you my appreciation of the principles of the Sons of Veterans and my appreciation of the kindness and courtesy extended to me and our organization in the past year.

Commander-in-Chief Sisson, I cannot say all that is in my heart. You have been a real true friend and brother to me, and I feel that our two organizations have been more closely connected this year than we have ever been before. I wish to extend my greetings and best wishes that you may have a most harmonious and profitable session. I thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: Commander and Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Blanche E. Beverstock, Past Division President of New Hampshire.

Mrs. Blanche E. Beverstock: Commander-in-Chief, I have just a few words to speak to you. It has been customary for the past few years for the national organization of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to present to the retiring Commander-in-Chief a token which in a small way evidences their deep appreciation of the many favors he has extended to our organization. This duty and privilege and honor has been given to me, and it affords me pleasure to present you with this clock from the national organization. As you take it home may the memories of this past year and the blessings you have conferred upon our organization remain with you. Please accept it with assurances of our love and esteem and best wishes for your future success. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: "Mary and Blanche," to be perfectly frank, this has been a great year for me. Mary and I have travelled in double harness over considerable territory in this United Kingdom of ours without ever a failure to come up to the scratch when we have had a hard pull to make. She has been a true woman, and while it has been something new to me to reach a realizing sense of what the Auxiliary means to the Sons of Veterans, I say it without fear of contradiction that the Auxiliary has been more to the Sons of Veterans than the Sons can ever be to the Auxiliary. (Applause). And I want to say to you, brothers, in all frankness that where we have found a live Auxiliary we always find a live Camp; and I have yet to find a dead Auxiliary. (Applause).

Girls—my girls—I appreciate more than words can tell the sentiment that is ticked off by the clock, and I want to assure you that during all the remaining days that come in our allotment "Mother and I" will gaze upon this clock and realize that it is "the time of our life." (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: Brothers, I now introduce to the Encampment Miss Frances A. Fox, Past National President, New York.

Miss Frances A. Fox: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, the trouble with our organization is that we do not have enough of these nice things to pass along so that each one of the girls may tramp over here to the boys and tell each one, individually and collectively, just how much we do think of the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I have been given a number of honors. I have been privileged many times to come into your Encampment, but I want to say to you today Brothers, and to your Commander-in-Chief, that I have never been upon a pleasanter mission.

Usually the Commander-in-Chief is the recipient of all our best thoughts, our love and best wishes, at this time; but we are just going to divide it today, and say that you have in your membership a brother who though he is not a Commander-in-Chief has served a great many National Presidents, and always with the same willingness and the same thoughtfulness that he has served us this last year. I do not think I need to tell the Sons of Veterans what Brother Hammer is to the Sons, but I do wish it were possible for me to tell you brothers in the Encampment just what Brother Hammer is to the Auxiliary. It is not humanly possible for one woman—and a woman can talk a lot, even if she don't say anything—I do not believe it is possible for a woman to say just what is in my heart today. I can say honestly and earnestly that Brother Hammer has served me just as faithfully as he has every other National President in the past. Of course, he was just a little nicer, but there is only one Brother Hammer. Of course, there is only one. So some of us are still waiting.

Brother Hammer, we tried to get a little something that might convey to you, and through you to "Molly" just what you have been to us. It was whispered to us that Brother Hammer was just wiring his home for electricity, and we knew that when he had the job done, and when "Molly" didn't have something else for him to do around the house, he might have time to sit down and read for a quiet half hour, and so the committee that was selected by our National President to procure something for Brother Hammer that would express in a small way just what he is to the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary tried to think of something that might be an inspiration to him, a reminder of what he has been to us—a shining light. So, Brother Hammer, when your job at home is finished and the wiring is all done and you sit under this lamp, the light that shines on you will not be half as bright as the light that you have been to the National organization of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Our National President understands what Brother Hammer has done. His light has shone many times to brighten the trips of our National President. Sometimes it looked like a gloomy, foggy trip, but if she could get in touch with Brother Hammer the way was brightened.

Brother Hammer, in accepting this gift from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary we do not want you to consider the intrinsic value or the cost of the lamp. That is very small compared with what you have done for the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. We hope it will serve to remind you in its own way that every member of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary wishes for you and your wife the very best that God can give to any one, good health and many years of it. (Applause).

National Secretary Hammer: Miss Fox, ladies of the Auxiliary and members of the Sons of Veterans: This is surely one put over on me. I admit it is on me, and I am willing to do my share, all I can, but if Molly was here she would have to do the responding. Molly is about as good as anybody (A Voice: I wonder if she shook you?) But words fail me. I cannot express my gratitude. I am overcome with my feelings and emotions, Miss Frances. I am so taken by surprise that my throat is throbbing so—I believe that is where the throbs are—with emotion, and so on that I cannot talk, but I am going to promise the Auxiliary ladies that I am just going to keep right on doing whatever I can for them. This is new to me, unusual with me, but I hope we will have more of these things (Laughter) coming right along.

A few years ago they persuaded me to hook up. New Jersey connected with Pennsylvania. A lot of them said how they were going to equip us, furnish our home with everything from a piano down, but we haven't got a darn thing from any of them (Laughter); and I just want to say if any of you folks are contemplating anything of that sort get it before you get spliced. (Laughter).

Now if this is what my continued work for the Auxiliary is going to bring, command me. To the next National President and all others that are coming, I am at your service for favors received. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have the great pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Laura Martin Miller, Past National President of the Auxiliary of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief: The first and last National Presidents.

Mrs. Laura Martin Miller: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: It gives me great pleasure to accompany this committee. Thirty-four years ago I had the pleasure of representing about a dozen members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Today I have the pleasure of accompanying our National President who has the pleasure of representing 22,000 members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. I feel that the Sons of Veterans are prospering, and may God bless all of you who come under your faith and your principles. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Callahan: Last but not least, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing that noble and patriotic National Secretary, a sister from your own State, Mrs. Mabelle Ham, last year's National Secretary of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Mrs. Mabelle Ham: Commander Sisson and Brothers: This is the second time that I have had the great honor and the great pleasure of coming with the committee of greeting from the National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and I assure you that it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life. When we came here a year ago we promised you, because you were so busy as you always are, that we would take but a few moments of your time, so all the many things that we wanted to say to you we had to say very quickly. I was told afterwards by your Past Commander Stephens that he was very sure the convention stenographer didn't get more than half of what I said, and most of that he felt sure he had to guess at. Well, when I read my

good speech in the proceedings I decided that he was right; so I am not going to make any speech today. I am just going to say Amen to all the pretty things my good sisters have said to you, and I am not going to talk to you at all, but I am going to talk to Harry. Come over here, Harry. (Applause).

Harry is one of the best, I am not sure but what he is one of God's chosen, and we were hoping to take back the message last year that that splendid Son of a Veteran would be chosen your Commander-in-Chief, which he was. I will tell you, that I bring to you the greeting and the best wishes and the love of every member of the Massachusetts Division. We are glad that you love us, now. We have just told you that we love you. We were not his first love but we are glad to be his last. We want to assure you that we are going to work with you and for you and your brothers in all of your undertakings, to the last ditch, because we know that you will never undertake to do a thing that is not an honor and a credit to every one of you and every one of us who are interested in your work. May God bless you and your brothers in all your future work. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I answer that Sister Elizabeth may be in the room and I had better not trust myself to respond at this time, therefore I shall ask the handsomest man in our aggregation to respond to the ladies, Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander, Ladies of the Auxiliary, I am a good deal in the condition of Brother Hammer, and did not expect to be called upon at this time, but I am always delighted to speak in response when Frances Fox is with the company, especially so when we have such a delightful delegation of beauty as we have here today. I am sorry that I was elected Commander-in-Chief years ago. I want to tell you Sister Fox that at the present time we are wiring our house for electricity (Laughter and Applause) and I ask that you report that fact to the Auxiliary.

Secretary Hammer: See how these fellows take notice. (Laughter).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: But to be serious, ladies, we are indeed charmed to have you with us today. We realize what you have done in the past for the Order of the Sons of Veterans. I wish it were possible for every Camp of Sons of Veterans to have an Auxiliary of the ladies. We Past Commanders realize and know full well what you have done for the Camps. We trust as the years go by that you will return to us, that you will bring your greetings, because we appreciate them; but more especially do we wish you to return because we all love you. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: I am going to ask the ladies of the Auxiliary committee—other engagements will make it necessary for at least some of them to retire—but I am going to invite the committee to remain for the reading of the Commander-in-Chief's report, then the Chaplain-in-Chief will conduct the usual Memorial Service. As soon as the reports are read they will be distributed.

The Commander-in-Chief read his report as printed, interpolating as indicated.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Pittsfield, Mass., September 20, 1920.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:

To have followed in the footsteps of my illustrious predecessors in command of this Order, is at once a distinction and a privilege. With the deeper knowledge gained from the experiences of the year there has come a better sense of appreciation of the services they have each rendered. Occupying the front center of the stage, under the searching spot-light of publicity to every act, there comes a sense of compensation, not entirely obscured by the weighty responsibility involved. To have been chosen by one's fellows to the eminence of such a position must remain a tender memory so long as life shall last. The human is a strange being, and the complexity of his thought, presents the constant problem of "give and take," the solution of which enables us to get along together more or less harmoniously. Nowhere in my experience, is the human equation more of a problem than I have found it to be in the Sons of Veterans. Playing the game with the diversity of interests and the divergent temperamental elements one runs across is at once interesting and instructive. I have learned a lot of things during the year. Some of them are right and some of them wrong, no doubt. I am often led to wonder whether we really want the things we think we want. For instance during some considerable of the past, we have made a lot of noise about building up the Order numerically, and have sort of bluffed ourselves into believing that that is what we actually want. But do we? What a man really wants, he usually acquires by working for it, even taking a few bumps while he is handing out a few. Basing my opinions on my observations and experience, I have not found that our membership as a whole experiences such an insatiable desire to build itself to great numerical strength, that it is willing to take off its coat and go out and work for it. I mean, actually to work with our own hands and endeavor through our own effort to interest the eligibles and get them in. Frankly, my brothers, our actual desire to build has not been so sincere as to have been reflected by our acts. There is no sense in expecting we can instill into some other fellow the desire and the purpose to spend his time and effort to bring in the eligible, while we do no more ourselves than to sit with twiddling thumbs crossed above contented stomachs offering silent prayers for more members. Early in the year an effort was inaugurated to recruit the Order and a feasible and workable plan was offered in complete detail. Canvassing cards were issued in sufficient quantity for every Camp in the Order, without a penny of expense to the Camps. A system of campaigning and a methodical procedure was promulgated, with ample instructions. The responsibility for the result was put squarely up to the membership. No attention was paid to the plan by most of the Divisions—some even failing to distribute the canvassing cards to the Camps. The inference then, seems to be not entirely without a foundation in fact, that the membership of this Order as a whole, is not sufficiently interested in the welfare of the organization to actually exert personal effort in its behalf.

You men sitting in this Encampment today have the ability and the energy to put across any large undertaking which might

arrest your attention. There's no doubt about it. With the ability, the push, the pull and the purpose nothing could stop you. The problem of our growth has been put up to you this year individually and collectively. The answer is just what it will continue to be, just so long as we individually continue to meet the problem with the same degree of energy. The solution is up to each one of us as individuals and it is unreasonable to expect that any other result will be attained in the future than just the reflected total of our individual energy. No Commander-in-Chief can, single handed and alone, combat the inertia of the man who simply will not. Unless we go home from this Encampment with a new-born determination to exercise the peculiar privilege which we have inherited, bidding defiance to the lethargy which would sing to us the siren song of having already done our share, it is my humble opinion that we shall never see this Order assuming the important proportions we had mapped out for it, nor will it become such a fraternity of standing and position in the social fabric, as shall inspire in the Grand Army such a sense of satisfied security for the future of its heritage, as it may have a right to expect from the hands of kinsmen. The comrades may rightly ask unquestionable assurance that the future will be safeguarded and promoted. Have we proved our right to assume the responsibility of the trust? Ask yourself the question, and answer it candidly. I believe we have, but let us break this claim of somnolence and be more alive to a filial duty. Let us here and now proclaim to the world, a new birth and a re-dedication of individual effort to honor a father's service to God and Country. Let the shortcomings of the past be redeemed by the promise of the present and the fulfillment of the future. No more worthy cause can engage our time and attention. The hour has struck.

THE PARENT ORGANIZATION AND OUR RELATION.

More and more do the thinning ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic make appeal to the public heart. More and more are the comrades of that incomparable warfare reaching out for the supporting arm upon which to lean. More than ever before is the opportunity for service, both apparent and urgent. Possibly we have not always found that warmth of response and affection for which we have looked, between the Orders, yet it may be possible that we have received in larger measure than we have earned the coveted recognition. Possibly also, we have not sized up our accomplishments from the perspective of the Grand Army comrade. Maybe we have been too prone to estimate the sum total of achievement by what may have been done in our own immediate vicinity, forgetting that most of us are living in favored localities where Posts and Camps thrive in something like equal numbers. Massachusetts for instance with its 9,000 square miles, is compact in area. With 197 Posts, it has 156 Camps and a total membership in the Division greater than the Department can boast. Such a Division is better equipped to become a factor in the life work of the Grand Army, than can possibly be the case in California & Pacific with more than 200,000 square miles where 18 Camps with 900 members are serving a Department of 94 Posts and a membership of 5,000 comrades; or Michigan as another illustration where a Division of 18 Camps and 600 members is serving a Department of 238 Posts and 5,000 comrades, scattered over an area of 60,000

square miles. It must be realized that in these vast areas representing some of the Departments, our efforts necessarily spread out pretty thin, and it is not surprising that in some of them the comrades should make inquiry as to what the Sons have ever done for the Grand Army to warrant a claim to their consideration.

After all, we need not be surprised that a proposal to take care of the Memorial Day work for all time, coming from an organization, momentarily so popular as the American Legion, fresh from a victorious warfare, should carry with it some very inviting aspects. We need not be surprised that such an appeal should make its impression right into the hearts of many comrades who have seen and known little or nothing of the Sons of Veterans effectually promoting the spirit or preserving the traditions which cluster about Memorial Day. We must not under-estimate the force of this appeal which the American Legion makes to the Grand Army of the Republic, when it asks to be made "the agency" whose task it shall be to be custodian for all time of this sacred privilege. Grant if you will for the sake of argument, that as an organization we may have fallen short of our ideals in our relationships with the parent body. Grant also, if you choose, that these Legion boys may have acquired a keener sense of war's realities than have we, it does not necessarily follow that an overwhelming claim to a monopoly has been thereby established. With the constantly increasing demands from its own membership as the years come and go, will they in the reaches of time become more keen to the memory of the Civil War veteran, or to their own? These men of the Legion, your sons and mine, have fought a war two generations after our fathers followed the flag unto the saving of a nation. They have fought a foreign foe on foreign soil and have upheld the traditions of war as became men from fighting stock. All honor to them for their achievement—far be it from me to take from it. Our fathers fought their own brethren, under conditions entirely different. There is hardly a bond of similarity between the veterans of the two wars—certainly nothing so far in common as to resemble a basis grounded upon a "right." Merely because our boys have followed the flag which our father's saved, does not in my opinion, constitute any Divine Right which the Grand Army is in any way obligated to recognize. Surely no one would object to the Legion boys sharing in the patriotic memorials established as a custom by the parent body, but to monopolize would be to take away from the Sons of these old soldiers, the very ideal for which they have striven, however imperfectly, for these forty years. More, our organization is the direct lineal descendent of the Grand Army, the child of its loins. If the history of our effort in the past has not yet made secure our place in the affections of the Grand Army, the work of the future can yet do it and the RIGHT, by inheritance, must do it. It is tugging vitally at the heart-strings of our very existence when such a proposition assumes shape. I hardly think that the Grand Army will seriously consider so drastic a request, but it certainly gives them the right to demand a similar efficiency from us. My appeal then is on the ground of a RIGHT—a right by inheritance, by the closer ties of relationship, by being ourselves nearer to the conflict and the deeds we memorialize. Let us accept the obligation and by our service during the remaining days of the allotted time

to these old warriors, let us prove our sincerity and our Sonship. Let us more than prove it by the effort we shall yet make to fill "Life's afternoon" for them, full of the assurance that the heritage they leave is worthily bestowed, and the future secure in the filial devotion of their own.

THE BONUS.

Some of us may shiver and others may feel that this is too hot an iron to be handled. Some say it is a political question. In my opinion it is a patriotic question and as such we should not hesitate to handle it from a patriotic standpoint. We are all contributors to the public fund and as such we are each more or less affected by the expenditures from that fund. The bonus as planned reaches into the individual families of many of us. As sons of men who knew war, we are, I am sure not only willing but indeed anxious to accord to our boys the most ample measure of reward which justice could demand. To those who have suffered and are suffering, even a lavish generosity should be meted. I submit that from a standpoint of patriotic citizenship, the ends of justice would hardly be best served by any indiscriminate distribution from the public treasury upon all soldiers alike, regardless of the service rendered. I would recommend that this Encampment, by resolution, define its attitude as a patriotic body of citizens, and recall to our legislators that altruistic spirit of the fathers which for years after the closing of the Civil War, refused the financial reimbursement which a grateful citizenry would have willingly bestowed, for no other reason than as they said "We did not go out to fight for money." Not a farthing would I withhold from the deserving, but I feel strongly that there is offered an opportunity to make a serious mistake in dealing with a matter of compensating the performance of a plain though disagreeable duty. The example of these old fellows who fought, not for what they could get out of it, but rather for the underlying principle, has set a standard of Americanism which should become the pattern for the ages. That ideal should not now be shattered by setting a price on patriotism.

THE RESERVE.

There are differences of opinion as to the Reserve as a potential appendix to the Order. Some seem to be of the opinion that the time is already ripe for the performance of a major operation for its complete removal. At this writing I have no knowledge indicating what the report of the Committee on State of the Order may recommend in this connection. The criticism is rather one of policy than of efficiency of either the Reserve or its officers. Sure it is that all Divisions now contribute to its support, while but few avail themselves of the organization. Some Divisions are prohibited by law from maintaining a semblance of a military organization and of course could not have the Reserve even if they wanted it. I believe, however, that there is no objection to such Divisions as desire the Reserve, having it, provided they are willing to pay the bill. Such objections as have come to my notice relate to the support of such an organization from the general treasury. The matter is submitted for your thoughtful consideration, without recommendation.

YOUR FRIEND, AND MINE.

It was a most unexpected call which came to us early in the year, when our Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer was summoned to report to the Supreme Commander "Over There," and was taken from this service. This Order lost a man whose personal impress had been made upon it. He was a stalwart of the stalwarts. For years his business acumen had featured our plan and method. He occupied his own particular niche in his own peculiar way. No one will or can exactly take the place. I am sure he would not care to be eulogized, but there is an obligation to the living which demands at least the silent tribute, and I propose that this Encampment here and now, as a token of its love and respect for a sacred memory, pause in these proceedings and with bowed head and silent thought for a moment recall with gratitude, the privilege of having known and tasted the fellowship and friendship of Lew Rake.

THE NATIONAL TREASURER.

This office carries with it no particularly arduous duties and I can see no reason why the duties may not without injury be shifted to the National Secretary. I recommend that the offices of National Treasurer and National Secretary be combined.

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

I have never suggested such a thought, and I have no reason for believing that he would be pleased by it—very likely he is the most surprised man in this Encampment at this moment. However that may be, I desire to say that there is one man in this Order of Sons of Veterans, who, more than any other, has earned the top-notch honor it is our privilege to confer. I know not how or when, but I feel that the time should be made, when we would for at least a single year, provide for Horace Hammer a leave-of-absence from the duties of National Secretary, during which by the unanimous action of the Encampment, he should be made the Commander-in-Chief. His record needs no characterization—it speaks for itself. We shall continue to need him in the same capacity, but we should find a way to entitle him to the supreme honor. Horace is efficiency, plus. Every Past Commander-in-Chief will testify to the correctness of that statement. His devotion goes without saying. He lives and breathes the atmosphere of Sons-of-Veteranism. The Order can make no mistake in conferring its chief honor where so well deserved.

JUST FIGURES.

Purposely, I have refrained from making direct recommendations to any considerable extent, largely because the special committee on State of the Order will have a report which I believe will furnish recommendation and much food for thought. It has been interesting to get the views of different members as to the sort and size of an Order—such a one as ours—should be. Few people have any very definite idea of the possible membership this Order might comprise if it had every eligible within its folds. At best the answer is problematical. As a basis of estimating, in order to get some line on the proposition, the following percentages, based on last year's report, I believe are

fairly accurate, and are based on every hundred enlistments credited to the states as follows:

Division:	S. V.'s Members	Soldiers	Sons to 100 Soldiers
Connecticut	2,370	55,864	4.21
Illinois	2,412	259,092	0.89
Indiana	906	196,363	0.46
Iowa	862	76,242	0.11
Kansas	939	20,149	4.66
Massachusetts	7,287	116,730	4.96
Michigan	664	87,364	0.76
New York	5,320	448,850	1.18
Ohio	4,414	313,180	1.40
Pennsylvania	13,305	337,546	3.93
Wisconsin	1,331	91,327	1.44

Massachusetts is the most populous Division from a membership standpoint with almost five Sons to every one hundred soldiers in the service. A like degree of representation would give us a total membership of just about one hundred and forty thousand. On this percentage Illinois should have a membership of approximately 12,500; New York, 22,500; Indiana, 10,000; Michigan, 4,300 and so on down the list. It will be understood that there is nothing fantastic in the estimates—it is simply applying the present Massachusetts percentage to the other states on the basis of soldiers furnished.

In this connection, I have discovered another rather surprising circumstance—at least it furnished me with a surprise for the reason that it had never come home to me as it did recently. One of my own boys, while discussing eligibles at the dinner table one day, asked if I had ever tried to get the two sons of a neighbor to join the Camp. I said No, because neither the father nor the grandfather had been in the service. But, came the reply, the *mother's* father was in the service. Not till that moment had it dawned upon my darkened intellect that these boys of a neighbor were eligible to our Camp. Upon inquiry in many places visited, I find the same condition to exist. Our committees have forgotten many times to canvass the sons of daughters of soldiers and a large recruiting field has been neglected just as I had neglected to canvass my neighbor's boys. Don't forget that daughters of soldiers have boys.

These figures afford proof positive that we have not begun yet to exhaust the field of eligibles. The National Secretary can tell you how many men have been initiated into the Order, and it is a surprising total. Answer the question as to why these men have not stuck, and our problem is solved. Think it over.

[Added paragraph]. Moreover, the statistics from the National Secretary's report, indicate for the year, a very decided impulse to recruiting, 2441 more men having been initiated than during the previous year. If this acceleration may be attributable to a livelier appreciation of our heritage, then too, may not the losses, completely offsetting our gains and neutralizing our efforts, be attributable to a depreciation of the sentimental and righteous regard for our ancestors? Are we certain that it may not also be indicative of a lowering standard of patriotism

among our own? At any rate, a situation exists that demands frank consideration and a fair answer.

A GLANCE INTO THE FUTURE.

Not having the gift of prophecy, these observations are not prophetic. Neither are they random guesses—merely observations, submitted for what they are worth. In the preceding pages I have dealt with matters assuming that we are likely to continue on our program, on about the same old basis of routine we have been following since we were younger. I am convinced however, that unless some radical change is made in our organic structure, as an Order we are not destined to large things. I feel deeply that the time has arrived when we should talk things as they are, and cut the camouflage. With no other motive than to look the situation fairly and squarely in the face I believe I am within gunshot range of the truth, when I state it as my opinion that there is something wrong with our fundamentals. It is too difficult to interest new eligibles as it is also too difficult to hold them when we have once mustered them into the Order. Then too, there are other organizations doing for the Grand Army along similar lines of activity, and doing more than we have ever done. The chief difference between these allied organizations is not so much in their purposes and objects as in unimportant detail and method. Our own claim to distinction for instance rests on the accident of birth—our birthright, as we are proud to call it. A few have a deep appreciation of this sentiment, but most eligibles need to be educated up to it and even then they often fail to arrive. At best our membership is limited. Only such as have the birthright can be admitted. I doubt the success in a large way, of any effort we may make while still continuing the policy of running alone and on the same old routine. Before this report will be read to you, a meeting of representatives of all the allied bodies will have been held on the call of Mrs. Lynch, the present National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, at which is to be discussed the prospect of some sort of a federation or amalgamation of the Allied Orders. Whatever the result of this meeting may be, the very fact of its being called indicates a sentiment that is seeking expression in other than our own body. A dozen years ago my own thought sought expression along this same line of reasoning. Crude as was the attempt in that long-ago, the meat in the shuck has never been removed. It has a radical flavor and has not found favor with our epicures. I would not be true to my own convictions however, if, in the light of the apparent demand indicated by the invitation of the Relief Corps. I should fail to call it to your attention at this time. So many times has the statement been made that the Grand Army must die, that it seems little short of sacrilegious, to suggest the possible error of such a thought. Personally, I have never believed that we should allow the Grand Army of the Republic, as a name, to die. To me, it seems altogether clear that it should not die. If we are the heirs of that veteran organization, why may we not inherit the use of its name? Putting it rather bluntly, why may we not ask the Grand Army to will to us of the allied bodies the right to use the name in an amalgamated union of SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, thus preserving the name in active association with the efforts to keep green the memory of the soldiers

and keep alive the traditions of the Civil War. I am unable to understand why the comrades of the Grand Army should raise serious objection to the continued use and potency of the name. Of course there can be but one Grand Army of the Republic in any event. I would not have it otherwise. But an association linked up to the privilege and potency of the name, composed of the men and women represented in the allied bodies of the present would command a following from the moment of its inception. It would become a privilege paramount to be numbered among the SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC more to be prized than an inheritance of bonds or acres.

In my opinion, some sort of unity in organization would be of great advantage to all of us who are now traveling toward the same goal on slightly divergent pathways. I commend the idea, immature as it is, to your thoughtful consideration, in the hope that some earnest constructive thinking may open an avenue to a larger usefulness than we have yet attained.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

An unexpected situation has arisen in my own Division over the distribution of the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief. While I differ from the policy adopted by the Massachusetts Division, at the same time I realize that it should not be difficult for this body to settle definitely the disposition which is to be made of its printed record of proceedings. The printing bill for these books is one of the largest expense items of the Commandery-in-Chief. Obviously there is no sense in printing several hundred copies merely to adorn the shelves of the several Division headquarters. Either the Commandery-in-Chief should provide for distribution to Camps, or, it should be definitely fixed that the distribution is to be made by the Divisions at their own expense, or, we better cut out the custom and the expense of printing the record altogether.

Camp Commanders in Massachusetts have asked as to where the proceedings were, showing that there is at least some demand from the Camps for the record. The Division holds that it is not incumbent upon their treasury to stand the expense of mailing. Massachusetts enters the only complaint, but it is my observation that other Divisions have copies in stock which were intended for their Camps. I trust you will settle the question conclusively.

THE BANNER.

In many of my visitations during the year, I have tested the membership in the matter of Banner reading. My conclusions are somewhat dismal. To the best of my belief, not more than half of the Banners printed each month, are read. Obviously, it is a poor business proposition to continue month after month, supplying fodder for the postoffice waste baskets. A half is read almost from cover to cover, and by this contingent the paper is much appreciated.

There is now before the Council-in-Chief a request for a revision of the contract, based on the increased cost to produce under present advanced cost schedules.

It is to be presumed that a brotherhood would not wish to drive a sharp bargain with one of its own, and a measure of

relief from an oppressive contract would appear to be fair and just. It has occurred to me that as a means of relief worth considering, it might be practical to take a toll of the membership through the Camp Commanders and revise the subscription lists. By omitting to mail to members having no interest and not reading it, the amount of print paper would be materially decreased and a postage saving would also result. I recommend to the Council-in-Chief, a consideration of this feature of the situation.

REVOKED CHARTERS.

It was with much regret that I found it necessary on the June quarter to revoke and declare forfeited the charters of three of our Divisions—

Colorado & Wyoming...	5 Camps, 131 Members
Kentucky	6 Camps, 100 Members
Montana & Idaho.....	6 Camps, 181 Members

The five Camps formerly comprising the Division of Colorado & Wyoming and the six Camps formerly comprising the Division of Montana & Idaho have been assigned to the Division of California & Pacific. The six Camps formerly comprising the Division of Kentucky have been assigned to the Ohio Division, the order being promulgated in General Orders No. 8, in August.

The statistical records of the Division is sufficient warrant for the action taken even if no other reason existed. After repeated appeals and elapsed time of nine months of this administration, with no apparent effort being made to get into the game and break the lethargy of the years, it was altogether apparent to me that there existed no further excuse for the continuation of the organizations which appeared to be only waiting for the arrival of the undertaker. Colorado & Wyoming have not held an initiation since 1917. Kentucky has initiated two members since 1916. Montana has shown no inclination to work up a membership. With full realization of the difficulty attendant upon territories so vast, to be handled and controlled and enthused from a single central point of government, unless better supplied with funds than is likely to be the case in our organization with its ridiculous fees and dues, I reached the seemingly unavoidable conclusion that these Divisions had become reduced in dignity to less than the number of Camps and members required to hold a Division charter, and my experience in trying to arouse them to action indicated the futility of further effort. There may have been errors in judgment in assigning them to other Divisions, and in thus attaching them I have no idea that a panacea for all their ills has been found. It is my opinion however, that the Camp organizations most affected by the order can be as well served in their new allegiance as they have been in the old. Representation in the National Encampment by these small Divisions is altogether disproportionate to their relative importance as numerical factors in our body politic. The Constitution is seemingly imperative regarding what it is pleased to term the "dignity" of a Division. If former Commanders-in-Chief have been reluctant to take what may be considered drastic action relating to these Divisions, no effort has been made by any to change the requirements of the law, which to me at least, seemed conclusive and mandatory. So long as the law remains as it is, the duty of the Commander-in-Chief

seemed clear. The action was taken as stated. The jolt of it has produced the first sign of animation, shown in any of these Divisions since my accession to this office. I understand appeals will be filed from the action. In the event of such appeals being taken I desire that every opportunity be given the remonstrants to make out a case, even if it means the reversal of my revocation. There are no personal reasons from whatever source, which enter into the motives for this action. To me it has been a matter of duty as I saw it, nothing more nor less. If I have made a mistake, I am willing and anxious that it be corrected. If these brothers show good reasons to you for restoration of the powers of a Division, they should have the charters for which they pray, and I am content to leave it to your judgment.

FINANCIAL.

The finances of the Commandery-in-Chief seem to be in satisfactory condition and it would seem that the per capita tax is nowhere a burden. I recommend that the present rate of thirty-six cents be maintained and that a suitable salary for the National Secretary be established, rather than to continue the present policy of a small salary and a bonus.

[Added paragraph]. In transacting the business of the Commandery-in-Chief we have not hesitated to spend your money whenever the occasion seemed to warrant. Any appearance of economy, is the incidental result only of a lack of encouragement to branch out on enterprises which would have been but little other than oft-tried schemes without the elements of newness to warrant repetition.

THE CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL.

Because of the probability of an exhaustive report from the Committee on State of the Order, I am making no recommendations as to these fundamentals believing that the demand is for a complete overhauling rather than a tinkering repair.

DISCIPLINE.

There have been but two occasions during the year where charges have been preferred against members of the Order, and in each instance the bad blood and ill feeling attendant upon a court-martial has been avoided by seeking a better understanding among the parties involved. No serious breach of friendly relationship has arisen so far as reported in any Division.

ASSOCIATED AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

Our Order owes a debt of gratitude to Brother Daniel M. Hall, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who has made innumerable occasions this year during his official visitations to say a good word for the Sons of Veterans of which he has been a working member for many years. It was a sad circumstance which took from the Grand Army of the Republic that great soldier and wonderful citizen, Colonel James D. Bell, so soon after he had been honored by the Chief Command at Columbus last year. Unfortunate as was this circumstance, its happening paved the way and brought to the spot light, our own Brother Hall, who as Commander-in-Chief has exhibited the indomitable pluck of the soldier he was and is, by putting his energy and strength into the duty that came so

unexpectedly upon him and today crowns his administration with the laurels of victory and success. The Grand Army of the Republic lost a Colonel Bell, but it found Dan M. Hall.

The Woman's Relief Corps always does its full duty. The beloved Mrs. Lynch, the National President, has proven herself to have been in the right place, and as ever we have a staunch and firm friend in the Woman's Relief Corps.

It has been my good fortune on several occasions to meet with the National heads of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Daughters of Veterans. The brilliancy of the patriotic work and words of Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary has placed her among the leaders of platform workers in our Country, and as the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. she has improved the opportunity to spread the gospel of good citizenship from many platforms.

Mrs. Clara Yengling, the National head of the Daughters of Veterans, is the wife of a brother of our own, and she is just as proud of the title which she inherited from a fighting father as any Son can possibly be. Our Order has fared well at her hands and she has not failed to press home the value of the heritage in a new and forceful light to many a Son while making it apparent to the Daughters.

One of the best assets our Order can claim, as a potent building factor, is the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Many times it has been my privilege to note the real work of this organization in conjunction especially with the recruiting work of our Camps. I don't know of a dead Camp where there is a live Auxiliary and I do not recall a single dead Auxiliary. This body of faithful co-workers has been fortunate in having available such a faithful, capable and efficient woman to direct its activities as Miss Mary Tredo who has been at the helm during the past year. I commend the Auxiliary most heartily to any Camp which has dropped some of the old time "pep" and needs a new incentive to help in the work. It's a fine organization of fine women, capable, willing and deserving. Start the ball rolling for an Auxiliary when you get home. Get a good one going and it will not be long before you will be wondering why you find yourself going to the Camp so much oftener than you used to go. You can build your Camp by building your Auxiliary. Friend wife, recently became my sister, by virtue of the Auxiliary, which may be conclusive evidence to some of you married men that I know whereof I am speaking. Seriously, the Auxiliary is well-nigh indispensable wherever it has been well established and is altogether worthy careful consideration as a factor in our Camp life.

THE OFFICIAL FAMILY.

These are the best fellows that ever were anywhere. I shall not single them out and tell you of their individual virtues, for these are patent and public—you all know them. Suffice it to say that not a word of discord or friction has arisen at any time or in any connection. These men were selected because I believed in them. Every man of them has proved his loyalty and devotion by finding time out of his busy life to perform a more or less arduous task simply as a work of love and duty in honoring the father whose name he bears. My brothers I can no better voice my appreciation of your services to the Order and to the Commander-in-Chief during this year of recon-

struction, than to wish for each of you abundance of Heaven's choicest blessings, and to say simply that I thank you and am most grateful.

FINALLY.

It has been a great year in which to have lived. A great year with a great opportunity. To have had some small part in shaping the course of patriotic reconstruction after a victorious World War, is indeed, a cause worth living for. To have had the privilege of playing such a part in honor of the services of fathers who, two generations ago set the pace and established a standard of pure Americanism, is to have been rewarded in double measure. To have felt the thrill of patriotism when one has seen the Old Flag passing, because of the personal relationship in it, because of the father's service woven inextricably into its every fibre, is to have experienced one of the supreme joys of living. These have been among the compensations of a year not unmingled with work. It has been a labor of love and my heart's impulses respond with the gratitude the lips cannot utter nor the written page depict. The aim has been to awaken the dormant into a realization of their privilege, and if in some small degree, patriotic fervor may have received an impulse, then perhaps we may lay down the task with the salving consciousness that the effort has not been altogether in vain or fruitless. The bow of promise may yet find its terminus in a haven of real accomplishment. Still let the watchword be "Up and On!"

Fraternally submitted,

H. D. SLISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS

GENERAL ORDERS NO. X.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., October 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 10,
Series of 1919.

I. By action of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Columbus, Ohio, on September 9th, 10th and 11th, the following named officers were duly elected and installed and command has been hereby assumed:

Commander-in-Chief, Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Frank McCrillis, No. 500 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, F. J. Walthers, Cawkes Building, Milwaukee, Wis.

Council-in-Chief: For three years, R. J. Williams, Room 28, City Hall, Columbus, Ohio. For two years, E. H. Milham, 1615 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul, Minn. For one year, Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Board of Trade Bldg., Peoria, Ill.

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

The following officers have been appointed:

National Chaplain, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, Suncook, New Hampshire. Temporary address, 6 Winthrop Place, Maplewood, New Jersey.

National Counselor, William F. Alcorn, 42 Church St., New Haven, Conn.

The following are continued in office:

National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.

National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, Reading, Pa.

AIDES.

II. Personal Aides to the Commander-in-Chief, Rev. Maurice A. Levy, and Burdick A. Stewart, each of Pittsfield, Mass.

Special Aide for Service at the Soldiers Home, John Q. Erwin, Chelsea, Mass.

Special Aides for having obtained five or more new members:

Neil D. Cranmer, 510 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.
Col. Henry Stewart, Gettysburg, Pa.

O. G. McPherson, Gettysburg, Pa.

G. Harry Roth, Gettysburg, Pa.

RESTORATION OF PAST RANK.

III. By action of the Commandery-in-Chief the following named Past Camp Commanders were restored to former rank as such:

Connecticut: William C. Dickerson and D. C. Ford, of Camp 1.

Maine: N. B. White, Camp 15, and Charles L. Welch, of Camp 2.

Massachusetts: John Q. Erwin, Camp 39; George N. Lawrence, Camp 137; B. H. Washington, Camp 82.

New Hampshire: William T. Lord, Camp 3.

New York: Harry B. Jones and J. Percy Allen, of Camp 77; Robert Lasher, Frank Wood and William Kemp, of Camp 166; Lynn R. VanVlack, Camp 111.

Pennsylvania: Chester C. Buchmiller, Camp 6; Charles G. Maginnes, Camp 5.

To his former rank of Past Division Commander and Past Camp Commander, B. W. Coiner, of Tacoma, Washington, of the Division of Washington & Oregon.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries as well as Camp Secretaries will make record accordingly.

AIDES RELIEVED.

IV. All Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, heretofore appointed, are hereby relieved. Such brothers will not hereafter wear the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon unless otherwise entitled.

DISPENSATIONS REVOKED.

V. All dispensations heretofore in effect are hereby revoked and are no longer effective. Division Commanders will be governed accordingly.

REPORTS AND REMITTANCES.

VI. All requisitions for supplies; applications for approval for charters with fee (\$2.50); per capita tax, (which remains at 36 cents per annum, payable quarterly); all reports, together with all checks and money orders made payable to the National Secretary must be forwarded to his address at Reading, Pa.

CAMP OFFICERS REPORTS.

VII. Division Commanders will at once see that reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports Forms 27 and 28 are forwarded for the quarter ending September 30th, 1919, with per capita tax to their respective Division Headquarters.

Camps not reporting and paying tax should be communicated with or visited and their reports and tax secured without delay.

Division Commanders will see that reports (Blank Forms 27 and 28) are always sent out to their Camps for each quarter promptly and without delay.

These forms must be obtained on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

MAILING LISTS OF CAMP MEMBERS.

VIII. In order that every member of the Order in good standing in every Camp will receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner," all Camp Secretaries that have not forwarded revised or new lists of members with the addresses, of their Camps will do so at once—and send same to their Division Secretaries.

"The Banner" is sent to every member on the mailing list as supplied by Camp Secretaries, without cost to any member. Members failing to receive this paper every month should compel their Camp Secretaries to forward their names to the Division Secretaries.

Camp Secretaries, Division Commanders and Division Secretaries are responsible for the members not receiving the paper to which every member of the Order is entitled.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will make every effort to obtain the lists of Camps and such members not receiving The Banner.

Division Secretaries will forward said lists to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois."

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

IX. The Committee on State of the Order as constituted at the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, was continued as follows:

Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, 207 Emerson Ave., Aspinwall, Pa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Past Commander-in-Chief, William T. Church, 108 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

Past Division Commander Charles Walter Tozer, Holbrook Bldg., San Francisco, Cal.

This Committee is authorized to:

"Consider the state of the Order, devise such remedies, report amendments or revision of the Constitution, procedure, laws and ritual, as in their judgment are expedient—"

The Committee solicits the views, suggestions and recommendations of any and all members who have well considered and constructive ideas to present.

THE DECLARATION.

X. The Committee on State of the Order performed a real service to the Order in producing that remarkable and powerful document, which was unanimously adopted at the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment at Columbus, and is published elsewhere in The Banner. The Order stands on this Declaration and I commend it to the careful and thoughtful study of every patriot. It fairly bristles with the brand of loyalty the fathers stood for. Let every Camp make of it a text and an inspiration for renewed effort. Let every member rededicate himself to the performance of its pledge.

The Declaration will be promulgated to all Camps and members, and it should be the duty of every Camp Commander to see that a copy is placed in the hands of every eligible within the jurisdiction of his Camp. It is the entering wedge for the most effective recruiting campaign ever inaugurated. All Camps should see that the greatest publicity is given the Declaration by publication in the local press. Let the world know that our Order stands for SOMETHING, and when that fact once sinks into the consciousness of an eligible, he will come knocking at the door of our Camp rooms seeking the chance to do his bit. There are great possibilities in this Declaration. Use it.

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

XI. For member of the Committee on Military Affairs for a term of five years, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois, is hereby appointed.

COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

XII. By action of the Encampment it was voted that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to draft suitable changes in the ritual in conformity with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations adopted at this Encampment, with particular reference to the flag charge. Past Commanders-in-Chief William T. Church and Fred E. Bolton are hereby named as that committee.

ENCAMPMENT OF 1919—LEGISLATION.

XIII. Following amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations were adopted and are in effect.

Division Commanders and Camp Commanders will be governed accordingly:

Chapter 2, Article 6, Section 1, Page 10. Add amendment to read:

The terms of office of the Camp Council shall be: One member for three (3) years; one member for two (2) years; one member for one (1) year.

Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 1, Page 22. Add amendment to read:

The terms of office of the Division Council shall be: One member for three (3) years; one member for two (2) years; one member for one (1) year.

Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 3, Page 23, INSERT as FIRST PARAGRAPH:

Section 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment. The Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies.

Chapter 4, Article 5, Section 4, Page 36. Amended to read:

The terms of office of the Council-in-Chief shall be: One member for three (3) years; one member for two (2) years; one member for one (1) year; of the National Secretary, National Treasurer and Chief-of-Staff for five (5) years. The terms of office of all other elective or appointive officers shall be for one year, except where otherwise provided.

All other propositions for amendments to the Constitution,

Rules and Regulations, were referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

The "Flag Charge" in the Ritual is to be amended to show that the Flag was carried overseas.

WHY NOT?

XIV. For so long a time that the custom has nearly become a habit, new administrations of the Commandery-in-Chief have started off with a strenuous appeal for new members, and the present administration is finding difficulty in avoiding the impulse to fall in line and march along with the established procession. It is my purpose therefore, to get into the swing as gracefully as I may, with some few suggestions relating to what I believe to be the cause and the effect. The gaining of members is not such a difficult task as it would appear when we once really get down to the job. To interest and retain a membership after it has once been acquired, may be quite another problem, but that too, can be solved. Our organization numbers among its membership some of the most alert, brainy and influential men to be found in this entire United States. It is unthinkable, that such men of affairs could not, if they would, exert a powerful influence in the upbuilding of our membership. A strong committee on the condition of the Order, has recently reported in effect that nothing is the matter with the Order. Taken at face value, if the Order is all right, as we believe it is, the trouble, if it exists, must be with the membership. Let us be frank and sit down for a few moments and think it over. There must be reasons why we are not different—why we are not larger and more potential—why we have not a larger place in the National economy. Undoubtedly there are reasons, and is not the lack of a systematic plan of operation one of them, and perhaps the first? I believe it is and I am going to suggest an idea for a remedy. First, every Camp should have a complete roster of every eligible within the radius of its activities. The better way is to have this list in the form of a card index, with a card representing every available man in the field. This card should carry all the information available relating to the eligible, his father's service and the desirability of the prospect himself. The Commander might make the Secretary the custodian of the card index. He could parcel the cards out to the members with direct instructions to investigate and report on the card. Cards should be reported the first meeting after being taken out. Follow up with a card detailed to some member until every available prospect has been reported. The cards will be worked out to be of uniform size, with uniform detailed information and the Division Secretaries will supply proper forms on request. The starting point is right in the Camps—your Camp and my Camp. The Division Commanders should see that each Camp in his Division gets started on such a card canvass immediately—there's no time like the NOW. Each Camp Commander should call into conference all the "Has-beens" on his roll, for the old fellows can do a powerful lot of work when they get enthused. Get them going again, they will do it if the right approach is made. Results are sure to follow this policy.

That we may quickly recover the losses incident to war conditions, I am asking each individual Past Commander-in-Chief, and each individual Past Division Commander, to give just a

few hours of his own busy time to the actual work of soliciting desirable eligibles to join our Order. Make it a business proposition and go to it with the same win-or-die spirit, that characterized the father who marched the weary miles to keep Old Glory forever the emblem of a democracy that is fit for the world. The one thing I wish to impress upon each, is the supreme importance of systematic and individual work, nothing arduous, but an hour of two once in a while, at actually interesting new prospects, rather than delegate the job to some other fellow. Do it yourself and do it now.

There are different kinds of eligibles, a few are undesirable, perhaps. Some will balk at attendance at uninteresting meetings but would enthuse at an opportunity to attend a yearly or semi-yearly function where something worth-while is going on. Get that fellow—and get the function that will interest him. If its a banquet with big patriotic speeches, have the banquet and the speakers and let it alternate with Memorial Day. Members can be held if something worth while is kept in prospect and they will soon find themselves delighting to do honor to the comrades of their fathers and the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day. There are others who just dote on rituals and floor work. Get those fellows and a good degree team with the best speaker in your Camp delivering the Flag Charge of the ritual. It presents as fine and impressive a ceremony as one could wish to see. Take your degree team to neighboring Camps and do the stunt for them on condition that they return the compliment. Rival degree teams and class musters are real enthusiasts.

So much for a starter on a membership campaign, but why?

Because, the door of opportunity is today swinging wider than ever before, for the Sons of their Fathers to do things that will challenge to attention, the patriotic spirit of the world.

Because, thousands of alien-born, would-be Americans must be taught what one hundred per cent Americanism means.

Because, by the sacrifices of a father you loved, you owe it to the memory of his achievement.

Because, you have inherited the spirit of pure, undefiled democracy from him who won it, and are therefore best fitted to pass it along.

Because, you owe it to your Country.

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. XI. (Series of 1919)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., November 1, 1919.

APPOINTMENTS.

- I. The appointment of Past Division Commander Frank P.

Corrick, of Lincoln, Nebraska, as National Patriotic Instructor, is hereby announced.

National Secretary Horace H. Hammer, National Treasurer James Lewis Rake and Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies are appointed a committee to act with a committee from the Grand Army of the Republic in making suitable arrangements for the accommodation of the delegates to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at Atlantic City, N. J.

AMERICANIZATION WORK.

II. The Columbus Encampment recommended the adoption of the following resolution together with its promulgation, being a letter received from Frederic A. Bartlett of Bridgeport, Conn., as follows:

Bridgeport, Conn., August 16, 1919.

The Sons of Veterans so well adapted to carry on the work by reason of its splendid organization, should take up the work of Americanization. The teaching of American history and what this Country stands for should be taken advantage of and advocated on every possible occasion. The duty and work every real American should take upon himself is to create interest among those here from foreign shores in our Country and its institutions and make real Americans of the many, many thousands of men and women we know are here anxious to become citizens.

The regular meeting places of the Camps afford places for classes, and members of the Camps would undoubtedly be found to carry on the work by instruction and lectures, etc. If this appeals to you, I would like to see it receive consideration in such way as you deem advisable and proper.

Angeline H. Bartlett Tent Daughters of Veterans, and Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11, Sons of Veterans, Division of Connecticut, both located in this city, are named after my mother and brother. My interest in the Sons of Veterans is to have it, as a great patriotic organization, the leader, as it can be, in this great and important work.

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours,

It is urged that every Division Commander and every Camp Commander give this matter prompt attention and as speedily as possible get the suggestions into active operation. Every Camp can do much in this direction. Valuable service to the community can be rendered by every Camp in this work and an avenue is opened whereby valuable assistance may be rendered to municipal and other authorities, and at the same time be productive of results which will benefit ourselves, our Order, and our Country. Division Commanders will promulgate the idea through Division Orders of first issue following this notice.

"THE DECLARATION."

III. All Division Headquarters have been supplied with "The Declaration of the Sons of Veterans" recently adopted by the Columbus Encampment. These are in pamphlet form and sufficient quantities have been issued to Divisions to supply their Camps with a copy for each member.

Division Commanders are hereby requested to promulgate these pamphlets to each Camp in sufficient quantity to supply each member.

Camp Commanders are to distribute to each member and

use as many for eligibles as may be necessary in securing new members and interesting them in our work. Prompt attention to this most important work on the part of every officer and every member is the only answer that spells true Americanism.

CORRECTION.

IV. So much of General Order No. 10, paragraph XI, as relates to the appointment of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard as a member of the Committee on Military Affairs, is hereby revoked for the reason that Brother Shepard is already a member of this Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens, 459 Wiggins Block, Cincinnati, Ohio, is hereby named as a member of the Committee on Military Affairs.

WAR-TIME STORIES.

V. Brother B. B. Whittier, Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Division, 339 Bailey St., East Lansing, Michigan, reminds the Commander-in-Chief that the fund of Old Veterans Stories with which he has been edifying the readers of The Banner, from month to month, is becoming exhausted in his immediate locality, and he would be pleased to receive authenticated yarns from the field at large. I would suggest to Press Correspondents that here is a line of service where they can help greatly. Get in touch with Brother Whittier.

CAMP OFFICERS REPORTS.

VI. Division Commanders will make every effort to secure reports of Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports Forms 27 and 28 for the quarter ending September 30, 1919, with per capita tax.

Camps not reporting and paying tax should be communicated with or visited and their reports and tax secured without delay.

Division Commanders must send Blank Forms 27 and 28 to their Camps for each quarter promptly.

These forms must be obtained on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

MAILING LISTS OF CAMP MEMBERS.

VII. In order that every member of the Order in good standing in every Camp will receive the Official Organ of the Order, "The Banner," all Camp Secretaries that have not forwarded revised or new lists of members with the addresses of their Camps will do so at once—and send same to their Division Secretaries.

"The Banner" is sent to every member on the mailing list as supplied by Camp Secretaries, without cost to any member. Members failing to receive this paper every month should compel their Camp Secretaries to forward their names to the Division Secretaries.

Camp Secretaries and Division Commanders and Division Secretaries are responsible for the members not receiving the paper to which every member of the Order is entitled.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will make every effort to obtain the lists of Camps and such members not receiving The Banner.

Division Secretaries will forward said lists to "The Banner," Dwight, Illinois."

SPECIAL AIDE.

VIII. Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief as follows and will be respected accordingly:

A. W. Hudson, Earnshaw Camp No. 89, Dayton, Ohio, for having secured six (6) new members within the quarter.

REBUILDING THE WEST.

IX. It is the desire of the Commander-in-Chief that an unusual effort be made during the present year to build up our Order in the Western States, and realizing the futility of an arm-length effort directed from the extreme east in achieving results that should be attained in what appears to be almost virgin soil, the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Frank J. McCrillis, of Portland, Oregon, is hereby detailed to take charge and direction of recruiting and upbuilding our Order in the West with particular reference to the Divisions of California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Montana & Idaho, Washington & Oregon. May we bespeak the co-operative efforts of the Division Commanders of each of these hyphenated Divisions to render all assistance within their power in helping our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to remove the hyphens and give us two strong and hustling Divisions, where now there is but one?

Junior Vice Commander Walthers is hereby assigned to the general charge and direction of recruiting, with special reference to Wisconsin and Michigan, both of which Divisions have fallen below their high-water mark in membership, but with properly directed systematic effort there is no reason for believing other than that a new record can be attained this year. The active co-operation of the Division officers in these Divisions spells success from the beginning.

FINALLY.

X. I wish, as Commander-in-Chief, that I might just call you all in to sit around this open blaze and have a real heart-to-heart talk with every mother's son of you. I wish I might make you feel the things that I feel, deep down in the inside somewhere, about this Order of ours, and the opportunities it presents for showing to a waiting world what one hundred per cent Americanism really means. If we could sit down and talk it over a bit, I am sure it would not be necessary for the organization to go on year after year reporting a dwindling membership. I do not pretend to know all the causes which have led to conditions as we find them confronting us today in the Order—but I know some of them, just as you know some of them, and could we but get together and compare notes, probably there would be no very fundamental differences of opinion. Perhaps we have not felt the appeal of our birthright as strongly as we should have. Perhaps, as the years have gone by one after the other, events have crowded into the spotlight so fast that to the newer generations the empty sleeve and the artificial limb have not carried the full significance of their appeal. Perhaps—but why speculate on the past or the reasons for it further than to accept its verdict as a guide for the future?

The present is here. We know that these men who fought the Civil War to successful conclusion did it for a principle.

We know that these same men were the stalwarts of the democracy we are preaching today. We know, that from them we have an inherent right to promote that same brand of democracy for which they sacrificed and suffered. We know it is not only our privilege but it is our duty to preach and spread the doctrine for which they fought. We know that there are thousands of eligible sons with the same birthright, who have not yet pinned upon their breasts that badge of full par Americanism which a soldier-father has established their right to wear. Somehow, we must have failed to make the privilege plain to them. It's not yet too late. We **MUST** do it. We owe it to the memory of the men who won it, to teach the ideals of citizenship as they would have it taught. That means that every eligible man should be on the job doing his bit and just here is where I feel that the old-timers can do a lot in enthusing the younger blood to activity by instilling in them a true appreciation of the meaning and the cost, in blood and treasure, of a democratic government. Now, my experience in the Camp room has been that the interested members, are the busy members, which, if true, means that the way to keep members interested is to keep them busy. Every Camp Commander can keep his men busy and working if he will but go at the job systematically and energetically. If you have some way of your own which is better than the card system proposed in the last General Order, rest assured it will be welcomed by your Commander-in-Chief. There may be better ways of going at the recruiting business, but the card system presents a *good* way and is a thousand times better than no way. A Camp Commander should take charge of this index card system himself or detail some live-wire brother to take charge of it, and then it must be followed up every meeting night. Keep putting out the canvassing cards until every eligible in the district has been canvassed—don't put them all out at once or to one man. Give every man in your Camp a job, and he will come back to the next meeting with a report—then give him another man to canvass. I can conceive of no way to build up our organization except to **WORK**. I believe everybody is willing to work if he knows just what to do. We have shown you a way. If you have a better one—go to it, but just get yourself busy and the results will take care of themselves. These are some of the things, I would say to you if we were having a heart-to-heart time of it right here in my den, and I know you are going to take them in the same spirit of love and interest with which they are dealt out to you. It's easy to make a hundred per cent gain this year—it only means that each of us get just one other. Easy, isn't it? Let's do it just for the sake of those old fellows who will not tarry much longer. Let us answer our Country's call for one hundred per cent Americanism as they would have us answer it. Will we do it? Yes, we will.

STATEMENT NUMBER ONE.

XI. Report of the National Secretary for months of September-October, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

September 11, 1919, to balance	\$1998.66
Received for per capita tax	\$ 2.50

Supplies	391.68	
Total receipts		\$ 394.18
		<u>\$2392.84</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1262.40	
Office expenses	274.12	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	87.35	
Total expenditures		\$1623.87
October 31, 1919, balance		\$ 768.97

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 403.02	
The Banner, September, subscription.....	773.19	
Reserve (Military Department) September....	23.75	
Printing	10.75	
Shipping supplies—September-October, inc....	16.69	
Bonds, National Officers	35.00	
		<u>\$1262.40</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, stationery, (National Officers), rent, October-December, 1919, inc.	\$ 274.12
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, express	\$ 87.35
Total expenditures	<u>\$1623.87</u>

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.GENERAL ORDERS NO. XII.
(Series of 1919)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., December 1, 1919.

I. The following named brothers have been commissioned as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Arthur F. Allen, of Camp 15, Springfield, Massachusetts, for having obtained twelve new members.

Orin R. Barrett, Camp 77, Elmira, New York, for having obtained five new members.

OUR AUXILIARY.

II. After a rather careful study of Camps with and without an Auxiliary in connection, I am strongly of the opinion that a

great number of the semi-live Camps are missing something important by not encouraging and promoting the organization in connection with their work. Having seen much of the work which women have been doing in connection with other fraternal societies, as well as having investigated the work of our Auxiliary in many Camps, it goes without saying that the object of the Order has been promoted and the work of the Camps has been stimulated by the activities of the ladies in nearly every case. No Camp reported has shown a willingness to do without the Auxiliary after it has once been established. Most Camps are enthusiastic in endorsing the work, while some frankly give the Auxiliary credit for keeping them in existence. No Camp reports an Auxiliary as a detriment.

It is my opinion that the Auxiliary can be a most efficient factor in promoting the approaching drive for new members. The National officers have already assured me of their interest and desire to assist in any way they may be needed and I am pleased to pass the word along together with the suggestion that in those Camps where there are no Auxiliaries, there is no time like the present to get busy. Get the ladies interested in this canvass. They will welcome the opportunity and if my opinion based on the investigations I have made, is not entirely in error, there will be surprises in the results achieved.

CARD INDEX SYSTEM.

III. The canvassing cards for the Card index system of recruiting have been prepared and have been sent to all Divisions with instructions accompanying.

Division Commanders will see that the cards are sent to each Camp in sufficient numbers to cover the field, and will institute a "follow-up" with the several Camp Commanders so as to keep fully posted as to the progress being made, to the end that in those localities where progress is slow, an Aide may be sent to get things moving. Report blanks are also being sent for Division Commanders to report direct to the Commander-in-Chief.

As suggested in the last General Order, the idea of this canvass is to furnish individual jobs for every member of the Order, to concentrate every effort to stop the inertia of the past two years, by stimulating to personal activity every mother's Son of our fifty-thousand-odd members.

"SONS OF VETERANS" WEEK DRIVE.

IV. It is not to be understood that any initiations are to be postponed to wait for this final round-up, but as a fitting close to our first effort to reinstate our standing among the fraternal organizations, the period of time clapsing between the TWELFTH AND THE TWENTY-SECOND OF FEBRUARY, next, is to be known as SONS OF VETERANS WEEK, and is to be celebrated in every Division by a series of Class Initiations. We suggest the possibility of having rival red and blue teams selected for competitive and systematic canvassing, the teams securing the largest number of actual applications to be entertained at the expense of the losers. Any worth while scheme which will serve to get things moving, but this is suggested as one, in the event you have not a better one of your own. The entire field inside the jurisdiction of every Camp

should be raked with a fine toothed comb that no eligible, worthy the name he bears, be allowed to escape.

No more fitting or appropriate time in the whole calendar, could be selected, within which to carry-on in this great patriotic work than the days intervening between the natal days of two such immortals as Washington and Lincoln. May the appeal of their stalwart Americanism lend incentive and success to our own effort to spread the doctrines of ideal citizenship.

INSTALLATION OF CAMP OFFICERS.

V. Camps will elect Officers on the first stated meeting in December. It is hoped that active, influential and deserving Brothers will be chosen for the positions.

Installation of all Officers in every Camp must take place the first meeting in January, 1920. Every Camp must make report of the installation of officers to Division Headquarters. Form 22 must be used. There can be no excuse for failure to comply with this part of the law.

Division Commanders should provide Form 22 for all Installing Officers. This Form is procured on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary

No Officers can be installed in any Camp UNTIL the Installing Officer has the reports and per capita tax of a Camp for the quarter ending December 31, 1919, in his possession, or is shown a receipt for same by the Camp—from Division Headquarters.

Camp and Division Commanders and Installing Officers must be governed accordingly.

JUNIOR ORDER CAMP REPORTS.

VI. Division Commanders will issue to Junior Order Camp Officers their blank forms No. 11, for Annual report to be rendered Division Headquarters December 31, 1919.

Division Commanders will forward Annual Consolidated Report Form 12, to the National Secretary, immediately after December 31, 1919.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

VII. Camp Patriotic Instructors MUST render report on Form 50 promptly and should forward same (Form 50) to Division Patriotic Instructors on the last meeting night in December. This report should be forwarded December 31st without fail.

Division Commanders will see that ALL Camps are supplied with blank Forms 50 without further notice. This Form is supplied by the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½.

Division Patriotic Instructors will consolidate these returns on Form 51 and forward their reports as soon as possible to National Patriotic Instructor F. P. Corrick, Suite 412, Brownell Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

"SONS OF VETERANS" DECLARATION.

VIII. This has been forwarded in pamphlet form to all Divisions. Instructions were issued to Division Officers to promulgate these to ALL Camps and all Camps must issue same to each member of every Camp.

Division and Camp Commanders will give this their prompt

EMBER 30, 1919.

Cash on Hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief	No. Relieved, and Families.		Date Reports and Per Capita Tax Received by Nat. Sec.
			Members	Veterans	
\$ 2.65	\$ 100.00	\$.....	...	...	Nov. 20
239.49	3746.13	25.00	...	...	Nov. 12
205.71	900.77	8.75	...	1	Nov. 10
89.14	6203.32	52.00	...	...	Nov. 24
145.33	307.98	19.75	2	...	Nov. 13
683.26	148.34	5.45	2	2	Nov. 20
10.53	506.63	.....	...	...	Nov. 13
412.67	815.95	.....	...	...	Nov. 19
235.95	2973.99	49.25	3	...	Nov. 13
51.90	14214.02	177.02	5	6	Nov. 17
98.61	336.44	2.85	...	1	Nov. 8
267.80	553.90	.....	...	...	Nov. 17
172.28	446.60	.....	...	...	Nov. 25
84.74	53.25	.....	...	...	Nov. 8
82.67	126.57	.....	...	...	Nov. 12
134.73	1057.19	16.00	2	...	Nov. 13
159.65	3381.07	988.75	11	4	Nov. 10
179.18	3372.03	87.00	7	3	Nov. 17
375.74	1798.41	11.00	...	...	Nov. 18
192.55	23693.32	7897.01	91	5	Nov. 24
76.42	527.75	150.00	Nov. 13
257.01	293.85	Nov. 18
65.78	162.92	Nov. 13
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NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1919.

Division	In Good Standing June 30, 1919.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS						Total Loss.		In Good Standing Sept. 30, 1919.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, and Families.		Date Reports and Per Capita Tax Received by Nat. Sec.
			By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.					By Dropped.																
	Camps	Members					Camps	Members	Members	Camps		Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans			
Ala. & Tenn....	10	150						10	150									10	150	\$ 13.50	\$ 2.65	\$ 100.00	\$			Nov. 20	
Cal. & Pac....	16	504						16	504																		
Col. & Wyo....	4	133						4	133																		
Connecticut ..	41	2397		7				7	41	2404			6	1		15		41	2380	213.57	239.49	3746.13	25.00			Nov. 12	
Illinois	56	2548		37				39	56	2587			4	1		148		56	2434	215.73	205.71	900.77	8.76	1		Nov. 10	
Indiana	22	920		10				12	22	932						19		22	913	81.27	89.14	6203.32	52.00			Nov. 24	
Iowa	19	863		12				35	19	898			2	2	1	8		19	885	78.57	145.38	307.98	19.75	2		Nov. 13	
Kansas	33	1085		18				18	33	1103					4	132	4	33	971	85.77	682.26	148.34	5.45	2	2	Nov. 20	
Kentucky	6	106						6	6	106								6	106	9.51	10.53	506.63				Nov. 13	
Maine	49	2307		25	1			26	49	2333			5			144		49	2181	194.31	412.67	815.95				Nov. 19	
Maryland	14	485		2			1	3	14	488					2	26	2	14	462	41.40	235.95	2973.99	49.25	3		Nov. 13	
Massachusetts ..	159	7471		29	6			35	159	7506	1	2	20	20	6	75	1	159	7361	660.15	51.90	14214.02	177.02	5	5	Nov. 17	
Michigan	22	831		4				4	22	835			2			19		22	814	72.90	98.61	336.44	2.85	1		Nov. 8	
Minnesota	19	619		10				10	19	629			1			33	1	19	595	52.65	267.80	553.90				Nov. 17	
Missouri	16	677		12				12	16	689			1		1	22		16	665	58.77	172.28	446.60				Nov. 25	
Mont. & Ida....	10	173		16		1	36	1	52	11	225							11	225	22.81	84.74	53.25				Nov. 8	
Nebraska	12	396		36				36	12	432			1			46	1	12	385	31.41	82.67	126.57				Nov. 12	
New Hamp.	35	1150		2				2	35	1152			2	2	1			35	1147	103.05	134.73	1057.19	16.00	2		Nov. 13	
New Jersey.....	33	1734		12			6	18	33	1752			3	4		18		33	1727	154.36	159.65	3381.07	988.75	11	4	Nov. 10	
New York	134	5684		47	1		5	53	134	5737			15	13	1	5	219	134	5489	489.78	179.18	3372.63	87.00	7	3	Nov. 17	
Ohio	98	4573		100			2	102	98	4675	3	75	7	1				98	4469	393.21	375.74	1798.41	11.00			Nov. 18	
Pennsylvania ..	210	13569		131				131	210	13700	10	13	13	1		270	10	210	13285	1183.86	192.55	28693.32	7897.01	94	5	Nov. 24	
Rhode Island ..	16	508		1			6	7	16	515	1	21		2		6	1	16	486	45.54	76.42	527.75	150.00			Nov. 13	
Vermont	38	1165		13				13	38	1178			2			20		38	1156	102.87	257.01	293.85				Nov. 18	
Wash. & Ore....	11	394		87			3	90	11	484				1	1			11	482	35.55	65.78	162.92				Nov. 13	
Wisconsin	42	1377		12				12	42	1389			4	1	1	15		42	1368	122.04	106.74	368.87				Nov. 13	
Total	1125	51819		623	8	1	86	1	1717	1126	52536	15	248	88	50	13	13	1757	1078	50142	\$4462.60	\$4280.58	\$71089.70	\$9489.83	126	23	
Cal. & Pac....																16	504										
Col. & Wyo....																4	133										
																48	2394										

* No Reports.

attention and see that same is complied with in accordance with the action of the Thirty-eighth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Declaration can and should be used in securing new members and eligibles should be given the benefit thereof and presented with same by every Camp.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

IX. New password and countersign has been issued to all Divisions forwarding per capita tax and report for the quarter ending September 30th. This will be issued by Division Commanders ONLY to such Camps that pay tax and forward reports for the Quarter ending December 31, 1919—to Division Headquarters.

Camp Commanders will only give this password and countersign to members in GODD STANDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

CAMP OFFICERS' REPORTS.

X. Division Commanders will immediately send to Camps Forms 27 and 28 for the Quarter ending December 31, 1919. Camp Commanders will see that their Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers forward these reports (Forms 27 and 28) with per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31st, on the LAST MEETING NIGHT IN DECEMBER—TO THEIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS. This must have prompt attention.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

XI. As promptly as possible Division Commanders will notify Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters of the date and place of Division Encampments.

OPTIMISM.

XII. In the face of some of the returns that have come in recently it takes some faith in your cause to still be an uncompromising optimist. It is useless for your Commander-in-Chief, or anybody else with the interests of the Order at heart to spend a lot of valuable time appealing to deaf ears, or through printed communications which are not going to be read. It is just as useless to try and stem the tide of losses, unless you men of the Order want the losses stopped and are willing to step into the crevasse and do a little damming. Every man of us can "carry-on" if we will. It is not for me to recall to you the duty you owe an ancestor—you know that as well as I do. Neither is it for me to tell any of you individually where you have failed in the full and complete performance of your duty—you know more about that than I do. Should I attempt it, you would have a perfect right to put me down as a "Killjoy," which I believe is about the lowest form of animal life known to science.

If I may write down a thought that will stir you into the activity which your own conscience dictates, and make you realize the PRIVILEGE that comes to you by being the Son of your father! If I could bring this thought home to you with all the emphasis it deserves, I know the response would be spontaneous. As a matter of course I cannot be intimately acquainted with the diversity of conditions which go to enhance or retard the growth of individual Camps, but there is something I do know, and this is it. I have yet to find a Camp which has not in its membership at least one man who can make that

Camp a live one, IF he would work.. Not a single Camp do I know, but has at least one man capable of doing that trick—some of the Camps have several. Now, this is where the optimism comes in. Somebody is going to read this order. Somebody is going to wake up to the fact that the Declaration recently promulgated by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is a wonderful document, and that an additional incentive has been born to make every man desire to be a more effective citizen. There has come a new desire to give expression to the patriotic fervor which we find animating our very being. To those of us who have had a father's example to set the pace and show the way, no more opportune avenue can open up than is provided in this Order of ours. No better honor can we pay to a patriotic father's service to his country, than to serve that country by promulgating the cause of patriotism. No better service can we render, than to get other eligibles lined up and doing the same thing. One hundred per cent Americanism demands one hundred per cent service; one hundred per cent service demands one hundred per cent results; one hundred per cent results means that every member get at least one new member. One hundred is the popular percentage, and it is just as applicable to our membership as it is to our Americanism. Truly, men and brothers, it's in the air and if we grasp the opportunity that knocks at our doors we can make this old Order a hundred thousand strong before it's a year older. That's no idle dream—it's a logical business possibility. We have provided the machinery and laid out the program, and now we are just asking you every one to take off his coat, get on to the job, and give us the results. The hundred per cent Son of a Veteran will get a recruit. The hundred per cent recruit will respond to the appeal of one hundred per cent Americanism. Go to it.

COLUMBUS ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS.

XIII. A limited number of the Proceedings of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Columbus, Ohio, 1919, have been issued to all Divisions.

These are by direction of the Encampment, to be promulgated to each Camp—one copy for the files of every Camp.

Division Commanders will be governed accordingly and with promptness.

NEW CAMPS.

XIV. Applications for charter for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Nov. 4	154	Ottumwa, Iowa	57
Nov. 10	15	Peru, Nebraska	22
Nov. 14	291	North Baltimore, Ohio	27
Nov. 17	...	Red Bank, New Jersey	27
Nov. 20	5	Fitzgerald, Ga., (Ala. & Tenn.)	32
Nov. 20	17	Hastings, Nebraska	36
Nov. 24	54	Broken Bow, Nebraska	37

Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Aug. 22	15	Peru, Nebraska	22
Oct. 9	291	North Baltimore, Ohio	25
Sept. 2	17	Hastings, Nebraska	24
Aug. 13	54	Broken Bow, Nebraska	18

STATEMENT NUMBER TWO.

XV. Report of the National Secretary for month of November, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

October 31, 1919, to balance.....	\$ 768.97
Received for per capita tax	\$4462.60
Charter fees	17.50
Supplies	223.99
Junior Order—Supplies	1.26

Total receipts	\$4805.35
	<u>\$5574.32</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$2823.16
Office expenses	77.66
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	39.83
Total expenditures	\$2940.65
November 30, 1919, balance.....	<u>\$2633.67</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$ 124.71
For subscription The Banner (October, \$773.72)	
(November, \$774.50)	1548.22
Encampment	47.63
Printing	46.25
Reserve—October and November.....	36.38
Shipping supplies	37.79
Salaries	575.00
Miscellaneous (not under Budget Caption)...	62.18
Publicity Department	345.00
	<u>\$2823.16</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, stationery	\$ 77.66
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For telegrams, traveling, office, stenographer..	\$ 39.83
Total expenditures	<u>\$2940.65</u>

CAMPS DISBANDED AND DROPPED.

XVI. Following Camps having been disbanded and dropped, quarter ending September 30, 1919, the charters thereof are revoked and Division Commanders will have record made in Division records accordingly:

Kansas—Dropped: Camp No. 2, Dighton, 27 members; Camp No. 5, La Crosse, 25 members; Camp No. 9, Great Bend, 32 members; Camp No. 4, Tyrone, Okla., 24 members.

Maryland—Dropped: Camp No. 12, Elizabeth, W. Va., 10 members; Camp No. 13, Terre Alta, W. Va., 10 members.

Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 119, Topfield, 21 members.

Minnesota—Dropped: Camp No. 3, Austin, Minn., 21 members.

Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 4, Butte, 19 members.

New York—Dropped: Camp No. 51, Saugerties, 21 members; Camp No. 94, Johnsonburg, 12 members; Camp No. 158, Fayetteville, 21 members; Camp No. 161, Phoenix, 22 members; Camp No. 169, Groton, 14 members.

Ohio—Disbanded: Camp No. 28, Lewisville, 25 members; Camp No. 49, Coshocton, 20 members; Camp No. 83, Seaman, 30 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camp No. 38, Alexandria, 10 members; Camp No. 68, Coudersport, 10 members; Camp No. 91, Pennsburg, 41 members; Camp No. 96, Burgettstown, 10 members; Camp No. 101, Clarion, 10 members; Camp No. 102, Shade Gap, 10 members; Camp No. 151, Montoursville, 10 members; Camp No. 179, New Cumberland, 10 members; Camp No. 185, East Smithfield, 10 members; Camp No. 186, Schuylkill Haven, 10 members.

Rhode Island—Disbanded: Camp No. 1, Phoenix, 21 members.

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. I. (Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., January 1, 1920.

APPOINTMENT OF AIDES.

I. Francis E. Cross, Division Secretary of the Maryland Division, Washington, D. C., and W. N. Edgell, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, are appointed as Special Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for having raised and mustered two new Camps.

C. E. Herriman, Commander of Major William Warner Camp No. 36, Kansas City, Missouri, for having secured five new members.

Frank H. Smith, Camp No. 216, Slatington, Pa., for having secured six new members.

Dr. Charles B. Lyman, Frank L. Knodel and Carl S. Spaulding, of Rockford, Illinois, for having secured eight, five and five recruits respectively, are appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

FEBRUARY DRIVE.

II. The activity of several Divisions looking toward the great "Drive" for new members, I am pleased to announce, is already bearing fruit, and the speed with which class initiations and district rallies are being planned and executed, portends such a wave of enthusiasm as we have not seen in full many

moons. There yet remain Divisions however, from which no word has come and it is my desire to appeal through this general order to the Commanders of those Divisions that have not signified their adoption of the card-index plan, or a plan of their own of similar import, to get busy and join the procession.

The Declaration has furnished the impulse. The Commandery-in-Chief has furnished the tools. The welfare of our Government provides the motive. A father's record has given every Son of a Veteran sort of a "Divine right" to be in the forefront of this great Americanization movement and it is a privilege that few eligibles can resist when the idea is put to them in the right way.

Division Commanders, don't let the grass grow under your feet. Get busy with the message—you've got a message now. Get the old fellows who used to do the work, get them going again. Start something, and let us hear from you at headquarters.

COMMISSION FOR CAMP COMMANDERS.

III. The attention of Division Commanders is directed to Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 10, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, wherein it is required that Division Commanders and Division Secretaries must issue to Camp Commanders a Commission.

This Commission is Form 33 and can be secured on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

Camp Commanders installed for the current term should be supplied with a Commission promptly.

CAMP PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IV. The reports of all Camp Patriotic Instructors (Form 50) were due to Division Patriotic Instructors immediately after December 31st. Camp Commanders will see that this Form is forwarded at once to their Division Patriotic Instructors. This form should be sent from Division Headquarters to all Camps. There must be no delay in forwarding these reports.

JUNIOR CAMP REPORTS.

V. Junior Camp reports for the term ending December 31st are due at Division Headquarters. Division Commanders will forward their consolidated reports at once to the National Secretary.

INSTALLING OFFICERS REPORTS.

VI. Report of the Installation of Officers for the new term (Form 22) are due from all Camps at Division Headquarters. These forms supplied by the Division Headquarters will give new Roster of Camp Officers and there must be no delay in forwarding them. Division Commanders will give this their personal attention and secure these reports without delay.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

VII. The password and countersign effective January 1st, has been promulgated to all Divisions entitled thereto. Camp Commanders will issue same to Camps entitled to the same. This can only be given to Camps which have forwarded reports (Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer) Forms 27 and 28, and per capita tax to Division Headquarters for the quarter ending

December 31st, 1919. Until this is complied with no Camp will receive the password and countersign.

Camp Commanders will see that only members in good standing are given the new password and countersign.

CAMP OFFICERS' REPORTS.

VIII. Reports from Camps due NOW at DIVISION HEAD-QUARTERS are:

Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer's Reports (Forms 27 and 28) for quarter ending December 31st, 1919, WITH PER CAPITA TAX for said quarter. These must be sent in IMMEDIATELY to ALL Divisions.

Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports (Form 50) to all Division Patriotic Instructors.

Installing Officers' Reports (Form 22) to ALL Division Headquarters from ALL Camps.

These reports require prompt attention on the part of all officers designated and Division Commanders and Division Officers applying will at once secure same.

CAMP MAILING LISTS—FOR THE BANNER.

IX. Camp Secretaries that have NOT forwarded revised or NEW mailing lists of their members (and there are numerous such) will do so at once so that every member of the Order in every Camp—can have "The Banner," the Official Organ of the Order mailed to him every month. Every member is entitled to this paper without cost to himself. Members not receiving this publication are the victims of inattentive Camp Secretaries. Division Commanders are again directed to make every effort to obtain mailing lists of Camps that have not forwarded same and send to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois," without delay.

Division Commanders must give this their attention and secure these lists from delinquent Camp officers.

PAST CAMP COMMANDERS' BADGES.

X. Every Camp Commander who has served to December 31, 1919, is entitled to wear the Past Camp Commander's badge. It is a mark conferred for service and distinguishes a Past Commander. These must be obtained through Division Headquarters on Requisition Form 1.

"SONS OF VETERANS" DECLARATION.

XI. The Sons of Veterans Declaration adopted by the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Columbus, Ohio, has been promulgated to all Divisions. Division Headquarters have been supplied with sufficient number of pamphlets thereof for all Camps with instructions that all Camps are to furnish each member of every Camp with a copy thereof—in pamphlet form—provided by the Commandery-in-Chief.

These are found to be excellent in recruiting new members and it is urged upon all Camps that they present the "Declaration" to eligibles.

Camps desiring an additional supply should apply to their respective Division Headquarters therefor and give the "Declaration" every publicity and prominence. Circulate them among those eligible to join the Order and use them at patriotic assemblies and meetings.

Divisions having exhausted their supply will be furnished with additional packages upon request by the National Secretary.

ROSTER CHANGES.

XII. William F. Potter resigned as Division Treasurer of the Division of Rhode Island. Division Secretary Geo. E. Hand, Sr., was appointed and installed as his successor. Address, No. 40 Curtis St., Providence, R. I.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

XIII. Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters will be notified by Divisions as soon as possible of the dates and places of holding Division Encampments.

Following are announced:

Connecticut, at Bridgeport, April 21-22.

Massachusetts, at Boston, April 6-7.

Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, June 16-17.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

XIV. The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, week of September 26, 1920. Headquarters will be established at "The Breakers."

In previous General Orders it was announced that the Headquarters of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, U. S. A., would be at the St. Charles Hotel, Atlantic City, on the occasion of the Encampment.

This has been changed so that Auxiliary Headquarters will be at the same place as the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters—"The Breakers"—for both Orders.

RITUAL REVISION.

XV. The Thirty-eighth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (1919) authorized appointment of a Committee to revise a certain part of the Ritual—pages 28-29. Past Commanders-in-Chief William T. Church and Fred E. Bolton, the Committee appointed in General Orders No. 10, have reported revision and same has been promulgated to all Division Headquarters in Insert form for insertion in Rituals now in use in Camps.

Division Commanders will promulgate these Inserts immediately upon receipt to all Camp Commanders—and Camp Commanders will insert same in the pages—28 and 29 of their Rituals.

Camps failing to have these Inserts promptly should notify their Division Headquarters officers, who must supply Camps without delay.

COLUMBUS ENCAMPMENT.

XVI. Proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief have been promulgated to all Divisions. One copy is for each Camp in every Division. Camps will file same with their records. Failure to receive same Camp Secretaries will apply to their Division Headquarters therefor.

TAX AND REPORTS RECEIVED.

XVII. The per capita tax and reports for quarter ending

September 30, 1919, having been received from the Divisions of California & Pacific and Colorado & Wyoming (reported delinquent in General Orders No. 12) said Divisions are in good standing.

The Division of California & Pacific reports showed:

	Camps	Members
No. in good standing June	16	504
Gained: By Initiation	2	346
By Reinstatement	—	7
Good Standing September 30	18	857
The Division of Colorado & Wyoming:		
No. in good standing June	4	133
Gained: By Reinstatement	1	5
Aggregate	5	138
Loss: By Dropped	—	7
Good Standing September 30.....	5	131

RECAPITULATION.

Gain—	Camps	Members
No. in good standing quarter ending June 30....	1125	51819
Gained by Organization and Initiation	2	969
Gained by Transfer	—	8
Gained by Reinstatement from Dropped.....	2	98
Aggregate	1129	52894
Loss—	Camps	Mem.
By Camps Disbanded	15	248
By Death	—	88
By Honorable Discharge	—	50
By Transfer	—	13
By Dropped	13	1365
Total Loss	28	1764

No. in good standing September 30, 1919.....1101 51130

NEW CAMPS.

XVIII. Applications for Charters for new Camps have been approved since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Dec. 10	8	Seattle, Wash., (Wash. & Ore.)	29
Dec. 12	8	Moundville, W. Va., (Maryland)	40
Dec. 12	9	Wheeling, W. Va., (Maryland)	34
Dec. 26	—	Wenatchie, Wash. (Wash. & Ore.)	28
Dec. 30	—	White River Junction, Vermont	21
Dec. 30	—	South Shaftsbury, Vermont	21

New Camps have been instituted and charters issued there to as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Nov. 19	16	Red Bank, New Jersey	25
Dec. 8	5	Fitzgerald, Ga. (Ala. & Tenn.)	30
Dec. 22	8	Seattle, Wash. (Wash. & Ore.)	32

STATEMENT NUMBER THREE.

XIX. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1919:

RECEIPTS.

November 30, 1919, to balance	\$2633.67
Received for per capita tax	\$ 57.26
Charter fees	15.00
Supplies	381.97

Total receipts \$ 454.23

\$3087.90

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1925.70
Office expenses	151.98
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	41.92

Total expenditures \$2119.60

December 31, 1919, balance \$ 908.30

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 234.50
The Banner, subscription, December, 1919.....	771.75
Encampment—Printing and promulgating proceedings, 38th (1919) Encampment Commandery-in-Chief	566.52
Printing	322.25
Reserve—Military Department	17.12
Shipping supplies	12.56

\$1925.70

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, stationery, rent, January-March, 1920, inc.....	\$ 151.98
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For telegrams and traveling	\$ 41.92
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Total expenditures \$2119.60

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,

Attest: Commander-in-Chief.

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. II.
(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., February 2, 1920.

I. For having secured at least five new members for their

respective Camps, the following brothers have been appointed as Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Chas. H. McMahon, Rockford, Ill.
 W. E. Mason, Lancaster, Ohio.
 L. R. Poole, Lancaster, Ohio.
 Charles C. Shotts, Lancaster, Ohio.
 Harry A. Meis, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Charles Leber, Scranton, Pa.
 James Armstrong, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Joseph Batzel, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Samuel Smith, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Edward Laylor, Phoenixville, Pa.
 W. Batzel, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Oliver Edinger, Phoenixville, Pa.
 John Joyce, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Ellwood Force, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Frederick Ottinger, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Frank Reese, Phoenixville, Pa.

LINCOLN DAY OBSERVANCE.

II. The attention of Division Commanders and Patriotic Instructors is called to the fact of the approaching celebration of the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, by suitable exercises. Class musters on or about this date can be made the occasion for a suitable observance of Lincoln Day. There is inspiration in the name. Improve the opportunity presented by the anniversary.

NATIONAL TREASURER RAKE.

III. National Treasurer James Lewis Rake died of pneumonia January 19, after a week's illness. Interment took place January 23 in Reading, Pa., under the auspices of his Camp—General George G. Meade No. 16, Division of Pennsylvania.

Division and Camp Charters are hereby ordered to be draped for a period of thirty (30) days in memory of the deceased National Officer.

James Lewis Rake was initiated into Camp No. 16, Reading, Pa., April 10, 1883. Successively he served for years as Secretary and Camp Commander.

In 1886 he was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and in 1887 was elected a member of the Council-in-Chief. In 1888 he was elected Division Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania; in 1896 Commander-in-Chief; in 1905 National Treasurer and successively elected and served until his death.

RITUAL INSERTS.

IV. Inserts for the Ritual as revised by the Columbus (1919) Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief have been supplied to all Division Headquarters for all Camps. These inserts must be sent to all Camps. Five inserts should be supplied to each Camp Commander and he will immediately insert same in the Rituals in use in each Camp.

Camps failing to receive same will apply to Division Headquarters at once.

REPORTS DUE DIVISIONS.

V. Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer Reports (Forms

27 and 28) with per capita tax for quarter ending December 31, 1919, are due at all Division Headquarters.

Camp Commanders will see that same are forwarded without delay.

Form 22—Installing Officer's Report should be in the hands of every Division Secretary—all due at once.

Form 50—Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports are due to Division Patriotic Instructors. Every Camp Commander and Camp Patriotic Instructor that has not forwarded same will do so immediately.

REPORTS DUE FROM DIVISIONS.

VI. Reports and per capita tax for quarter ending December 31, 1919, are due at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters and all will be forwarded without delay to the National Secretary.

CHANGE IN PRICE—CAMP SEAL PRESSES.

VII. Owing to increased price of material and cost of production, CAMP SEAL PRESSES will hereafter be sold to Divisions for \$4.50. Divisions will charge Camps \$5.00.

In ordering Camp seals Division Secretaries will note same on Requisition Form 1½ and will remit accordingly.

This price will include shipment direct to a Camp, on Requisition Form 1½ through Division Headquarters.

NEW CAMPS.

VIII. Applications for Charters for new Camps have been approved since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Appl.
Jan. 5	16	Hay Springs, Nebraska	46
Jan. 14	136	Ansley, Nebraska	38
Jan. 16	6	Sawtelle, Cal. & Pac.	30
Jan. 16	9	Pomona, Cal. & Pac.	31
Jan. 20	...	Everett, Wash. (Wash. & Ore.)	15
Jan. 24	...	Northfield, Vermont	31

Camps have been instituted and Charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Jan. 2	154	Ottumwa, Iowa	41
Jan. 23	9	Wenatchie, Wash. (Wash. & Ore.)	15
Aug. 22	16	Hay Springs, Nebraska	34
Aug. 12	136	Ansley, Nebraska	26
Aug. 7	6	Sawtelle, Cal. & Pac.	30
Aug. 30	9	Pomona, Cal. & Pac.	31

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER FOUR.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

December 31, 1919, to balance	\$ 968.30
Received for per capita tax	\$ 48.24
Charter fees	15.00

Supplies	502.10	
Miscellaneous	7.10	
Total receipts		\$ 572.44
		\$1540.74

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1089.96	
Office expenses	22.16	
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	345.74	
Total expenditures		\$1457.86
January 31, 1920, balance		\$ 82.88

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 252.00	
The Banner, subscription, January, 1920.....	733.20	
Shipping supplies	20.19	
Printing	44.57	
		\$1089.96

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, express, telegrams, stationery....	\$ 22.16
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office.....	\$ 345.74
Total expenditures	\$1457.86

THE LINCOLN DRIVE.

X. Much enthusiasm has been manifested all along the line and the first great drive is on. Most of the Divisions are conducting it along the lines laid down by the Commandery-in-Chief, and the wave of enthusiastic endeavor is certainly catching. Many of the Divisions have improved the opportunity and are cleaning out a lot of dead wood. It is being found that where the Camp Commanders have gone to the membership with a specific request to look up some particular eligible, they have succeeded in finding jobs for everybody. That makes the fellows feel good and as if they were an essential part of the machinery in their particular Camp. That's the secret of a live Camp, get the members busy. It takes a little initiative, but the answer is, that it works. Make your members feel that they are there for a purpose—that the old machine don't work so well when they are not on hand. Very few eligibles but will join when the idea is put up to them in the right way and they become convinced that there is a worth-while purpose in serving an Order that has for its main objective the making of better citizens by stressing the feature of an ancestor's service to flag and country. Keep after the eligible, brothers. Remember, you are serving your Country when you are serving your Camp by building it up as it should be. Don't quit till the last

desirable Son in your town has signed up for 100 per cent Americanism.

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

THERE'S A REASON.

There is a reason for everything, but not necessarily a good reason. There is a reason why our Order has not made its appeal to the eligible in the way that has aroused his interest to the point of keeping him in the Order. On the other hand there are hundreds of our men who have been continuous members for more than thirty years. You could not drive them out of the Order with a Gatling gun loaded to the muzzle. Why the appeal and tenacious hold on the one hand and the lack of it on the other? This is a problem that will have as many different answers as there are different men to answer. There is a phase of our situation however, that is not so difficult and lends more readily to a reasonable answer. The main reason we have not obtained the crop is that we have not cultivated the field. Obviously, the place to build the Order of Sons of Veterans, *is where there are Sons of Veterans*. Much of our effort in the past has been misdirected effort. We have even now a fairly good representation in the outlying districts—in the country towns and away from the great centers. This would indicate the success of our efforts in the fields which have had our attention. Why do we not have big Camps in the great centers of our people? Surely the spirit of loyalty to flag and country is as strong in the city as in the country. Filial reverence is as apparent in city as in country. Why, then, have we not grown as we should have. There is only one answer.

If we are going to build the Order of Sons of Veterans, we must build it where there are Sons of Veterans. We can expend a lot of effort in the country, but if we get every available man in the country, we will not have a large organization. In such cities as New York, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and dozens upon dozens like them, there should be located live, healthy Camps larger in membership than the entire Divisions where these cities are located, can now claim. Men and brothers, this is no idle dream. Our effort has been misdirected. We have been trying to build where there is insufficient material. With the opportunity which the Declaration has unfolded for our Order to become identified with a real purpose, there has come greater need than ever before to know the patriotic sentiment of our neighbor. The great gathering places of people, the things they are talking about, the things they are doing, are now matters of individual as well as of national concern. Most every eligible son of a soldier of the Civil War is loyal at heart, but often indifferent. He will recognize his duty and his privilege when it is put up to him in the right way. He is more numerous in the big centers. There is more reason in the big tenters why he should come to the surface and show his colors. Our field is obvious. Why longer expect to

build to large proportions by neglecting longer such promising soil? This is not saying anything against the country Camps. They have been the bone and sinew and should be encouraged in every way. They embody the finest patriotic spirit in the world. But let's have the city Camps, too. The field is ripe. The harvest beckons. Why not make the fallow field blossom as the rose?

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

JAMES LEWIS RAKE.

It came like the story of a great catastrophe, the significance of which is incomprehensible until time shall lend perspective. It was all so sudden, so overwhelming, so unsuspected. Lew Rake is dead, they said. It cannot be, for only yesterday he was here with all the old-time vim and vigor. It must be the awakening from a doleful dream, for Lew cannot yet be spared. His work is not yet finished and he would be the last to quit till the job was done. But the vacancy grows. The days have come and gone and he does not answer the call. The accustomed tasks feel not the touch of restless hands and there is a vacant chair at the familiar desk. Yes, Lew Rake has gone and we miss him. He was a big man in a big place. We did not appreciate the half when he was here, because he took it all so much as a matter of course. He could do big things in a big way without apparent effort. He was big in friendships; few men had more, or deeper. Few had a finer conception of true friends or valued them more highly. And now, when we see the impress left in the business world of which he was so important a part, and the kindly neighborliness of his home community, we are just beginning to realize the important niche he occupied in the activities that go to make up the sum of human existence. He was a most active man. He held membership in many Orders, all of them of the uplift brand. He was a friend to man and found solace in the companionship of his fellows. He was a marked man in any society, because of a most remarkable and lovable personality. He was keen, quick in decision, honest in judgment. He called a spade a spade and based his opinions on no false theories. There was no equivocation in him. One always knew where to find him on any question, for he was outspoken, fearless. Language with hidden meanings had no part in his vocabulary. He was big-hearted, generous, even to a fault. With all the demands of a busy life, he still had time for the Sons of Veterans. In the depths of that great heart of his, he always reserved the choicest niche for the memory of the soldier father he delighted to honor. He was one of the true builders of our Order. Our loss is irreparable and immeasurable. The impress of his achievement will live as long as the Order lives. In appreciation of all that he has been and still is, we would lay this tribute of our love and affection on the bier of a great and patriotic memory. Old friend, farewell!

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HAIL AND FAREWELL.

And now dear old Lew Rake has traversed the last, long mile, and the world is the loser. Brilliant, but intensely practical.

cal, amiable, helpful, sympathetic, with an unusual endowment of executive ability, he made life cheerier and more hopeful for all manner of men, who now drop a silent tear in loving memory of a devoted friend, patriotic American and public spirited citizen.

For nearly two score years, it was the privilege of the writer to know intimately James Lewis Rake, in and out of the Sons of Veterans; to feel the splendid inspiration of his energy; to revel with him in the smiling atmosphere penetrated by his quaint wit and, to note with deep admiration the uplift he gave all Sons of Veterans as an exemplar of what constitutes loyalty to flag and Country.

A leader from the outset in that beloved band of youthful pilgrims, which blazed the way for the existence of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., he maintained active service on its behalf with proud distinction up to the sounding of taps; bearing its vicissitudes, its joys and achievements with characteristic equanimity and, incidentally, arousing the timid, the easily discouraged and thoughtless to a sense of co-operation and the never-say-die spirit as an asset in the schedule of success.

As in life, so in final slumber. His unalloyed service, devotion and unswerving loyalty will serve as an inspiration and text for all Sons of Veterans, now and for all time.

And now, dear old Companion—Hail and Farewell!

J. B. MACCABE.

A FRIEND.

The greatest thing in life is friendship. To count a real man as your friend is an honor. The giving of friendship is not an easy thing, for friendship must mean much more than the display of the friendly spirit or amiable courteousness.

James Lewis Rake gave me his friendship under circumstances that impressed me it was a big thing to do. It helped me, as friendship should help. It taught me to see beyond the narrow path of the today and look for the broader road of the tomorrow. It enabled me to understand and, I hope, to have in some degree emulated his unselfish spirit. His bigness, more than twenty years ago, made it clear that blind impetuosity, however ardent the belief you are right, was not real manliness.

In the years that have elapsed that friendship has grown in its richness, and my appreciation of the man. The death of Lew Rake—it was a privilege to understandingly call him "Lew"—quickens the flood of memories and concentrates the affection you never knew was quite so deep until you feel the sense of personal loss. We know the loss to the organization. His ability, the efficient services, so quietly given, were much more important than generally understood. Only those familiar with the trail could see his foot prints, but they were always there and even in advance of others. Death has loosened the grip of a strong hand at the wheel, severed the ties of devotion with which he bound himself to our brotherhood. No matter how high the honors that came from other organizations—the highest of the best, were conferred upon him—he kept the faith of his boyhood and was always a true Son of a Veteran.

My personal tribute to Lew Rake is that he was a Friend. My admiration for him in the organization is that he was sincere.

FRED E. BOLTON.

JAMES LEWIS RAKE.

The Order of Sons of Veterans has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Brother James Lewis Rake. He was one of the strongest and most valuable members of our organization. In his every relation he was a tower of strength. Always safe and sane, his judgment was never at fault. True to every test, he never faltered in his friendships or wavered a single iota in the discharge of a duty.

Our friend and brother is gone, but he is not forgotten. A charming personality, he was the life of our Encampments. He will be missed in our business councils and at our social round table. His vacant chair cannot be filled. Big of heart and brain and soul, such was James Lewis Rake. We will emulate his virtues and cherish his memory, which will remain with us always.

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN.

 GENERAL ORDERS NO. III.
(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., March 1, 1920.

I. For special services rendered the Order the following named brothers have been appointed Special Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Edward C. Boutwell, Pittsfield, Mass.

Albert G. Wolff, Boston, Mass.

For having obtained five or more recruits for their respective Camps, the following named brothers have been commissioned as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

C. B. Zeek, Bandon, Oregon.

F. A. Hobble, Dodge City, Kansas.

Ernest R. Davenport, South Royalton, Vermont.

Leon H. Bosworth, South Shaftsbury, Vermont.

A. S. Packard, White River Junction, Vermont.

D. William Blake, Seabrook, New Hampshire.

Albert J. Whitney, Worcester, Massachusetts.

A. Chester Dike, Worcester, Massachusetts.

George J. Terrill, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Roland F. Norton, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

II. Division Commanders will inform Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters as soon as possible of the date and place of their respective Division Encampments.

Encampments announced to date are:

New Hampshire at Concord, April 8-9.

Connecticut at Bridgeport, April 21-22.

Massachusetts at Boston, April 6-7.

Vermont at Rutland, May 12-13.

Michigan at Port Huron, June 9-11.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

Division.	In Good Standing September 30, 1919.		GAIN						LOSS								In Good Standing December 31, 1919.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, and Families.						
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.		By Death.										Honorable Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Dropped.		Total Loss.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Veterans	
Alabama & Tennessee..	10	150	1	30				1	30	11	180			1				5		6	11	174	\$ 12.96	\$ 8.50	\$ 100.00				
*California & Pacific....	18	857								18	857																		
*Colorado & Wyoming...	5	131								5	131																		
Connecticut	41	2380		28	1			29	41	2409			6	2	1			29		39	41	2370	210.78	261.20	4018.60	20.00			
Illinois	56	2434		23			2	25	56	2459			4	6	1			36		56	2412	215.01	289.73	328.15	7.50	1	1		
Indiana	22	913		7		1	10	1	17	23	930			2	13			9		24	23	906	87.91	6.33	6076.87	33.25			
Iowa	19	885		8	2			10	19	895			2		1			30		33	19	862	76.86	159.81	355.41	21.00	2	1	
Kansas	29	971		10	1		4	15	29	986			2					44		47	29	939	83.61	655.00	173.89				
Kentucky	6	106								6	106							6		6	6	100	9.00	26.13	521.63	27.25			
Maine	49	2184		40	1			41	49	2225			4	2	1			95		102	49	2123	187.47	458.08	1420.55				
Maryland	12	462	2	89	1		1	2	91	14	553			3	1			2	2	33	12	520	38.79	234.38	2173.79	694.70			
Massachusetts	158	7364		157	11			168	158	7532	2	58	25	26	14			122	2	156	7287	641.70	235.98	16242.15	265.92	19	7		
Michigan	22	814		4			6	10	22	824	4	124						36	4	160	13	664	59.10	110.99	254.65				
Minnesota	18	595		17				17	18	612			2					5		7	18	605	52.92	224.71	559.31				
Missouri	16	665		3	4			7	16	672			4	2				101		107	16	565	50.58	177.48	407.55				
Montana & Idaho.....	11	225		39				39	11	264								1	24	1	24	10	240	18.49	109.15	24.25			
Nebraska	11	385	4	116			3	4	119	15	504							2	41	2	41	13	463	31.23	187.59	338.29			
New Hampshire	35	1147		8				8	35	1155			2					41		15	35	1110	99.18	221.01	1078.97	24.00	1		
New Jersey	33	1727	1	65			2	1	57	34	1784			1				1		45	34	1769	154.26	191.34	3875.96	844.21	8		
New York	129	5439		62	7		7	76	129	5585			11	13	2	4	219	4	245	125	5320	473.22	378.81	6280.34	154.12	7	8		
Ohio	95	4469	1	132	2		4	1	138	96	4607	1	10	10	2	3	1	168	2	193	91	4414	385.38	204.03	3111.19	16.00			
Pennsylvania	200	13285		322				322	200	13607			23					279		302	200	13305	1167.66	27.04	28073.23	7526.16	165	13	
Rhode Island	15	486		5	2			7	15	493				3	1			5		9	15	484	43.11	105.57	498.79	34.30			
Vermont	38	1156		10				10	38	1166				1	5	1		29		36	38	1130	100.80	233.67	885.95				
Washington & Oregon..	11	482	1	55				1	55	12	537	1	15					27	1	42	11	495	39.60	82.32	224.19				
Wisconsin	42	1368		21			1	22	42	1390			2	2		1	65	1	69	41	1321	117.00	Defelt	332.69					
Total	1101	51130	10	1241	32	1	40	11	1313	1112	52443	8	207	104	81	26	11	1459	19	1877	1070	49578	\$4344.92	\$4588.85	\$77356.40	\$9668.41	203	30	
*California & Pacific—No tax—no reports received..																		18											
*Colorado & Wyoming—No tax—no reports received..																		6											

Illinois at Joliet, June 16-18.
 Wisconsin at Baraboo, June 14-16.
 New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 24-25.
 Ohio at Denison, June 15-16.
 Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, June 16-17.
 New York at Syracuse, June 22-24.

MEMBERS OF CAMPS—NAMES.

III. The Official Organ, "The Banner," should be received by every member of the Order in good standing. Failing to receive the paper every month it is due to neglect of Camp Secretaries and indifference of a Camp Commander, in not having Camp Secretary forward a list of the names and postoffice addresses of each and every member.

This is no expense to the Camp or member. Every Camp Secretary that has not in 1919 sent such a list to Division Headquarters *will do so at once*. Camp Commanders will see that Camp Secretaries give this immediate attention. Forward mailing list to Division Headquarters. Division Secretaries will forward same to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois."

Division Commanders will also see that these lists are obtained and forwarded promptly to The Banner.

DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IV. This report, Form 51, **MUST** be forwarded at once by Division Patriotic Instructors to National Patriotic Instructor Frank P. Corrick, Suite 412, Brownell Bldg., Lincoln, Nebraska.

These reports are overdue. Camp Patriotic Instructors that have not forwarded to their Division Patriotic Instructors their Camp Reports—Form 50—will do so at once.

Camp Commanders will inquire into and attend to this without delay.

CAMP OFFICERS REPORTS.

V. Division Commanders will see that Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports are sent to each Camp **AT ONCE** for the quarter ending March, 1920. Division Commanders should communicate with their Camps relative to these reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending March 31, and should secure the tax and reports promptly at the end of the present quarter.

All Camps should be provided with these Forms at once. Divisions requiring same should order from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½ without delay.

MAY DRIVE.

VI. While total results of the February Drive are not yet available, enough is assured to know that it has been measurably successful, and already a demand for its extension is widely apparent. It is therefore determined that the "Drive" will be continued with the objective date set as May first next. The effect of the February Drive has been to stimulate recruiting far beyond anything the Order has experienced in a long time. It is altogether apparent that in order to gain the full advantage of the effort that has just been made, the drive should be extended. In many Camps the card system has only just been completed while in others, particularly those holding meetings

but once a month, the cards have hardly been started, and the canvassing has not begun in any systematized manner. I desire to say a word for the card system. Many of the Camp Commanders I find have not sensed the importance of the *system* feature of doing things and in several instances, it has been reported to me that the cards are still lying unopened on the Secretary's desk. On the face of it this is not giving your Division or Commandery-in-Chief officers a fair deal. These cards cost real money and were gotten out for a real purpose. They were intended for the benefit of the Camps and have been supplied to every Camp without expense—the least a Camp may do is to try the system out. It is getting results everywhere it has been put into effect, and if any Camp has officers who refuse to try this system, or **SOME SYSTEM** to get new members, it is time for another election of officers in that Camp. Division Commanders will urge the immediate adoption of the card system and lend every effort to make the "May Drive" all that the name implies—a **DRIVE** for new members. Don't let one or two Divisions do it all. Everybody up and at it.

VII. Since last announcement applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

NEW CAMPS.

Date	No.	Location	No. Appl.
Feb. 11	...	New Vienna, Ohio	28
Feb. 17	...	Lebanon, Ohio	28
Feb. 17	...	Wilmington, Ohio	27
INSTITUTED.			
Dec. 18, 19	9	Wheeling, Maryland	34

CAMP CHARTERS REVOKED.

VIII. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, quarter ending December 31, 1919, are as follows; their charters are revoked and Division Commanders will cause record to be made in Division books accordingly:

Maryland—Dropped: Camp No. 11, Washington, D. C., 13 members; Camp No. 17, Sharpsburg, Md., 11 members.

Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 83, Plainville, 38 members; Camp No. 159, Wihlhamstown, 21 members.

Michigan—Disbanded: Camp No. 6, Ecorse, 34 members; Camp No. 13, Cheshire, 27 members; Camp No. 110, Albion, 41 members; Camp No. 227, Deerfield, 22 members.

Montana & Idaho—Dropped: Camp No. 8, Anaconda, Mont., 24 members.

Nebraska—Dropped: Camp No. 78, Harvard, 15 members; Camp No. 112, Lexington, 14 members.

New York—Dropped: Camp No. 16, Pulteney, 30 members; Camp No. 116, Mt. Kisco, 19 members; Camp No. 148, Highland, 12 members; Camp No. 206, Belfast, 27 members.

Ohio—Disbanded: Camp No. 9, Mechanicsburg, 10 members. Dropped: Camp No. 35, Mineral City, 12 members.

Washington & Oregon—Disbanded: Camp No. 2, Baker, Ore., 15 members.

Wisconsin—Dropped: Camp No. 9, Platteville, 20 members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER FIVE.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of February, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

January 31, 1920, to balance	\$ 82.88
Received for per capita tax.....	\$3132.54
Charter fees	7.50
Supplies	169.17

Total receipts	\$3300.21
	<u>\$3383.09</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1941.71
Office expenses	32.97
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	136.02

Total expenditures	\$2110.70
February 28, 1920, balance	\$1272.39

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 466.46
The Banner, subscription, February, 1920.....	766.93
Encampment	23.20
Reserve (Jan., \$19.37; Feb., \$93.26).....	112.63
Shipping supplies	7.49
Salaries	550.00
Miscellaneous	5.00

\$1941.71

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, supplies, telegrams...	\$ 32.97
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, traveling, office, express	\$ 136.02
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Total expenditures	\$2110.70
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By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IV.
(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., April 1, 1920.

I. For having secured five or more new members the following brothers have been commissioned as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Frederic V. Bell, East Walpole, Mass.
 Clarence E. Stickney, Malden, Mass.
 Sidney L. Drown, Malden, Mass.
 Myron R. Goddard, Gardner, Mass.
 Byron A. Reynolds, Rockford, Ill.
 Harry Peavy, Rockford, Ill.
 Fred L. Spaulding, Rockford, Ill.
 Howard A. Twiss, Nashua, N. H.
 F. S. Tremain, Spokane, Wash.
 Walter H. Long, Stoughton, Mass.

NATIONAL TREASURER.

II. The vacancy caused by the death of National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake, has been filled for the unexpired term by the Council-in-Chief who have elected the National Secretary Horace H. Hammer to that position.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

III. Division Commanders will inform Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters as soon as possible of the date and place of their respective Division Encampments.

Encampments announced to date are:

Rhode Island at Providence, April 20.

Connecticut at Bridgeport, April 21-22.

Vermont at Rutland, May 12-13.

Michigan at Port Huron, June 9-11.

Illinois at Joliet, June 16-18.

Wisconsin at Baraboo, June 14-16.

New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 24-25.

Ohio at Dennison, June 15-16.

Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, June 16-17.

New York at Syracuse, June 22-24.

California & Pacific at Santa Barbara, Cal., May 5-7.

Indiana at Bloomington, May 25-27.

Missouri at Trenton, May 12-13.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

IV. Immediately after installation at Division Encampments Form No. 49—Certificates of Election of Officers and appointment of Staff Officers—must be forwarded to the National Secretary. Divisions without this Form will order same at once from the National Secretary and forward in DUPLICATE.

Addresses and names will be carefully and legibly produced.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

V. Newly elected Division Commanders will in all cases at once forward a Surety Company Bond—in accordance with Chapter 6, Article XI of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The Division Commander's bond must run or be made to read to:

"H. D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pittsfield, Mass." and MUST BE IN THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS.

Attention is directed to Section 3 of said Article, viz:

"In the event of *failure or neglect* of any Division Commander to have bond on file at the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, within thirty (30) days after assuming office,

as required by the foregoing, it *shall* be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to remove said Division Commander from office and to place the Senior Vice Division Commander or some other officer in temporary charge."

Division Commanders elected at the coming Division Encampments will be governed accordingly and at once furnish bond as designated and required.

DIVISION TAX AND QUARTERLY REPORTS.

VI. All Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Treasurers notified when to have their per capita tax and reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1920, in the hands of the National Secretary—are expected to comply with same.

In the last two quarters Divisions that were delinquent had been notified and the neglect of those officers to comply with and furnish reports and pay tax as all other Divisions did—was a detriment and hindrance to the system and a reflection on the entire Order for maintenance of authority and compliance with laws. Such a course will not be tolerated.

Reports and per capita tax can or cannot be forwarded. No reason why not forwarded. Disregard of the requirements will in future find their remedy in the law provided.

The per capita tax and reports of the Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers **MUST** be in possession of the National Secretary for the quarter ending March 31st, at the time specified in notices to such Division Officers and Division Commanders. The latter will give their personal attention to this.

CAMP SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS REPORTS.

VII. These reports—Forms 27 and 28—for the quarter ending March 31st, are due at all Division Headquarters and have been due. It is urged that such as have not forwarded same will do so **AT ONCE** to their respective Division Headquarters—together with per capita tax for said quarter. Promptness is required and directed that all Division Commanders can have their reports and tax for said Quarter in to the Commandery-in-Chief without any excuse for delay.

Camp Commanders will look into the matter of last quarter's reports and tax and see that Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers forward same (if not already forwarded) **AT ONCE** to Division Headquarters.

DIVISION SECRETARIES.

VIII. Will, if they have not done so—without delay and always in ample time in a quarter—send to ALL Camps Forms 27 and 28—quarterly report blanks—for reports to be made to their Headquarters by Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers.

These blanks must always be furnished Camps from Division Headquarters and can be secured from the National Secretary on Form 1½ Requisition Form.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IX. Division Patriotic Instructors' Reports—Form 51—are due from Division Patriotic Instructors—to National Patriotic Instructor, Frank P. Corrick, Suite 412, Brownell Block, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Division Patriotic Instructors will **AT ONCE** forward their

reports—and it is hoped no further reference to this subject will be required.

CAMP CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

X. This report—Form 44—should be ordered by Division Secretaries at once from the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½ and sent to ALL Camps immediately so that there will be no delay and no Camp will be without this report—to prevent its reporting on same its service and action on Memorial Day.

Division Commanders will give this their personal attention and see that all Camps are supplied at once with this Form—44.

MAILING LIST OF MEMBERS.

XI. Division Commanders are again reminded that they MUST see to it that Camps having neglected to send in names and addresses of their members—will do so—and forward same to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois," so that each and every member of every Camp will receive the Official Organ of the Order—"The Banner"—every month. It is due him and it is the neglect of the Camp Secretary that deprives a Brother from receiving this paper—without cost to him.

This must have prompt attention—and Camp Secretaries, Camp Commanders and Division Commanders will see to it without delay.

VALEDICTORY AND SALUTATORY.

XII. The changes in administrative offices of Divisions is beginning with this month. The record of the year has been made and must stand as the evidence of its own value. For all those efforts which have been rewarded with substantial gains and an awakening in the community of a spirit of loyalty and patriotic devotion, we would express the gratitude of the Commandery-in-Chief. The sacrifice entailed by your devotion to the duty undertaken a year ago is reciprocated in the appreciation of your fraternity as well as in the personal consciousness of having performed one's duty. I congratulate you, Division Commanders, one and all, and trust you may yet be spared for many years in which to enjoy the unique honors which have come to you as a mark of the confidence of your fellows.

To the new Division Commanders, just a word of welcome. The position with which your comrades have honored you, is one which comes to but comparatively few men, and one to which not all men are eligible. You are favored. Honors have come to you, bearing with them grave responsibility. Like your father, you are enlisted in a patriotic cause, and like him, too, you have the opportunity to render service to your country and to your fellow man. The demand of the times is for a strong citizenship. In your hands is placed the instrument for doing much to inspire and build. Use it. Use it thoughtfully and intelligently. The great need in our Order today is to instill in the heart of the eligible that degree of pride in his fathers service which will compel him to become identified with our organization, by arousing in his soul a just appreciation of the heritage a father has left him.

Remember too, that the Commandery-in-Chief is here to cooperate with you in your building efforts. The Commandery-

in-Chief is the Big Brother of the Division, rather than the Big Boss. With all good wishes for most successful administrations, you are assured of the co-operation of the Commandery-in-Chief in all well directed efforts to place our Order in the forefront of all patriotic effort for a better citizenship. Go to it, Brothers, and may your Divisions never have occasion to regret the selections they have made.

THE MAY DRIVE.

XIII. So many reasons seemed to develop to interfere with the February Drive for new members getting under way as early as was hoped, the extension to May seems to give ample time for everybody to get busy and produce results. Lack of time to get cards distributed and workers organized, influenza, extraordinary snow banks and a dozen other things came along one after the other to occupy the attention of the men who would otherwise have been on the job. Such is the story where results have not been forthcoming, but those things are now numbered among the yesterdays. Today is here, laden with its message for tomorrow.

The practical usefulness of the card index system has been amply demonstrated and those Divisions which got busy early in the game, have been the largest purchasers of badges and application blanks from headquarters. This is the thermometer by which we can estimate the temperature in the different Divisions.

I regret to say that some of the Divisions have not yet seen fit to get the cards out to the Camps. There is no excuse for this sort of laxness—it's either sheer laziness or simple incompetence. Men with such methods will never build up an Order, no matter how good the tools you give them to work with. This is plain talk, but it is the unvarnished truth and I believe needs telling.

Now, on this May Drive, I want to see more action. You men on the firing lines can put across a hundred per cent increase in the membership of this Order between now and May, if you will. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York are doing some wonderful work. There is no apparent reason why the same sort of thing cannot be done all along the line, except for the indifference of men who ought not to be indifferent. There is absolutely no use in writing articles for The Banner and expecting the articles to stir men to action, when the very men who should be active, confess that they do not read the paper. I was talking the other day to Fred Bolton, along this very line, when he diagnosed the difficulty as a case of "funk." I think there's no doubt of it—the symptoms all point that way—but I don't believe it is contagious. Anyhow, I don't want you men to catch it, and that's the reason I am telling you what it is. Those fellows who do not read The Banner should know that there is some mighty clever writing in it—and that they are missing something. You men who do read it, should see that the other members of your Camp read it—that's one phase of our work you can do, and it will stir up interest and prevent an attack of "funk."

Now there are a lot of mighty able men in this organization, men who have some sentiment in their make-up and who appreciate the fact that a father did something. In doing that something he has left a heritage to his boy and when the old

flag floats by the boy has a right to feel a personal interest in it and everything it stands for, because father's help is woven into every strand of its wonderful glory. No man need apologize for having had a father who fought for the flag. Neither need he apologize for being a member of an organization composed of Sons of such fathers. Then why be apologetic in asking some other Son to become a member?

Now, men of the Order, who happen to read these words, I want to begin this May Drive by appealing to you to get busy with the first Son of a Veteran you come across. If he is a member of your Camp, see if he has read *The Banner*, and is alive to the things we are trying to do. If he is a non-reader, tell him about those articles Bolton, and Craig, and Corrick, and Barrows, and Simmons, have been publishing from month to month, not to mention the general spirit of patriotic fervor which pervades the paper from end to end. Get that man re-interested and you have saved a man from lapsing with the chances in favor of his passing the infection along to some other delinquent. Every present member, also knows of some eligible, who is not a member—get him. It's easy, when one is imbued with the right spirit oneself. So, then, my brothers, my appeal must be to you who have been faithful during all these years, whose eyes find this message in this place. Spread the doctrine as you would share any good thing with your best friend.

Division Commanders can begin by giving each Camp a quota and ask the Camp Commanders to organize classes or canvassing teams. Give each team a quota, with a rivalry between teams—a supper for the winners at the expense of the losers. Camp Commanders can get every man in his membership busy with the cards which have already been furnished—busy men make good Camps. I want you fellows who read this Order to start the ball rolling by getting busy yourself first, by getting the first Son you see, busy. I don't know how I can personally do any more to assist than to tell you how to get started. I have done that, now it's up to you, is it not?

DECEMBER CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

XIV. Per capita tax and reports for quarter ending December 31, 1919, were received from the delinquent Divisions—California & Pacific, March 13, and Colorado & Wyoming, March 9, showing:

	Camps	Members
California & Pacific, September, 1919.....	18	857
Initiated		48
Reinstated		7
	18	912
Dropped		16
Good standing, December	18	896
Colorado & Wyoming, September.....	5	131
December	5	131
Total number in good standing.....	1101	51130
Gained—		
By Initiation	10	1289
Transfer		32

Reinstatement	1	47
Aggregate	1112	52498
Loss—	Camps Members	
By Disbanded	8	207
Death		104
Honorable Discharge		81
Transfer		26
Dropped	11	1475
Total loss	19	1892
In good standing December 31, 1919.....	1093	50605

NEW CAMPS.

XV. Applications have been approved for charters for new Camps as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Appl.
March 15	..	Iowa City, Iowa	33
March 16	53	Rock Creek, Ohio	17
March 25	18	Ashland, Nebraska	28

Charters have been issued to the following Camps:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Jan. 14	5	White River Junction, Vermont	22
Feb. 7	10	Everett, Wash., (Wash. & Ore.)	26
Feb. 13	41	New Vienna, Ohio	29
Feb. 19	29	Lebanon, Ohio	41
Oct. 9	18	Ashland, Nebraska	27

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER SIX.

XVI. Report of the National Secretary for month of March, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

February 28, 1920, to balance	\$1272.39
Received for per capita tax	\$1264.40
Charter fees	7.50
Supplies	588.26

Total receipts	\$1860.16
	<u>\$3132.55</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$ 853.69
Office expenses	156.92
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	28.40
Total expenditures	<u>\$1039.01</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 3.82
The Banner, subscription, March, 1920.....	777.85
Printing	11.75
Reserve (Military Department)	37.29
Shipping supplies	22.98

\$ 853.69

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, telegrams, rent (April-June, 1920, inc.) \$ 156.92

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling, office \$ 28.40

Total expenditures \$1039.01

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. V.
(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., May 1, 1920.

I. For having obtained five or more new members the following named brothers have been commissioned as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Major Edward B. Simmons, Worcester, Mass.
Bert H. Tyrell, Worcester, Mass.
Walter H. Long, Stoughton, Mass.
William B. McNulty, Philadelphia, Pa.
Harvey Hollenbeck, Slatington, Pa.
William P. Newhard, Slatington, Pa.
Roland H. Ward, Slatington, Pa.
Dr. E. W. Homan, West Lynn, Mass.
Lieut. Col. Charles F. Sargeant, Lawrence, Mass.
Frank S. Fuller, Brunswick, Me.
Julian C. Cutler, Minneapolis, Minn.
John D. Ferrill, Norristown, Pa.
Daniel W. Weidner, Middletown, Pa.
Lewis L. Leonard, Middletown, Pa.
Percy E. Diehl, Middletown, Pa.
Edward E. Whereley, Middletown, Pa.
Charles E. Boughter, Middletown, Pa.
John Parker, Philadelphia, Pa.
Elias Conoway, Philadelphia, Pa.
Ivan D. Bair, Lancaster, Pa.
C. F. Aument, Lancaster, Pa.
H. W. Shaffer, Huntington, Pa.
William H. Malone, Belding, Mich.
S. C. Saunders, Wallingford, Vt.
W. M. Deweese, Trenton, Mo.
Ralph Lord, Trenton, Mo.
Charles R. Davenport, South Royalton, Vt.
Samuel E. Gabriel, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.
Chester V. Spare, Fairhaven, Mass.
William Widener, Scranton, Pa.
John N. Loch, Dunmore, Pa.

It is worthy of note that among the foregoing list of "live-uns" appear the names of such old-timers as Secretary McNulty of the Pennsylvania Division, in the harness for lo! these many years. Then too, there is Col. Sargent, who was Commander of the Massachusetts Division back there in 1884. Some records! And still going strong—"Go thou and do likewise."

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

II. Immediately after adjournment of Division Encampments Form 49—Certificates of Election, appointment of Officers, list of Delegates, etc., with addresses legibly written, will be forwarded to the National Secretary. Form 49 can be procured on Requisition Form 1½ from the National Secretary.

CAMP CHAPLAINS' REPORTS.

III. Form 44—Camp Chaplain's Report should be sent to each Camp at once by Division Headquarters and every effort made to secure a prompt report from the Camp Chaplain to the Division Chaplain—IMMEDIATELY after the ceremonies on Memorial Day.

Division Chaplains will take special means to secure prompt reports from Camp Chaplains.

Division Chaplains will promptly forward their Consolidated Reports—Form 43—to Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, 6 Winthrop Place, Maplewood, New Jersey.

DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS' REPORTS.

IV. Division Patriotic Instructors' Reports—Form 51 is due from a number of Divisions to National Patriotic Instructor Frank P. Corrick, Suite 412 Brownell Bldg., Lincoln, Neb. These must be forwarded without delay.

Division Commanders will see that their Division Patriotic Instructors' Reports are forwarded immediately.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

V. Newly elected Division Commanders will file a surety company bond in One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars within thirty days after their election—said bond to read to:

"H. D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pittsfield, Mass."

No delay will be tolerated with this requirement and neglect to comply with this law—Chap. 6, Art. XL, C. R. & R., will result in enforcement of the provision governing.

CAMP REPORTS.

VI. Per Capita Tax and reports—Forms 27 and 28 are due at Division Headquarters and such Camps that are delinquent therewith—will at once forward same to their respective Division Headquarters, for quarter ending March 31st.

Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers cannot and will not delay their reports and tax for said quarter to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

CAMP MEMBERS TO RECEIVE THE BANNER.

VII. A number of Camp Secretaries persist in NOT forwarding mailing lists—names and addresses of the members of

their Camps to Division Headquarters so that their members are NOT receiving the Official Organ—"The Banner."

Every member is entitled to this paper every month—WITHOUT EXPENSE. Fault in not receiving it is due to neglect and indifference of the Camp Secretary and inattention of a Camp Commander in NOT seeing that such a list is forwarded.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries should give this their attention and insist on receiving such lists.

ORDERED: That where Camps fail and have NOT forwarded such lists—that: Division Commanders *instruct* their Division Secretaries to send the names and addresses of Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries of ALL CAMPS NOT having such mailing lists—to The Banner, Dwight, Ill., so that said Camp Officers will receive the paper and KNOW through General Orders, instructions of the Commander-in-Chief, etc., in The Banner—what is required of such officers.

NEW DIVISION OFFICERS.

VIII. Connecticut Division—Commander, Major William F. Alcorn, 42 Church St., New Haven; Secretary-Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, P. O. Box 1233, New Haven.

Massachusetts Division—Commander, Frederic V. Bell; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler; Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton, (All 15 Beacon St., Room 38, Boston).

New Hampshire Division—Commander, Jonathan H. Johnson, Box 109, Lawrence, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. S. Smith, Exeter, N. H.

Rhode Island Division—Commander, Emerson L. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer, Harold L. Skinner, 47 Washington St., Room 5, Providence.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

IX. Chapter 3, Article 3 of the C. R. & R. requires that every Division shall hold an Encampment—before July 1st—of each year.

Places and dates of holding said Division Encampments will be reported to these Headquarters without further delay by the Divisions of: Alabama & Tennessee, Colorado & Wyoming, Kentucky, Montana & Idaho, Nebraska.

Encampments reported to be held are:

California & Pacific at Santa Barbara, May 5.

Indiana at Bloomington, May 25-27.

Kansas at Hutchinson, May 19-21.

Missouri at Trenton, May 12-13.

Vermont at Rutland, May 12-13.

Illinois at Joliet, June 16-18.

Iowa at Ottumwa, June 22-24.

Maine at Augusta, June 9-10.

Michigan at Port Huron, June 9-11.

Minnesota at Alexandria, Minn., June 9-10.

New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 24-25.

New York at Syracuse, June 22-24.

Ohio at Denison, June 15-17.

Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, June 16-17.

Washington & Oregon at Yakima, Wash., June 23-24.

Wisconsin at Baraboo, June 14-16.

Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 21-22.

MAY DRIVE.

X. Don't forget the May Drive for increased membership. We are looking for everybody to get busy on this drive. We fell short on the February effort, because some of you said the time was too short. That will not answer for an excuse, this time. Frankly, men, it is time you showed the goods and headquarters is looking to you, every one of you, to make good. Your cause is worthy. You need not feel ashamed of your job. You are only asking a man to honor himself by honoring his own father, and being man enough to do it in the open that a world may know. Now is the testing time. Now is the time the Grand Army is asking us. We must not fail them in their hour of need. It is a great work and an unselfish task we are called upon to perform. We need a big membership in order to do things in a big way. I want to appeal to you, my brothers, whether you have been in the Order long years, or whether you are just coming in, to make the supreme effort of your life, to spread the spirit of loyalty to country, which animated our fathers in that great struggle which has meant so much to you and me. That unselfish ideal of patriotism exhibited by our own fathers is yet the exalted model for all generations, and has never been excelled. We may yet honor a living remnant of that great army. Prize the privilege while it may be appreciated in the living presence, and with such earnestness of purpose that the service of today shall contain for the Grand Army of the Republic, the promise of the tomorrows. Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are making great strides and setting the pace. Every other Division can do it if you will only wake up and get busy. Come on, men, "Let's go!"

NEW CAMPS.

XI. Application for Charter for new Camp—No. 156, located at Chadron, Division of Nebraska, was approved April 15.

New Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto since last announcement, as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Mar. 26	155	Iowa City, Iowa	43
Mar. 24	53	Rock Creek, Ohio	21
Aug. 16, '19	156	Chadron, Nebraska	26

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER SEVEN.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of April, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

March 31, 1920, to balance	\$2093.54
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 252.45
Charter fees	2.50
Supplies	522.51
Junior Order—Supplies	4.55
Total receipts	<u>\$ 782.01</u>
	\$2875.55

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1272.27
Office expenses	25.03

Commander-in-Chief's expenses	79.78
Total expenditures	<u>\$1377.08</u>
Balance, April 30, 1920.....	<u>\$1498.47</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$436.05
The Banner, April, 1920, subscription.....	787.85
Shipping supplies	20.21
Reserve—Military Department	22.86
Miscellaneous—(Flag case)	<u>5.30</u>
	\$1272.27

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery	\$ 25.03
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, traveling	\$ 79.78
Total expenditures	<u>\$1377.08</u>

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.GENERAL ORDERS NO. VI.
(Series of 1920)HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., June 1, 1920.

I. The following named brothers are hereby commissioned as Aides on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief for having performed special service, or for having been successful in securing five or more new memberships in the Order:

Joe Mitchell Chapple, Boston, Mass.
 Clinton M. Border, S. Hanson, Mass.
 William C. Coon, New Bedford, Mass.
 Albert E. Mosher, New Bedford, Mass.
 Rufus A. Soule, Jr., New Bedford, Mass.
 Horace Borden, New Bedford, Mass.
 Charles H. Young, New Bedford, Mass.
 Nathan T. Johnson, New Bedford, Mass.
 Edward A. Campbell, East Boston, Mass.
 Henry W. Arzt, New Castle, Pa.
 William N. Heft, Bethlehem, Pa.
 C. D. Whitesell, Tatamy, Pa.
 John Abel, Tatamy, Pa.
 W. C. Acox, Rockford, Ill.
 P. H. Kendrick, Rockford, Ill.

Fred R. Gould, Rockford, Ill.
William S. Noyes, Topsham, Maine.
L. H. Gordon, Lyndonville, Vt.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. The Thirty-ninth (39) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will convene at Atlantic City, New Jersey, week of September 26, 1920.

Temporary Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Breakers. The sessions of the Encampment will be held at that place—Roof Garden.

Hotel Rates are: American plan—With private bath: One person, \$9.00 to \$12.00 per day; two persons, \$16.00 to \$25.00 per day; without private bath: One person, \$7.00 to \$9.00 per day; two persons, \$14.00 to \$16.00 per day.

European plan—With private bath: One person, \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day; two persons, \$8.00 to \$15.00 per day; without private bath: One person, \$3.00 to \$5.00 per day; two persons, \$6.00 to \$8.00 per day.

Reservation must be made direct to the Hotel—and time of arrival should be stated together with number of persons reservations are desired for. Address—"The Breakers Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey."

Rates at other hotels will be announced in future General Orders.

Thousands can be accommodated and considering conditions prevalent generally, the rates are as can be expected. "The Breakers" is on the great board walk—with ocean bathing facilities and has all the advantages of the beach front.

Other hotels—hundreds of them—can accommodate many with lower rates and these it is hoped to announce at an early date.

THE PROGRAM.

The arrangements for the entertainment of all who attend are under way and include Camp Fires, Receptions, public functions and affairs applying to the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans and all Allied Orders.

Attractions will be numerous and varied and all members who can, with their families, are urged to attend this Encampment.

SESSIONS.

Unless otherwise ordered—the Council-in-Chief will convene in regular and official session at "The Breakers"—Temporary Headquarters—Tuesday, September 28th, for the regular and official audit, etc.

The first session of the Thirty-ninth Encampment will be opened on the Roof Garden—(Ocean Front) of "The Breakers," Wednesday, September 29, followed by the usual sessions until concluded.

PARADE.

Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, is hereby assigned to the duty of preparing for and having charge of all arrangements and details connected with the parade in which the Sons of Veterans will act as Official Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The parade will take place Wednesday, September 29th.

All arrangements and information in relation to and participating in the parade will be in charge of and furnished by the Chief-of-Staff—address Altoona, Pa.

Convenient to many large Divisions and preparations accordingly, in ample time, it should show 2,000 Sons of Veterans in line and escorting the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

PREPARATIONS.

Various features will be announced in subsequent General Orders as announced and arranged, and as may be planned. It is hoped every Division Commander will take measures that will result in a full delegation from all Divisions.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE C. R. & R.

III. Proposed amendments or alterations to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and Ritual, for consideration at the Thirty-ninth (39th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, must be forwarded to National Headquarters immediately after a Division Encampment—so that same can be published, as provided by law—within the required time in General Orders.

All proposed amendments, etc., will be written (typewritten if possible) one one side of paper or sheet only.

JUNE QUARTER'S REPORTS.

IV. Owing to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment and reports of all National Officers required to be printed in advance for the said Encampment—Camp Commanders will see that their Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th—are promptly forwarded to their respective Division Headquarters.

Division Commanders will AT ONCE send out to their Camps Forms 27 and 28—blank reports of the Secretaries and Treasurers—so that same can be returned promptly to Division Headquarters with per capita tax for the June quarter.

Division Commanders will also attend to the prompt forwarding of their reports and per capita tax for the June Quarter—Forms 35, 37 and 38—to the National Secretary. There MUST be no delay in forwarding these reports and per capita tax—for representation of Divisions in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION.

V. All Division Commanders must forward immediately after Division Encampments—Form 49—Certificates of Election—to the National Secretary. From these Certificates the Encampment roll is made up and it is necessary to have same promptly and without delay.

DIVISION PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORTS.

VI. Form 51 from all Division Patriotic Instructors is required from all Divisions—to have representation in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. This Form must be forwarded AT ONCE—(and Division Commanders will give this their immediate attention)—to National Patriotic Instructor Frank P. Corrick, Suite 412, Brownell Block, Lincoln, Nebraska.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED

Division.	In Good Standing December 31, 1919.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate.		By Disbanded.
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.						
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps						Members
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	174	...	7	...	...	...	...	7	11	181	...
California & Pacific...	18	896	...	18	...	...	4	...	22	18	918	...
Colorado & Wyoming..	5	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	131	...
Connecticut	41	2370	...	24	1	...	1	...	26	41	2396	...	
Illinois	56	2412	...	27	...	...	3	...	30	56	2442	...
Indiana	23	906	...	26	...	...	2	...	28	23	934	...
Iowa	19	862	2	112	...	...	1	2	113	21	975	...
Kansas	29	939	...	10	1	...	13	...	24	29	963	...	
Kentucky	6	100	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	6	101	...
Maine	49	2123	...	138	...	...	...	...	138	49	2261	...
Maryland	12	520	...	1	1	...	1	...	3	12	523	...	
Massachusetts ...	156	7287	...	394	8	...	...	...	402	156	7689	2
Michigan	18	661	...	12	...	...	2	...	14	18	678	...
Minnesota	18	605	...	15	1	...	...	...	16	18	621	1
Missouri	16	565	1	126	...	...	12	1	138	17	703	...
Montana & Idaho	10	240	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	240	...
Nebraska	13	463	3	124	...	...	...	3	124	16	587	...
New Hampshire	35	1110	...	22	1	...	10	...	33	35	1143	...	
New Jersey	34	1769	...	17	1	...	4	...	22	34	1791	1	
New York	125	5320	...	56	...	1	18	1	74	126	5394	2	
Ohio... ..	94	4414	3	210	...	...	4	3	214	97	4628	...
Pennsylvania ...	200	13305	...	519	...	...	...	...	519	200	13824	3
Rhode Island	15	484	...	9	...	...	1	...	10	15	494	...
Vermont ...	38	1130	1	45	1	...	2	1	48	39	1178	...	
Washington & Oregon..	11	495	2	58	...	...	23	2	81	13	576	...
Wisconsin ...	41	1321	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	41	1323	...
Total ..	1093	50605	12	1947	15	1	101	13	2089	1106	52694	9	

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31st, 1920.

Division.	In Good Standing December 31, 1919.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate.		LOSS					Total Loss.		In Good Standing March 31, 1920.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camps.	Expended for Relief.	No. Members or Their Families Relieved.	No. Veterans or Their Families Relieved.			
			By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	By Disbanded.					By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.														
	Camps	Members					Camps	Members	Members	Camps					Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members									
Alabama & Tennessee..	11	174	...	7	...	...	...	7	11	181	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	181	\$ 14.66	\$ 2.00	\$ 100.00	\$.....	...	...		
California & Pacific...	18	896	...	18	...	...	4	22	18	918	...	...	2	...	...	29	31	18	887	78.21	98.47	479.04	...	...		
Colorado & Wyoming..	5	131	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	131	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	131	11.79	11.73	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2370	...	24	1	...	1	26	41	2396	...	...	8	...	...	27	37	41	2359	210.15	284.62	4636.72	...	...		
Illinois	56	2412	...	27	...	...	3	30	56	2442	...	...	2	...	...	115	117	56	2325	206.82	401.88	820.88	28.60	1			
Indiana	23	905	...	26	...	...	2	28	23	934	...	...	...	...	...	19	19	23	915	80.01	6.77	5814.60	50.00	...			
Iowa	19	862	2	112	...	...	1	2	113	21	975	...	...	6	...	1	68	75	21	900	70.92	357.47	260.79	30.23	...		
Kansas	29	939	...	10	1	...	13	24	29	963	...	...	2	...	1	1	88	1	91	28	872	77.58	745.50	196.50	5.50	3	
Kentucky	6	100	...	1	...	...	...	1	6	101	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6	100	8.91	33.33	562.50	18.00	...	...	
Maine	49	2123	...	138	...	...	...	138	49	2261	...	...	9	4	...	24	37	49	2224	187.74	415.09	1271.13	55.20	...	...	
Maryland	12	520	...	1	1	...	1	3	12	523	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	5	12	518	46.53	239.57	2256.64	55.50	...	...
Massachusetts	166	7287	...	394	8	...	...	402	156	7689	2	35	26	26	3	43	2	133	154	7556	644.58	387.74	18166.84	657.43	20	11	
Michigan	18	661	...	12	...	...	2	...	14	18	678	...	...	3	...	24	...	27	18	651	67.51	93.13	346.19	...	...	...
Minnesota	18	605	...	15	1	...	...	16	18	621	1	25	2	...	1	8	1	36	17	635	51.30	261.72	601.92	...	...	...
Missouri	16	565	1	126	...	...	12	1	138	17	703	...	...	...	1	10	...	14	17	639	50.67	186.90	365.31	...	...	...
Montana & Idaho	10	240	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	240	...	...	...	...	...	4	59	4	59	6	181	16.29	99.16	14.25	...	...	...
Nebraska	13	463	3	124	...	...	3	124	16	587	...	...	1	...	...	14	...	15	16	572	40.32	197.33	289.91	...	...	...
New Hampshire	35	1110	...	22	1	...	10	...	33	35	1143	...	...	2	3	5	10	...	20	35	1123	99.09	120.67	1242.33	3.50	1	...
New Jersey	34	1769	...	17	1	...	4	...	22	34	1791	1	48	6	...	2	2	54	3	110	31	1681	149.76	210.47	6354.18	913.11	10	...
New York	125	5320	...	56	...	1	18	1	74	126	5394	2	53	10	7	1	3	111	5	182	121	5212	465.54	459.76	5798.50	258.88	22	6
Ohio.....	94	4414	3	210	...	...	4	3	214	97	4628	...	...	10	...	...	112	...	122	97	4506	386.64	332.07	2149.22	93.33	1	1
Pennsylvania	200	13305	...	519	...	...	...	519	200	13824	3	30	26	8	...	147	3	211	197	13613	1178.46	Deficit	24496.50	10667.02	397	10	...
Rhode Island	15	484	...	9	...	...	1	...	10	15	494	...	...	3	4	...	8	...	15	15	479	42.30	85.93	558.10	22.00	...	...
Vermont	38	1130	1	45	1	...	2	1	48	39	1178	...	...	2	3	1	9	...	15	39	1163	100.62	239.15	825.67	16.60	2	...
Washington & Oregon..	11	495	2	58	...	...	23	2	81	13	576	...	...	2	1	1	18	...	22	13	554	45.27	60.82	165.41	...	...	...
Wisconsin	41	1321	...	2	...	...	...	2	41	1323	...	...	1	...	...	12	310	12	311	29	1012	90.90	Deficit	553.75	...	...	...
Total ..	1093	50605	12	1947	15	1	101	13	2089	1106	52694	9	191	123	62	17	22	1312	31	1705	1075	50989	\$4413.57	\$5331.28	\$78327.38	\$12874.90	456	29

DIVISION CHAPLAINS' REPORTS.

VII. Division Chaplains will without delay forward to Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, No. 6 Winthrop Place, Maplewood, New Jersey, their Division Reports—Form 43. This is necessary owing to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

CAMP CHAPLAINS' REPORTS.

VIII. Form 4—Camp Chaplains' Reports must be sent to Division Chaplains without delay—AT ONCE—so that said reports can be consolidated and report made as required. Division Commanders will promptly get all these Camp Chaplain Reports for the purposes set forth.

DIVISION COMMANDERS' BONDS.

IX. All Division Commanders are required to give a Surety Company bond within thirty days after their election—in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Failure to comply requires the suspension of such Division Commander.

This bond must be in One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and run to:

"H. D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pittsfield, Mass."

It is hoped that no further attention need be called to this matter and that all bonds will be promptly filed.

PASSWORD AND COUNTERSIGN.

X. Form 0000—new password and countersign effective July 1st, has been promulgated to all Divisions entitled thereto. Same will be issued to all Camps forwarding reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending June, 1920, to their respective Division Headquarters. Only Camps reporting and paying per capita tax are entitled to receive this.

Camp Commanders will give this password and countersign only to such members of Camps in good standing June 30th.

CAMP MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

XI. Camp Secretaries that have NOT forwarded a list of members with addresses—will do so at once to Division Headquarters. Division Commanders will make every effort to obtain these lists and upon securing them will forward same to "The Banner, Dwight, Illinois," that each and every member of the Order and every Camp may receive the official organ of the Order each and every month. There is no charge for this paper to a member. Every member is entitled to receive it. Failure to secure it is due to neglect of a Camp Secretary—for which a Camp Commander is also responsible.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

XII. Chapter 3, Article 3 of the C. R. & R. requires that every Division shall hold an Encampment—before July 1st—of each year.

Alabama & Tennessee at Birmingham, Ala., June 28.

Colorado & Wyoming at Denver, Col., June 8.

Illinois at Joliet, June 16-18.

Iowa at Ottumwa, June 22-24.

Maine at Augusta, June 9-10.
 Maryland at Washington, D. C., June 21-22.
 Michigan at Port Huron, June 9-11.
 Minnesota at Alexandria, Minn., June 9-10.
 Montana & Idaho at Livingston, Mont., June 17-19.
 New Jersey at Asbury Park, June 24-25.
 New York at Syracuse, June 22-24.
 Ohio at Denison, June 15-17.
 Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, June 16-17.
 Washington & Oregon at Yakima, Wash., June 16-17.
 Wisconsin at Baraboo, June 14-16.

THE DRIVE.

XIII. If and But—for the unusual and unexpected losses in the Divisions so recorded in the National Secretary's Consolidated Report for the quarter ending March, 1920, as shown elsewhere in this issue of "The Banner," we would have been able to show a remarkable gain in the said quarter—in the Union Defenders'—Lincoln DRIVE quarter.

So much was expected and while results are not a distinct fall back—it is regretted that the Division showing losses did not take the interest and work for the Drive—as it was expected they would and as they were appealed to for such service.

Camps apparently were not aroused—Division Officers did not give the matter their attention as they should have—in the Divisions showing losses—and the number of NEW MEMBERS initiated in Divisions—shows wherein work was NOT done and what interest was taken in the appeals and efforts to increase the membership in a new venture and new plan—a DRIVE—for members.

It is to be hoped that this present—June quarter—will result in a further effort on the part of the Divisions that did push the Drive and that others not interested will have some plan under way—whereby an increase in members will be shown in such Divisions.

NEW CAMPS.

XIV. Since last announcement new Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Dec. 18	8	Moundsville, W. Va., (Maryland)	40
Feb. 20	47	Wilmington, Ohio	27
Mar. 5	38	Trenton, Missouri	101
May 7	71	Pawnee City, Nebraska	27
May 3	1	Weston, W. Va., (Maryland)	23

CAMPS DISBANDED AND DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

XV. Following Camps having been Disbanded and Dropped, their charters are herewith revoked—and Division Commanders will make record accordingly:

Kansas—Dropped: Camp No. 94, Garnett, 40 members.

Maine—Disbanded: Camp No. 61, Newport, 7 members;
 Camp No. 93, Lisbon Falls, 10 members.

Massachusetts—Disbanded: Camp No. 61, Avon, 26 members;
 Camp No. 155, Lynnfield Center, 9 members.

Minnesota—Disbanded: Camp No. 4, Yankton, S. D., 25 members.

Montana & Idaho—Dropped: Camp No. 2, Billings, Mont., 15 members; Camp No. 4, Hamilton, Mont., 14 members; Camp No. 7, Lewistown, Mont., 10 members; Camp No. 1, Payette, Idaho, 12 members.

New Jersey—Disbanded: Camp No. 9, Flemington, 48 members. Dropped: Camp No. 28, Washington, 13 members; Camp No. 42, Woodbridge, 10 members.

New York—Disbanded: Camp No. 38, Williamson, 31 members; Camp No. 120, Goshen, 22 members. Dropped: Camp No. 31, New York Mills, 21 members; Camp No. 107, Delevan, 14 members; Camp No. 187, Canisteo, 22 members.

Pennsylvania—Disbanded: Camps No. 18, Pittsburgh, 10 members; Camp 103, Leechburg, 10 members; Camp No. 224, Duncansville, 10 members.

Wisconsin—Dropped: Camp No. 8, Soldiers Grove, 10 members; Camp No. 22, Bayfield, 15 members; Camp No. 25, Rome, 17 members; Camp No. 30, Appleton, 31 members; Camp No. 42, Lake Geneva, 43 members; Camp No. 46, Palmyra, 15 members; Camp No. 47, Plymouth, 30 members; Camp No. 53, Monroe, 36 members; Camp No. 59, Fort Atkinson, 28 members; Camp No. 62, Chetek, 10 members; Camp No. 64, Watertown, 38 members; Camp No. 77, Oshkosh, 15 members.

NEW DIVISION OFFICERS.

XVI. Connecticut Division—Commander, William F. Alcorn, 42 Church St., New Haven; Secretary-Treasurer, Isaac T. Jenks, P. O. Box 1233, New Haven.

Indiana Division—Commander, Rev. E. S. Shumaker, 701 State Life Bldg., Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Law Bldg., Indianapolis.

Kansas Division—Commander, F. A. Hobbie, Dodge City; Secretary-Treasurer, T. F. Hobbie, Dodge City.

Massachusetts Division—Commander, Frederic V. Bell; Secretary, Henry F. Weiler; Treasurer, Fred E. Bolton; (all No. 15, Beacon St., Room 38, Boston, Mass.)

Missouri Division—Commander, Jacob J. Couch, Trenton; Secretary-Treasurer, Walter H. Voss, 4106 West Florissant Ave., St. Louis.

Nebraska Division—Commander, Frank Mills, 210 South 13th St., Lincoln; Secretary-Treasurer, R. G. Drake, 410 South 19th St., Lincoln.

New Hampshire Division—Commander, Jonathan H. Johnson, Box 109, Lawrence, Mass.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. S. Smith, Exeter, N. H.

Rhode Island Division—Commander, Emerson L. Adams; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold L. Skinner (all No. 47 Washington St., Room 5, Providence).

Vermont Division—Commander, Charles G. Daniels, Rutland; Secretary-Treasurer, E. E. Perry, Barre.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER EIGHT.

XVII. Report of the National Secretary for month of May, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

April 30, 1920, to balance	\$1498.47
Received for per capita tax	\$4081.11
Charter fees	7.50
Supplies	381.88

Total receipts	\$4470.49
	<u>\$5968.96</u>

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1919.43
Office expenses	24.90
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	114.10

Total expenditures	\$2058.43
Balance, May 31, 1920.....	<u>\$3910.53</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 543.12
The Banner, May, 1920, subscription.....	785.63
Encampment	23.20
Printing	10.00
Reserve (Military Department)	42.36
Shipping supplies	15.12
Salary	500.00
	<u>\$1919.43</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, stationery	\$ 24.90
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, office, traveling.....	\$ 114.10
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Total expenditures	<u>\$2058.43</u>
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XVIII. Memorial Day is a day of memories. It is a day for memories."—(May Banner). May I also add, "Lest we forget," as a fitting finale of quotations? Memorial Day has come and gone again, and at headquarters we are wondering whether, indeed, we are not talking to deaf ears of the silent dead. Have you men of the Order listened all the time when we have been talking to you about building up the Order we profess to love and cherish? Did you hear when we were trying to pour into your ears the news of a newborn "Lincoln Drive" for membership, pledged to one hundred per cent Americanism? What was your answer? A LOSS. You told us it was because the drive was short on time. Then we came back with a "Memorial Day Drive," with time to spare. We have argued, scolded, teased, and plead and I am wondering if you can guess the result? Of course we all know what it ought to be. It should take at least four figures to name it. We say it SHOULD, and we say it advisedly. Camouflage removed however shows that three figures are plenty, and the smaller figures at that. When I tell you that with all the pleas we have made to your sense of duty, to the memory of all memories you should hold most dear, we

have accomplished a net gain of barely TWO HUNDRED members, is it any strange thing that we should pause and question whether the administration is at fault? Our effort has been sincere, even though it may have been misdirected. Do the existing members want the membership increased? Is it the right thing to do? The response to all our effort has been so indifferent as to become negligible. The plain unvarnished truth of the present situation would seem to indicate that the rank and file of the organization care nothing about the upbuilding of the Order. Now men and brothers, do you want this Order built larger? Do you want it to become better equipped to carry out the objects for which it was brought into being? I believe that in the bottom of your hearts you DO want it to become the great factor you have perhaps ventured at some time to think it might become in the affairs of the nation. I believe you still have respect for the record of that soldier father whose patriotism was of the hundred per cent plus variety. Why not vitalize that sentiment into action? I want to tell you just why, in my opinion, we have fallen down on the effort we have been making to interest the eligible and recruit the Order. We are lazy—lazy in thought, and lazier in action. In many of our Divisions we are sleeping at the switch and the old train loaded with opportunity to become of value to the fast declining Grand Army of the Republic, is likely to get ditched in our own back yard if some decided jolt does not arouse us into watchful wakefulness pretty soon.

Seriously, my brothers, do we want this Order built up? If we do, how much are we willing, individually, to do to help build it? Your high titled officers cannot do the trick without your help. They are willing to go the limit, if your co-operation is assured. Without it, the effort involves the expenditure of a lot of your money, and a lot of our effort with no prospect of results. A lone hand will not finish the game. What is your answer, my brothers?

By order of

HARRY D. Sisson,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VII.
(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS. COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., July 1, 1920.

I. The following named brothers, for having secured five or more new members, have been commissioned as Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

John H. Courson, Brunswick, Maine.
Carl L. Bickford, Bolton, Mass.
Fred C. Ames, Leominster, Mass.
Clayton H. Richardson, Leominster, Mass.

William H. Walker, Leominster, Mass.

H. M. Putnam, Fredonia, N. Y.

William O. Stockford, Atlantic, Mass.

Charles W. Hill, South Easton, Mass.

George E. Whitney, Orange, Mass.

O. J. Raymond, Rockford, Ill.

H. E. Sanders, Rockford, Ill.

A. E. Gleason, Providence, R. I.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. All references to the Thirty-ninth (39th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to convene at Atlantic City, New Jersey, are hereby countermanded and all orders, suggestions, information and details incident thereto are revoked.

ENCAMPMENT CHANGED.

III. In accordance with the action of the officials of the Grand Army of the Republic—the Thirty-ninth (39th) Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held at the same time and place as that of the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Commandery-in-Chief Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Thirty-ninth (39th) Annual Session is hereby called to convene at Indianapolis, Indiana, week of September 19th, 1920.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the "Hotel Severin."

The Council-in-Chief is hereby ordered to convene at the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Indiana, Tuesday, September 21st, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the annual audit of the books of the National Secretary-Treasurer, and transaction of regular and such other business as may appear.

ENCAMPMENT:

IV. The Thirty-ninth Encampment will convene at the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Indiana, in accordance with the C. R. & R., Wednesday, September 22, 1920, at an hour to be designated in future announcements.

Officers, members and delegates will be governed accordingly.

MEMBERSHIP.

V. Membership is constituted as follows: (Chap. 4, Art. 2, C. R. & R.):

"All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and sitting Division Commanders.

"Of one (1) Delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional Delegate for every five hundred (500) members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the reports next preceding the Encampment.

"Its own elective and appointive officers (except members detailed for special duty)."

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

VI. Camps of which members above designated are connected, must be in good standing.

This requires that:

Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers Reports Forms 27 and 28, and per capita tax are forwarded to each Division Headquarters, for the quarter ending JUNE 30th, AT ONCE.

That Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report (Form 50) and Camp Chaplain's Report (Form 44) are AT ONCE forwarded to Division Patriotic Instructors and Division Chaplains, respectively.

ALSO THAT: Division Secretary's and Division Treasurer's Reports—Forms 35, 37 and 38—are forwarded with per capita tax for the quarter ending JUNE 30th, 1920—to the National Secretary—at the time Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been notified to forward same to the National Secretary.

FURTHER: THAT the bond of each Division Commander must be filed and approved—said bond to be a Surety Company Bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to read to:

"H. D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pittsfield, Mass."

That: Certificates of Election—Form 49—are filed with the National Secretary immediately, so that the Encampment roll can be prepared.

That: Division Patriotic Instructor's Report—Form 51—is forwarded AT ONCE—to National Patriotic Instructor Frank P. Corrick, Suite 412, Brownell Block, Lincoln, Nebraska.

That: Division Chaplain's Report—Form 43—is sent IMMEDIATELY to Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, 9 Winthrop Place, Maplewood, New Jersey.

Failure to comply with the foregoing will deprive Divisions from representation in the said Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment.

PROMPTNESS.

VII. This is essential and decidedly necessary owing to the requirement of the Commandery-in-Chief to have all reports of National Officers printed for presentation to the Encampment. The books will be closed for this term without delay, so that all may be accounted for and reported in full for the benefit of the membership—at the time designated to Division Commanders and Division Secretaries.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will see that Camp reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30th, from all Camps, are promptly received; and that Division Patriotic Instructor's and Division Chaplain's Reports are forwarded to the respective National Officers—AT ONCE.

PARADE.

VIII. Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, Altoona, Pa., is hereby ordered to arrange for and take charge of all details and matters pertaining to the parade in which the Sons of Veterans will escort the Grand Army of the Republic.

All Sons of Veterans, Division of Indiana, Divisions adjacent thereto and throughout the Order—are earnestly requested to participate in this parade and escort on this occasion.

It is a great honor conferred upon our Order—to escort the

Grand Army of the Republic—in its annual and official parade incident to its Annual Encampment and it is urgently requested that every member of the Sons of Veterans who can—will be in line.

PROGRAM.

IX. The usual program is being arranged, consisting of Camp Fires, Receptions, Public Meetings, at which prominent persons will figure; attractions, entertainments and many other features that will be most enjoyable for all.

Details will be made known in future Orders as arranged by the Grand Army of the Republic and Committees in charge.

HOTEL RATES.

X. The rates at Hotel Severin—Headquarters Hotel, will be \$2.50 to \$5.00 per day, with bath. One person in a room the charge will be two (2) persons or capacity rate. For reservations apply to the "Hotel Severin," Indianapolis, Ind.

Other accommodations will be secured upon application to Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, 1001 State Bank Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

RAILROAD RATES.

XI. Greatly reduced railroad rates—as arranged for and agreed upon for Atlantic City—are provided for and due announcement thereof will be made by the G. A. R. officials and details arranged in time for promulgation in next General Orders.

Division Commanders will be informed of all relating to details as soon as possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER NINE.

XII. Report of the National Secretary for month of June, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

May 31, 1920, to balance	\$3910.53
Received for per capita tax.....	\$ 80.01
Charter fees	10.00
Supplies	300.04
Total receipts	<u>\$ 390.05</u>

\$4300.58

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1171.23
Office expenses	158.60
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	303.94
Total expenditures	<u>\$1633.77</u>
Balance June 30, 1920.....	<u>\$2666.81</u>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 91.89
The Banner, subscription, June, 1920.....	788.28

Printing	5.50
Reserve (Military Department)	65.51
Shipping supplies	13.42
Contingent Fund	206.63
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	\$1171.23

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For rent (July-September, inc.), postage, telegrams, stationery, express	\$ 158.60
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For traveling, office, telegrams	\$ 303.94
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Total expenditures	\$1633.77

NEW CAMPS.

XIII. New Camps have been instituted since last announcement as follows and charters issued thereto:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
April 28	15	South Shaftsbury, Vermont	15
April 22	16	Northfield, Vermont	19
June 17	54	Bloomdale, Ohio	29
June 17	11	Yakima, Wash., (Wash. & Ore.)	18

Applications for charter for Camps were approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. App.
June 9	8	Englewood, Illinois	18
June 11	500	Pennsylvania State, Pennsylvania	15
		By order of	

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. VIII.
(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., August 1, 1920.

I. For having obtained five or more new members the following brothers have been detailed as Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Edwin Huckins, Fitchburg, Mass.
William B. Hunter, Fitchburg, Mass.
P. H. Wolfe, Dodge City, Kan.
Charles J. Snyder, North Adams, Mass.
John T. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.
Joseph C. Witherup, Philadelphia, Pa.
F. E. Gutelius, Millheim, Pa.
Charles Klenk, Phoenixville, Pa.
Howard Kulp, Phoenixville, Pa.

Charles Fisher, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Harry Longacre, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Harvey Smith, Phoenixville, Pa.
 John McMahon, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Cooper Bishop, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Irvin Munshower, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Frank Wall, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Joseph Fulmer, Phoenixville, Pa.
 George Evans, Phoenixville, Pa.
 David Smith, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Clarence Austin, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Wesley Snyder, Phoenixville, Pa.
 William Henkle, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Robert Shaffer, Phoenixville, Pa.
 Arthur F. Curtiss, Nashua, N. H.
 L. A. Kimball, Boscobel, Wis.

DIVISION CHARTERS REVOKED.

II. In accordance with authority vested by Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 2, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, it is hereby ordered:

The Division of Colorado & Wyoming having become reduced to less than the dignity of the required number of Camps, the Charter of said Division is hereby revoked.

The Division of Kentucky having become reduced to less than the dignity of the required number of Camps, the Charter of said Division is hereby revoked.

The Division of Montana & Idaho having become reduced to less than the dignity of the required number of Camps, the Charter of said Division is hereby revoked.

The Division Commanders of the above designated Divisions have been instructed to transmit to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, all effects, records, books, property, etc., etc., in their possession.

CAMPS ATTACHED AND ASSIGNED TO

III. The Camps in the Division heretofore known as the Division of Colorado & Wyoming, have been ordered attached and assigned to the Division of California & Pacific—Division Commander, William H. Hyden, c/o Bamberger's Store, Los Angeles, California.

The Camps in the Division heretofore known as the Division of Montana & Idaho, have been ordered attached and assigned to the Division of California & Pacific—Division Commander, William H. Hyden, c/o Bamberger's Store, Los Angeles, California.

The Camps in the Division heretofore known as the Division of Kentucky, have been ordered attached and assigned to the Division of Ohio—Division Commander, A. K. Myers, 808 Chestnut St., Toledo, Ohio.

The Camps affected will hereafter report to the above respective Division Commanders.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

IV. The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is hereby ordered to convene at the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Indiana, Wednesday, September 22, 1920, at 2 o'clock p. m.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership of the Encampment is defined by and in accordance with Chapter 4, Article 2, Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

IN ADDITION thereto it is required and ORDERED THAT:

All indebtedness of every Division must be paid.

That all reports of Division Secretary and Division Treasurers with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1920, are received by the National Secretary-Treasurer, by the time specified to all Division Commanders and Division Secretaries in communications forwarded them.

That all Division Commanders have a Surety Company bond in One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars filed AT ONCE.

That all Division Chaplain reports are in the possession of Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, 6 Winthrop Place, Maplewood, New Jersey—AT ONCE.

That all members of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment are in good standing in their respective Camps and that all Camps of which they are members are in good standing—shown in the reports of the Division Secretaries and Treasurers—Forms 37 and 38.

That all Camp reports—Forms 27 and 28—are in the hands of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, together with per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1920.

Failure to comply with the foregoing will deprive Divisions from representation in the said Encampment.

HEADQUARTERS.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind., Tuesday, September 21, 1920.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

The Council-in-Chief is hereby ordered to convene at 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, September 21, 1920, for its annual meeting and audit of accounts and books of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

PARADE.

The annual parade of members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Camps and Members of the Order—Division of Indiana and all others—is hereby ordered as escort to the Grand Army of the Republic for 10 o'clock a. m. of Wednesday, September 22, 1920, in Indianapolis.

Members will appear in dark clothes, wearing Regulation badge, forming according to Divisions, under the supervision of the Chief-of-Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa., who is hereby directed to assume charge of and arrange all details incident to the parade. Communications relative thereto must be addressed to the Chief-of-Staff.

Members except Sons of Veterans Reserve and uniformed Camps will appear in dark clothes wearing Regulation badge. The line will be restricted to regulation flags and colors.

Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa., is hereby directed to assume charge of and arrange all details for the parade. All matters relating thereto will be addressed to him.

PROGRAM.

Monday evening, Sept. 20—Greetings, on behalf of the State and City, to the Grand Army of the Republic and Allied Orders.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 21—Camp Fire under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, etc.

Wednesday evening, Sept. 22—Reception to Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, the members of the Commandery-in-Chief, visiting members of the Order, under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans Auxilliary at the Hotel Severin.

Receptions under the auspices of various other Orders at Hotel Severin and Hotel Claypool.

Thursday evening, Sept. 23—Camp Fires, Reunions, etc.

RAILROAD RATES.

Special railroad rates are being arranged for and it is hoped will be secured. Announcement of the same will be made through Grand Army of the Republic General Orders and other channels as soon as possible.

Inquiry should be made at railroad ticket offices and agents if for any reason there is a delay in announcement.

Every effort is being made by G. A. R. officials to expedite this feature and promulgate same.

HOTEL RATES.

Sons of Veterans Headquarters Hotel—THE SEVERIN—rates two in a room or capacity of that number, European plan, all rooms with bath—\$5.00 per day.

Make application for reservation, stating date of arrival—and number—direct to "The Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind."

Brother Theodore A. Randall, 211 Hudson St., Indianapolis, is Chairman of the Hotel Committee and for reservations other than Hotel Severin, application should be made to him.

LIST OF HOTELS, RATES, ETC.

Bates Hotel, Circle and West Market Sts., capacity 125, rates \$1.25 and up.

Claypool Hotel, Illinois and Washington Sts., Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Association of Army Nurses, Ex-Prisoners of War, etc., booked to capacity.

Denison, Pennsylvania and Ohio Sts., capacity 400, rates \$1.50, booked to capacity.

Great Eastern Hotel, East and Washington Sts., capacity 250, rates, \$1.25 up.

Lincoln Hotel, Washington St. and Kentucky Ave., capacity 400, rates \$2.50 up. Booked except large rooms accommodating ten (10) persons each.

Lorraine Hotel, Washington St. and Capital Ave., capacity 300; rates—with bath \$3.50 and up; without bath, \$2.50 and up.

New Colonial Hotel, New York and Illinois Sts., capacity 186; rates with bath, \$4.00 up. Single beds in sample rooms, \$2.50 per person.

Ohio Hotel, 130 East Ohio St., capacity 150; rates, \$1.00 up.

Hotel Oxford, 117½ Illinois St., capacity 80; rates, \$1.50 up, hot and cold water in every room.

Puritan Hotel, Market and New Jersey Sts., capacity 200; rate, \$2.00 up.

ENCAMPMENT

Seminole Hotel, 920 N. Alabama St., capacity 158; rate, \$2.00 up.

Spencer House, Opposite Union Station, capacity 200; rate, \$1.50 up.

Stubbins Hotel, Illinois and Georgia Sts., capacity 200; rate, \$2.00 up.

Washington Hotel, 30-34 East Washington St., capacity 500; rate, \$3.00 up—all rooms with bath.

Forty-five other hotels, many residences and other places will be provided to accommodate all applications.

In requesting reservations it should be stated date of arrival and number. Every provision will be made to provide for all.

BANNER MAILING LISTS.

V. Attention is directed again to the necessity for Camp Secretaries (who have not done so) to send at once to their respective Division Headquarters, the names and addresses of each member of their Camps so that they can receive the official organ of the Order—The Banner—every month, without cost to a member.

A blank entitled "The Banner Mailing List" has been sent to all Division Headquarters. This blank is to be sent to each Camp with blank reports for Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers and should be supplied to all Camps each quarter at least.

On these blanks Camp Secretaries will report to their Division Secretaries the names of newly initiated and dropped members, as well as all changes of addresses of members moving or changing their residences—postoffice addresses.

Upon receipt at Division Headquarters of these lists Division Secretaries will at once forward same to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois.

Division Commanders will see that these blanks are promptly and regularly issued to Camps and Camp Commanders will require Camp Secretaries to give same their prompt attention.

CAMP OFFICERS' REPORTS.

VI. Division Commanders will AT ONCE send out to all Camps Forms 27 and 28—Camp Secretaries and Camp Treasurers' report blanks for the quarter ending September 30, 1920.

A letter or communication should accompany same to every Camp Commander and Camp Secretary-Treasurer—from the Division Commander directing that said reports be forwarded to Division Headquarters, with per capita tax, for the quarter ending September 30, 1920, not later than October 1st.

Camps dilatory should be communicated with immediately or visited by Division Officers, to the end that NOT ONE CAMP be lost.

Division Commanders should frequently and regularly communicate with Camps and make every effort to secure reports and per capita tax and have a policy or plan for Camps to be interested in and recruit new members.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO C. R. & R., AND REVISION OF RITUAL.

VII. Pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, following proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual, are presented as having been adopted and referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for action in

its Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment, at Indianapolis, Indiana, September 22-24, 1920:

From Division of California & Pacific:

Chapter 1, Article 1: After the words "Sons of" eliminate the word "Veterans" and substitute in lieu thereof the words: "the Grand Army of the Republic," article to read: CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, NAME—"The Name of this Association shall be the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, United States of America."

Also: That the name of our association be changed through-out the Constitution and Laws governing same to conform with Chapter 1, Article 1.

From Division of Connecticut:

That password and countersign—(amending Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual)—be discontinued.

From the Division of Michigan:

In lieu of Past Camp Commander's Badge use of G. A. R. button, face to be set as center of some appropriate design sufficiently different to immediately differentiate with the original use of said button (if possible to secure the proper and restricted use of same).

From the Division of Illinois.

Amend the Constitution to give Camps the right to confer the honor of Camp Commander upon Secretaries and Treasurers who have faithfully filled said offices for a period of five consecutive years.

From the Division of New Jersey:

Chapter 1, Article 4, strike out the word "eighteen" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sixteen."

From the Division of Ohio:

Recommend the change of the name of our Organization from "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." to "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic."

That age limit for applicants be reduced from eighteen years to sixteen years.

From the Division of Rhode Island:

Chapter 1, Article 2, THIRD (Principles and Objects), strike out after word "and" in the second line, all words to and including the numerals "1861-'65," and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"of all Soldiers, Sailors or Marines in the service or honorably discharged from the service of the United States Army or Navy."

Chapter 1, Article 4, strike out after the word "America," seventh and eighth lines (page 4) the words and numerals—"during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-'65."

That the Rules and Regulations be so amended as to give the several Camps authority to fix their membership initiation fees.

That all laws, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with aforesaid proposed amendments be repealed and that a Ritual in keeping therewith be adopted.

From the Division of Wisconsin:

That Division Commanders be vested with authority to at

their discretion, set the amount of admission fee with a constitutional minimum of two (\$2.00) dollars.

That the name of the "Sons of Veterans," be changed to "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic" and request of the Grand Army of the Republic the honor of assuming that title.

From the National Secretary-Treasurer:

That Chapter 6, Article 13—Dues and Revenues—be amended by striking out (page 53), the words: "provided, that neither Camps nor Divisions shall be required to pay per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was initiated."

RITUAL REVISION.

From the Division of Connecticut:

Discontinue the use of password and countersign.

From the Division of Illinois:

That an addition to the obligation or pledge of a candidate be added—applying to a duty for Members of all Camps, as follows: "I promise to act as pall-bearer for any Grand Army man when called upon by an Officer of my Camp or promise to furnish a Son of a Veteran substitute."

From the Division of New Hampshire:

Provision for and adoption of Secret work, etc.

From the Division of Ohio:

Expunge the Form on Page 15 and that the long form be used on all occasions in place thereof.

That all officers taking part in ceremony be required to commit to memory their parts.

From the National Secretary-Treasurer:

Relating to paragraph 22, page 6, General Instructions.

To paragraph 26, page 7, applying to The Traveling Card.

Last paragraph, page 9, and applicable on page 10.

Strike out in paragraph 8, page 11, all after the word "all."

VIII. Applications were approved for Charters for new Camps since last announcement as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Appl.
July 19	...	Ellsworth, Wisconsin,	23
July 26	...	Grant, Iowa	18

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER TEN.

IX. Report of the National Secretary for month of July, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

June 30, 1920, to balance	\$2666.81
Received for per capita tax	\$ 75.60
Charter fees	5.00
Supplies	235.25
Miscellaneous	13.54
Junior Order—Supplies	4.00
Total receipts	\$ 333.39

\$3000.20

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$1083.27
Office expenses	31.53
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	23.48
Total expenditures	<u>\$1138.28</u>
Balance, July 31, 1920.....	\$1861.92

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 115.54
The Banner, subscription, July, 1920.....	788.15
Encampment	144.40
Printing	8.00
Reserve	16.43
Shipping supplies	10.75
	<u>\$1083.27</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, telegrams, express....	\$ 31.53
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage, telegrams, office	\$ 23.48
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Total expenditures	<u>\$1138.28</u>
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By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. IX.

(Series of 1920)

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Department of Commander-in-Chief,

Pittsfield, Mass., September 1, 1920.

I. On account of the change in meeting place of the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, occasioned by the cancellation of the contract with Atlantic City, by the Grand Army of the Republic, there has been a delay in getting the final details arranged for the Indianapolis meeting. A thousand and one details have had to have attention, each one of which takes its share of the time, and while everything has moved promptly, it has not been until the present time, that the plans could be made public. Some confusion has resulted, but the arrangements are now so complete, the railroad rates so reasonable, that it would seem that we should have a record attendance. Every delegate and every past officer entitled to a seat in the Encampment should, and I trust will, make a special effort to attend and take his part in what is bound to be one of the most important conventions the Order has ever undertaken.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED

	In Good Standing March 31, 1920.		GAIN						Total Gain.		Aggregate	
			By Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.					
			Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps				
Ala. & Tenn.....	11	181	...	12	...	...	...	...	12	11	15
Cal. & Pac.....	18	887	...	14	6	...	...	...	19	18	90
Col. & Wyo.....	5	131	...	6	...	...	...	...	6	5	1
Connecticut ...	41	2359	...	71	1	...	3	...	75	41	24	
Illinois ...	56	2325	1	81	1	...	12	1	94	57	24	
Indiana ...	23	915	...	19	1	...	8	...	28	23	9	
Iowa ...	21	900	...	64	...	...	...	...	64	21	9
Kansas ...	28	872	...	10	1	...	12	...	23	28	8	
Kentucky ...	6	100	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	6	1
Maine ...	49	2224	...	59	...	...	...	...	59	49	22
Maryland ...	12	518	1	36	...	...	2	1	38	13	5
Massachusetts ...	154	7556	...	348	14	...	...	...	362	154	79
Michigan ...	18	651	...	24	...	...	7	...	31	18	6
Minnesota ...	17	585	...	17	...	...	...	...	17	17	6
Missouri ...	17	689	...	22	...	...	1	...	23	17	7
Mont. & Idaho.....	6	181	...	8	...	...	...	...	8	6	1
Nebraska ...	16	572	1	57	...	...	...	1	57	17	6
New Hampshire ...	35	1123	...	39	1	...	16	...	56	35	11	
New Jersey ...	31	1681	...	43	...	...	6	...	49	...	...
New York ...	121	5212	...	73	2	1	21	1	97	122	53	
Ohio ...	97	4506	2	144	1	...	12	2	157	99	46	
Pennsylvania ...	197	13613	...	383	36	...	...	...	419	197	140
Rhode Island ...	15	479	...	8	3	...	...	...	11	15	4
Vermont ...	39	1163	2	80	...	...	3	2	83	41	12
Wash. & Ore.....	13	554	...	21	...	...	11	...	32	13	5
Wisconsin ...	29	1012	...	38	...	...	...	...	38	29	10
Total ...	1075	50989	7	1678	67	1	114	8	1859	1083	528	

• Deficit, \$56.90.

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF DIVISIONS FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1920.

	In Good Standing March 31, 1920.		GAIN				Total Gain.		Aggregate		LOSS						Total Loss.		In Good Standing June 30, 1920.		Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treas- uries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	No. Relieved, or Their Families.				
			By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement						By Disbanded.	By Death.	Honorable Discharge	By Transfer.	By Dropped.														
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camp	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Amount Received for Per Capita Tax.	Cash on Hand at Division Head- quarters.	Cash on Hand in Camp Treas- uries.	Amount Expended for Relief.	Members	Veterans			
Ala. & Tenn.....	11	181	12	...	...	...	12	11	193	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	192	\$ 16.20	\$ 4.00	\$ 100.00	\$.....	...	...			
Cal. & Pac.....	18	837	14	5	...	...	19	18	906	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	18	903	80.01	155.92	184.83	50.00	...	...			
Col. & Wyo.....	5	131	6	...	...	...	6	5	137	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	137	11.79	2.19	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut	41	2359	71	1	3	...	73	41	2434	...	...	9	1	1	37	48	41	2386	208.35	27.70	4497.40	25.00	...	...			
Illinois	56	2325	1	81	12	1	94	57	2419	...	...	2	2	...	15	423	15	427	171.99	102.08	1615.90	...	...	...		
Indiana	23	915	19	1	8	...	28	23	943	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	23	940	82.89	23.26	5474.85	186.00	...	...			
Iowa	21	900	64	...	...	...	64	21	964	...	...	5	...	1	16	22	21	942	79.02	378.59	301.32	19.00	...	...			
Kansas	28	872	10	1	12	...	23	28	895	1	19	2	2	...	17	1	40	27	855	76.05	752.07	129.13	7.00				
Kentucky	6	100	1	1	6	101	1	...	1	6	100	8.91	3.12	541.60				
Maine	49	2224	59	59	49	2283	7	2	2	121	47	2162	189.27	362.11	1190.85				
Maryland	12	518	1	36	...	2	38	13	556	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	13	553	46.53	232.57	2039.64	243.25	...	...			
Massachusetts	154	7556	348	14	...	...	362	154	7918	...	...	18	17	9	72	116	154	7802	670.86	374.82	18435.96	584.85	19	14	
Michigan	18	651	24	...	7	...	31	18	682	...	...	...	...	...	20	20	18	662	57.42	131.21	335.81	2.03	...	...			
Minnesota	17	585	17	17	17	602	3	...	1	2	68	2	72	15	630	46.97	222.30	442.93				
Missouri	17	689	22	...	1	...	23	17	712	...	...	3	...	...	9	12	17	700	61.02	221.36	366.80	...	...	...		
Mont. & Idaho.....	6	181	8	8	6	189	1	13	1	13	6	176	15.12	13.54	44.76				
Nebraska	16	572	1	57	...	1	57	17	629	...	...	...	...	...	31	31	17	598	48.69	170.69	302.37	...	...	...		
New Hampshire	35	1123	39	1	16	...	58	35	1164	...	...	2	3	...	10	15	35	1164	101.26	108.60	1200.61	3.00	3	...			
New Jersey	31	1681	43	...	6	...	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	37	31	1693	148.50	175.83	5468.55	391.35	6	...
New York	121	5212	73	3	21	1	97	122	5309	3	23	1	24	4	251	118	6058	451.15	341.32	4316.69	68.75	2	6				
Ohio	97	4506	2	144	1	12	2	157	99	4663	9	...	3	137	149	99	4514	393.30	333.12	2196.71				
Pennsylvania	197	13613	383	36	419	197	14032	29	...	1	37	246	1	312	196	13720	1200.33	36.10	35663.58	8355.84	161	19			
Rhode Island	15	478	8	3	...	...	11	15	490	...	...	2	...	...	13	15	15	475	42.03	74.84	491.21	28.00	...	...			
Vermont	39	1163	2	80	...	3	2	83	41	1246	...	1	...	...	10	17	41	1229	103.41	199.18	679.31	...	...	...		
Wash. & Ore.....	13	554	21	...	11	...	32	13	586	...	...	...	...	1	21	22	13	564	48.87	169.11	327.52	...	...	...		
Wisconsin	29	1012	38	38	29	1050	3	1	1	30	35	29	1016	87.93	*	728.20				
Total	1076	50939	7	1678	67	1	114	8	1859	1083	52848	1	19	99	67	1	58	24	1553	26	1786	1057	51062	\$4447.86	\$1625.63	\$87076.42	\$9998.47	183	3*

* Deficit, \$56.90.

Some vital matters are to be considered, and there is some real work in prospect for our long-headed, level-thinking delegates. Your experience and your advice is needed. Then too, National Encampments with the Grand Army of the Republic are numbered—only a few more, and then (?). Would it not be a good idea to prove the appreciation of our heritage by our devotion, while the Grand Army lasts? "LET'S GO!"

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENT.

II. The Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will convene at Indianapolis, Ind., Hotel Severin, Wednesday, September 22, 1920, at 2 o'clock p. m. and all relating thereto will be in accordance with the announcements made in General Orders Nos. 7 and 8. Officers, Members and Delegates will be governed accordingly.

Temporary Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief will be established at the Hotel Severin, Tuesday, September 21.

The Council-in-Chief will meet at Hotel Severin at 2 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, September 21, 1920, for auditing the books and accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Wednesday, September 22, at 10 o'clock a. m. all Sons of Veterans, under supervision and arrangements by Edwin M. Amies, Chief-of-Staff, will parade as escort to the Grand Army of the Republic—at its Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment. This should be a creditable display and every member possible should be in line. Camps will parade with their colors and members wear regulation badge.

Wednesday evening, September 22, at Hotel Severin, reception to the Commander-in-Chief, National Officers and Members of the Sons of Veterans, by the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. All members are urged to be present.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings, respectively, receptions, camp fires, public meetings and patriotic demonstrations.

A general invitation to all members of the Sons of Veterans is extended by and for the City of Indianapolis, and for the State of Indiana, to attend this Encampment.

Hotel rates as announced in General Orders No. 8, August issue of The Banner, will govern. Reservations for rooms will be charged for whether taken or not, so that if a member having reserved room is unable to attend notice should be given at once cancelling same. In making reservations the time of arrival should be stated (date) and number of persons to arrive.

RAILROAD RATES—INDIANAPOLIS ENCAMPMENT.

III. General Orders No. 7, Grand Army of the Republic, dated August 24, 1920, announce:

The Central, Trunk Lines, Trans-Continental and New England Passenger Associations have fixed a rate of ONE CENT A MILE, tickets good going and returning same route. Tickets on sale from August 25 to September 21.

The Western Passenger Association—on all lines but one—has granted the one cent a mile rate, tickets on sale from September 15 to 20. Good returning to reach destination by midnight of October 14.

Some of the lines in the Southeastern and Southwestern Passenger Associations have granted the one cent a mile rate.

Tickets can be procured at the reduced rate ONLY by Certificate. These can only be furnished to members of the Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and such others as specified on the Certificates.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will procure the Certificates from Department Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in their respective Divisions or States—(National Headquarters cannot issue same)—and Division Secretaries will promptly furnish the Certificates to their Past Division Commanders, Delegates and Members of the Order who will attend the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind.

Tickets will be on sale from August 25 to September 21, inclusive. Journey must be begun on date of purchase of ticket. All tickets good for two months from date of sale. Stop overs going and returning are permitted, when arranged for.

Thanks are due Commander-in-Chief Hall of the G. A. R. for the efforts put forth to secure this rate and for the application of the concession to the Sons of Veterans.

IV. This is the swan song of a closing administration, not untinged with a sense of appreciation and gratitude. There has come much which will go to make the afterglow a pleasing reflection.

There has been some hard and persistent work without the measure of result we had hoped to achieve in the way of numerical strength. It has taken some considerable time and effort to diagnose the difficulty and to select a remedy. Our early investigations led us along the accustomed route traversed by our predecessors and we sought to try the same oft-tried remedies.

Our appeal was for new members whom we hoped to enlist through a revival of effort of the old members. While the appeal has not been altogether fruitless, it seemed to lack that vital spark which enthused to the degree of activity, except in a few places, notably Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Connecticut. In these Divisions the real spirit of the Order has shown vitality and there has been response. Old-timers at recruiting in these Divisions have reported the record of success. Never has it been easier to interest the eligible than now.

This fact simply goes to show that we have not been alert. Most of us have been sleeping at the switch and the train of opportunity has passed without our seeing. It is time for some straight talk and a handling of the unvarnished truth without the softening glove.

Are we at all sure that we WANT this Order built up? Undoubtedly the answer will be Yes—but do we? Again, Yes, but with an If—IF the other fellow will build it. Willingly will we give our moral support but when it comes to do some of the work, we are busy.

Personally, I am not altogether sure that we need an overwhelming membership if we have the proper spirit. A few right thinking, right motivated, active, live-wire Sons can do a lot, while added numbers of non-workers would but make an added burden to be carried.

The weight of my experience for the year then, still leaves me in doubt as to what the rank and file of our organization really want or expect. I am hopeful that the coming Encampment may handle the questions that have been accumulating for years and arrive at some outstanding decision that will

popularize in the hearts of those who are eligible, that degree of respect and consideration for a father's service to his country, as shall arouse in the Son an active outward expression of his gratitude.

The later days of this administration's activity have been devoted to an effort to awaken in the eligible, a sense of the importance of the opportunity to do a wholesome and unselfish thing as a paramount duty. There are signs of success in certain directions, and if a deeper appreciation has been instilled into the consciousness of eligibles, then in no small degree perhaps we may feel that the effort of the year has been crowned with success. Sure it is, and this is the compensation, that we have done the best we knew how, in the light of the occasion. The record is made and it is for the future to write the epitaph of success or failure.

I could acknowledge a deep sense of gratitude to those brothers in all Divisions who have taken off their coats and made an effort. The future holds much for us all, but I trust a few of the choicest bits of Life's good things may be awarded these faithfuls who have and are fighting the good fight, with backs to the wall and a fearless front to the indifferent and somnolent. The final stanza of my swan song then is the clarion call to alertness. Let us up and defeat this claim of lethargy which would tell us we cannot. Come on! men, show the world we CAN. Even more, that we WILL.

NEW CAMPS.

V. Application for charter for Camp at Wallingford, Division of Connecticut, with 25 charter applicants was approved, August 13.

Following Camps were instituted and charters issued thereto:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
June 1	8	Englewood, Illinois	18
Aug. 3	39	Ellsworth, Wisconsin	16

CAMPS DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED.

VI. Camps Disbanded and Dropped, quarter ending June, 1920, charters thereof revoked are as follows, and Division Commanders and Division Secretaries will cause record to be made accordingly:

Illinois—Dropped: Camp No. 5, Mason City, 80 members; Camp No. 7, Chicago Heights, 19 members; Camp 44, Batavia, 10 members; Camp 46, La Grange, 18 members; Camp No. 54, Geneseo, 47 members; Camp No. 55, Momence, 7 members; Camp No. 56, Alton, 10 members; Camp No. 86, Robinson, 17 members; Camp No. 91, Hanna City, 16 members; Camp No. 93, Wyoming, 20 members; Camp No. 95, Tampico, 9 members; Camp No. 97, Lanark, 19 members; Camp No. 216, Naperville, 26 members; Camp No. 284, Kansas, 29 members; Camp No. 301, Oblong, 42 members.

Kansas—Dropped: Camp No. 266, Wetmore, 19 members.

Maine—Dropped: Camp No. 61, Newport, 7 members; Camp No. 93, Lisbon Falls, 10 members.

Minnesota—Dropped: Camp No. 6, Windom, Minn., 28 members; Camp No. 5, Mitchell, S. D., 39 members.

Montana & Idaho—Dropped: Camp No. 3, Missoula, 13 members.

New York—Dropped: Camp No. 30, Brockport, 36 members; Camp No. 67, Theresa, 15 members; Camp No. 139, Troupsburg, 10 members; Camp No. 201, Friendship, 14 members. members; Camp No. 67, Theresa, 15 members; Camp No. 139, Troupsburg, 10 members; Camp No. 201, Friendship, 14 members.

Pennsylvania—Transferred Camp 123, Philadelphia, with 37 members to Camp 2, Philadelphia.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NUMBER ELEVEN.

VII. Report of the National Secretary for month of August, 1920:

RECEIPTS.

July 31, 1920, to balance	\$1861.92
Received for per capita tax	\$4371.46
Charter fees	2.50
Supplies	139.54
Miscellaneous	3.71

Total receipts \$4517.21

\$6379.13

EXPENDITURES.

By general expenses	\$2940.42
Office expenses	70.90
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	9.10
Junior Order—Shipping supplies, 1919-'20.....	.34

Total expenditures \$3020.76

Balance, August 20, 1920..... \$3358.37

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies	\$ 294.00
The Banner, subscription, August, 1920.....	782.00
Printing	4.50
Reserve, Military Department	34.23
Shipping supplies	25.69
Salary and compensation	1500.00
Miscellaneous (Encampment appropriation— (Past) Commander-in-Chief's badge, etc...)	300.00

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage, stationery, telegrams, books, ex- press	\$ 70.90
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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

Office	\$ 9.10
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JUNIOR ORDER.

Shipping supplies	\$.34
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Total expenditures \$3020.76

By order of

HARRY D. SISSON,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(CONTINUED)

Commander-in-Chief: The reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and the reports of the officers of the Commandery will be read by title and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. They are ready for distribution.

The reports were so read by title and so referred.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Portland, Ore., September 1, 1920.

Harry D. Sisson,

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

Dear Commander:

It pleased the members of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to honor me by electing me to serve with you during the coming year, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I realize that this honor was a tribute to the Pacific Coast Divisions, where I now hold membership and perhaps in recognition of my many years of activity in the Order. The greatest honor that can come to us in this world, to my thinking, is the love and respect—the preferment of our associates. My only regret in making this report is that I could not give more of real service to you and the things for which you and the Sons of Veterans stand.

There can be no question of the patriotism of the Pacific Coast States. The record of Oregon during the war is a thing of which we are justly proud and this is also true of the other coast states; but the Pacific Coast is made up of widely scattered communities, particularly in the Northwest. The cities are small and many miles apart. The territory was new at the time of the Civil War and furnished but few soldiers. The Sons of Veterans membership is small and I have found it very difficult to increase it. When I returned after the Columbus Encampment I made an earnest attempt through the G. A. R. Posts to secure new Camps in Oregon. I wrote many letters to persons recommended to me as sons of Union Soldiers. The results have been small, although I still have hopes of securing eventually enough Camps for an Oregon Division.

The Order is in better shape in Washington than in Oregon, due to a greater number of large cities and the fact that the Division Encampment is held with the Annual Meeting of the Washington Department G. A. R. California is the strong Coast Division, and largely for the same reason that Washington excels Oregon. California is also fortunate in its recent Divi-

sion officers. Commander William H. Hyden is an officer of unquestioned ability, he has great enthusiasm and is an untiring worker. It is a great disappointment to me that the date of the California & Pacific Division Encampment made it absolutely impossible for me to attend. I believe that conditions in the Order of Sons of Veterans are improving in the territory west of the Rocky Mountains. There are many earnest conscientious men in the Order on the Coast and their interest is being re-awakened and they will be heard from in the future.

In addition to efforts in my own city, which have resulted in some new members and in the organization of an Auxiliary to Somer's Camp, I had the pleasure of visiting the Camp at Tacoma, Wash., and installing the new officers last January; of participating in the organization of the new Camp, at Yakima, Wash.; and of attending a joint meeting of the Camp and Auxiliary at Spokane, Wash., a few weeks ago. I also attended the Washington & Oregon Division Encampment which was the largest in many years, and where much genuine enthusiasm was shown.

In recognition of your kindness in placing me in direct command of the Camps west of the Rocky Mountains, I have endeavored to conduct myself in such a manner as to bring credit upon the Commander-in-Chief whom I represent and upon the Order we both love. It has been a great pleasure to serve even in a small way with you, and I shall ever treasure in my memory the confidence which you have shown in me and the kindly interest you have manifested.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK McCRILLIS,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Milwaukee, Wis., July 16, 1920.

Harry D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

When a year ago this Commandery-in-Chief saw fit to confer this high honor upon me I felt a great wave of enthusiasm surging within me, somewhat akin to the old zeal that was characteristic of us "Old timers" in the early stages of the Order. In my mind there loomed up vistas of great achievements. Alas, you know the name of the place that is said to be paved with good resolutions.

I was not able to accomplish what I had fondly dreamed. Illness prevented me from giving the Order the time and attention needed to gain tangible results.

One thing, however, I found to be a fact: Our Order is today passing through a crisis, with some Camps it is a question of "to be or not to be." I found it difficult to interest eligibles; to regain former members and quite a task to hold the brothers meetings the past year. Perhaps this lethargy is not nationwide but confined only to certain Divisions.

The impending presidential campaign will, no doubt, add to our discomfort. The great war, may be blamed to a considerable extent for our troubles. The young men—sons of Civil War Veterans—who served with almost unanimity, doubtless find our Order tame and are preferably drawn into organizations called into being by their own valor and heroism.

A condition not a theory confronts us, a problem vital and unescapable.

If you expect me to provide an unfailing remedy in this report you will all be doomed to disappointment. It is a matter that all of us must take time to consider. I trust that collectively we will be able to devise ways and means to arouse new interest so that our Order may become one of the greatest forces for good in our grand country.

I still am convinced that there are great possibilities for the Sons of Veterans; that we may be able to exert an educative influence on our people, and especially the youth of America, and that we will constitute a bulwark to uphold the guarantees of our time-tried Constitution, not only for the present generation but also for those yet to come.

Someone has defined a "sinecure," as an office, whose duties are discharged without pay. The Junior Vice Commandership is a super sinecure, for there are no duties to perform at all, unless holding down an official chair, can be dignified by calling it such.

Of course according to the R. & S. in case of absence of Senior Vice or even the Commander-in-Chief, the Junior Vice Commander may temporarily shine in those high places.

There is, however, one amenity that appears to be incident to the office, which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the present incumbent. I refer to the practice or custom of sending circulars and the like to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. The several Divisions of the Order and the affiliated bodies and auxiliaries and Sons of Veterans clubs and associations placed me on their mailing lists, so that I became the grateful recipient of many communications, invitations and the like, which kept me informed as to what was going on in the Order throughout the land. This really was something worth while, and I embrace this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all of such organizations, and also to all brothers who so willingly assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

F. J. WALTHERS,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1920.

To Hon. H. D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

The transactions of this Department are herewith reported in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. They comprise details, correspondence, keeping of the records,

finances, filling and shipping requisitions, receiving, tabulating and recording reports and duties of that nature. Constant attention is rendered.

The last Encampment directed the certification of the "Sons of Veterans Declaration, adopted by said Encampment, to The President, The Senate, The House of Representatives, The Governors and The Legislatures of all the States." This was complied with. All acknowledgments thereof were reported in the official organ—"The Banner." In addition thousands of copies were distributed to Divisions, Camps, individuals, newspapers, promulgated to G. A. R. Posts and gatherings of various kinds of our Allied Orders.

Assigned by you to the office of National Treasurer upon the death of National Treasurer J. L. Rake the duties were assumed January 20, 1920. Without knowledge of your action proposing to the Council-in-Chief election to that office for the unexpired term confirmed and executed in form, the office was combined with that of National Secretary and the work performed.

MEMBERSHIP.

When Permanent Headquarters were established there were 778 Camps and 29558 Members (June 30, 1905, report). Apparently the Order has not been as attractive or interesting for many members who united with it since. It is to be regretted that a son of a veteran of the War for the Union, with a heritage to be proud of and a distinction solely his, fails to appreciate in his membership in our Order, the memory, service and honor of and to his Ancestor. It is amazing that the price of membership—the paltry dues required—is responsible in most instances for such to lose membership in and fail to associate with the Order.

If our Order fails in its opportunity to attract the eligible and lacks in impression upon the member—it is largely the responsibility of officers of a Camp and the manner in which it is conducted. It is the effort or endeavor to show that there is sufficient in the Order for every member to exemplify his patriotism, love of Country and develop the principles of good citizenship.

A Camp should and is expected to do its part. It has that contract with every member. Its affairs and meetings should always be interesting and attractive thereby having its members active and interested in its work. These features prevailing the membership is retained and losses comparatively slight. An active Camp seldom has severe losses.

The record following showing number of members initiated since that period is a subject for thoughtful consideration. What could have been done and now resorted to for retaining the member is a problem—maintaining our membership. Camps do not meet it. Divisions have not been able to find the solution. Commandery-in-Chief Officers have endeavored for years to discover it. The Commandery-in-Chief has frequently given it consideration. Perhaps Camps, plainly their affair, have been left with that responsibility for too long a period.

If a member can receive—if it can be found to in some manner "give"—in some way meet the competition of other Orders and our members have commensurate attractions with such, it is one source in my estimation that will tend to in a

large degree satisfy and hold members that now can find no compensation (for them) in the Order.

The Initiations are the only source for actual gains. Deaths and Dishonorable Discharge the only means by which losses are unavoidable and given for that reason. In the amount expended for relief and number relieved it is regrettable (as a matter of true record) that all Camps and Divisions do not report. The enormous amount expended for relief will be a revelation as commendable and substantial evidence and exemplification of the spirit of Fraternity which exists in the Order.

MEMBERSHIP OF DIVISIONS—GAINS AND LOSSES.

Division:	June 30, 1919		June 30, 1920		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn....	10	150	11	192	1	42		
Cal. & Pac.....	16	504	18	903	2	399		
Col. & Wyo.....	4	133	5	137	1	4		
Connecticut ...	41	2397	41	2386				11
Illinois	56	2548	42	1992			14	556
Indiana	22	920	23	940	1	20		
Iowa	19	863	21	942	2	79		
Kansas	33	1085	27	855			6	230
Kentucky	6	106	6	100				6
Maine	49	2307	47	2162			2	145
Maryland	14	485	13	553		68	1	
Massachusetts ..	159	7471	154	7802		331	5	
Michigan	22	831	18	662			4	169
Minnesota	19	619	15	530			4	89
Missouri	16	677	17	700	1	23		
Mont. & Idaho..	10	173	5	176		3	5	
Nebraska	12	396	17	598	5	202		
New Hampshire..	35	1150	35	1164		14		
New Jersey	33	1734	31	1693			2	41
New York	134	5684	118	5058			16	626
Ohio	98	4573	99	4514	1			59
Pennsylvania ...	210	13569	196	13720		151	14	
Rhode Island ..	16	508	15	475			1	38
Vermont	38	1165	41	1229	3	64		
Wash. & Ore....	11	394	13	564	2	170		
Wisconsin	42	1377	29	1015			13	362
Total	1125	51819	1057	51062				

RECAPITULATION—GAINS AND LOSSES.

		Camps Members	
Number in good standing June 30, 1919.....	1125		51819
Gain—		Camps Members	
By Organization and Initiation...	31	5909	
Transfer		122	
Reinstatement	5	360	
Total gain		36	6391
Aggregate		1161	58210

Loss—			
By Disbanded	33	665	
Death		414	
Honorable Discharge		250	
Transfer	1	114	
Dropped	70	5705	
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Total loss		104	7148
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No. in good standing June 30, 1920...	1057		51062
Loss from June 30, 1919.....	68		757

There was an increase in the number of initiations the last year over the preceding year of 2,441 members; and the total gain over last year was greater by 2,250 members.

This year's loss was greater than last year's by 8 Camps and 528 members.

Amount of cash in Division Treasuries.....	\$ 4625.63
Amount of Cash in Camp Treasuries.....	87076.42
Expended for Relief	42031.61
No. of Members of their families relieved.....	968
No. of Veterans or their families relieved.....	121

NEW CAMPS.

Division:	Applications Number		Camps	Charter
	Approved	Applicants	Instituted	Members
Alabama & Tennessee ...	1	32	1	30
California & Pacific.....	2	61	2	61
Connecticut	1	25		
Illinois	1	34	1	18
Iowa	4	123	4	154
Maryland	3	97	3	97
Minnesota	1	24		
Missouri	1	105	1	101
Nebraska	9	296	9	239
New Jersey	1	27	1	25
New York	1	42	1	55
Ohio	6	160	6	172
Pennsylvania	1	15		
Vermont	3	73	3	56
Washington & Oregon....	4	106	4	91
Wisconsin	1	23	1	16
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Total	40	1243	37	1115
1918-'19	11	407	12	427

New Camps were organized in six more Divisions than the previous year.

INITIATIONS, ETC., 1906-1920, INC.

Term	Camps	Members			In Good	Expended	No. Relieved:	
Ending	Organ-	Initi-			Standing	for	Mem. Vets.	
June 30.	ized.	ated.	Died.	Dis.	Cps.	Relief.	(or their	
							families)	
1906	85	6663	164		782	30601	\$ 25088.61	396 102
1907	89	6973	187		776	31650	33479.19	674 126
1908	140	9358	190	1	869	35425	27210.19	408 63
1909	121	7764	176		853	35139	24372.96	545 58

1910	121	8281	215	2	901	37531	24904.52	395	43
1911	127	9137	225	1	962	41350	26850.20	203	50
1912	158	9840	258		1036	44253	37138.44	103	63
1913	131	8772	288		1080	45887	23677.32	129	40
1914	177	11217	267		1147	49987	26695.46	133	44
1915	133	10094	327	1	1225	53607	38673.36	118	25
1916	125	9371	320		1216	55055	35118.19	94	80
1917	74	8151	367	4	1274	57824	43909.02	226	52
1918	33	4418	364		1163	54298	36663.14	472	110
1919	13	3468	602		1125	51819	56167.81	736	92
1920	31	5909	414		1057	51062	42031.61	968	121
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Total	1558	119416	4364	9			\$501980.02	5600	7076

Note—In Number of Camps (1558) Divisions of Idaho and Montana included in gains when consolidated with Division of California & Pacific. Actual number of new Camps, 1538.

INITIATIONS IN DIVISIONS—1906-1920.

In the same period the number of Camps instituted and members initiated in all Camps in Divisions was:

Division:	No. Camps Instituted	No. Members Initiated
Alabama & Tennessee.....	14	581
California & Pacific	46	2625
Colorado & Wyoming.....	24	1053
Connecticut	37	3650
Illinois	101	6805
Indiana	72	4050
Iowa	59	2908
Kansas	97	4168
Kentucky	16	532
Maine	53	4725
Maryland	30	1756
Massachusetts	62	11615
Michigan	37	1585
Minnesota	36	1654
Missouri	43	2269
Montana, Idaho & Oregon.....	36	1255
Nebraska	31	1249
New Hampshire	20	2120
New Jersey	36	3518
New York	191	13874
Ohio	172	12777
Pennsylvania	179	26188
Rhode Island	9	1083
Vermont	31	1933
Washington & Oregon	24	1164
Wisconsin	86	3609
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Total	1538	119416

FINANCIAL.

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RECEIPTS.

Account of J. L. Rake, National
 Treasurer, Sept. 11, 1919 —
 Jan. 19, 1920, inc.
 Sept. 11, 1919, to bal-
 ance\$1998.66
 Received for:
 Per Capita Tax..\$4522.36
 Charter Fees . 35.00
 Supplies 1272.84

Total Receipts\$5831.46

\$7830.12

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EXPENDITURES.

By General Expenses..\$6011.26
 Office Expenses 503.76
 Commander-in-Chief's
 Expenses 169.10
 Total Expenditures..\$6684.12

By Balance\$1146.00

\$7830.12

RECEIPTS:

Cash balance, September 11, 1919.....\$1998.66
 October 18, 1919\$ 323.84
 October 31, 1919 70.34
 November 11, 1919 613.76
 November 13, 1919 554.06
 November 14, 1919 176.56
 November 18, 1919 1066.14
 November 19, 1919 226.16
 November 21, 1919 140.47
 November 22, 1919 660.15
 November 25, 1919 1359.92
 November 29, 1919 8.13
 December 15, 1919 117.04
 December 20, 1919 125.27
 December 26, 1919 170.66
 December 31, 1919 41.26
 January 9, 1920 177.70
 Total\$5831.46

\$7830.12

Vouchers for the above as follows:

No. 1619\$ 383.25	No. 1637 3.75
No. 1620 3.27	No. 1638 36.38
No. 1621 2.50	No. 1639 75.00
No. 1622 22.50	No. 1640 20.00
No. 1623 773.19	No. 1641 37.42
No. 1624 2.25	No. 1642 85.29
No. 1625 23.75	No. 1643 121.00
No. 1626 48.35	No. 1644 42.00
No. 1627 35.00	No. 1645 392.75
No. 1628 124.96	No. 1646 1338.27
No. 1629 117.50	No. 1647 2.00
No. 1630 87.35	No. 1648 17.12
No. 1631 8.76	No. 1649 44.54
No. 1632 8.45	No. 1650 120.00
No. 1633 115.25	No. 1651 41.92
No. 1634 1548.22	
No. 1635 611.15	
No. 1636 390.98	
	Total\$6684.12

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Jan. 19, 1920, to balance, from account of J. L. Rake, National Treasurer ..\$ 1146.00

Received for:

Per Capita

Tax\$13305.81

Charter Fees 55.00

Supplies 2654.55

Junior Order,

Supplies .. 8.55

Miscellaneous. 24.35

Total Receipts\$16048.26

\$17194.26

Receipts—Term:

Sept. 11, 1919, to balance\$ 1998.66

Received for:

Per Capita

Tax\$17828.17

Charter Fees 90.00

Supplies . . . 3927.39

Junior Order 9.81

Miscellaneous 24.35

Total Receipts\$21879.72

\$23878.38

RECEIPTS—January 20 -- August 20, 1920, inc.

January 31\$ 394.74

February 7 221.26

February 19 505.18

February 20 1355.90

February 24 431.36

February 25 670.90

February 28 115.61

March 2 158.20

March 4 1180.69

March 13 105.23

March 15 112.87

March 22 104.24

March 31 198.93

April 5 117.72

April 15 108.58

April 20 289.03

April 30 266.67

May 7 166.96

May 8 182.01

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By General Expenses.\$12272.32

Office Expenses 523.01

Commander-in-Chief's

Expenses 1040.56

Total Expenditures.. \$13835.89

August 20, 1920, by

balance 3358.37

\$17194.26

Expenditures—Term:

Sept. 11, 1919—Aug. 20, 1920, inc.

By General Expenses.\$18283.58

Office Expenses 1026.77

Commander-in-Chief's

Expenses 1209.66

Total Expenditures ..\$20520.01

August 20, 1920, by

balance 3358.37

\$23878.38

May 15 193.18

May 17 851.20

May 19 271.54

May 20 314.49

May 21 1137.58

May 22 1204.41

May 29 149.12

June 7 145.56

June 21 124.68

June 30 119.81

July 14 103.45

July 31 229.94

August 4 1401.16

August 9 1030.04

August 11 1235.15

August 14 836.24

August 20 14.62

Total\$16048.26

Vouchers against the above:

No. 1652\$ 252.00

No. 1653 773.20

No. 1654 41.07

No. 1655 8.50

No. 1656	42.35	No. 1693	42.36
No. 1657	345.74	No. 1694	7.50
No. 1658	252.00	No. 1695	114.10
No. 1659	58.24	No. 1696	37.50
No. 1660	9.00	No. 1697	4.39
No. 1661	9.53	No. 1698	838.28
No. 1662	914.62	No. 1699	5.50
No. 1663	112.63	No. 1700	65.51
No. 1664	551.74	No. 1701	155.50
No. 1665	50.00	No. 1702	28.61
No. 1666	5.00	No. 1703	61.64
No. 1667	11.92	No. 1704	11.20
No. 1668	136.02	No. 1705	120.00
No. 1669	3.82	No. 1706	1.70
No. 1670	780.35	No. 1707	303.94
No. 1671	9.00	No. 1708	37.50
No. 1672	2.75	No. 1709	31.76
No. 1673	37.29	No. 1710	42.00
No. 1674	49.73	No. 1711	4.28
No. 1675	7.67	No. 1712	788.15
No. 1676	120.00	No. 1713	62.02
No. 1677	28.40	No. 1714	141.09
No. 1678	253.94	No. 1715	8.00
No. 1679	144.50	No. 1716	23.48
No. 1680	20.46	No. 1717	294.00
No. 1681	50.89	No. 1718	782.00
No. 1682	787.85	No. 1719	4.50
No. 1683	22.86	No. 1720	34.23
No. 1684	5.30	No. 1721	1848.84
No. 1685	11.50	No. 1722	47.75
No. 1686	79.78	No. 1723	9.10
No. 1687	7.68		
No. 1688	294.00		\$13835.55
No. 1689	245.44		
No. 1690	785.63	Junior Order No. 16.	.34
No. 1691	555.72		
No. 1692	6.00	Total	\$13835.89

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DIVISIONS.

Division:	Per Capita	Charter				
	Tax	Fees	Supplies	Misc.	Total	
Ala. & Tenn.....	\$ 57.32	\$ 2.50	\$ 38.66	\$	\$ 98.48	
Cal. & Pac.....	280.53	5.00	144.39	.50	430.42	
Col. & Wyo.....	49.66		8.60		58.26	
Connecticut . . .	842.85	2.50	149.83		995.18	
Illinois	809.55	2.50	108.72		920.77	
Indiana	332.08		46.65		378.73	
Iowa	305.37	7.50	125.66		438.53	
Kansas	323.01		71.64		394.65	
Kentucky	36.36		1.30	3.21	40.87	
Maine	758.79		99.58		858.37	
Maryland	173.25	7.50	54.75		235.50	
Massachusetts . .	2617.29		699.46	.50	3317.25	
Michigan	247.23		49.98		297.21	
Minnesota	203.04		53.12		256.16	
Missouri	221.04	2.50	115.02		338.56	
Mont. & Idaho..	70.81		9.10	13.54	93.45	

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Nebraska	151.65	20.00	148.14	319.79
New Hampshire.	402.57		82.96	485.53
New Jersey	606.87	2.50	106.44	715.81
New York	1880.69		233.27	2113.96
Ohio	1558.53	15.00	260.41	1833.94
Pennsylvania ...	4731.84	2.50	324.86	5559.20
Rhode Island...	172.98		43.62	216.60
Vermont	407.70	7.50	144.79	559.99
Wash. & Ore....	169.29	10.00	205.05	384.34
Wisconsin	417.87	2.50	70.89	491.26
U. S. P. O. Dept.			6.60	6.60
S. V. Auxiliary..			30.50	30.50
Total	\$17828.17	\$90.00	\$3927.39	\$21869.91
Junior Order ...				9.81
				\$21879.72
1918-1919	\$17159.83	\$27.50	\$2563.60	\$19760.03

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES—1919-1920.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

For stock and supplies.....	\$2965.11
The Banner, subscription, September, 1919,	
August, 1920, inc.	9353.05
Encampment	804.95
Printing	576.20
Reserve—Military Department	295.93
Shipping supplies	203.89
Salaries	2125.00
Bonds, National Officers	35.00
Miscellaneous—(Commander-in-Chief's badge,	
etc.) and items not under caption.....	372.48
Compensation	1000.00
Publicity Department—Circularizing Divisions	
and Camps—organization, and "Declara-	
tion of Sons of Veterans".....	345.00
Contingent Fund	206.63
Junior Order—Shipping supplies .....	.34
	\$18283.24

OFFICE EXPENSES.

For postage	\$ 196.70
Express	7.10
Telegrams	38.73
Stationery—National Officers, inc.	302.74
Rent	477.50
Miscellaneous	4.00
	\$ 1026.77

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.

For postage	\$ 59.30
Telegrams	21.01
Traveling	1064.55
Office	55.10
Stenographer	5.00
Express	4.70
	\$ 1209.66

Total \$20520.01

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

Prevailing business conditions apply to us. Prices are not definite nor permanent. On almost every order there is an advance over previous prices.

Camp station banners are so prohibitive in cost that with your approval and the Council-in-Chief it was deemed inexpedient to invest the funds for these banners and considered unreasonable to expect Camps to purchase them. Lowest proposals would have necessitated paying nearly \$10.00 per set by Camps. They generally apply to new Camps, comparatively few used, it was considered unwise to carry them in stock.

Increase in cost of seal presses for Camps required that \$1.00 be added to the price, which with your approval and concurrence of the Council-in-Chief was done. Since that advance another has been made in cost to us to the amount of \$1.00 so that our cost is \$5.00. A bare profit on former prices was realized and in some instances owing to shipment to far distant points there was no profit. The Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions will require considerable increase in price to profitably procure same and ship at expense of the Commandery, as is done.

It is impossible to obtain printed forms, blanks, Descriptive, Ledger, Roll of Members, Cash (books) etc. at prices quoted on requisition forms.

If the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions are to furnish supplies to Camps without loss the requisition prices must be increased.

Cost of supplies on hand, August 20, 1919.....	\$2349.46
Cost of supplies purchased during term	2965.11
Cost of supplies to account for.....	\$5314.57
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1920.....	\$2884.55
Cost of supplies sold during term.....	\$2430.02
Amount received for supplies	\$3927.39
Cost of supplies sold	\$2430.02
Cost of supplies furnished National Officers....	7.20
Shipping supplies	213.89
Supplies received—express paid	8.47
Total cost of supplies sold.....	\$2659.58
Profit	\$1267.81

JUNIOR ORDER.

There has been little if any development in this branch. A number of inquiries concerning it have received attention. Divisions generally do not give the consideration of importance to the Junior Order that was anticipated when it was originated. They fail to bring it prominently to the attention of the Camps. They do not develop the interest and possibilities in this organization it should receive for success and growth.

The annual report for term ending December 31, 1919, was:

JUNIOR ORDER ANNUAL REPORT FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1919.

Division.	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1918.		Gain.		Aggregate.		Loss.		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1919.		Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1918.	Amount Received in 1919.	Amount Expended in 1919.	Balance Cash Dec. 31, 1919.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
Maine	3	91	...	...	3	91	...	1	3	90	\$	\$	\$	\$
Massachusetts	4	101	...	5	4	106	1	27	3	79	31.48	47.19	50.55	23.12
New Jersey	1	20	...	...	1	20	...	...	1	20	24.10	15.75	10.85	29.00
Pennsylvania	9	337	1	28	10	375	1	41	9	334	131.23	143.05	116.91	157.37
Vermont	1	10	...	...	1	10	...	...	1	10	2.51	...	...	2.51
Wisconsin	1	16	...	...	1	16	...	...	1	16	7.65	...	...	7.65
Total	19	575	1	43	20	618	2	69	18	549	\$196.97	\$205.99	\$178.31	\$224.65

Division.	In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1918.		Gain.		Aggregate.		Loss.		In Good Standing Dec. 31, 1919.		Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1918.	Amount Received in 1919.	Amount Expended in 1919.	Balance Cash Dec. 31, 1919.
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
Maine	3	91	..	..	3	91	..	1	3	90	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....
Mass.	4	101	..	5	4	106	1	27	3	79	31.48	47.19	50.55	28.12
N. J.	1	20	..	..	1	20	..	..	1	20	24.10	15.75	10.85	29.00
Penna.	9	337	1	38	10	375	1	41	9	331	131.23	143.03	116.91	157.37
Vermont ..	1	10	..	..	1	10	..	..	1	10	2.51	.....	.....	2.51
Wisconsin ..	1	16	..	..	1	16	..	..	1	16	7.65	.....	.....	7.65
Total ...	19	575	1	43	20	618	2	69	18	549	\$196.97	\$205.99	\$178.31	\$224.65

Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1919.....\$303.59
 Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1920..... 298.14

Sold during term\$ 5.45
 Amount received for supplies\$ 9.81
 Cost of supplies sold\$5.45
 Cost of shipping supplies34

Total cost of supplies sold\$ 5.79

Profit\$ 4.02

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND.

August 20, 1919, to balance cash (interest).....\$ 418.08
 Balance in War Ambulance Fund 2185.79

Total cash balance\$2603.87
 Interest on total cash balance and bonds..... 161.81

August 20, 1920, total cash\$2765.68
 By credit to Organization Fund, action of Thirty-eighth
 Encampment—total amount of interest, 1919 and
 1920\$ 579.89

August 20, 1920, to total cash in fund.....\$2185.79
 Second Liberty Loan, U. S. Government Bonds.....\$2500.00
 Collateral Mortgage three year 5% Notes, due August 1,
 1914, of International & Great Northern Railway
 Company\$2000.00

Total amount in fund.....\$6685.79

No returns have been received or realized on the mortgage
 notes of the International & Great Northern Railway Company,

since the Company has been in the hands of Receivers, 1914. Advices within the month from financial authorities are to the effect that a reorganization of the Company will be attempted during the year, and estimate that these notes will realize about seventy (70) cents on the dollar. The present quotations are about 30 bid, 35 asked; also 32-36.

ORGANIZATION FUND.

August 20, 1920, to amount of interest on cash and bonds
in Permanent Reserve Fund, August 20, 1919.....\$418.08
Interest from August, 1919, on cash balance and bonds.. 161.81

Total amount in fund\$579.89

This fund was created at the Thirty-eighth Encampment, from the interest realized annually on the Permanent Reserve Fund—to which by action of the Encampment was added the balance then in the War Ambulance Fund.

It is to be applied by "the Commander-in-Chief (empowered) to pay from said fund such necessary expense as may be incurred for this (organization) purpose from this 'Organization Fund,' said disbursement in any one year not exceeding the amount derived in the year preceding its application or use." It may be considered as a small amount for the object. It is however, a basis or start for development and eventually will be an important feature.

Divisions should not neglect their activities or opportunities depending upon this rather than their own efforts. New Camps are the most profitable source of revenue for a Division. In the past there were organized in the various Divisions from two (2) to forty-one (41) new Camps in a term. All Divisions should feature organization of new Camps.

PER CAPITA TAX.

Conditions do not permit a reduction in the present rate of per capita tax. Within the last twelve years the Charter Fee has been reduced from \$5.00 to \$2.50. The Membership Fee of twenty-five (25) cents on each newly initiated member has been abolished. No per capita tax is received on reinstated members as formerly, nor, on new members initiated in a quarter. Since these sources are not producing a revenue or income, as formerly, wisdom emphasizes the necessity for financing and maintaining a substantial income.

RECOMMENDATION: That Chapter 6, Article 13, Constitution, Rules and Regulations—DUES AND REVENUES—be amended by striking out (page 53) the words:

"provided that neither Camps nor Divisions shall be required to pay per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was initiated."

RECOMMENDATION: That the per capita tax for the ensuing year or term at least be at the rate of thirty-six (36) cents per annum, payable quarterly, on each and every member in good standing each quarter.

CHARTERS REVOKED.

By your order of July 1st—also General Orders No. 7, three (3) Divisions are shown as loss for the year—on the ground

that they "failed to function and had become reduced to less than the dignity of the required number of Camps * * *"

These are the Divisions of:

Colorado & Wyoming,
Kentucky,
Montana & Idaho.

The Camps in these Divisions were ordered to be attached and assigned respectively as follows:

In the Division of Colorado & Wyoming to the Division of California & Pacific.

In the Division of Kentucky to the Division of Ohio.

In the Division of Montana & Idaho to the Division of California & Pacific.

In consequence the number of Divisions is reduced to twenty-three (23).

Colorado & Wyoming: The greatest number of Camps was 8 and 211 members since 1907 (last report 5 Camps and 131 members).

There were but six initiations since September, 1917, quarter, when one new Camp and 15 members were secured.

Kentucky: The greatest number of Camps was 9 and 205 members since 1907 (last report 6 Camps and 100 members).

Since December, 1916, quarter but three (3) new members were initiated in the entire Division.

Montana & Idaho: The greatest number of Camps was 14 and 267 members on the consolidation of the two Divisions—Montana and Idaho respectively, quarter ending September, 1915.

Since that period three Camps were organized and 138 members initiated.

DIVISION OFFICERS.

In a number of Divisions there is no attempt by Division Commanders and officers to inspire and interest the Camps. No Division Orders or Circulars are issued and seldom a communication from Division Headquarters. This is responsible largely for Camps being Dropped.

Such Divisions accomplish nothing and have no policy or reason for existing. There is no excuse for a Division Commander and officers at Headquarters not to communicate with Camps and Camp Officers.

It is to be hoped that the recently elected Division Officers will have sufficient interest to be in constant communication and contact with their Camps and Camp Officers. Such Divisions have results, gain in membership and perform the work of the Order—and for the reasons that we exist as an Order.

RITUAL.

RECOMMENDATION: That paragraph 22, page 6, under General Instructions—Ritual—be suspended or that the banners be abolished and said paragraph be stricken out.

That paragraph 26, page 7, General Instructions be revised by striking out the words: "The traveling cards, one annual and one quarterly provided through the office of the National Secretary are issued"—and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Order for password and countersign and Visiting Card (Form B) provided through the office of the National Secretary on Requisition Form 1½."

That the Camp Commander's address to or inquiries of the Patriotic Instructor (last paragraph page 9) Senior Vice Camp Commander and Junior Vice Camp Commander (page 10), in the Opening Ceremonies—as to colors of their banners—be stricken out and in lieu thereof insert respectively applicable to each of said Officers the words: "What color does your station represent."

That paragraph 8, page 11 (pledge) be amended by striking out the sentence after the word "all."

THE BANNER.

Notwithstanding numerous communications, repeated requests and instructions, orders and directions—for mailing lists—the names and addresses of members of Camps to be forwarded so that each member can receive the official organ—The Banner—there are quite a number of members that fail to receive the paper. This is due to neglect and failure of Camp Secretaries to supply such lists and inability of Division Commanders and Secretaries to secure them from Camps.

Division Commanders and Secretaries should use their authority to compel Camp Secretaries to provide or supply these lists so that every member of the Order will receive the publication.

The Banner is the medium for communicating by orders and directions with Camp Commanders and members. It is ridiculous to issue instructions and orders to Camp Commanders—and they not to have knowledge of the requirements, instructions and affairs of the Order—through the Commander-in-Chief, yet it is a fact, many not receiving the paper.

Every effort was made to secure lists from all yet there are 118 Camps aggregating 2996 members not receiving The Banner.

There is negligence to an extent in reporting changes, dropped members and additions of new members. Changes such as loss of members should be reported immediately by Camp Secretaries as well as Division Secretaries. This is constantly impressed upon them. Until such changes are reported the Commandery-in-Chief is obliged to pay for all papers. Neglect to report dropped members requires that we pay for more persons entitled to receive the paper than we should—until said report is received.

Divisions are regularly supplied with lists from this office showing number of Camps last in good standing and number receiving and not receiving The Banner; comparing and advising of discrepancies and the unnecessary payments of members or to former members. Co-operation of Camp Secretaries with Division Secretaries in a number of Divisions has resulted.

The number of members reported as failing to receive THE BANNER and not on the mailing list, (number in good standing as last reported in each Camp) are:

Division:	No. of Camps	No. of Members
Alabama & Tennessee	3	30
California & Pacific	6	125
Colorado & Wyoming	3	60
Indiana	4	40
Iowa	3	132
Kentucky	1	6
Michigan	1	14
Montana & Idaho	5	79
Nebraska	1	26
New Jersey	2	31
New York	17	530
Ohio ...	17	440
Pennsylvania	38	1123
Rhode Island	2	28
Vermont ...	7	141
Washington & Oregon	1	18
Wisconsin ...	7	173
Total	118	2996

G. A. R. AND ALLIED ORDERS.

In Commander-in-Chief Daniel M. Hall of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Past Camp Commander and a Brother of the Division of Ohio—we have had an able advocate. He has rendered us important service. In him the Sons of Veterans were honored as never before in that a member of our Order was chosen to the high office of Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. following the illustrious leaders of that great Order. He has honored and served us—and always acknowledges his appreciation of the honor he has in being an active member in the Sons of Veterans.

Important conferences and pleasant associations with National, Department and local officials of the G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary have established co-operation, closer relations and prestige with all for our Order.

SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

The Sons of Veterans Auxiliary continues its valuable assistance. It is an important adjunct. It serves Camps immeasurably and is at our service for all it can render. In some Divisions it assists Camps in recruiting members and seeking eligibles. This is a splendid service to perform. If given opportunity the Auxiliary can be relied upon for loyal and substantial assistance. Camps should take advantage of Auxiliary assistance and profit to be derived and organize Auxiliaries.

A VOID.

There is a void at Headquarters, a vacant chair. He, who so worthily filled it as National Treasurer since Permanent Headquarters were established—no more responds with his exceptional ability, wise counsel and splendid service. James Lewis Rake—Forgotten—Never! Missed—after a life time of intimate association—Always! Dear Old Pal of Mine.

CONCLUSION.

Most cordial have been our relations. Your splendid ability, constant activity to inspire, to increase the membership, up-build the Order, devotion to the trying duties of your office and the excellent judgment displayed, has endeared you to the membership with sincere appreciation of your leadership and services to the Order.

Acknowledging the many courtesies of the various National Officers—the colleagues in the work of the term ending, as well as from you with sincere appreciation and the hope for many years of happiness to you and all, I have the honor to offer the foregoing as report.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Of the National Secretary-Treasurer, to the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Indiana, September 22-24, 1920, inc.

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RECEIPTS.

August 20, 1920, to balance ... \$3358.37
 Received for:
 Interest on cash balances\$57.45
 Charter Fees —
 Divisions of Ia., Minn., Neb., N. Y. 10.00

Total Receipts\$ 67.45

\$3425.82

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:
 For subscription, The Banner, September, 1920 ... \$ 796.32
 Encampment ... 1134.70
 Salary 366.66
 Miscellaneous (dues Federated Societies affiliated with G. A. R.) 25.00
 Contingent fund 29.77
 Officers except Commander-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff, National Secretary-Treasurer ... 16.41

\$2368.87

Office Expenses:

For postage, express, telegrams, furniture, typewriter, rug, rent Oct.-Dec., inc.\$ 279.27

Commander-in-Chief's

Expenses:

For telegrams and office ... \$ 1.78

Total Expenditures \$2649.92

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EXPENDITURES.

By General Expenses..\$2368.87
 Office Expenses 279.27
 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses 1.78

Total Expenditures..\$2649.92

Sept. 29, 1920, by balance ... \$ 775.90

\$3425.82

Vouchers for above disbursements as follows: by authorization of Encampment:

Voucher No. 1724.....\$ 29.77
 Voucher No. 1725..... 96.50
 Voucher No. 1726..... 45.72
 Voucher No. 1727..... 96.76
 Voucher No. 1728..... 76.30
 Voucher No. 1729..... 70.84
 Voucher No. 1730..... 117.89
 Voucher No. 1731..... 87.58
 Voucher No. 1732..... 46.54
 Voucher No. 1733..... 20.00
 Voucher No. 1734..... 953.23
 Voucher No. 1735..... 80.00
 Voucher No. 1736..... 157.66
 Voucher No. 1737..... 25.00
 Voucher No. 1738..... 22.35
 Voucher No. 1739..... 539.28
 Voucher No. 1740..... 184.50

Total ... \$2649.92

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

Altoona, Pa., August 19, 1920.

To Hon. Harry D. Sisson.

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

My Dear Commander:

Again herewith, as is the annual custom of this office, I have the honor to submit to you and the Commandery-in-Chief my report as Chief-of-Staff.

And in the main so far as the physical status of the Department is concerned you are referred to the report to me of the Assistant Adjutant General, herewith attached and made part hereof. The report of the Assistant Adjutant General will show a decline or net loss from our last annual report of six hundred and eighty-five men. When this is taken into consideration honestly this decrease is not alarming, nor is it discouraging. You will recall at our Encampment held at Niagara Falls two years ago a feeling of gloom pervaded the atmosphere of the Commandery-in-Chief and grave doubts were entertained as to the continuance in its present form of the Order at large. But the intervening year brought forth results highly encouraging to the Commandery-in-Chief, and at Columbus, Ohio, last year the Order had regained its momentum and a largely increased membership was noted and the most enthusiastic and largest Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was held that year, far exceeding any meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief for years before. It is with this same spirit that I come now to the Commandery-in-Chief recommending and demanding, if I may use such term, the continuance of the Military Department in the hope and assurance that the Department will regain and maintain the former dignity held by this Department. We are more than ever convinced that the Military Department is a great incentive to the upbuilding of the Order, and since our country is regaining its normal attitude I feel safe in saying that with the addition of our returned boys from over there that the morale of the Reserve will be greatly increased for its betterment and for the strength of the Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief at large. It cannot be denied, as heretofore set forth in our reports, that the Camp having a Company of Reserve thereto attached is the best Camp, and when we are called upon to perform the physical work bequeathed to us by the Grand Army of the Republic the Camp having a Company of Reserve attached does the better and more patriotic work and service. Some reports have reached the Chief-of-Staff to the effect that there is a movement on foot to sever the Military Department from that of the Commandery-in-Chief and leaving the maintenance of the Reserve to the Divisions to handle themselves. I am not in favor of such a movement. Our previous experience with the Military end of our organization prior to the taking over by the Commandery-in-Chief, warrants us in saying that if a severance of the two Departments is made it will certainly work to the detriment of the Order at large. This Order, nor any other Order having attached to it a military end, cannot be conducted upon an haphazard plan. Some central authority must be maintained whereby a uniform system of government shall be maintained and ordered. Some of you will recall the

awful exhibition made by the Sons of Veterans in nondescript military uniform prior to the centralization of the military body, and after the governing body had organized a Military Department from that moment a uniform standard was maintained, and Sons of Veterans Reserve upon public appearance compared favorably with the regular soldier. I trust that if any intended action along the line of severance be made that due and serious consideration be given to the whole subject, with a view at least of centralizing authority.

FINANCES.

I am again glad and proud to report to the Commandery-in-Chief that this Department has been managed within the lines of its appropriation, as it has been managed during all the years of the incumbency of the present Chief-of-Staff.

CONCLUSION.

Our nation is coming gradually to the point where it is assuming its normal attitude. It seems that our people are realizing the magnitude of the things to be done and accomplished. There does not seem to be any backward movement but on the contrary the spirit of the American man is asserting itself and important matters and things must be accomplished. This nation must maintain a foremost attitude and must assume its rightful place as the leader of all peoples. This Order founded after the very spirit of the founders of our country must, like the nation itself, assume the attitude, which our rights and prerogatives bequeathed to us by the Grand Army of the Republic, and take its place as one of the leaders of all patriotic and civic movements. To do this it is incumbent upon this Commandery-in-Chief and the subordinate bodies to assert itself prominently in all patriotic, civic and public matters. And as an adjunct to all of this the military body must be maintained for through it the real character of our forefathers displays itself in the Reserve. To divorce from the civic body all things military, to my mind would be suicidal. It is true that some change might be made to meet the various moods of some of our members relative to uniform, and perhaps it might be a good thing were we to return to the uniform of our forefathers of 1861-65. This, of course, is a grave question and could only be accomplished after mature deliberation.

Let us then go forward standing upon the principles and beliefs of our Order and believing in all of the sacred things handed down to us from above, resolve to renew our faith and obligation in those principles and assert ourselves as true Sons of Veterans should.

I want to thank all with whom I have come in contact officially during the year, expressing to them my hearty appreciation of all support, advice and comfort given, and to here again express my appreciation of the valiant and painstaking work rendered this Department by Colonel Stewart, the Assistant Adjutant General.

Faternally,

EDWIN M. AMIES,
Chief-of-Staff.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

Adjutant General's Office.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 25, 1920.

The Chief-of-Staff,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Altoona, Pa.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1919-1920, based upon the reports for May 1, 1920:

	Officers	Men	Gain	Loss
Pennsylvania Brigade	104	1931		345
Department of Ohio	23	408		117
Department of New York	18	259		176
Department of New Jersey	8	161	4	
Department of Rhode Island	8	157	6	
California	2	49		3
Delaware	3	57	6	
Illinois	3	103		57
Minnesota	2	52	7	
Washington	1	30		11
Wisconsin	1	22	1	
Totals	173	3229	24	703

A net loss, referred to the last annual report of 685 men.

While the loss, due to the disorganizing effect of the World War, is almost as large as last year, yet there is a gratifying number of returns to the gain column, entirely wanting last year.

Underneath the surface of a report dealing with figures alone, we are glad to state that many commands which for a time looked as though they would be a total loss, have been successfully reorganized and are doing good work.

The regrettable change of the location of the National Encampment deprived us of the opportunity of making a splendid turn-out of the organizations in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, which the reports showed would have been not less than 500 men.

We can positively state that with few exceptions the better class of the commands of the Reserve are still doing good work for the Order, and will continue to do so, if kept under the restraint of central authority.

The action of the Pennsylvania Division Encampment urging the upbuilding of the Reserve—representing one-fourth of the entire membership of the Order, is significant appreciation where the Reserve has been developed to its highest point of efficiency—and the failure to grow in many other States is due almost entirely to our inability to secure the interest of the RIGHT MEN, and not to any inherent defects of the organization. With the Reserve, as with the Order as a whole, the biggest stumbling block is the difficulty of getting influential men of standing to give a bit of their time to real work.

Even if we have passed the zenith—and if the Reserve had no other possibility of good for the Order, its continuance is justified, nay, more, demanded, as a preventive to the return

to the heterogenous conditions of independent military commands, subject to no law.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

August 1, 1919—July 31, 1920.

RECEIPTS.

Commissions	\$ 2.00
Supplies	4.97
Chief-of-Staff	256.00
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	\$262.97

EXPENSES.

Stenographer	\$180.00
Traveling expenses	55.02
Office sundries	9.50
Paper stock	5.03
Postage	13.42
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	\$262.97

DETAILED RECEIPTS.

Commissions:

Lieut. Hawthorne, California	\$1.00
Capt. Hendley, New Jersey	1.00
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	\$2.00

Supplies:

Captain Hendley, New Jersey	\$.25
Major Williams, New York	1.44
Lieut. Col. Yengling, Ohio	1.50
Captain Moore, California98
Captain Gleason, Rhode Island80
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	\$4.97

Once more it is my privilege to acknowledge your many courtesies, and to thank you for your unfailing consideration, and confidence reposed in me.

Very respectfully,

HENRY STEWART,

Colonel, S. V. R.,

The Acting Adjutant General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

New Haven, Conn., July 6, 1920.

To H. D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Commander:

I herewith submit my report to you as National Counselor for the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the year ending September, 1920.

I trust my services to the Sons of Veterans as National Counselor has met with approval, and although the work has not been strenuous and the opinions filed have not been numer-

ous, still the work which I have done has been very pleasant and not the slightest bit laborious.

As a National officer I have been received with a great deal of respect by the Camps in the Connecticut Division, and the standing as such that it has given me I trust has resulted in some good toward the building up of our beloved Order.

Opinion No. 1 in regard to the right of a Division to order inspections was accepted by you and I believe will meet with the approval of the national body. This opinion was founded upon the inherent right of a Division to manage its own affairs subject to the rules and regulations of the national body, and in that opinion I held that the Division had a right to order inspections if they so desired.

Opinion No. 2 was upon a decision requested from Ezra S. Griffin Camp No. 8 of the Pennsylvania Division vs. D. O. Freeman and in that opinion I held that the rules and regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief should be complied with and that the trial proceed in an orderly manner and according to the Constitution and Laws of the Sons of Veterans.

Opinion No. 3 was from the Minnesota Division on the question of the right of the Minnesota Division to elect a Secretary and Treasurer at their Division Encampment to be held in June, 1920, to take the place of one Turner who was appointed by the Division Commander to fill the unexpired term of the Secretary and Treasurer who had resigned.

I attach herewith a copy of the opinions for filing with the records of the national body.

It would seem as though the work of the Sons of Veterans in the United States is progressing satisfactorily and although questions are liable to arise which would call for a decision, none have arisen during my term of office which were in any way fatal, but all had a tendency to clarify the atmosphere and make progress sure.

I wish at this time to express to you my sincere appreciation of the confidence that you had in me by appointing me to fill this office. I know my limitations and assure you that it has been a great honor to be associated with a man who has at heart the interests of the Sons of Veterans and is so sincere and untiring in his efforts to build up this wonderful society.

I cannot close my report without calling to your attention the great love and respect which the Division of the State of Connecticut holds for you and how much pleasure it has given the State of Connecticut to have you visit us and listen to the words of wisdom and the inspiring addresses which you have given, and I believe that the Connecticut Division this year is going to respond nobly to your earnestly expressed desire to make the State of Connecticut one of the banner states in the Union, and as Division Commander of the State of Connecticut as well as being on your staff this year, I feel the responsibility placed in me and sincerely trust that Connecticut will meet up with your expectations.

Very respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM F. ALCORN,
National Counselor.

OPINION NO. 1.

New Haven, Conn., November 6, 1919.

Harry D. Sisson,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,
Pittsfield, Mass.

My Dear Commander:

Your letter of November 4th with file enclosed, asking for an official ruling on the question of a Division's right to order inspections, has been received, and I have given the question some careful attention, and would advise, that in my opinion the matter of ordering inspections in a Division is a right which is enjoyed by the Division Encampment and when the Division Encampment so votes, it is a duty incumbent upon the Division Commander to see that the same is enforced.

It is very clear that the Constitution and Laws governing the Sons of Veterans does not prohibit Divisions from holding inspections and on the principle whatever rights are not given up or are not held by the Commandery-in-Chief, may be exercised by the subordinate bodies, so long as they are not in conflict with the principles of the Order.

As the holding of inspections is not in conflict with the principles of the Order I see no reason why they may not be permitted to do so, as it is purely a local affair. The control of the Division is vested in the Division Commander subject to the orders of the Division Encampment and the Division Commander by Article 6 of Section 1 of the Constitution and Laws, is directed to carry out by all proper orders the affairs of the Division and Camps and members thereof.

Trusting this opinion will meet with your approval, I am

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM F. ALCORN,
National Counselor.

OPINION NO. 2.

New Haven, Conn., April 1, 1920.

Harry D. Sisson,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.,
Pittsfield, Mass.

Ezra S. Griffin Camp No. 8, S. of V., U. S. A., Penn-
sylvania Division, vs. D. O. Freeman.

My Dear Commander:

I have reviewed the papers sent to me in the above entitled case.

The charges contained in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 are all susceptible of proof.

The charges contained in paragraph 5 seem to me are borne out by the original circular hereto attached.

The statements contained in the letter of the Pennsylvania Division Commander and the Division Secretary are in my opinion susceptible of proof also.

Those facts being true, I would therefore advise you that in my opinion you would be justified, and in fact it seems it would be your duty if in your opinion "the circumstances warrant" to proceed according to Section 5 of Article 24 of the Constitution and Laws of the Sons of Veterans.

It is also my opinion, which is strictly obiter dictum, that there should be a way in which a member of our Order could be prevented from making malicious attacks upon the Division officers and the society in general without going through the formality of a trial.

However, on the whole it seems to be to the best interest for the good name of the Sons of Veterans that the trial proceed in an orderly manner and according to the Constitution and Laws.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
WILLIAM F. ALCORN,
National Counselor.

OPINION NO. 3.

New Haven, Conn., May 29, 1920.

E. H. Milham, Council-in-Chief,
1615 St. Anthony Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of May 26th requesting an opinion as to the right of the Minnesota Division to elect a Secretary and Treasurer at your Division Encampment to be held in June, 1920, to take the place of George W. Turner, who was appointed by the Division Commander to take the unexpired term of Brother Petty, resigned.

In answer to your question I would refer you to Section 4 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations governing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which reads as follows: "Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Division shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank; such vacancy shall be filled permanently by the Division Council which shall convene within 30 days." Under this section it would seem to me that if the Division Commander appointed the officer next in rank to Brother Petty to be the Secretary and Treasurer, he would only hold office until the vacancy had been permanently filled by the Division Council. This section makes it imperative that the Division Council shall convene within 30 days from the date that the vacancy occurred.

If Brother Turner was permanently made Secretary and Treasurer by the Division Council within 30 days from the date of the vacancy, it is my opinion that he would hold office until the unexpired term for which Brother Petty was elected.

If the Division Council has not convened and filled this vacancy, they should do so at once, and their action will fill the office of Secretary and Treasurer permanently until the end of the term for which Brother Petty was elected.

If they did not convene and fill the vacancy permanently, the Division Council has not been faithful to their duties and therefore the Division can of course perform all duties that the Division Council could perform, and if the vacancy still exists at the time of the Division Encampment, and the Division Council has not acted, then you would have the power, in my opinion, to elect a Division Secretary for the unexpired term of Brother Petty.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
WILLIAM F. ALCORN,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

With sincere gratitude for the honor that has been mine during this year in being permitted to fill this high office, I submit the report thereof.

Not only assuming, but also feeling the responsibility of this office I proceeded accordingly. Soon after being appointed and installed I began to learn more about the great need of men, women and children along Americanization and education. Soon there fell into my hands the Smith-Towner Bill and leaflets bearing on the real National emergency that is undoubtedly upon us. Again I studied the "Declaration" of 1919 in the light of these other startling facts and saw that by lending my influence in behalf of the passage of the educational-Americanization Bill I would be to that degree putting into effect our "Declaration." Letters were sent to Division Commanders and other prominent members, also to prominent members of allied organizations with the result that many have given their personal support, and several state organizations have pledged themselves to actively support the movement.

The Smith-Towner Bill consideration is not contrary to our law regarding religion and politics, for it is NOT the "pet" of any party or sect but is a proposed program for a national educational policy and is enthusiastically supported by men and women of all parties and creeds.

The Bill proposes

I. To create a Department of Education having a Secretary on the President's Cabinet. Thus putting our educational program on par with Commerce, Labor, Agriculture, etc.

II. To appropriate \$100,000,000 to be apportioned among the several states, according to their needs, for the following purposes:

1. Removal of adult illiteracy.
2. Americanization of foreigners.
3. Equalization of educational advantages.
4. Physical education, sanitation.
5. Preparation of teachers and administration.

Few realize the prevalence of the army of illiterates. Nearly four millions, native born. 700,000 of the 2,400,000 dough-boys were unable to read and write. Many startling facts reveal the need of a National program for educational activities as provided herein.

It was my privilege to visit three Division Encampments, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Iowa. At these gatherings, and elsewhere I was accorded the honors due the office. At Knightstown, Indiana, there is an institution, an Orphans' Home, which deserves our consideration and hearty support. It was my privilege to visit the same in May in company with the famous "Candy Committee."

A shadow was cast over the Iowa Encampment. A colored Comrade, in some way, lost himself and was killed by a night train. The National Chaplain of the Sons was asked to assist in the service that was held in Ottumwa, Iowa, the day following the Encampment.

In conclusion, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, let me express again my deep appreciation of the co-operation and loyalty on the part of the Division Chaplains, and others who have in any way made possible the work done in this branch of the service. We, as an Order, have a great task to perform. The day in which we live calls for 100% manhood, true American manhood. We need men who can look their fellowmen straight in the eye and say "With malice toward none and charity for all" we hereby renew our pledge to the flag of our fathers and forefathers, feeling that there is room for but one flag, the Red, White and Blue, and if there be those among us who will not join us in that pledge they are hereby permitted, requested and urged to secure their passports and return whence they came, to their own, their native land.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous year to the coming administration, I am,

Most sincerely in F., C. & L.,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,

National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Lincoln, Neb., July 6, 1920.

To Harry D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to present herewith my report as National Patriotic Instructor. I am conscious that it inadequately presents the patriotic activities of the Sons of Veterans during the year. Division Instructors commonly state that they have been unable to secure complete reports from Camp Instructors, without which a full report is impossible.

In my opinion it is of the utmost importance that all officers of our Order and especially Division Patriotic Instructors should emphasize the importance of our patriotic work to the Order and to the country, by impressing upon Camp Commanders and especially Patriotic Instructors the importance of patriotic meetings, the proper observance of special patriotic days, particularly Union Defender's Day and Memorial Day.

Every patriotic order has its duty to perform. Many of them in their activities devote attention to the national service in which they or their ancestors were participants, but to the Sons of Veterans falls the high privilege and patriotic duty of commemorating the services and sacrifices of the men whose heroism saved the Union from dismemberment and destruction. Well may we dedicate ourselves to the great task of inculcating patriotism among the citizenship of our nation.

I earnestly urge that the greatest possible emphasis be laid upon the importance of a proper observance of our patriotic days and occasions, whatever the particular object of such day or occasion may be. A comprehensive program for such days might well be prepared and published in our official organ and promulgated in Division Orders and furnished direct to all Camp Commanders and Patriotic Instructors.

The reports of the several Division Patriotic Instructors

Division Number.	Name and Address of the Division Chaplain Reporting.	Date the report was received.	Number of Brothers Belonging to Camp.	No. of Brothers Participating in Mem. Day Observances.	Number of Brothers Armed and in Line.	Number of Brothers Unarmed in Line.	Did Camp Furnish Firing Squad? No. of "yes" replies.	How many Addresses Delivered by Sons of Veterans?	Number of Brothers Attending Services Memorial Sun.	Did Camp Observe Union Debtors' Day? No. of "yes."	Number of Deaths in Camp in last 12 Months.	G. A. R. Number of Funerals attended by Camp in a Body.	G. A. R. Number of Burials conducted by Camp.	"A" Did Camp Use Memorial Service?	"B" Number of cemeteries covered by members of the Camp.	Number of flags placed on Veterans' graves.	Number of graves of Veterans given attention.	Number of Camps Reporting.	Number of Camps Not Reporting.	Per Cent of Camps Reporting.			
1	Alabama & Tennessee.... Ben W. Spacey, Memphis, Tenn.....	June ..	181	160	0	0	4	14	161	5	2	68	0	0	0	25	10000	9700	11	0	100		
2	California & Pacific..... L. E. Jarvis, Pasadena, Cal.....	July 24	794	227	107	27	3	6	144	4	6	7	2	1	1	27	677	802	12	6	67		
3	Colorado & Wyoming..... W. H. Collins, Denver.....	.....	34	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	20		
4	Connecticut..... Donald Greene, Bridgeport.....	July 22	1598	797	20	87	3	27	423	11	21	8	11	0	1	3	9039	8276	25	16	61		
5	Illinois..... B. F. McClelland, Chicago.....	Aug. 6	1666	784	35	49	7	74	522	7	14	45	8	3	3	129	5308	5245	28	14	68		
6	Indiana..... H. C. Wright, Fort Wayne.....	July 19	816	244	41	38	3	8	209	5	4	6	2	1	1	3	91	13440	10434	17	4	81	
7	Iowa..... W. H. Taylor, Cedar Rapids.....	July 28	334	174	10	10	1	1	117	2	6	10	5	1	4	0	1	31	1203	418	7	12	37
8	Kansas..... Seward Baker, Hutchinson.....	Aug. 6	414	223	24	40	3	7	152	2	5	5	5	0	2	1	25	1816	1642	13	16	45	
9	Kentucky..... Chas. A. Keinzle, Louisville.....	July 15	105	70	0	0	0	1	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5131	5131	6	0	100		
10	Maine..... Arthur M. Soule, Kingfield.....	July 1	2216	1045	212	589	9	29	663	10	16	20	8	1	0	5	3	243	10188	10188	44	0	100
11	Maryland..... L. M. Dice, Hagerstown.....	June ..	425	234	66	66	14	17	184	9	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	46	4819	7989	10	3	77
12	Massachusetts..... G. Elmer Mossman, Camp 110.....	Sept. 16	7726	4153	567	2747	34	133	2337	65	65	131	49	10	16	27	10	779	57264	59546	145	9	96
13	Michigan..... Arthur E. Lewis, Detroit.....	July 13	596	281	25	40	5	5	204	6	5	8	1	2	0	1	2	40	3377	3421	15	3	84
14	Missouri..... C. C. Luse, King City.....	Aug. 6	337	116	36	9	2	13	56	4	3	15	3	2	3	1	2	36	2672	2168	6	10	38
15	Minnesota..... Harold Sharp, Brookings, S. D.....	June 15	389	164	62	55	6	20	105	3	4	19	3	7	2	3	1	31	3050	3050	8	9	47
16	Montana & Idaho..... W. N. Worth, Sec. Treas., Butte.....	Aug. 16	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	60		
17	Nebraska..... Wm. L. Gaston, Lincoln.....	Sept. 10	305	102	.....	11	1	3	55	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	16	27	
18	New Hampshire..... W. N. Bartholomew, Concord.....	July 23	966	494	79	284	7	16	335	11	7	18	9	1	6	4	2	150	7105	4162	28	7	80
19	New Jersey..... G. H. Carter, Trenton.....	July 17	1537	742	358	422	12	37	528	18	15	14	13	9	7	8	0	184	10033	9813	27	4	37
20	New York..... Stephen Hancock, Chenango Bridge.....	July 19	2845	1391	248	414	19	85	1063	34	30	56	20	17	10	14	9	335	23132	19467	57	64	47
21	Ohio..... Lewis R. Poole, Lancaster.....	Sept. 3	1919	1018	257	295	12	92	712	16	21	40	13	0	2	4	1	184	19009	16657	27	67	29
22	Pennsylvania..... D. D. Kauffman, Waynesboro.....	July 1	9607	4674	1685	1875	97	191	2097	64	92	187	56	83	47	32	14	660	38694	31041	90	107	46
23	Rhode Island..... C. P. Hall, Pawtucket.....	July 24	414	249	88	155	9	7	129	4	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Vermont..... W. R. Curtis, Westminster.....	July 28	639	335	22	66	1	5	235	3	3	8	7	6	2	2	7	110	3485	3485	18	20	45
25	Washington & Oregon..... F. C. Shipley, Seattle, Wash.....	July 13	175	95	4	4	0	5	57	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	.....	.....	7	6	54
*26	Wisconsin..... W. W. Moore, Eau Claire.....	July 31	433	152	41	40	1	6	128	3	3	16	2	0	1	2	1	36	1369	1471	10	.....	.....
Totals			36654	17949	3987	7323	253	804	11695	287	826	693	213	146	108	112	63	3315	236713	218219	636	504	55%

* Report incomplete. Original lost in mails. Not received by National Chaplain.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT

National Patriotic Instruct-
or for year ending Dec. 31,
1919.

Names of Divisions and
Division Patriotic Instruct-
ors making Reports.

	Date report received.	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute -- Daily or Occasionally.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Teachers show lively interest.	5. Number of flags donated.	6. Prizes offered by Camp or Individual.	7. Gettysburg tab-lets presented to schools.	8. Sunday schools invited to hold spe-cial services.	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches.	11. Objectionable school histories?	12. Amount expend-ed for Patriotic In-struction.	13. Do Camps offer services to G. A. R.?	14. Do Camps as-sume charge of Memo-rial Day?	15. Division Patri-otic efforts.
Alabama and Tennessee A. B. Adams.....	May 12	many	yes-O	no	no	1000's	no	no	yes	no	no	yes		yes	some	Participation in patriotic en- deavors.
California and Pacific Frank A. Carpenter.....	March 4	yes	yes	yes	yes	2	yes	4	yes	yes	yes	no	\$62.60	yes	1	School services, flags, Sun- day School.
Colorado and Wyoming Wm. L. Spencer.....	June 25	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	none	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no		yes	assist	
Connecticut George Merritt	April 10	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	25	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$370.00	yes	yes	
Illinois W. H. H. Miller.....	Jan. 10	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	all	some	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	
Indiana James V. Cook	May 10	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	127	yes	yes-2	yes	yes	yes	no	\$97.00	yes	yes	Open meetings, flag flying encouraged.
Iowa C. S. Holland	June 3	yes	yes-O	yes	lukewarm	171	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	some	"War Sunday" making the spirit permanent.
Kansas H. M. Lewis.....	May 17	yes	yes-D-O	yes	yes	6	some	some	yes	yes	yes	no	\$60.50	yes	some	
Kentucky Alex. Hamilton	May 21	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	many	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	no	Assisted in meetings with good results.
Maine Murry H. Watson	Feb. 10	yes	yes-O	yes	yes	8	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$30.00	yes	yes	Public meetings.
Maryland Samuel M. Croft.....	Jan. 24	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	27	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$430.00	yes	some	
Massachusetts Edward B. Simmons....	May 11	yes	yes-O-D	yes	yes	114	yes	9	yes	yes	yes	no	\$859.00	yes	partly	
Michigan Wm. H. Malone.....	April 13	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	154	some	7	yes	yes	yes	no	\$110.00	yes	yes	Social gatherings.
Minnesota J. Gladden Hutton.....	June 21	yes	yes-O	yes		214	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$100.00	yes	partly	Patriotic anniversaries ob- served. Americanism taught.
Missouri Karl P. Goodrich.....	April 15	yes	yes-O	yes	divided	2	no	1	yes	yes	yes	no	\$12.00	yes	yes	Good results.
Montana and Idaho W. N. Worth	May 20	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	supplied	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	by request	
Nebraska E. C. Kembler.....	May 10	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	none	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$20.00	yes	by request	Good results.
New Hampshire John E. Cuddy.....	Jan. 1	yes	yes-D-O	yes	yes	13	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	\$22.00	yes	jointly	Receptions.
New Jersey Samuel E. Lueck.....	April 30	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	18	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$280.00	yes	yes	Public meetings, publicity in papers.
New York W. A. Waterman.....	April 16	yes	47-D 19-O	yes	yes	166	yes-O	yes-O	yes	yes	yes	no	1520.74	yes	partly	Meetings, parades, soldier welcomes.
Ohio Lewis Barney Fretz.....	April 1	yes	yes-D-O	yes	yes	many	no	several	some	yes	yes	no		yes	some	
Pennsylvania Samuel E. Gould.....	May 14	yes	yes-D	yes	partly	71 2100	none	none	yes	yes	yes	no		yes	partly	
Rhode Island Chester E. A. Starrett...	Feb. 23	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	none	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$57.00	yes	yes	Entertainments, receptions.
Vermont Chas. W. Josselyn.....	April 6	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	37	2	4	yes	yes	yes	no	\$10.00	yes	mostly	Rallies.
Washington and Oregon B. W. Colner.....	May 1	yes	yes-D	yes	yes		no	no	no	yes	yes	no		yes	no	Patriotic work at every op- portunity.
Wisconsin Henry A. Goldsmith.....	April 10	yes	yes-D	yes	yes	5	some	4	yes	yes	yes	no	\$36.00	yes	some	Bonds, stamps bought. French orphan supported.

show many interesting things that cannot be reflected in a consolidated statement such as is attached to this report and I take the opportunity of discussing some of these instances in detail by Divisions.

Alabama and Tennessee is the only Division which reports the use of objectionable school histories, but these histories are not designated by name or the objectionable parts referred to except that there are "quite a number in every State of the Division."

California and Pacific reports that Rosecrans Camp held services under the direction of the Patriotic Instructor in twenty-seven (27) public schools. This entitles this Camp to honorable mention. It is an example that might well be emulated by every Camp of our Order.

The Division of Illinois reports that all schools display flags. This Division also reports that many Sunday schools held Memorial Day services.

Iowa Division claims the honor of originating "War Sunday" which was nationally observed in 1918. This Division also claims to have led the Nation in the "thank you" to the soldier.

The observance of special patriotic days in many Divisions seems to be confined to the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln and Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Seventeen Divisions report the expenditure of moneys for furthering patriotic instruction. The five Divisions leading are in order as follows:

New York	\$1520.74
Massachusetts	859.00
Maryland	430.00
Connecticut	370.00
New Jersey	280.00

The Division of Washington and Oregon reports by one Camp the donation to its school of a group of Allied flags.

The Division of Wisconsin reports that one Camp has contributed to the support of French orphans.

The varying reports as to the interest displayed by teachers in public schools leads to the suggestion that some definite effort should be made to interest our school officers and teachers in the observance of patriotic days and especially Union Defender's Day and Memorial Day, also that greater effort should be exerted in placing Lincoln's Gettysburg tablets in the public schools.

The Division Patriotic Instructors of the Divisions of California and New York make very complete and detailed reports of their activities, which it is impossible to adequately reflect in the consolidated report presented herewith.

Apparently an increasing number of Camps are assuming charge of Memorial Day for the Grand Army Posts, although many Camps as in former years, merely assist. The passing of the years make it more incumbent upon our Order to assist and wherever occasion requires to take the initiative in the observance of Memorial Day. I am convinced that we have, in many instances, been too indifferent in the offering of our services and that we have failed to realize how appreciative of these services are the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

On account of the failure of Division Instructors to use the

proper form showing the number of our members in all branches of the U. S. service, or neglecting to report the same where the regular form included space for such mention, I have not included the same in my consolidated report, but note that the following Divisions report membership:

California & Pacific.
Connecticut.
Maine.
Maryland.
Massachusetts.
Michigan.
Minnesota.
Missouri.

New Hampshire.
New Jersey.
New York.
Ohio.
Pennsylvania.
Rhode Island.
Vermont.
Washington & Oregon.

Massachusetts reports "over one thousand" men in the service with one hundred seventeen (117) commissioned officers.

Pennsylvania reports seven hundred forty-eight (748) men in the service with eighty-five (85) commissioned officers.

New York reports one hundred eighty-five (185) men in the service with sixty-six (66) commissioned officers.

Connecticut reports one hundred seventy-one (171) men in the service with twenty-two (22) commissioned officers.

Ohio reports one hundred thirty-two (132) men in the service with twenty-two (22) commissioned officers.

New Jersey reports one hundred twenty-three (123) men in the service with two (2) commissioned officers.

New Hampshire reports eight-eight (88) men in the service with eleven (11) commissioned officers.

Maine reports eighty-seven (87) men in the service with nine (9) commissioned officers.

These Divisions are the ones reporting the largest number engaged in the service. Other Divisions report a much smaller number, but it is apparent that in no Divisions, are the reports complete.

Three different forms of report blanks have been used by Division Patriotic Instructors in making their reports to this office. I recommend that Division Headquarters be directed to destroy all forms on hand containing more than two pages, also Form No. 51 containing Question Sixteen (16). This question refers to the number of members in all branches of the United States service, etc., and it would seem to be unnecessary now that our nation is no longer at war.

In concluding this report I wish to express my appreciation of the confidence reposed in me by the Commander-in-Chief of our Order. Official service under his command has been a genuine pleasure and his communications have been inspiring and helpful. I am grateful to Division Patriotic Instructors for their co-operation. I have noted, with pleasure, the zeal with which a number of these brothers have discharged the duties of their position. I desire to express appreciation to National Secretary H. H. Hammer for many suggestions that have aided in the discharge of my official duties.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L..

FRANK P. CORRICK,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Easton, Pa., Aug. 1, 1920.

Hon. H. D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Nothing having been presented to this committee during the past year for action, I am directed by the Chairman to make a report for incorporation in the proceedings.

It may be that the report of the Chief-of-Staff or Adjutant-General will contain something for consideration of the Commandery.

Our organization has wrested with the problem of a military rank for years, and with the organization of the Reserve, it was hoped that the problem was satisfactorily solved. Like unto the Constitution and Ritual however, it has failed to meet the ideas of the various minds, and a lack of complete support by the Order, which would have made the Reserve body of such a strength and standing as to have weathered even the condition of the World War period, has left the Reserve at its zenith.

The future of the military policy will depend upon the Commandery-in-Chief. If the Reserve is to be maintained, it will require the earnest efforts of such members as are willing to give the same energy to its continuance, as has been given in the past by those who gave their best in the upbuilding from its organization.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

S. S. HORN,

Secretary Committee on Military Affairs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, the Committee on Credentials in order to get the brothers on the roll correctly and get the badges distributed, beg leave to submit the following report:

There are 226 members of the Encampment enrolled, whose credentials have been received. Two officers are absent. There are fourteen Past Commanders-in-Chief, seventeen Division Commanders present, and all Divisions represented.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Committee is received and the Committee continued.

Secretary Hammer: I have here, Commander-in-Chief, communications that should go to the committees.

Commander-in-Chief: You will distribute them. The Constitution requires the calling of the roll of Divisions for communications. If any of the Divisions have any communications not already presented to the Secretary they must be presented on the calling of the roll. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions.

The Secretary called the roll of Divisions, and the Division of Pennsylvania presented a communication, concerning a revision of the Ritual.

GREETINGS.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, I have here letters and telegrams of greeting, which I will read.

The Secretary read the letters and telegrams, as follows:

Peoria, Ill., September 17, 1920.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
National Secretary,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

I regret exceedingly my inability to get to the Encampment. Had the date remained the same as when it was fixed for Atlantic City I would have been able to attend.

I express my warm appreciation of the many friendships during the past years and, if not before, I will see you at the 1921 annual encampment wherever it may be.

A. D. RHINESMITH.

Richmond, Va., September 14, 1920.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
Reading, Pa.

My Dear Horace:

As the time draws nearer for our Encampment my longing to be with you becomes stronger. I have been counting on attending but now I find it impossible for me to be at Indianapolis and request that you extend to the members of the Encampment my sincere regret in not being able to be present. However, my heart will be with you and the rest of my good friends during their deliberations and my prayers will be for a happy and successful Encampment.

Fraternally yours,

EDGAR ALLAN, JR.,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Boise, Idaho, September 17, 1920.

Harry D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Commander:

I have before me one of the most difficult tasks I have ever undertaken in endeavoring to explain to you, and others, that I am not going to be with you next week. I had fully expected to attend the Encampment until up to Tuesday night.

A Directorate in which I am interested, and which has very large holdings in this general district, had its annual meeting, and it was their unanimous wish that I should at once leave on an inspection tour to ascertain the condition of these properties. The meeting was not adjourned until 6 o'clock and I left that night. This is the first opportunity I have had to write anyone. The work which I am undertaking carries with it a fee of about \$15,000 and it ought to be completed in three or four months, so you can see it is rather an important matter to me.

I hope and believe that you will have a successful Encampment. I desire to thank you for courtesies shown me and I regret more than I can tell that conditions seem to make it impossible for me to attend. I hope you will find it in your heart to forgive me and that another year I may have the pleasure of meeting you again.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK McCRILLIS.

Stoughton, Conn., September 20, 1920.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
National Secretary,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
Dear Brother Hammer:

It had been my intention to be with you at the Indianapolis Encampment but a sudden indisposition has kept me in the house for the past week and will oblige me to forego the pleasure of making the trip. I much regret to lose the privilege of meeting my many friends who will be at the Encampment but I wish them to know that my absence is not caused by lack of interest or forgetfulness.

May you have a large attendance and a harmonious and profitable meeting that will impress on all attending the value and the great need of earnest patriotic work and that will send them away determined that our Order shall do its proper part in holding our country true to the ideals of its founders.

Fraternally yours,

C. H. BISSELL,
Past Commander Connecticut Division.

Baltimore, Md., September 17, 1920.

Horace Hammer, Esq.,
Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Horace:

I am very sorry indeed that circumstances prevent my attending the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. I have always had such a delightful time meeting my friends and know what I shall miss. I trust, however, that the Commandery-in-Chief will have a most beneficial and enjoyable meeting.

Asking you to kindly remember me to the boys, I am

Yours fraternally,

EDWIN C. IRELAN,
Past Division Commander, Maryland.

Iola, Kan., September 22, 1920.

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

My Dear Commander:

Business affairs make it impossible for me to attend the National Encampment, which I keenly regret.

My best wishes for a pleasant and profitable Encampment and congratulations on the completion of a year of work that justifies an honest pride.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

C. A. DORSEY,
Past Division Commander, Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., September 21, 1920.

C. C. Behnke, care Sons of Veterans National Encampment,
Severin Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Brother:

I regret very much that I will be unable to attend Encampment on account of rushing business and wife ill. Extend

greetings and best wishes to the officers and members of the National Encampment.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

CHAS. C. WIPPO.

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 24, 1920.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.

Greetings to all of the boys. I am not well but still on earth.

JAMES A. AVERDICK, M. D.

Portland, Oregon, September 22, 1920.

Harry D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans,
Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Department of Oregon Daughters of Veterans extend greetings and best wishes for a successful convention.

FLORENCE M. STURDEVANT,

Department President.

Riverside, Cal., September 21, 1920.

Harry D. Sisson,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Hotel Severin, Indianapolis, Ind.

Riverside Camp in Fairmount Park assembled send greetings to National Encampment of Sons of Veterans wishing you success in work for our Order. We suggest change name to read Sons of Veterans Grand Army of the Republic, more clearly connecting us with Grand Army.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

P. S. SPAULDING, Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, of Pennsylvania: Commander, as most of the brothers know and as the sisters of the Auxiliary know, it was the intention to have the Annual Memorial Service at four o'clock this afternoon. It is now half-past five o'clock, and as there are quite a number both of our Order and the Auxiliary who desire to be present, especially in view of the memory of that brother whom we will honor, who has been called away, I now move that the Memorial Service be made the special order of business for tomorrow afternoon at half after four o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: I think we ought to extend the right of suffrage to the ladies on this matter, or consult them.

Delegate Charles J. Schnaebel, of Washington & Oregon: Commander, I suggest and recommend that we postpone it until tomorrow morning, and let the ladies suggest the hour.

National President Mary L. Tredo: Commander, I think it would be a very good idea to postpone the Memorial Service until tomorrow morning, and if you will permit me, I would suggest nine o'clock.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I will change my motion

to nine o'clock tomorrow morning, Commander, if that is agreeable to my second.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Now, Commander, I move that when the Commandery adjourn it be to meet at half after eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move, Commander, that the Commandery-in-Chief do now recess.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief recessed until Thursday, September 23, at 8:30 o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Thursday, September 23, 1920.
Eight Thirty, A. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: The special order of business for nine o'clock this morning is our Memorial Service. The time has arrived, and I will ask the Chaplain-in-Chief to assume command of this meeting.

The Chaplain-in-Chief assumed command.

Chaplain-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers of the Sons of Veterans and Sisters of our Auxiliary: This is a matter in which we all take a special interest, and just now as we come together we come together not simply to conduct a second funeral service for those who have departed. I feel that in the midst of our very busy days here with the plans for the future and the reports for the past we do well to pause for a few moments to consider something that is other than just temporal—for the time being—and I am going to ask you to please rise while our National Secretary reads the list of those who have departed for the Great Beyond during the past year, including two of our Auxiliary sisters.

Secretary Hammer read the list as follows:

Past Division Commanders—Members of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Connecticut—Clifford N. Batchelor, October 31, 1919.

Maryland—Richard F. Miller, October 29, 1919.

Michigan—Colin M. Stevens, March 22, 1920.

Pennsylvania—James Lewis Rake, January 19, 1920, (Past Division Commander, Past Commander-in-Chief, National Treasurer); William H. Smith, February 5, 1920.

Rhode Island—Henri E. Gobeille, December 3, 1919; Reuben M. Dexter, March 21, 1920.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary:

Ada L. Shannon, Past Division President, of Pennsylvania.

Harriett Ketchum, Past Division President, of Pennsylvania.

Chaplain-in-Chief: In memory of these, and also in memory of a number of others who were not members of the Commandery-in-Chief, let us, Brothers and Sisters, bow our heads in prayer.

Prayer by the Chaplain-in-Chief.

Chaplain-in-Chief: I am going to ask the National Chaplain of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Sister Ida Rokes, to read

from the Scripture, after which Dr. Shumaker, Past Division Chaplain, and Division Commander of Indiana, will lead us in prayer.

Sister Rokes read the XV Chapter, First Corinthians, from the 41st to the 59th verse.

Prayer by Division Commander Shumaker.

Chaplain-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter has been requested to say a word in regard to our friend and brother and loyal servant Past Commander-in-Chief and National Treasurer, James Lewis Rake.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SAUTTER'S TRIBUTE.

Commander-in-Chief, National Chaplain, Brothers and Sisters: There is a legend of an old man whose home bordered upon a river. Upon occasions he was seen slowly descending the steep bank down to the water's edge. There he would stand looking towards the other shore, and then, after awhile, he would slowly ascend the bank and return to his home. One day one who watched him several times asked him for an explanation. The old man replied, "I have a son who lives on the other side. In other days I was strong and able to row a boat across and visit my son, but now I cannot cross the river. However, I may go down to the bank and look across and see where my son lives."

So to-day, sisters and brothers, we come to stand for a moment and look over yonder towards those who have gone across to the other shore, and with hope given by faith, see them as we were wont to see them in this life.

As the years pass these annual memorial services bring us increased sorrow. We are called to look over yonder more frequently. For the third time in a brief period of three years we mourn, and mourning, pay our tribute of love and devotion to one who during practically the entire life of our Order was one of its staunchest supporters, one who labored for it earnestly and hopefully. At Boston three years ago we paid our last full measure of devotion to one of the fathers of our Order, the well beloved George B. Abbott, Past Commander-in-Chief. One year later our last tribute to another who had served so well and faithfully, Wm. G. Dustin, Past Commander-in-Chief.

To-day we add another, equally beloved for what he was, for what he had done, for James Lewis Rake, Past Commander-in-Chief, has been called to the other shore.

His was a unique and remarkable personality—a man among men. By force of character and the possession of executive ability of more than usual degree he won a place as one of the really big business men of his time, filling in a manner to command the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact, a high and responsible official position with one of the country's largest corporations.

In other fraternal organizations, numbering among them the strongest and most influential of our land, he rose to positions of honor, and is also mourned by them. He was ever upright and honorable in all the duties incident to his relations in life.

But it is as a Son of a Veteran that those who knew Lew Rake best loved him most. He had that reverence for his father's service to his country he loved so well, and the flag

that he revered, that caused him to give his best—and that was much—to the Order formed to perpetuate that father's service, and to defend the principles for which that father fought.

He became a member of General George B. Meade Camp No. 16, Reading, Pa., on April 10, 1883. From the beginning he manifested a real interest in his Camp and the Order. His membership was never of the passive type. He served his Camp as Secretary and Camp Commander; our Order as Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief in 1886; as a member of the Council-in-Chief in 1887, and the Pennsylvania Division as Division Commander in 1888. At the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment in Wheeling in 1888 the Gold Cross was conferred upon him for exceptional and meritorious service, having together with his life long companion, friend and brother, our well beloved National Secretary, H. H. Hammer, and Past Division Commander, C. E. Diffenderfer, saved the Pennsylvania Division practically from demoralization.

At Louisville in 1896 he was elected Commander-in-Chief. Into this position he put the full force of his wonderful personality and exceptional ability, possessing a conscience that impelled him to give of his best, and the year is written in the history of our Order as one of the most progressive. In 1905 he became National Treasurer, filling that office until his death, and his faithful, conscientious service in that important position is known to all and needs no further eulogy. Even in the midst of an extremely arduous business career he found time to serve the order that was next to his heart. At his request, his Camp had charge of the funeral services, January 23, 1920.

His long membership and service are inseparably connected with the history of our Order and it is in the hearts of our membership that his best epitaph must be written.

It seems but yesterday that he, by his unmatched eloquence and wit, charmed us at the last sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Columbus, Ohio. In the full vigor of his splendid manhood he took an exceptional interest and active participation in the deliberations of that Encampment.

But no more shall we hear that voice that so often thrilled and charmed those who heard him. It is silent upon earth forever. But the memory of his service for our Order will ever live as a bright example, stimulating and encouraging our members in their patriotic devotion to country and order.

It was my privilege and pleasure to meet him not infrequently. At all such meetings the topic uppermost in our thought and conversation was the Sons of Veterans. He had faith in the future of our Order. By this intimate touch I was enabled to see and learn how close it was to his heart.

He was a firm friend and advocate of our Auxiliary, ever willing to give testimony of its worth to our Order. This draped chair, and these beautiful flowers, give mute but eloquent attestation of their admiration and esteem for him.

Lew Rake was a "looking forward man." He lived his life in the present and for the future. His creed along this line can best be given in his own words, in a personal reference, that, under the circumstances, you will permit. Upon the occasion of the death of my eldest brother, and the critical illness of another, he wrote a letter of helpful sympathy, the fellow feeling conveyed assisting much in allaying the sorrow. He

closed by saying, "Looking backward never got anybody anything. Look ahead, old pard."

Let me trespass into the sacred precincts of the home only to say that he left a wife, since deceased, and two daughters to mourn a husband and father, devoted, affectionate and considerate.

He was no less remarkable for his admirable social qualities than for his intellectual abilities. As a companion he was the delight of his friends, and no man had better or truer.

"None knew him but to love him,
Nor named him but to praise."

He built for himself a monument of immortality and left to his friends no task but that of soothing their own sorrow for his loss. We pay to him the tribute of our tears. More we have no power to bestow.

It is not always by words that the living pay to the dead the sincerest tribute. The heart is not necessarily the fountain of words, but it is always the source of tears, whether of joy, gratitude or grief.

With the close of this memorial service the last public words of love, devotion and admiration may be spoken for James Lewis Rake. But in the inner heart of hearts of those who knew him, so long as our lives may last, shall be a spot held sacred to his memory.

"With such a brother, such a friend,
I fain would walk till journeys end—
Thro summer sunshine, winter rain—
And then?—Farewell,
We shall meet again."

(Applause).

Chaplain-in-Chief: Our Past National Secretary of the Auxiliary, Miss Ida M. Patterson, will give us a word or two in behalf of the Auxiliary.

Miss Ida M. Patterson: As we meet in this, another annual Encampment, we rejoice in the reunion of youthful friends whose long service in our organization only tends to intensify the bands of friendship existing between our lives. Today as we meet health and happiness seems abounding among us, and in the midst of these thoughts and associations, this happiness, let us not forget that many of our homes have been saddened during the past year. Let us not in our pleasure forget the sorrows that have come to many of those dear to us during the year just passed. I wish to express to the members of the Sons of Veterans our sympathy and the sorrow we feel in the loss of your good brother, Past Commander-in-Chief Rake. We feel that we have lost a good friend, one who was interested in us and in our organization. We recall with pleasure his visit to us at our last National Encampment at Columbus, Ohio, his cheering words and kindly smile, showing an interest in our members and in our organization. Our hearts have been touched many times during the year by the loss of these brothers and two hundred of our Auxiliary sisters. The sorrow, the longing, the loneliness in the homes from which loved ones have passed on is shared by all our members;

"But oh for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!"

So amid our pleasures it seems fitting we should pause and recall the unbidden visit of the angel of death, and pay tribute of respect and devotion to the memory of him who but a short year ago was a brother amongst us, but who today answers the roll call in his Heaven of sunshine and happiness.

We sorrow for those who have been bereft, but let us take from their lives what we can. Let the influence of their lives while in our ranks here strengthen us and guide us along the rugged pathway of life, up the mountain side of toil to a higher plane of usefulness. Let us not mourn today that these brothers and sisters have been called from us, but rather let us think of them as being happy to lay down their burden and bask in the eternal sunshine of the life hereafter. Let us be here dedicated anew to the service of our government and make our lives worthy of the respect and admiration of our friends. Let there be no tears; only loving memories.

"It seemeth such a little way to me,
Across to that strange country beyond;
And yet not strange, for it comes to be
The home of those of whom I'm fond.
They make it seem familiar and most dear,
As journeying friends bring distant countries near.
I never stand beside a bier
And see the seal of death set on some well loved face
But that I think, One more to welcome me when I
Shall cross the intervening space
Between this land and that over there,
One more to make the Great Beyond more fair."
(Applause).

Chaplain-in-Chief: Now let us all join together in singing the first stanza of that beautiful hymn that we all know, "Nearer My God to Thee," and that will conclude our Memorial Service for this Encampment.

(Hymn).

Chaplain-in-Chief: Our Heavenly Father, as we go from this memorial service into the business of our meeting may we go with confidence in Thy Divine presence and the eternal life beyond; may the grace and peace of Thy Holy Spirit be with us at all times and lead us to do those things that we ought to do. In the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit we ask it, Amen.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed command.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. B. Stephens: Commander, the Committee on Fraternal Relations has taken from the list here—I don't know who are present and who are not—committees to extend fraternal relations to our allied organizations, as follows:

To the Grand Army of the Republic: Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire and myself.

To the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary: Past Division Commander Clifford Ireland, Past Division Commander Arthur I.

Vescelius and Past Division Commander William B. Moynihan.

To the Ladies of the G. A. R.: Past Division Commander of Massachusetts George N. Howard, Division Commander W. A. Sparling of Michigan, Past Division Commander Daniel Sharp of Minnesota, and Division Commander J. J. Couch of Missouri.

To the Daughters of Veterans: Ex-Governor Frank B. Willis of Ohio, and Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman, of Washington, D. C.

To the Army Nurses: Past Division Commander Walter E. Smith of Pennsylvania, Division Commander F. W. Spear of Vermont, Division Commander Jesse T. Drake, of Wisconsin, Division Commander Victor P. Philippi of Alabama & Tennessee, and Past Division Commander Ralph H. Burbank of Maine.

To the Woman's Relief Corps: Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, Thomas T. Warham, Past Division Commander of Minnesota, and Past Division Commander Robert Alcorn of Connecticut.

Now, gentlemen, please attend to your duties as soon as possible. The Grand Army Committee are to be at the Grand Army Encampment by eleven o'clock this morning, so that those who are on that committee will get ready.

Commander-in-Chief: There is a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps in waiting to extend greetings from that body to this. I will name Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman and Patriotic Instructor Corrick to escort the committee in. I request that all our committees, in escorting in visiting delegations, ask each delegation to confine their speech making to one member, with the exception of the Grand Army of the Republic.

THEATER PARTY.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, I wish to make an announcement at this time. The Indiana Division is very grateful and feel that we are highly favored in having this Encampment held in our city, and we want to show our appreciation of your presence, and you are all invited, as are the members of the Auxilliary who are here as delegates, to be our guests this evening in a party to be given at Keith's Theater at eight o'clock. There will be a more specific announcement made concerning this matter this afternoon. I am making this announcement now so that you will not allow anything else to get in the way. We understand the management is putting on something that will be of special interest to patriotic organizations like ours.

GREETINGS FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander, it is my pleasure to present to you the committee of greeting from the Woman's Relief Corps: Mrs. Wells, Past Department President, of Illinois; Mrs. Parker, who is the present National Senior Aide and present and past Department President of Massachusetts, whom I think you have met before, like Mrs. Darling, who is Past Department President, of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief: Ladies, we welcome you this morning, not as our mothers but as co-partners, and we will be pleased to have you take seats on the platform.

I am sure, brothers, although it is very early in the morning to be receiving callers, that our welcome is none the less sincere because these ladies have come directly from the breakfast table. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Wells, representative of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Wells: Commander-in-Chief and brothers of the Sons of Veterans, sons of the Grand Army—what an appropriate name our fathers chose when they chose the name of the Grand Army. Was there ever a grander army, grander in number, grander in spirit, grander in purpose, grander in achievement! When we think of those volunteers, two million two hundred and seventy-nine thousand, of whom one million were eighteen years of age or under, we realize the spirit that animated the boys of America from the very early days of the Bay State when the Bay State Boys showed their spirit against the authority, or not the authority, but the usurpation of authority by the British officers at that time. I am sure that the Commander-in-Chief, being from the Bay State, realizes what the boys on Boston Common did. I was brought up in Boston myself, and I know a little about what the Bay State boys have done. Your Service Book contains some of the finest sentiments that could possibly be put in print or voiced. Your flag installation and installation ceremonies tells us of the objects of your Order, objects to which every true American can subscribe; and I only wish that we in our Order had some of those sentiments written in our Service Book to remind us of what our fathers have done for this country. I am wearing the badge of the Daughters of Veterans myself and I am proud of the heritage, and I am proud of the heritage from a Revolutionary War ancestor, and from an ancestor in the French and Indian War; but I am proudest of my descent from the veterans of 1861-65 (Applause) who went out to preserve this country one nation indivisible, and who made it possible for America to take the high dominating position which she could take during this last war on account of the result of our fathers' efforts during those four terrible years. I do not mean to tell you what those men did. I do not mean to tell you of the burdens that they bore nor the sufferings they underwent, because you know that those men do not go out and tell of their sufferings; but you have been reared in their families and know the result, the failing health, the concealed illness—I mean concealed from the world—I know, as a child in Boston, whenever there was an east wind mother would say, "Father will not be feeling well when he comes home tonight; we must get everything ready for him;" but when he came he presented the aspect of a fine upstanding well man.

But the lessons which our fathers taught us in war are not to be compared with the lessons they have taught us in peace. After those four restless years they came back and made the finest class of citizens in the United States. They filled positions of honor in the commercial world, in the legislative world; in every field they have filled the highest positions and filled them with honor, and we are proud of the example they have set the coming generation in peace as well as in war.

We came early this morning in order that we might be here before you began your business, so that we should not interrupt, and I know you are anxious to begin. I will merely

say to Commander-in-Chief Slisson that our National President, Mrs. Lynch, asked me to express her personal thanks for the very sweet and fragrant remembrance which came to her from the Commander-in-Chief. She appreciates his loving thoughtfulness, his kind fraternal feeling, and she asks me to extend to him and to this convention the very kindest wishes of the Woman's Relief Corps for your continued success and for the good results from your being an organization. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, the man that never makes a mistake has not yet been born, and I realized when I saw Mrs. Parker walking up the aisle that I had made a serious mistake when I suggested there should be but one speech from visiting delegations. I am going to correct that mistake by asking Mrs. Parker to get rid of a little of that Bay State oratory which she always has on tap. Brothers, Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. Parker: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans: Imagine how I felt when they told me at the door that I could not say a word. I come as a sister to you, and when I thought of all the good things I had to say, and I couldn't say a word—well, you know how you feel when you are full of good things and cannot get rid of them. You just have to say them, that's all; but I will just say to you in the briefest sentence I can form: Go back home and put some of the ginger into your work, into your Camps, that you put into your convention here, and your organization will grow. And I can tell you one thing. I have just done my level best to boost your organization. My best wishes to you, and may you complete the work you have started out to do. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Just one other word. You will find that next year, the National President, Mrs. Parker, will build a Sons of Veterans organization herself. Now I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman to respond to the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: It was to be expected that almost as soon as the Grand Army of the Republic was conceived in the heart and mind and came into existence, there must of necessity be its auxillary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and together those two organizations have worked down through the past generation, vying with each other in not only promise but in fulfillment; and no man dare say today how much enriched our country is because of the record of service given to us, not only by the veterans of the Civil War, but by their co-workers, the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Applause).

My heart is full this morning as I contemplate the glorious record that these women and the beloved organization that they represent have been enabled, by God's help, to make in this country. I am reminded that it is the gentle hand of woman, the ministering spirit of woman that is responsible for all the finest things in this life. I recall that when the Savior of the world was slain by his fellowmen it was a woman who was last at the Cross. It was women who were first at the tomb; and from that day to this the ministering hand of woman has been uppermost from the day we as babes come into this world until we shall pass from this mortal sphere. God Bless the Women! Not alone the Women of the Relief Corps, but all women. I cannot forget that with all the blood and carnage,

with all the suffering of the Civil War that was thrust upon this country, how it was ameliorated by the gentle hand of the Clara Bartons that brought peace and comfort, and that the dear old Bay State which has been so honored in the councils of this organization and the Woman's Relief Corps, is honored because beneath the green sod of that State rests all that is mortal of Clara Barton. She typifies as no other woman, perhaps, the ministering spirit that came to the soldiers of the War of the Rebellion, ere it grew to what it was in the Spanish-American War and made such a magnificent record during the great world's war so recently closed. Oh, my good Woman, yours is indeed an honorable position. Your Society has attained unto its ideals, but it has a future that was never dreamed of in the beginning. I am one that believes that the Woman's Relief Corps has not accomplished all its work, nor will it have accomplished it even when the last old soldier shall have passed to the other shore; because its work must go on, and it will go on. They are to be a great and important factor in the patriotic life of every community. It will be at their knees that the children will learn not only their filial love and affection, but now they will be taught the duties of citizenship as never before. It is an honor to have you as representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps here this morning. I wish that I could give audible expression to the sincere sentiment that is within my heart, but all I can think of to say to you are those words of Rev. Maltbie C. Babcock, which I will ask you to take to your Society:

"Be strong

We are not here to play,—to dream, to drift.

We have hard work to do and loads to lift.

Shun not the struggle,—face it; 'tis God's gift.

Be strong.

Say not the days are evil. That's to blame!

And fold the hands and acquiesce.—O shame!

Stand up, stick out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong

It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,

How hard the battle goes, the day how long;

Faint not,—Fight on! Tomorrow comes the song."

(Applause).

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps retired.

Commander-in-Chief: Reports from committees are in order. Any committee ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: Commander, the Committee on the State of the Order is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander, the Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee on the State of the Order was authorized by the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment, concurring in recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Johnson, by the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved: That a committee of five be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief to consider the State of the Order

and the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief on the losses in membership, and devise such remedies and report such amendments on revisions of constitution, procedure, laws and ritual as in their judgment are expedient * * *

The title given the Committee "On State of the Order" would imply it was presumed to make a survey of the organization. To do this the committee should go back to the origin of the organization.

Prior to 1883, the Grand Army of the Republic in many communities sponsored cadet corps made up of young Sons of Veterans whom they permitted to take part in the observance of Memorial Day.

This idea later developed into several organizations of older Sons of Veterans, which followed the general purposes of our present Order, which absorbed the others meanwhile.

In thirty-nine years there have come into this Order approximately 500,000. Its membership today is reported to be 51,062, which is not relatively as great as the membership reported in 1888 when the highest point of about 57,000 was reached. This means that in the thirty-one years which have elapsed we are not able to show a greater numerical strength than was reached in our earliest history, after the amalgamations had taken place.

The claim has been made, with some justification in the past, that the organization was prematurely instituted, and that it constantly suffered from the mistakes made by its then youthful members.

It would be foolish however, to now endeavor to get behind such an alibi, when during the past fifteen years the men admitted must have averaged 25 years, and the general average of the entire membership must be over 40 years. This at once disposes of any excuse that age or experience is now a handicap.

Our Order is based on sentiment.

It exists on sentiment.

It would arouse the indignation of every man who has been a member if we proclaimed that he lacked a proper reverence or respect for his Father, and was not duly proud of his Father's service for the Union. This is sentiment.

It would stir up the resentment of any man who has been in our ranks if we said his leaving his Camp was due to any lack of love for his Father's memory. Yet we who have stayed in the ranks for many years do so from sentiment. It is therefore clear that our structure is built on sentiment and supported by sentiment.

The patriotic features of the Organization have helped to foster it, and the Order has perhaps rendered a broad service for national citizenship by its lessons of Loyalty instilled into the hearts of every man who has been a member. Patriotism is also Sentiment.

In the days of our youth it was natural for military feature to be attractive. This was given ardent support by the commercial spirit of some of our early leaders. Possibly every one of us has a relic of the days when we were called a "tin soldier" outfit.

It is a fact that many older men have come to us since a uniform is not insisted upon.

Gradually the opinion of the organization was for a civic and not a military body, and our laws were so changed.

While the wording of the laws was changed, about all the old forms of regulation and procedure have remained military. There has been, and is, confusion on this point and it should be clarified.

This Commandery, at its meetings, has been responsible for much foolish legislation. It has been a tinkering shop, and long-nosed in the respect of prodding into affairs that are clearly the rightful functions of Divisions and Camps.

Among other things it has dictated too much, and chained our Camps, by regulation and Ritual, so that a literal observance of instructions and regulations gives little opportunity for home government. The Commandery presumes to know too much about what in many instances it knows nothing.

The membership fee is an instance of this, and has proven to be a check on progress until Camps find the way to get around it.

The summary here made leads to the analysis of conditions.

THE STATE OF THE ORDER IS WHAT THE MEMBERS MAKE IT.

No Ritual or Constitution can make an organization. They can however, hinder its progress. The more simple the laws and Ritual requirements, the better their aid.

The Commandery can help a great deal more by attempting to become a constructive body, than it can by constantly meddling into home affairs. In other words Divisions and Camps know best how to run themselves.

Out of this supreme body should come the planning and the ideas for a working organization, for it is only by work we can build successfully. It is apparent to some of the members that these Encampments take on the feature of a grand reunion and annual election. The formal winding and unwinding of the ball of red tape, committee-reported, is archaic in these days of constructiveness and real action.

What we should do is to make up the trial balance at each Encampment. Here let each Division give its accounting. Here let them explain their losses. Here let them receive credit for their gains.

These meetings should be for conference—for constructive thought. Efficient organizing plans should be created and carried forth from these meetings. We should be instructed and working together work with uniformity.

The State of the Order is not made by a Commander-in-Chief. It is made by the members at large working under his leadership and that of his subordinate officers. Members respond to good leadership. They reflect poor leadership.

The men who attend these meetings should return to their homes to carry out the service of leadership the Commandery meetings suggest. If they do not return to do this, then their places in the Encampment should be filled by better members.

There is some evil in a privileged membership such as is held by the men of Past Rank—some of them it cannot be denied are *Encampment Members*, the sort who cancel their obligations of membership by attending these Encampments. Some are so out of touch that they are strangers to their home Camp and Division activities.

The fellowship and friendships here formed are dear to all of us, but the Order of Sons of Veterans is dearer to most of us.

The Commandery should furnish to the fullest possible ex-

tent service to the Divisions. It should create and promulgate in effective form such propaganda as will help build the Organization, and when so furnished should be promptly utilized by Divisions.

The finances of the Commandery should be generously apportioned in this direction, and in this respect the expenses of the Encampments cut to a minimum. In the future the allowances for its officers confined to those who give actual service. The honorary positions will be sought for and accepted without a doubt. There should come out of these meetings a real spirit to *work* for the Order, and pledges made should not be forgotten.

There are men here, who travel a thousand miles to get here, and do not cross the street to work at home. There are men here who give a week to attend that do not give an hour a week to work at home.

We have the men, the brains, and the material for growth in a field almost unlimited. What we lack is the faith, the sentiment, the determination to WORK.—What we must reach for and create is the WORK, the concentrated and united effort of our membership.

You men are pleased to be recognized as leaders from your Divisions. How much do some of you lead?

You men know, or ought to know, the condition of your Divisions, and be able to account for it, be it satisfactory or unsatisfactory. This is the place to give the accounting. It is the clearing house for ideas!

THE STATE OF THE ORDER IS WHAT THE MEMBERS MAKE IT. The present standing in every locality reflects the value of its leaders. That we have had, and now have, in some Divisions, weak, lifeless, inefficient leaders, is all too evident. Where they appear to be it is not the purpose of the Committee to point out.

The State of the Order will improve as we improve these Commandery meetings and here produce productive thought and action by persistent service to promote feasible suggestions, supplemented by a steady loyalty to our home Camps and a loving adherence to the Sentiment that has kept us Sons of Veterans.

The conclusion of the Committee after two years contemplation of the duties assigned it is summed up in one word; what is most needed by the Order from every member is: WORK.

Your Committee acknowledges the receipt of many valuable suggestions and communications from Divisions, Camps and members, all of which have been carefully considered.

It has given hearings and held many meetings in connection with meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief and met for two entire days in conference at National Headquarters at Reading.

While again placing emphasis on its expressed opinion that neither Constitution, Regulations or Ritual can make an effective and successful organization, yet in line with its conclusion that a greater degree of self government by Divisions and Camps should be permitted, with a consequently greater local responsibility, your Committee has carefully reviewed the Constitution, Laws and Ritual, and recommends that the Constitution be reduced to a few fundamental principles that should be and remain permanent; that existing laws should be simplified and condensed, and many entirely erased, and that the Ritual

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Fifth.—To demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism; and require the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard.

Sixth.—To teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our Country, and the love and honor of our flag.

Seventh.—To inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, of universal liberty, and of impartial justice to all.

ARTICLE III.

Eligibility to Membership.

All male descendants, whether through the paternal or maternal line, not less than eighteen years of age, of Soldiers, Sailors or Marines, who were regularly

mustered and served honorably in, or who were honorably discharged from, the Army or Navy of the United States of America, during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65; and who have never been convicted of any infamous or heinous crime, or who have, or whose ancestors through whom membership is claimed, have never voluntarily borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV.

Religion and Politics.

The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-political, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or political topics is strictly prohibited.

ARTICLE V.

Organization.

Section 1. The several constituted bodies of the Order shall be as follows:

First.—Of organizations known as Camps, each of which shall bear a name and number.

Second.—Of State organizations known as Divisions.

Third.—Of a national organization known as the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Fourth.—Of a military department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 2. The supreme power and authority of the Order of Sons of Veterans shall be vested in the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. To this end, no form of government shall be considered as legally established until the same has been submitted to and duly approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at a stated meeting thereof.

Section 3. 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.

ARTICLE VI.

Formation and Disbandment.

Section 1. A camp may be formed by authority of the Division Commander with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief upon the recommendation of the Division Commander shall have the power to revoke the charter of any Camp

which does not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of this Order.

Section 3. A Division may be formed by authority of the Commander-in-Chief to consist of ten or more camps with a minimum aggregate membership of two hundred and fifty members.

Section 4. Camps organized in States where no Division exists shall be attached to the Commandery-in-Chief as camps at large.

Section 5. The Commander-in-Chief shall have the power to revoke the Charter of any Division which may not conform to the Constitution and Regulations of this Order, or which becomes reduced to less than the number of camps and members required for organization thereof.

ARTICLE VII.

Membership.

Section 1. Regulations for the admission of members, not conflicting with Article III hereof shall be as prescribed by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Section 2. A member in good standing upon written application to his Camp shall be entitled to receive a transfer card or an honorable discharge,

and, if his camp be disbanded or suspended shall be entitled to receive a transfer card from the Commander of the Division.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

All proposed amendments to this constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief, upon prior approval by some Division, not later than forty days preceding the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and such proposed amendment shall be published in general orders preceding such meeting. Such proposed amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote at a stated meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and shall become effective when favorably acted upon and ratified by not less than ten Divisions and proclaimed in general orders, whereupon they shall be and become a part of this Constitution.

REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.

Camps.

ARTICLE I.

Charters.

Section 1. When a Camp is organized, the membership thereof shall be not less than fifteen.

Section 2. Upon the formation of a Camp, there shall be issued to it a Charter, which shall be signed by the Division Commander, attested by the Division Secretary, and approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

The charter fee for a new Camp shall be fixed by the Division by-laws, which fee shall be paid to the Division and shall accompany the application for a charter.

Section 3. No charter shall be surrendered by any Camp, so long as ten members thereof, in good standing, demand its continuance; and provided further, the Division Commander and each and every member of the Camp shall receive at least twenty days notice, in person or by mail, of the intention to surrender the charter.

Section 4. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a charter, all the Camp property and money shall be turned over to the Division Commander, or to his duly authorized representative, and become the property of the Division.

Section 5. A Camp one year or more in arrears in the payment of per capita tax and failing or neglecting to forward reports, may be disbanded and the charter thereof revoked.

Section 6. Camps having been dropped for one year or less may be reinstated upon payment of a required fee, to be determined by the Division, and may retain their original charter.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Section 1. Each application for membership shall be recommended by a member of the Camp who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility and moral character.

It shall then be referred to a committee of three (of which the member recommending shall not be one) for investigation and report.

The Committee shall make a careful investigation of the facts set forth in

the application, and shall recommend the election or rejection of the applicant.

Section 2. A rejected applicant shall not be eligible to apply again for membership until six months have elapsed after such rejection.

Section 3. Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues may, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped. Until his name is dropped from the roll, the Camp shall be subject to per capita tax on such member. A dropped member may be admitted into the Order in the same manner as a new member.

Section 4. A member may be dropped for the non-payment of dues in the same manner and form as provided for in the case of the non-payment of dues.

Section 5. A member holding a Camp or Division transfer is not entitled to the pass-word nor can he be admitted to any Camp or Encampment during its sessions unless given permission by vote of said Camp or Encampment. He is a member of the Order for purposes of discipline only, and shall be considered honorably discharged if the card is not deposited with and accepted by some Camp within a year. A Brother thus

discharged can be admitted to membership again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

Section 1. Regular and special meetings of Camps shall be held as provided by their respective By-Laws.

Section 2. Five members shall constitute a Camp quorum.

Section 3. Any member of the Grand Army of the Republic, or honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine, who served in the Union Army or Navy during the War of the Rebellion of 1861-65, members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Army Nurses, may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp.

Section 4. The use of ritualistic ceremonies in the conduct of meetings and initiation of candidates is optional.

Section 5. A Camp may change its location from one town to another by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that thirty days'

notice by mail has been sent to all members that such action is to be taken, the result of such action to be approved by the Division Commander.

Section 6. Camps may consolidate with one another; provided a two-thirds vote of such Camps shall so decide and provided further that notice of such intended consolidation shall have been sent to the members thereof by mail at least thirty days prior thereto. Such action to be approved by the Division Commander. In such case the books, papers and property shall belong to consolidated Camp.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of a Camp shall be: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, three members of the Camp Council, Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Guide, Color Bearer and Guards. The Commander, Secretary and Treasurer shall not serve on the Camp Council.

Section 2. The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commanders, Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates

shall be elected at the first stated meeting in December by the Camp. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except members of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote.

On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp Officers: provided, however, that the Camp may elect its Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and fix their term of office.

Section 3. The officers of Camps shall be installed on the first regular meeting held after the first day of January in each year by a person designated by the Division Commander who shall make report thereof upon the prescribed blanks furnished to him.

Section 4. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Camp shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank. Such vacancy shall be filled permanently by election.

Section 5. A Camp may by a two-thirds vote first giving five days' notice by mail, vacate the position of any elective officer who shall have been absent from six consecutive regular meetings without good cause and such vacancies

shall be filled in the same manner as other vacancies.

The Camp may likewise impeach and remove from office by a two-thirds vote any officer for immoral conduct or for any abuse in office or dishonorable practice of any kind.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The Commander shall preside at all meetings of the Camp. He shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject, however, to an appeal to the Camp. It shall be his duty to detail all officers and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, approve all orders or requisitions made on the Treasurer or Camp Council for appropriations of money, or any property of the Camp, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Section 2. The Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander shall assist the Commander and shall perform such duties as pertain to their office.

Section 3. The Camp Council shall devise and recommend measures for

preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp; shall make its investments, leases and other contracts; secure a place of meeting; settle and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Treasurer and members of the Camp; examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any officer or committee of the Camp; examine the books, vouchers and other papers of the different officers, and shall at the end of each quarter, render a complete report showing its transactions and the financial condition of the Camp.

Section 4. The Secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate quarterly reports to the Division Secretary, on the first days of January, April, July, and October upon the forms prescribed by the Commandery-in-Chief, and furnished by the Division Secretary, one copy of which shall be forwarded together with the per capita tax due from the Camp, to Division Headquarters, on or before the 10th day of the month, the other copy to be placed on file in the Camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the Treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the Camp, and submit the

same to the Commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall hold funds of the Camp and have charge of its property not otherwise provided for: He shall pay out the said funds upon requisition in due form from the Secretary, approved by the Commander; shall keep the accounts between the Camp and its members; shall collect all moneys due the Camp, giving in all cases receipts therefor; shall notify all members in arrears; and at the next stated meeting after the close of each month, render to the Camp a detailed account of the transactions of the month, and the money balance in his hands. He shall make a quarterly report to the Division Secretary, and shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 6. The Patriotic Instructor, Chaplain, Guide, Color Bearer and Guards shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the Order or indicated by the official blank forms, or directed by the Commander.

ARTICLE VI.

Finances.

Section 1. Each Camp shall regulate

its dues, fees and revenues, provided the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than two (\$2.00) dollars, and shall have power to provide By-Laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committees or members.

Section 2. Each Camp may establish such admission fees to be paid by members joining by transfer, as it may deem proper, not exceeding, however, the amount required of a new member.

Section 3. Camps must purchase all official supplies from Division Headquarters.

ARTICLE VII.

By-Laws.

Section 1. Camps shall adopt By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Division Commander.

Section 2. Suggestive Outline for Camp By-Laws.

Preamble.

Name, Number and Location.

Meetings.

Place—Meeting nights—Special meetings — Postponement — Notification of members.

Dues and Fees.

Amount of dues—how payable.	10 Form
Initiation fee—Transfer fee—Fines.	10 Form
Salary or Compensation.	1 Form
What officers—amount—how payable.	6 Form
Funds.	
Special funds—Purposes of special funds—how maintained—how kept—how drawn on—how closed.	15 Form
Committees.	20 Form
Names of Standing and Special Committees—how selected—number on each—duties—how and when to report.	3 Form
Bonds.	20 Form
Officers to be bonded—amount—how secured.	
Benefits or Relief.	20 Form
Suspension of By-Laws.	6 Form
Alterations and Amendments.	
Date of approval by Camp.	1 Form
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Camp Packet.	
10 Form	1—Requisition for supplies.
5 Form	2—Applications for War Medal.
20 Form	3—Application for membership.
5 Form	4—Transfer Cards.
5 Form	6—Honorable Discharges.
5 Form	7—Past Officers' Credentials.

8—Delegates' Credentials.	1 Form
8½—Alternates' Credentials.	
9—Receipts of the evening.	5 Form
10—Treasurer's Monthly Reports.	1 Form
11—Constitution and Regulations.	
12—Statements of Account.	
13—Camp Council's Quarterly Reports.	
14—Notice to Delinquent Members.	
16—Form of Request on War or Navy Department for Ancestor's Record.	
18—Odo Cards.	
19—Camp Treasurer's and Camp Council Bonds.	
A—Descriptive Book.	
B—Camp Treasurer's Receipt Book; Order for P. & C. and Member's Receipt.	
C—Camp Secretary's Requisition Book.	
D—Minute Book.	
E—Ledger.	
F—Cash Book.	
G—Roll Book of Members, etc.	
1—General Order File Book.	

1 Form	H—Membership Book—new members to sign.
5 Form	21—Rituals.
1 Form	27D—Duplicate Book. Camp Secretary's Quarterly Reports.
1 Form	28D—Duplicate Book. Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Reports.
1 Form	00—Cipher.
1	Regulation Badge.
Camp packets to be made up and shipped from Division Headquarters.	

CHAPTER II.

Divisions.

ARTICLE I.

Charters.

Section 1. Upon the formation of a Division, there shall be issued to it a Charter under the hand and seal of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 2. Each Division shall be governed by its Division Encampment, subordinate to the Commandery-in-Chief.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Section 1. The membership of the

Division Encampment shall be constituted as follows:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Constitutional Life Members, Past Grand Division Commanders, Past Division Commanders and Past Camp Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy have served to the end of that term, and its sitting Camp Commanders.

One delegate from each Camp, whatever its membership and one additional delegate for every fifty members, or major fraction thereof, based upon the report for the quarter ending September 30th (next preceding the Encampment).

Its own elective and appointive officers, (except Aides).

Section 2. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time of the Division Encampment may be filled by a vote of delegates from the Camp in attendance at the Encampment; the Camp Commander having the prior right to appoint members to fill vacancies.

Section 3. A Camp which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be

entitled to representation in Division Encampments.

Section 4. To obtain restoration of rank of Past Camp Commander the member shall make request in writing to the Camp of which he is a member. If acted upon favorably by the Camp in regular session, said request shall be forwarded to the Division Commander, setting forth the causes of loss of rank and reasons for request of restoration.

The Division Commander shall present same to the Division Encampment where if acted upon favorably, such rank shall be restored.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

Section 1. Divisions shall meet in Encampment at least once a year. Said Encampment shall be held on a day between the first of January and the first of July.

(a) Special meetings of a Division Encampment may be called by the Division Commander, by and with the consent of the Division Council; but no business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that for which it was specifically called, which call

shall state the purpose and object of said meetings.

Section 2. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of a Division shall be a Division Commander, Senior Vice Division Commander, Junior Vice Division Commander, three members of the Division Council, Division Patriotic Instructor, Division Chaplain, Division Secretary, Division Treasurer, (or Division Secretary-Treasurer), Division Counselor and Division Organizer.

Section 2. The Division Commander, Senior Vice Division Commander, Junior Vice Division Commander, Division Council, delegates, and alternates to the Commandery-in-Chief, shall be elected by a roll-call of Camps in numerical order, unless the Division By-Laws provide for the Australian system of balloting, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, except in the case of Division Council, delegates and alternates, wherein a plurality vote shall elect. If there be but

one nominee for an office the Division may elect by viva voce vote.

Section 3. On assuming office, the Division Commander shall appoint all other Division officers; and may appoint an Assistant Secretary and such special aides as he may deem necessary, for such service as he may designate; provided, however, that Divisions may elect their Secretary and Treasurer, (or Secretary-Treasurer) and fix their term and location of office.

Section 4. The Installation of Division Officers shall be performed at the Encampment by some person chosen by the Commander elected.

Section 5. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of a Division shall be filled temporarily by the officer next in rank; such vacancy shall be filled permanently by the Division Council.

Section 6. The Division Commander shall have power to remove all appointive Division officers; and the Division Encampment, or when it is not in session the Division Council acting under such rules as may be prescribed by the Division By-Laws, may, by two-thirds

vote, declare vacant the position of any elective officer for cause.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The Division Commander shall be the executive officer of the Division, charged with the duty of administering the affairs of the Division. He shall preside at all meetings of the Division Encampment, appoint all the standing and other committees unless otherwise prescribed by the Encampment or By-Laws.

Section 2. The Senior or Junior Vice Commander, shall respectively perform the duties of a Division Commander in case of vacancy or senior officer's inability to act.

Section 3. The Division Secretary shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Division Encampment. He shall keep and be the custodian of the files and membership records of the Division, and shall keep such other records in connection with his office as may be required by the Division Commander or the Division Encampment. He shall within thirty days after the first of each quarter

make a consolidated report of the Camp Secretary's reports to the Division Commander, and forward a copy of same to the National Secretary, together with the amount due for per capita tax. He shall forward a report of the election of officers and delegates and alternates to the National Secretary within thirty days after such election, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

Section 4. The Division Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Division, and pay out the same upon requisition in due form from the Division Secretary approved by the Division Commander. He shall have charge of all property of the Division not otherwise provided for, shall keep a true and correct account of all receipts and expenditures, and perform such other duties, as may pertain to his office.

Section 5. The Division Council immediately after its installation shall meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary.

It shall advise and recommend such measures as will enable the Division to meet all its necessary expenditures, and shall audit the receipts, expenditures and books of account of the Division

and make report thereof to the Division Encampment.

Section 6. The Division Patriotic Instructor shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Union Defenders' Day and other patriotic occasions and events and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 7. The Division Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional exercises of the Division Encampment; shall prepare letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 8. The Division Counselor shall act as the legal advisor of the Division Commander and the Division.

Section 9. The Division Organizer shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Division By-Laws and the orders of the Division Commander.

Section 10. The Assistant Division Secretary shall perform duties under the direction of Division Secretary.

ARTICLE VI.

Finances.

Section 1. Each Division shall regulate its Dues and Revenues.

Section 2. Divisions shall pay to the

Commandery-in-Chief five dollars for each Camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application.

Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief five dollars for the reinstatement of Camps which have been dropped one year or less.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

The regular committees of the Division Encampment shall consist of five members each, as provided in the order of business, hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE VIII.

Order of Business.

1. Opening of encampment.
2. Roll-call of officers.
3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Roll-call of members as recorded.
6. Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) On Constitution and Regulations.
 - (b) On Ritual and Ceremonies.
 - (c) On Resolutions.
 - (d) On Reports of Officers.
 - (e) On Press.
 - (f) On Fraternal Relations.

7. Reports of Officers.

8. Reception and reference of communications. (All communications should be submitted in writing, and be referred to the proper committees without debate).

9. Unfinished business.

10. Reports of committees.

11. New business.

12. Nomination of officers.

13. Election and installation of officers.

This order of business may be transposed, except that the election and installation of officers shall not be held until all other business has been completed.

ARTICLE IX.

By-Laws.

Each Division shall adopt By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

CHAPTER III.

Commandery-in-Chief.

ARTICLE I.

Charter.

The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is incorporated under

and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois.

The charter and papers of incorporation shall be in the charge and custody of the National Secretary.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

Section 1. The membership of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be constituted as follows:

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Division Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, Constitutional Life Members and Division Commanders.

Of one delegate from each Division, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or major fraction thereof, in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the encampment.

Its own elective and appointive officers (except members detailed for special duty).

Section 2. The Commandery-in-Chief shall not hereafter elect Constitutional Life Members.

Section 3. Vacancies in delegate representation to and at the time Commandery-in-Chief Encampments are held may be filled by the Division Commander, or the chairman of the respective delegations. The Division Commander in all instances having the priority of right to so appoint.

Section 4. A Division which fails to pay its per capita tax or other indebtedness, or fails to make reports, shall not be entitled to representation in Commandery-in-Chief Encampments.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

Section 1. There shall be an annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at such time and place as the body may designate, of which due notice shall be given by publication in general orders.

Section 2. A special meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief may be convened by order of the Commander-in-Chief by and with the consent of the Council-in-Chief for purposes therein stated and no business shall be transacted at such special meeting except for the purposes for which said body convened.

Section 3. A majority of the membership reported present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall consist of a Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff, three members of the Council-in-Chief, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer) and National Counselor.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, Chief-of-Staff, National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer) and the members of the Council-in-Chief shall be elected by a roll-call of the Divisions, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. If there be but one nominee for an office the Commandery-in-Chief may elect by viva voce vote.

Section 3. On assuming office, the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint all other Commandery-in-Chief officers, and

may appoint such aides as he may deem necessary, for such services as he may designate.

Section 4. The terms of office of the National Secretary, National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer) and Chief-of-Staff shall be for five (5) years. The terms of office of all other elective or appointive officers shall be for one year.

Section 5. Any vacancy which may occur in an elective office of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Council-in-Chief, until the next regular meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, when an election shall be held.

Section 6. The Commander-in-Chief shall have power to remove all appointive officers.

ARTICLE V.

Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall be the chief executive officer of the Order, and shall decide all questions of law and order subject to appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief, preside at all meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief, shall sign all Camp and Division char-

ters, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and by the action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Section 2. The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief or the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall respectively perform the duties of the Commander-in-Chief in case of a vacancy or inability of the senior officer to act, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order and the orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 3. The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer all moneys received by him; he shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief. He shall draw requisitions on the Treasurer for all bills, the same to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall perform such other duties and keep such other books, and records, as the Commandery-in-Chief may require of him. He shall make a monthly report of the financial standing of the Commandery-in-Chief and a quarterly report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order, and cause the

same to be published in the official organ of the Order. He shall receive as compensation the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum.

Section 4. The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account for all moneys paid to him, and pay out the same, upon the order of the National Secretary, approved by the Commander-in-Chief. He shall receive as compensation the sum of \$300.00 per annum.

Section 5. The Council-in-Chief shall prepare and present to each annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a budget of the amounts required to conduct the affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief for the ensuing year, and shall base thereon its recommendation of the amount necessary to be raised by per capita tax.

The Council-in-Chief, except as may be otherwise provided by the Commandery-in-Chief, shall appropriate for, control and audit all expenditures of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Council-in-Chief, shall designate the amount of bond to be furnished by the Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary and National Treasurer (or National Secretary-Treasurer).

Section 6. The Chief-of-Staff shall be the Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, with the rank of Brigadier General, and shall perform such duties as may be specified under the provisions of Chapter IV, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 7. The National Patriotic Instructor shall prepare and issue letters of instruction for the observance of Union Defenders' Day and of such other days and events as occasion and duty may require; and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 8. The National Chaplain shall have charge of the devotional exercises of the Commandery-in-Chief; shall prepare and issue letters of instruction for the observance of Memorial Day and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 9. The National Counselor shall act as the legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief.

Section 10. All officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall promptly turn over to their successors all of the property of the Commandery-in-Chief in

their possession, taking receipts therefor.

ARTICLE VI.

Finances.

The Commandery-in-Chief shall assess a per capita tax on each member reported in good standing at the end of each quarter. Such tax shall be payable in four equal installments, and forwarded by the Division Treasurer to the National Secretary, on or before the last days of January, April, July and October.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

The regular committees of the Commandery-in-Chief shall consist of five members each and shall be as provided in the Order of Business hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE VIII.

Order of Business.

1. Opening of Encampment.
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3. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
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- On Resolutions.
- On Reports of Officers.
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8. Reception and reference of communications. (All communications shall be submitted in writing and be referred to the proper Committee without debate).

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11. New Business.
12. Nomination of Officers.
13. Election and installation of officers.

This order of business may be transposed except that the election and installation of officers shall not be held until all other business has been completed.

CHAPTER IV.

Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 1. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall include all military bodies of the Order, with the exception, that Camps may maintain independent military organizations, provided they do not

parade on any occasions other than the funeral of a veteran or a brother or on Memorial Day.

Section 2. The Sons of Veterans Reserve shall be governed by the Regulations adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, and now in force, or as may be hereafter amended.

Section 3. The Committee on Military Affairs shall consist of five members, of which at least three shall have had military experience. They shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, and shall serve for a term of five years.

Section 4. The Committee on Military Affairs shall be the law making body of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and shall pass upon such recommendations for amendment of the Regulations as shall from time to time originate within the subordinate bodies. Their action, when approved by the Commander-in-Chief, shall become law.

Section 5. The Committee on Military Affairs shall be the final court of appeals on all matters relative to the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Section 6. The regular channels for official business shall be from the Chief-of-Staff to the Committee on Military

Affairs, thence to the Commander-in-Chief, and return by same channel.

CHAPTER V.

General Regulations.

ARTICLE I.

Commissions.

Section 1. The retiring Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary shall issue to the Commander-in-Chief-elect his commission, upon being notified by the Chairman of the Council-in-Chief that the Commander-in-Chief has given bond as required by these regulations.

Section 2. The Commander-in-Chief shall issue to all elective and appointive officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, and Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Junior Vice Commander of the several Divisions, commissions which shall be attested by the National Secretary, with the seal of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Section 3. Division Commanders shall issue commissions to appointed Division officers and Camp Commanders in their respective Divisions, and such commis-

sions shall be attested by the Division Secretary, with the seal of the Division.

ARTICLE II.

Bonds.

Section 1. The bonded officers shall be as follows:

The Camp Treasurer, (and the Camp Secretary and Camp Council when holding funds of the Camp), Division Commander, Division Secretary, Division Treasurer (Division Secretary-Treasurer), Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, National Treasurer (National Secretary-Treasurer).

Section 2. The above officers shall be bonded in amounts to be fixed by the various Councils of the respective bodies, in some acceptable Surety Company, provided that Camp Officers may furnish acceptable personal surety.

Bonded officers shall be held liable for the funds remaining in their possession until payment to their successors who have been properly installed, qualified and have given bond and have accepted for all money and property.

Section 3. In the event of failure or neglect of any Division Commander to have a sufficient bond on file at the Headquarters of the Commander-in-

Chief, within thirty days after assuming office, as required by the foregoing, it shall be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to remove said Division Commander from office, and to place the Senior Vice Division Commander or some other officer in temporary charge.

Section 4. The Bonds of the Camp Treasurer and Camp Council shall be approved by the Camp Commander; the bond of the Division Commander shall be approved by the Commander-in-Chief and held by the National Treasurer; the bonds of the Division Secretary and Division Treasurer (Division Secretary-Treasurer) shall be approved and held by the Division Commander. The bond of the Commander-in-Chief shall be approved and held by the Chairman of the Council-in-Chief, and the bonds of the National Secretary and National Treasurer (National Secretary - Treasurer) shall be approved and held by the Commander-in-Chief.

Section 5. The bonds of the Camp officers shall run to the Camp Council. The bond of the Division Commander shall run to the Commander-in-Chief, and the bond of the Commander-in-Chief shall run to the Council-in-Chief.

Bonds of all other officers shall run to the officer by whom they are held.

ARTICLE III.

Badges and Decorations.

Section 1. Officers and members in Camp meeting, on parade and on other duty of the Order, shall wear on the left breast the regulation badge of the Order and may also wear such other badges of a patriotic or military character to which they may be entitled.

The regulation badge shall be of bronze. On the face of the badge is a medallion with the monogram of the letters "S. V." and the inscription "Gratia Dei Servatus, MDCCCLXXXI," the inscription being between two concentric circles of the medallion, the inner circle inclosing the monogram and also rays radiating from the center behind the monogram. Surrounding the medallion is a wreath of laurel and the ends of two cannon which apparently cross at the back of the wreath and medallion, and the top of the medal is surmounted by an eagle. Upon the back of the badge is the representation of a belt the ends buckled together, which surrounds the monogram "U. S.

A." On the belt is the inscription "Fili Veteranorum."

The badge is suspended from a ribbon, which is attached to a fastening pin, consisting of a bar having a rim, and bearing the inscription "Fili Veteranorum."

Section 2. All Past Camp Commanders who have served a full term, or who have been elected to fill a vacancy, and serve to the end of the term, may wear the prescribed Past Camp Commander's Badge, attached to the regulation Camp ribbon. All Past Division Commanders may wear the prescribed Past Division Commander's Badge attached to the regulation Division ribbon. All Past Commanders-in-Chief, may wear the prescribed Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge, attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon.

Section 3. Brothers entitled thereto, may wear the Bronze War Medal, attached to the Division Ribbon. Brothers who have served the United States of America faithfully and honorably in War, shall alone be entitled to wear this particular decoration, and such brothers shall obtain it only through proper application and by furnishing proof of such service.

Section 4. Brothers may wear the recognition button, which shall consist of a reproduction in miniature, to be made of bronze material, the lower portion of the membership badge, not to exceed 11/16" in height, and 9/16" in width, as the official recognition button of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Section 5. There shall be three prescribed ribbons in the Order. All officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon, the centre a broad stripe of old gold, with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side. All Division officers shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon with a red center, and the red, white and blue border on each side. The officers and members of the Camp shall wear a ribbon with a blue center, and a red, white and blue border on each side, attached to the regulation badge.

Section 6. All badges must be worn on the left breast of the coat, the top of ribbon forming a horizontal line, the upper end of which shall be from two to four inches (according to the height of the wearer) below the upper line of the

shoulder, and in accordance with the regulations of the United States Army; the same as now or may hereafter be made.

Section 7. The Membership Badge shall be as shown in the following photographic reproduction.

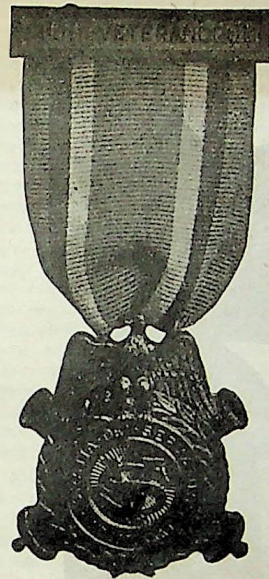
The Past Camp Commander's Badge shall be as shown in the following photographic reproduction.

The Past Division Commander's Badge shall be as shown in the following photographic reproduction.

The Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge shall be as shown in the following photographic reproduction.

The War Medal shall be as shown in the following photographic reproduction.

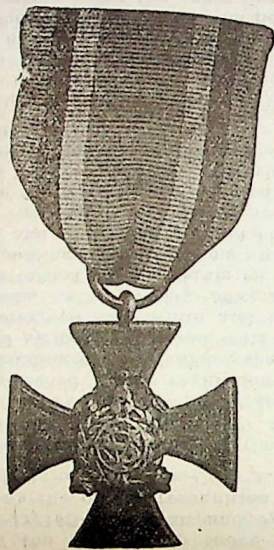
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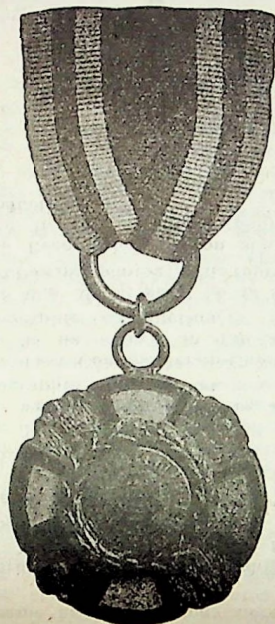


Recognition Button



Past Camp Commander's Badge.

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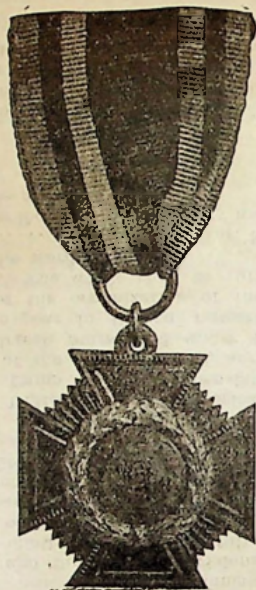
Past Division Commander's Badge.

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Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge.

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War Medal.

ARTICLE IV.

Coat of Arms.

The Coat of Arms of the Order shall be as follows:

Shield.—The field is white; two sabres crossed, points up, in proper colors, ensigned by a wreath of laurels, green; on a chief azure (Heraldic blue cobalt); the rising sun, gold; in the disc the monogram S. V. in vermillion, on the white field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in cut, in vermillion.

Supporters.—On the right a soldier, in fatigue uniform. (without arms) of 1861-65, viz.: dark blue blouse, light blue trousers, zouave cap, cross and waist belts of brown leather, on the buckle the letters "U. S." On the left a sailor in navy-blue shirt and trousers, black silk necktie and regulation cap.

Crest.—An eagle (American) on rocks, in proper colors.

The scrolls containing the mottoes are white, shaded at the end with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield, and under the same, of gold; the flags, naval and military, with cannon and muskets, all in their proper places and colors.

ARTICLE V.

Password and Countersign.

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall select, and by means of a cipher, distribute the semi-annual password and countersign to Divisions not in arrears. He shall so regulate the sending out of the same that they will reach the headquarters of each Division by the first days of June and December of each year. The several Division Commanders shall in turn, see that by cipher the new password and countersign reaches each Camp on or before the night set for the installation of the newly elected officers, and that the same are duly promulgated on that occasion, and again on July 1st, but only to such Camps as have sent in all reports and paid per capita tax. The Commander-in-Chief shall change the password and countersign whenever in his opinion the interests of the Order demand it.

Section 2. Passwords and countersigns shall be composed of the name of a Union Veteran and of a battle or naval engagement of the War of the Rebellion.

ARTICLE VI.

Seals.

The seals of the Commandery-in-Chief and the several Divisions of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded, for the Commandery-in-Chief, with the words "Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA," and for the Divisions, with the words, "..... Division, Sons of Veterans, United States of America."

The Camp seals shall consist of the Crest of the Coat of Arms, surrounded by thirteen stars, and under the roll shall appear in Roman numerals the year of the organization of the Order (1881). The whole shall be surrounded with the words "..... Camp No., Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and the location, town or city and State shall be added to the same.

ARTICLE VII.

Discipline.

Section 1. The Commander-in-Chief shall have original jurisdiction over charges preferred against Divisions of the Order and also against members and Camps, when Camps or Divisions fail

or neglect to act upon any breach of discipline within their jurisdiction.

Section 2. Charges may be preferred for violation of obligation or the doing of anything tending to injure a veteran or brother, or the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Section 3. Charges shall be made in writing and when made by a member shall be addressed to the Camp; when made by a Camp shall be addressed to the Division; when made by a Division shall be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief. A copy of the charges shall in all cases be delivered to the accused a reasonable time before the hearing.

Section 4. Upon filing of such charges the Camp, Division or Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a Trial Commissioner who shall give at least ten days' notice to the party preferring the charges and to the accused by registered mail, and shall state in such notice the time and place for the hearing. The Commissioner shall have the power to postpone or continue the hearing, subpoena witnesses and shall impartially ascertain all the facts relative to the issue and make a report, with his recommendations in writing, to the power ap-

pointing him, which power, whether Camp, Division or Commander-in-Chief, shall then decide the issue after giving the party making the charges, and the accused at least ten days' time to file objections to the report of the Commissioner and granting either or both a hearing thereon.

Section 5. The sentence may be a reprimand, fine, suspension from rights and privileges for a given time, or expulsion from the Order. Any fine imposed shall be paid to the Camp, Division or Commander-in-Chief as the same may be entitled.

Section 6. The Commander-in-Chief may in extraordinary circumstances summarily discipline a member, Camp or Division, and in event of such action he shall appoint, within ten days thereafter, a Trial Commissioner to take testimony and proceedings as indicated in the previous sections.

Section 7. Charges against the Commander-in-Chief shall be made to the Council-in-Chief who shall act upon the same in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

Section 8. An appeal shall lie from any decision by a Camp to the Division,

and from any decision by a Division Encampment to the Commander-in-Chief, and from any decision by the Commander-in-Chief to the Commandery-in-Chief. On appeal a written transcript of all proceedings embodying the evidence, with original documents, or certified copies thereof, shall be transmitted with the appeal. Notice of the appeal shall be given to the opposite party who shall be entitled to file objections in writing, accompanied by written argument, and both parties shall be entitled to an oral hearing upon the appeal, unless the court on appeals shall determine otherwise.

Section 9. Trial Commissioners may employ a stenographer and the expenses of the trial shall be borne by the Camp or Division, or the Commandery-in-Chief, in which the case originated. A convicted member may be required to pay such costs.

ARTICLE VIII.

Rules of Order.

The rules of order governing deliberative bodies, except as in the Ritual and as herein otherwise provided, shall be the rules of order for the several

constituted bodies of the Sons of Veterans.

ARTICLE IX.

Flag.

Each duly constituted body of the Order shall have the United States Flag.

ARTICLE X.

Ritual.

The Ritual of the Order is hereby made a part of the Regulations of the Order in all matters not inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE XI.

Repealing Clause and Amendments.

Section 1. All laws, rules and regulations heretofore existing and in force are hereby repealed.

Section 2. The within and foregoing Regulations may be altered or amended at any regular Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief by a majority vote of all members present as reported on the roll of the Encampment.

Presented by report to the Thirty-ninth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Indiana, September 22-24, 1920.

RALPH M. GRANT, Conn., Chairman
FRED E. BOLTON, Mass.
CHARLES F. SHERMAN, N. Y.
JOHN E. SAUTTER, Penna.
WILLIAM T. CHURCH, Ill.

Committee on State of the Order.
(Constitution and Regulations)

CERTIFIED as official and correct.

HARRY D. SISSON,

Attest:
Commander-in-Chief.
J. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Now I will read the revised constitution recommended by the committee, or indicate the changes. We have not included anything new very largely. What we have done mostly is to eliminate and simplify and shorten. I would suggest, to save time, that as the sections are read, if there are no objections, they be considered as adopted.

Chas. J. Schnaebel, of Washington & Oregon: Commander, I move that as these sections are read they be considered adopted unless there is objection.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Chairman Grant read the Preamble to the Constitution as revised by the committee, striking out the word "male" before the word "descendants."

Chas. J. Schnaebel, of Washington & Oregon: Commander, I move that that amendment, or re-draft, be accepted.

Chairman Grant: The previous motion covers it all.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, does this mean that on a first reading we are going to do something drastic or revolutionary?

Commander-in-Chief: We are going to determine whether we will in the end adopt the revised constitution, or refuse to adopt it.

Past Division Commander Lewis, of Kansas: Commander, I think this is altogether too important a question to be decided in such an abrupt manner. I am opposed to adopting this as read. I object to it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, is not this merely tentative action?

Commander-in-Chief: Merely tentative action to determine what we want to do. It is not final at all.

Chairman Grant, of the committee, resumed the reading of the revised constitution, reported by the committee, indicating the changes made in the present constitution by the revision.

The change in Section 1, Article I, of Chapter II, substituting "twenty-five" for "fifteen" as the minimum membership of new Camps was objected to by Delegate R. G. Drake, of Nebraska, and was withdrawn by the committee.

The recommendation of the committee to change Section 1, Article 5, Chapter II, so as to abolish the office of Treasurer and transfer the duties heretofore performed by that officer to the Secretary, consolidating the two offices under the title of "Secretary-Treasurer" was objected to by Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin.

The recommendation of the committee striking out the whole of Chapter V, "Military Department," was objected to by Past Division Commander M. D. Friedman, of Alabama & Tennessee, and others.

The recommendation of the committee striking out the words "the password and countersign, nor can he" in the third line of Section 2, Article 3, was objected to by Past Division Commander Charles C. Behnke, of Missouri.

The recommendation of the committee increasing the number of regular meetings from which officers may be absent with-

out good cause in Section 1, Article 4, was objected to and withdrawn by the committee.

The recommendation of the committee striking out Article 15, Chapter 6, relative to the password and countersign was objected to by Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana.

The recommendation of the committee altering Chapter VII on Amendments was objected to by Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin.

Chairman Grant concluded the reading of the report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts: Commander, we have here the ritual; if you want to listen to it we will be very glad to read it to you. We have simply boiled it down. The installation of officers is changed slightly, and where it was necessary we use the terms used in the constitution, rules and regulations relative to the names of the badges of the Order and that sort of thing.

Commander-in-Chief: What is the pleasure of the Encampment? Do you wish the committee to continue at this time?

Past Division Commander C. H. Hudson, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move that the Commandery now take recess until two o'clock p. m.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief took recess until two o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, September 23, 1920.
Two o'clock, P. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I want to state that the Division Commander of California & Pacific Division has a compliment to extend to the Encampment at this time. You will find the oranges in the boxes on the platform.

The Committee on the State of the Order will continue their report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander, this portion of the report pertains to the ritual and ceremonies, and all through it is a boiling down and elimination similar to that followed in the report on the Constitution and Laws. I will proceed to read it.

National Counselor William F. Alcorn, of Connecticut: Commander, in view of the explanation made by the committee I move that the reading of the ritual be dispensed with, and that it be placed with the report of the committee to be acted on at the same time the revised constitution is acted upon.

E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander, it is the understanding of the Committee on the State of the Order that this completes their report. I therefore move you, on behalf of the committee, that all rules and laws to the contrary be suspended, and that the report of the committee be concurred in.

Past Division Commander Alfred G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the motion. that all rules and regulations to the contrary notwithstanding be suspended, and that the report of the Committee on the State of the Order be concurred in. The motion has been seconded. Is there anything to be said upon the question?

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Encampment, the Committee on the State of the Order has not acted hastily in the preparation of this report to which you have listened with reference to the revision of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or the report upon the revision of the Ritual, to which you have not listened. As you know this committee has been in existence some time; it has been charged with various duties; to it have been referred many communications from this Encampment, from Divisions, and many have been received from members. These have all been

considered by the committee, and the committee has endeavored to gather from its instructions, from these communications and from the experience of its members with the Order in their Camps, in their Divisions and here, the spirit in which the members of this Order desired to have the revision made. This report is the result of that effort. It puts before you no pet theories of any member of the committee or any member of the Order. The committee, as a committee, is not interested in anything in this report to the extent that it wants to fight for or against it. As individual members we have individual views. They have been reconciled, harmonized and compromised in the sessions of the committee as the committee interpreted the spirit of the Order. It has endeavored to present you with a revision of the laws of the Order which tends to give to the Divisions and to the Camps a far greater degree of self-government than they have ever had in the past. It is that spirit which the committee believed the Order wanted applied to this work. If the committee has mistaken that spirit, you will, of course, not concur in this report. If the present motion prevails the draft of the Constitution prepared by the committee will be adopted, and the Ritual prepared by the committee will also be adopted, and the Constitution will become the law and the Ritual the ritual of this Order until changed by another Encampment.

Some question has been made as to the right of this body to amend its laws in this way. It is my judgment, and I believe the lawyers who are members of this Encampment will endorse the statement, that as a matter of law no action of any previous Encampment binds this Encampment. It matters not what laws and rules we have printed in our By-Laws, our Constitution or the Laws of the Order, so long as this body acts in accordance with the law of the land we may change any of them, without notice and without any previous action in accordance with those rules respecting amendments. This body may decide that it will only amend in accordance with those rules previously adopted, or it may decide not to be governed by them. It may decide, upon the motion now before the house, that it will amend at once by setting aside those rules and acting with the independence which the law gives to such a body as this. The same thing will be true of any future Encampment. It may amend the Constitution that you adopt today without any previous motion and without observing any rules that you may make today at this Encampment for the purpose of restricting the action of future encampments with regard to amendments. That is, this body cannot impose restrictions upon the legislation of some future session of this body; nor are we bound today in the legislation that we propose to enact by any rules imposed in the past, unless we choose to observe them. This report is the result of the labor of the committee. The care with which the report has been prepared you know. You know that this committee has had a meeting in the headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief and was in session there for two entire days with the Commander-in-Chief himself in its work; and it presents to you the best judgment of the committee arrived at in this way. (Applause).

Chief-of-Staff Edwin M. Amies: Commander, if this motion prevails it will adopt as the law of this Order the whole Constitution as read by Judge Grant?

Commander-in-Chief: That is what I understand to be the meaning of it, as it now stands.

Chief-of-Staff Amies: We are considering not the adoption of the report of the committee, but the adoption of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations as read this morning, and the Ritual, without discussion? Am I right?

Commander-in-Chief: It is being discussed now. That is the question before the house.

Chief-of-Staff Amies: Commander, is not that unfair to us who were told this morning when Judge Grant was reading his report that the matters were not up for argument then, but only for reading to inform us as to what the committee intended to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander, there seems to be an impression that there is a motion here to cut off debate. The committee desires that less than anything else. This whole report is before the Encampment for consideration and discussion and amendment. The only way in which it could be got before the Encampment was by a motion to concur in the report, and the motion is made for that purpose.

Chief-of-Staff Amies: And not to adopt?

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: It has that effect if concurred in.

Chief-of-Staff Amies: If I object to any particular part of that constitution I must pick out that part and ask for discussion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Certainly, or suggest changes. It is within the power of this body to direct that the report be read again, if it so desires. What part of it do you want to bring up.

Division Commander Henry Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, the law which Brother Church has laid down to us is the unquestioned law, but law is not always right. We appreciate the fact that this Encampment can do as it pleases, wipe away all these provisions of the present constitution under which we are now working enacted by an Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, a body identical with this, but the commonest principles of self-respect protest against precipitate and hasty action on this new constitution, without observance of the provisions of the present constitution which were adopted by these very gentlemen who now ask us to brush them aside. I move that the report be laid on the table until the proposed constitution is properly promulgated as per the constitutional requirements.

Division Commander E. S. Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, I second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander, I rise to a point of order. A motion to lay on the table cannot be coupled with anything else.

Division Commander Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Then I will change my motion to a straight motion to lay the report on the table, Commander.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: I second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: Commander—

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander, I rise to a point of order. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: I am not going to debate, Commander. I suggest a division.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the motion to lay the former motion on the table. All in favor of the motion will so signify by saying Aye; contrary minded, No (Cries of "Division," "Division"). A division is called for. All in favor of the motion to lay on the table will rise and stand until they can be counted. Those opposed will rise. (Cries of "Roll call," "Roll call"). The Secretary will call the roll of the Encampment.

The Secretary called the roll of the Encampment, and reported 98 voting in the affirmative and 84 in the negative.

Commander-in-Chief: On the motion to lay on the table 98 having voted Aye and 84 having voted No, the motion to concur in the report of the committee is laid on the table.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: Commander, there are a few ladies in the ante-room waiting to be received by us, but we have before us a question of parliamentary procedure: How shall we proceed to the consideration of these two years of labor of the committee. In order to solve this parliamentary situation I offer the following resolution, and move its adoption:

Resolved, That the Encampment hereby suspends any provisions of its laws to the contrary, and that it now proceed to a consideration of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, seriatim; that as such report is read those parts to which no objection is made shall be considered as adopted, and that such parts thereof to which objection is made shall be discussed and disposed of in accordance with the vote thereon of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander, I second the motion to adopt the resolution.

Division Commander Shumaker: I rise to a point of order, Commander. That matter has already been settled. We have just decided to lay that whole matter on the table.

Commander-in-Chief: You are wrong. You laid the motion to concur in the report of the committee on the table.

Division Commander Shumaker: Now it is proposed that we go ahead and concur seriatim?

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: No, Commander, we are proposing to take up this report now for consideration section by section, and that those parts to which no objection is made shall be considered adopted, and those parts to which objection is made shall be discussed and voted upon as they are read, in their order.

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander, I ask for a ruling on my point of order. If turned down, then I want to raise another point of order. My point of order, Commander, is that this is voting to undo, without proper motion, something that the Commandery-in-Chief has done, to take up something that the Commandery has laid on the table, and that cannot be done without a motion to reconsider, or take off the table.

Commander-in-Chief: I overrule the point of order.

Division Commander Shumaker: Then I raise this additional question, that this report has not been properly submitted under our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and I want to state, if I may, my reasons for so holding. I am going to ask the brothers present to take up this book and turn to Chapter VII, entitled "Amendments:"

"The foregoing Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the Ritual of this Association shall be altered or amended only by the Commandery-in-Chief, by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to vote at a stated annual meeting thereof."

Now if it stopped right there this committee would be wholly within its rights. However, the rest of this provision as to amendments is important:

"All proposed amendments to the laws shall be submitted in writing to the Commandery-in-Chief, not less than thirty days preceding the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and such proposed changes the Commander-in-Chief shall cause to be published in the next subsequent general orders, not less, however, than ten days preceding such meeting."

Now whether those things have been done or not we have not heard. If they have not been done we are estopped right here, for the necessary steps in changing our constitution have not been taken. I will read further:

"Provided that no amendment to this Constitution, Rules and Regulations, shall become effective until it has been considered and favorably acted upon at that meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief and subsequently ratified at the next two consecutive annual meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief."

Now we are informed that these proposed changes have not been published, and we have not had a chance to see them or digest them. We have heard nothing of them until we got here today.

Now I want to make this suggestion. We have prescribed the manner of making amendments, and what we are proposing to do is to alter or amend practically everything between the two covers of our organic law; and if there is one thing, Commander-in-Chief, that the order of the Sons of Veterans is founded upon it is loyalty to law and order; and are we going to become law-breakers ourselves by saying that the creature of this Constitution is superior to it? Delegates have been elected from the different Divisions representing interests that are vital to our Order from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They have had no opportunity to consider these changes revolutionary in their character, so revolutionary as never to have been known before.

Commander-in-Chief: The Brother will state his point of order.

Division Commander Shumaker: My point of order is that we are not following the rules for amending and altering the Constitution as laid down in our Constitution itself. That is my point of order, and on that I ask for a ruling.

Past Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson: Commander, I call the brother's attention to page 32, Section 1, "The supreme power and authority of the Order of Sons of Veterans shall be

vested in the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." That settles it. (Cries of "No," "No," "No.")

Commander-in-Chief: I have been asked for a ruling. The brothers have the right of appeal if they do not like my decision. My ruling is that this body is the Supreme Court, and it can throw that book out the window, if it wants to.

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander, I appeal from that ruling, and ask for a calling of the roll of the convention, and that the members be requested to rise and vote Aye or No.

Commander-in-Chief: The decision of the Chair has been appealed from. The question is, "Shall the decision of the Commander-in-Chief stand as the decision of the house?" A roll call has been asked for.

Division Commander Stewart: Commander, I withdraw my motion to refer this matter to the next Encampment, provided it is printed and properly submitted as provided.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commander-in-Chief cannot make a bargain with you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: Commander, the Sons of Veterans at their first duly authorized meeting adopted a constitution. Ever since the birth of the order it has modified it at succeeding meetings to meet the wishes and feelings of the Order. That is what we are doing today. The Commandery is master of its rules, ritual and rules of procedure. The resolution that I offered means that we can keep those things that we consider good, and put them into practical operation. If there is no objection to any of those parts they may be kept, and the parts to which objection is made may be voted up or down, postponed or deferred.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that we are discussing at this time the previous motion and not the question before us, which is whether the decision of the Chair shall be sustained, or not.

Commander-in-Chief: All those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Chair will so signify by saying Aye. Contrary minded, No. It is a vote. (Cries of "Division," "Division.") A division is called for. The question is shall the decision of the Chair be sustained. All those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Commander-in-Chief will rise and stand until counted. (Cries of "Roll call," "Roll call.") The Secretary will call the roll. Those in favor of sustaining the decision of the Commander-in-Chief will vote Aye; contrary minded, No.

The Secretary called the roll, and reported 137 voting Aye, and 57 voting No.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, 137 voting Aye and 57 voting No, you have sustained the decision of the Commander-in-Chief.

The question is now on the resolution offered by Brother Shepard.

Past Commander-in-Chief H. V. Speelman: Commander, as a substitute for the motion offered by Brother Shepard, I move that this report now be referred for action to the 1921 Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and it be promulgated

to Divisions in accordance with the provisions set forth in Chapter VII, page 80, of the present Constitution.

Division Commander Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: Commander, and brothers, the Committee on the State of the Order wants you to understand that it is not one of the contenders here. It offered, when the original motion was made, to do any and all of the things that you have been proposing to do since, and distinctly stated that the committee and the report were at your service for anything you want. The committee only wants you to take the result of its work in some way and act upon it, and discharge the committee. That is our position here. If there is anything we have that you want we want to give it to you.

Delegate J. Emory Coulter, of Massachusetts: Commander, I hope this resolution will prevail. I am opposed to the substitute motion because I know the condition of the Constitution and By-Laws and the Ritual of the Order is handicapping at least the attendance at meetings of many brothers. A great many come into the Order and do nothing else. Why? Because they are so tied up by the red tape of present requirements. Why wait another year to remedy this when the committee have had two years to consider it, and have gone over it carefully. If any brother has any objection to any part of their work he can urge his objection, and the Commandery can pass upon it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I demand a roll call on my motion.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on Brother Speelman's substitute motion to postpone the consideration of this report until the 1921 Encampment, and promulgate the new constitution according to the provisions of Chapter VII on page 80 concerning amendments, on which a roll call is demanded. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary called the roll of the Encampment and reported, Ayes 100; Noes 103.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion is lost. (Applause). The question now recurs on the resolution offered by Brother Shepard. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion to adopt Brother Shepard's resolution will so signify by saying Aye. Contrary minded, No. It is a vote.

Now let us relax for a few moments and give the girls a chance. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman and Past Division Commander Park Yengling to act as a committee to escort the delegation from the Daughters of Veterans into this presence.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, your committee to escort the delegation from the Daughters of Veterans endeavored to perform their duty, but the ladies have gone away, doubtless on account of the belligerency of this Encampment. (Laughter).

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the special committee is accepted.

We will now proceed to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order under the resolution of Brother Shepard adopted by the Commandery.

ENCAMPMENT

Chairman Grant: Does the Encampment want these Articles read again?

Past Division Commander A. G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the Articles of the Constitution as reported by the Committee be read by title, and if there be no objection to an Article as read by title that it be taken as adopted by the Encampment. On objection the article will be before the Commandery for discussion and action.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Walthers: Commander, a delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic is without.

Commander-in-Chief: We will suspend the business of the Commandery at this point to receive the delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Church, Division Commander Alcorn and Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, and Mayor of Easton, to act as the committee of escort to escort the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to this station.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present the delegation from the Grand Army of the Republic, Past Department Commander John D. Inman, of Illinois. Past Commander-in-Chief David J. Palmer and Department Commander of the Department of Illinois, Edwin M. Armstrong.

Commander-in-Chief: Comrades, we welcome you to this Encampment. Brothers, it is a great pleasure at this time to present to you a comrade of your fathers' and mine, Comrade Inman of the Executive Council of the Grand Army of the Republic. Without further remark I am going to present him to you. (Applause).

Comrade John D. Inman, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief and other Comrades, we are not here to make any speeches, but rather to convey to you the greetings of fifty-four National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic. As for myself I feel very much at home in meeting Sons of Veterans because, if you will allow me to mention it, my father died from the effects of wounds received at the second battle of Four Acres, so that I am a Son of a Veteran as well as one of the veterans of the Civil War. (Applause).

Incidentally, I had the honor to serve through the war with Spain in command of the Illinois Signal Corps, but that has nothing to do with this present visitation.

The mantle of greatness which your fathers have worn through all these years must soon be laid upon your shoulders, as we pass off the stage of existence, and we feel no hesitancy in saying that we know that you will carry out the principles for which we battled, principles that shall go down the ages and build a monument for these old history makers of the

Grand Army that shall be more durable than granite or marble or bronze; and now I wish you all success in your meeting here, and as I say, I convey to you the greetings of your fathers over in Tomlinson Hall in the 54th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Our honors never come singly, and it is also my great pleasure to present to you, brothers, a gentleman who has been given the highest honors within the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic. I present to you Comrade David J. Palmer, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade David J. Palmer: Commander-in-Chief, you are rather inclined to embarrass a fellow, I am afraid. It makes me think of some noble young fellows in our country at the beginning of the Rebellion. On the jump they got into a regiment and were sent to the front. One of them was married, the other was single. After a very long two days march, away into the night they went into camp. Some one passing their little dog tent heard one say to the other, "Jim, this is going to kill us; we can't stand this kind of thing at all; what made you enlist?" "Well," Jim said, "I kinda liked war. What made you enlist?" The answer was, "Oh, me, I was married and I liked peace, and I thought I would enlist." (Laughter). So I have two reasons for being here. One is I was detailed to come over, and the other is I like to be here. I like to look at you because you look like a set of men built up for work, absolute work, and we need it right now in our country. We need men who are ready to do and dare. We have things coming up in this country now that will have to be met, and we will need men to meet them. There is death and destruction all around us, as we will find out. Really, the war is not over yet, apparently, and we have got to put it over; and it will fall upon you men, and we old soldiers, as long as we last, will help you, but you have got to bear the burden of the job, and we know you can do it. We will be glad to see you do it, and we will bid you God speed in doing it. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: The next speaker, brothers, is the top-notch in the Department of Illinois, Comrade Edwin M. Armstrong.

Comrade Edwin M. Armstrong: Commander, and the rest of my nephews—because you are all my nephews; you are the sons of my brothers in arms, and our brothers in arms were closer together than natural born brothers are a good many times—I am just going to say to you to listen to the battle cry of peace and respond to that battle cry of peace, and see that we have real peace. It means work. It means organization. It means getting rid of Bolshevism and all these other damn isms, and we are sure going to get rid of them, too. We three men are very busy over there, and so are all the rest of those old grey-headed fellows. We have got lots of fights on our hands, but when we get outside the hall it will be, "Well, John," "Well, Tom, you won and I lost, and that is all there is to it. Shake." The old Grand Army fellows are all good sports, and that is all there is to it. Now, boys, go about your business, get through it, and go home and be good to your wives. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: They are all right, aren't they? (Ap-

plause, and cries of "They are; you bet they are.") I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Church to respond to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: There is just one point on occasions like this in which we differ from you; because when you visit our Encampment we are always the honored party. You come again to our annual encampment and honor us, and we are proud to be your nephews and sons, proud of the records our fathers made in that great war that imperiled our Government, proud of the flag they saved from dishonor at that time, and we are proud of the record made by you in the half century since the conclusion of that war, as you have controlled the destinies of this nation. (Applause). We are proud of the fact that you have given to this country sons and nephews who are able, when you lay down the hard work of life, to control the destinies of this nation; and we are proud of the fact that you gave to our country descendants that have helped a stricken world and imposed eternal silence upon the most autocratic military power that ever existed. Our country owes these things to you men, the Union soldiers of the great War of the Rebellion. We are proud to have you with us today, and we are proud that we are of your blood. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: What is the matter with the Old Vets.?

The Commandery: They are all right.

Commander-in-Chief: Who are all right

The Commandery: The Old Vets. (Applause, and three Cheers for the Grand Army of the Republic).

The delegation from the Grand Army retired.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I rise to a point of information. What number of votes are required, on a record vote, to carry an amendment to the Constitution? "A majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to vote at a stated annual meeting thereof." A record vote would mean a majority of the entire vote reported present and entitled to vote.

Commander-in-Chief: But we suspended the rules. Brothers, we have present a veteran of the Civil War, Rev. Dr. I. P. Patch, Chaplain of Post 62, Altoona, Pennsylvania, who is the author of some music, and not only the author but he sings it himself; and he has asked permission to come in and sing to us. If there is no objection I will invite him in. Come in, Doctor.

Dr. I. P. Patch: With your permission, Commander, before I sing I want to say a word. I found out something this summer in the way of history that I never knew before. I went up in New Hampshire and I learned that when Paul Revere made his ride, up in New Hampshire there were Minute Men that had been formed and organized for weeks. That morning when the word went up into New Hampshire "The enemy are marching," fifty-four men rushed to the colors and marched to Boston. They didn't have to wait. They were a patriotic unit, ready for action, and I said to myself, "That represents the Grand Army of today, the Sons of Veterans and the American Legion. They are great patriotic units, ready for action. Yesterday in the report that came from the President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to which I listened, she

said that three times in the last four years the date had been set to strike down this republic and that flag. But they were halted. Now before I sing I want to pay my compliments to those gentlemen who represent the red flag, and when I sing I will sing in behalf of those units. We have a verse to the followers of the red flag, and here it is:

"Get up and get out, if you have any doubt about the issue, I say; If you don't like it here the ocean is free, and there are ships going home every day.

There's only one flag—not a dirty red rag—lay your life down for that.

If you don't, take your hat; get up and get out, that's all."

I am not singing because I wrote the song, but I am carrying on a campaign of Americanism through song. I am singing in the interest of Americanism in the schools and churches and in centers where the air is not charged with patriotism and Americanism like it is here. I sing in behalf of the boys that wore the khaki and the blue, in schools and churches where I can develop the spirit of patriotism.

There being no one in the Commandery to play Dr. Patch's accompaniment, the Doctor recited his song instead of singing.

The Presiding Officer (Junior Vice Commander Walthers in the Chair): The Chair is informed there is a delegation from the Army Nurses, four in number, waiting to be received by the Commandery-in-Chief. I will appoint as a committee to meet them and escort them into our presence Past Division Commander Graves, Division Commander Stewart, of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman and Past Division Commanders Brothers Friedman and Brother Alcorn.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM THE ARMY NURSES.

Division Commander Stewart: Commander, I have the honor of introducing Mrs. Alice C. Risley, President; Mrs. Cornelia Green, Secretary; Mrs. Helen B. Cole, Past National Secretary, and Mrs. Salome M. Stewart, seventeen years Treasurer, of the Army Nurses.

The Presiding Officer: Be seated, ladies belonging to the Association of Army Nurses. We all know what that means. We know that without these army nurses modern warfare could not be carried on. Without the sacrifices and devotion of the Army Nurses we know we certainly would have been in a very deplorable condition. Ladies, we are extremely honored by your presence, and particularly so that one of your number is the mother of our distinguished brother, Commander of the Division of Pennsylvania. I will call on Mrs. Risley to address us.

Mrs. Alice C. Risley: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I live in the Capitol City of Missouri. I am so used to hearing the speakers say that they did not know they were to make a speech, that they have been called on without notice, or that somebody else has spoken their speech before they got a chance that I don't like to say it, but the fact is I didn't think anything about it because Mrs. Stewart is Chairman and I intended that she should do the talking, and it is getting late and I will not take up your time; but we wanted to extend our greetings to you and tell you that we love you because you are your fathers'

sons; we love you all because we love the old Grand Army men. To me the Civil War soldier is very dear, and I want to congratulate the Sons of Veterans of Missouri, and from the other States because I know what it means to belong to any organization connected with the Grand Army. I thank you all. (Applause).

The Presiding Officer: We will now have a few words from the Secretary of the organization.

Mrs. Cornelia Green: Commander-in-Chief, I am very happy to be with you today. I went in in 1861 and came out in 1865, and today I am eighty-six years old, but I am not old yet. (Applause).

The Presiding Officer: Now we want to hear from Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Helen B. Cole: Commander and Sons of Veterans—our boys—I am going to tell you a little about the history of the Sons of Veterans, particularly in Sheboygan. The boys were having a very hard time. Many of the older members who were influential and able to hold the corps together and do the work passed on, and the boys were in a condition that they felt they would fall. The Woman's Relief Corps of Sheboygan and the ladies of the Grand Army of Sheboygan banded together and formed the Auxiliary, and today we number a splendid band. I am going to tell you about our Sons of Veterans entertainment. The ladies of the Grand Army gave it and we had the Sons of Veterans and the Veterans of the Civil War there, but I feel a peculiar interest in the Sons of Veterans, and I feel every locality should make strenuous efforts now to promote your organization, for you are the right hand of the Grand Army on Memorial Day and all similar occasions. When I go home to Missouri I want to take back the spirit that I see here today, and they will be glad that I came. And now boys don't forget that if you are the right hand of the Grand Army the Army Nurses are your right hand, and we shall stand by you through everything. Call on us. (Applause).

The Presiding Officer: We will now hear from Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. Salome Stewart: Commander, boys, I want to tell you something that I have been wanting to tell you for a long time but never had a chance. We Army Nurses get a great deal of praise, we are called heroines; but I want to tell you that the real heroines of the Civil War were your mothers and grandmothers. (Applause). They stayed at home and bravely bore the burdens of the men at the front. Notwithstanding the privations and hardships of the soldiers life, still the days in camp had their bright side, but there was no silver lining to the clouds that overshadowed the desolate homes of your mothers and grandmothers. We had one woman amongst us whose husband had been the sexton at the grave-yard, and when he went to the front she took his place and actually dug graves. Think of it! A woman digging graves! I want to pay tribute to the memory of those women whose husbands were soldiers. I wish you God speed in your work. (Applause).

The Presiding Officer: I will call upon Past Division Commander M. D. Friedman, of Alabama & Tennessee, to say a few words in response to the delegation from the Army Nurses.

Past Division Commander Friedman: Commander-in-Chief and Ladies, this is indeed a position that I deeply appreciate.

My sainted mother was the real patriot of our family. She raised her children by her toil. She loved my father because he was a patriot. He was her ideal of a man because he fought for what was right, and no general was greater in her estimation than my father, a Union soldier who fought to preserve this nation. My good mother came from patriotic stock. Her father was in the war of 1846-47 with General Taylor when he went into Mexico, and she imbibed the spirit of patriotism from him and inculcated it in us. So patriotic was my mother that when she married she demanded to be married on the Fourth of July, and after twenty-five years we buried her just a few years ago on the Fourth of July. Now you know I am interested in you ladies since you know from whence I sprung. It is a pleasure to meet you here today, and to state to you and to these my brothers who will conduct this organization after I am gone from whence I sprung, that I am doubly a son of a veteran and to express my pleasure at meeting you women who during the dark days of 1861-65 did so much to help our fathers, and to express the hope that we may ever cherish the heritage they have left us. I thank you. (Applause).

The Presiding Officer: Now, ladies, before you depart allow me to present you, on behalf of the Sons of Veterans, with a slight token of our regard (Presenting the Delegate's badge).

The ladies from the Army Nurses retired, and the Commander-in-Chief resumed command.

Commander-in-Chief: The business before the Encampment is the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order. If my memory serves me correctly, I think Past Division Commander Lewis, of Kansas, had the floor.

Past Division Commander Lewis addressed the Encampment, advocating an amendment to open the Order of the Sons of Veterans to all sons of our Nation whose fathers did not bear arms against it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell: Commander, I desire to make a motion to save time and get better results. I move that where any objection is made to the report of the committee, or amendments thereto, they be submitted in writing, and that those who desire to submit amendments be given ample time to prepare them.

Delegate W. J. Schultz, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: I do not understand there is any objection to the Preamble.

Past Division Commander Lewis: Commander, unless I can get some support for my proposition I shall not insist upon it. I do not put myself up here as bigger than the whole convention. I am for this Preamble.

Commander-in-Chief: There being no objection the Preamble is adopted. Now the question is on the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion, and the motion was not agreed to.

Chairman Grant continued the reading by title of the articles of the revised constitution, without objection, until the

fourth paragraph of Article III, Chapter I, page 3, was reached, the paragraph being as follows:

"Fourth—of a military department known as the Sons of Veterans Reserve."

Stricken out by the committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Commander, as I understand, the Chairman of the Committee consents that this recommendation of the committee shall be considered in conjunction with its recommendation or amendment striking out Chapter V, on page 42.

Chairman Grant: Yes.

Division Commander Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the fourth paragraph of Article III, Chapter II, on page 3, and Chapter V, on page 42, be retained; that the report of the committee amending the constitution by striking them out be not concurred in, and they be retained.

Delegate Richard M. Wright, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief stated the question, which was discussed at length by Past Commander-in-Chief Amies, Past Division Commander Friedman of Alabama & Tennessee and other members of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Those in favor of the motion of Division Commander Stewart will so signify by saying Aye; contrary minded No. The Chair is in doubt. Those in favor of the motion will please rise to their feet and stand until counted. Those opposed will please rise. There are 126 voting in the affirmative. The motion is carried. The military reserve is retained.

Chairman Grant continued the reading by title of the articles of the revised constitution, without objection, until Section 4, Article 5, Chapter III, page 23, was reached.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Will officers in Camps and Divisions finish the terms to which they have been already elected, or be governed by the new provision?

Chairman Grant: That would probably be a matter to be ruled upon by the Division Counselor, or National Counselor.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: Commander, there being no vested right in office, the term expires in accordance with the new provision of the constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: There is no objection. The Chairman of the Committee will proceed.

Chairman Grant continued the reading by title of the articles of the revised constitution until Section 13, Article VI, page 30, was reached.

Past Division Commander Robert T. Alcorn, of Connecticut: Commander, permit me a suggestion for the purpose of saving time. I do not believe there are any other suggestions that are new or involve changes by the committee except such as meet the approval of this convention. I would therefore suggest that those who have any objections to urge to any particular feature in the report, or in the revised constitution reported, further than those which have been considered, make them

known, and let us take them up, instead of reading the entire report over again.

Chairman Grant: Commander, the committee will call attention to the substantial changes. There are no changes of substances or importance on pages 32, 33, 34 and 35. The Chief-of-Staff, of course, will be re-instated wherever necessary in our report, in accordance with the action of the Commandery.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander, I am objecting to the consolidation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer of the Commandery-in-Chief. I do not believe it is good policy that a man should keep check on himself, and the Secretary has enough to do if he attends to his secretarial duties. It may work all right in the Camps. I know it works all right in the Divisions, but in the Commandery-in-Chief we want a treasurer outside of the secretary's office. We do not want too much centralization of power. I move that the recommendation of the committee calling for the consolidation of the offices of secretary and treasurer be not concurred in, and that those offices remain as they are, separate, and filled by different men.

The motion was seconded, but upon consultation was withdrawn by Division Commander Bogart.

Chairman Grant continued without objection, the reading by title of the articles of the revised constitution until Article XV, Chapter VI, page 54, "Password and Countersign," was reached.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, I wish to object to concurrence in the recommendation of the committee abolishing the passwords and countersign. I move that the amendment of the committee abolishing the password and countersign be not concurred in, and that they be retained.

Past Division Commander Charles C. Behnke, of Missouri: Commander, I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: It is moved and seconded that the report of the committee in regard to the password and countersign be non-concurred in. Those in favor of non-concurrence in this part of the report of the committee will so signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, No. It is a vote.

Chairman Grant continued and concluded, without further objection, the reading by title of the revised constitution.

Past Division Commander Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief, I now move that the report of this committee be accepted, and the document as read and changed be hereby adopted as our Rules and Regulations, and that the same be promulgated and the committee discharged from this section of their work with the thanks of the Commandery.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire: Commander, I second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard: Commander, that motion is covered by the adoption of my resolution.

Past Division Commander Bogart, of Wisconsin: My motion includes the promulgation of the constitution, which the resolution did not cover, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the motion.

All in favor of the motion will so signify by saying Aye. Those contrary minded, No. It is a vote.

Chairman Grant: Commander, the committee has also to offer for your consideration a new Ritual. I move the adoption of the Ritual under a suspension of the Rules, as the Constitution was adopted. I think that covers it.

Past Division Commander Crowley: Commander-in-Chief, I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, it is moved and seconded that the Ritual as reported by the Committee be adopted under the suspension of the Rules as prevailed in the case of the Constitution. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor of the motion will say Aye. Contrary minded, No. It is a vote.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moynihan, of New York: Commander, I move the Commandery-in-Chief take recess until seven thirty o'clock this evening. (Cries of "No," "No.")

Commander-in-Chief: We are not ready to adjourn. There is a motion before the house—I make it myself and second it myself—it is moved and seconded that the Encampment pass a vote of thanks to the California & Pacific Division for the oranges with which they favored us. The motion is carried.

Past Division Commander Charles C. Behnke, of Missouri: Commander. Brother Moynihan's motion was not seconded. I move the Commandery-in-Chief take recess until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

Past Division Commander Wm. B. Moynihan, of New York: I move to amend that motion that we take recess until seven thirty this evening.

Commander-in-Chief: The ladies have this room for one hour this evening.

Past Division Commander Moynihan: Then, Commander, I move to amend that we take recess until eight thirty o'clock this evening. I think we should stay here and attend to the business of the Order.

The amendment was seconded.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, I want again to call the attention of the brothers to the Theater party this evening. We want you all to attend. Keith's Theater, remember. There will be somebody there who knows you to give you tickets.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the amendment, and the amendment was not agreed to.

The Commander put the question on the original motion and the motion was agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief took recess until tomorrow, Friday, September 24, 1920, at nine o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Friday, September 24, 1920.
Nine o'clock, A. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Michael Crowley will take up the password on my left, and Delegate Charles R. Hale, of Connecticut, will take it up on the right, and I will ask the Inside Guard to keep the door to the hall closed except to those entitled to enter; I instruct the Outside Guard to keep the outside doors on the left closed so that none can enter the hall without coming through the main doors.

Past Division Commander Crowley and Delegate Hale reported all present entitled to remain.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commandery will listen to the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, the Committee on Credentials submit as a supplementary report the addition of eleven names since yesterday's session as members of the Encampment entitled to a voice and vote. I move that they be entered on the roll.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order, has your Committee anything further to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander, as we concluded our report at yesterday's session we had finished our report covering the Constitution and Laws, and you were kind enough to receive the report of the committee on the revised Ritual without reading. There will be certain minor changes necessary to be made in our report because we had stricken from the Ritual all references to the password and countersign. Those, of course, will have to be restored so as to make it consistent with our rules and regulations as you have adopted them. Aside from those changes the Commandery will understand that there will be no other changes in the Ritual; and with that understanding I move, Commander-in-Chief, that the report of the Committee as amended by the action of this Encampment be approved, and its recommendations, as amended, be concurred in as a whole.

Commander-in-Chief: Should not your motion also embody that the Committee be continued to edit the Ritual?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I prefer to make that a separate motion, Commander.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: Commander, I second that motion.

Delegate Foye, of Connecticut: Commander, I desire to offer an amendment. I move an amendment that the references to the password and countersign be omitted. (Cries of "No," "No.")

The amendment was not seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: The question is on the motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Grant that the report of the Committee, as amended, and the report of the Committee on the Ritual with the amendatory clauses allowing the password and countersign to be restored be accepted as a whole, and the recommendations, except as otherwise ordered by the Commandery, adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion will so signify by saying Aye. Contrary minded, No. It is a vote.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I now move, Commander, that the Committee be continued for the purpose of editing the report and getting it ready for the printer, and causing the same to be promulgated.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: I second the motion, Commander.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: That disposes of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order. Are any other committees ready to report? Is the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

National Counselor William F. Alcorn: Commander, it seems almost unnecessary for this committee to make a detailed report, as nearly all the submitted amendments and resolutions have been taken care of by the acceptance of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order.

I wish to state that your committee went into session with one member absent, four members present, and the report as submitted this morning is the unanimous report of the four members of the committee present.

From the Division of California & Pacific comes the application for a change of the name of the Sons of Veterans to Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, that the change be made in Chapter I, Article I, and throughout the Constitution and Laws. Your committee recommends that the application be not granted and the name not changed.

From the Division of Connecticut that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the Ritual be amended so as to discontinue the password and countersign. This is taken care of by the action of the Commandery on the report of the Committee on the State of the Order.

From the Division of Illinois, an amendment to the Constitution to give Camps the right to confer the honor of Camp Commander upon Secretaries and Treasurers who have faithfully filled said offices for a period of five consecutive years. This is not concurred in, and the committee recommend that such amendment be not adopted.

From the Division of Michigan, that in lieu of Past Com-

mander's badge use of G. A. R. button, face to be set as center of some appropriate design sufficiently different to immediately differentiate with the original use of said button (if possible to secure the proper and restricted use of same). The committee does not concur in this amendment proposed by the Division of Michigan, and does not recommend its adoption.

From the Division of New Jersey comes a proposed amendment to the Constitution in Chapter 1, Article 4, to strike out the word "eighteen" and insert in lieu thereof the word "sixteen." The committee do not concur in this amendment, and do not recommend its adoption.

From the Division of Ohio comes a recommendation to change the name of our organization from "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." to "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic." As in the case of a like proposition from the Division of California & Pacific the committee recommend that the change be not made.

The Division of Ohio also recommends that the age limit for applicants be reduced from eighteen to sixteen years. The committee does not concur, and does not recommend the change.

From the Division of Rhode Island comes the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Article 2, THIRD (Principles and Objects), to strike out after the word "and" in the second line, all words to and including the numerals "1861-'65," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of all Soldiers, Sailors or Marines in the service or honorably discharged from the service of the United States Army or Navy." The committee report adversely.

The Division of Rhode Island also ask that the Rules and Regulations be so amended as to give the several Camps authority to fix their membership initiation fees. Upon this the committee report adversely.

The Division of Rhode Island further asks that all Rules and Regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the aforesaid proposed amendments be repealed, and that a Ritual in keeping therewith be adopted. As the committee report adversely on the "aforesaid proposed amendments" it reports adversely upon this request, if it is necessary to make any report.

The Division of Wisconsin requests that Division Commanders be vested with authority to, at their discretion, set the amount of admission fee with a constitutional minimum of two (\$2.00). Your committee report favorably upon this request, and recommend it be granted.

The Division of Wisconsin further asks an amendment changing the name of "Sons of Veterans" to "Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic," and requesting of the Grand Army of the Republic the honor of assuming that title. As in the cases of other Divisions asking this amendment, the committee report adversely.

The National Secretary-Treasurer recommends that Chapter 6, Article 13—Dues and Revenues—(on page 53) be amended by striking out the words, "provided that neither Camps nor Divisions shall be required to pay per capita tax on any member for the quarter in which he was initiated." The committee report favorably upon this recommendation, and it is covered by the report of the Committee on State of the Order.

That completes the report of the committee, Commander.

As I stated in the beginning most of these matters are covered by the action of the Commandery-in-Chief accepting the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. The report, which is rather in the shape of a memorandum than a formal report, is signed by myself as chairman, Henry Stewart and J. T. Drake.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was seconded.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question, and the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations was accepted and concurred in.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any other Committee ready to report?

RESTORATION OF PAST RANK TO BENJAMIN F. McCLELLAND.

Past Division Commander Locke, of Illinois: Commander, the committee upon the petition and resolution of the Illinois Division that the rank of Past Camp Commander and Past Division Commander be restored to Brother Benjamin F. McClelland did not restore the rank of Past Division Commander. The committee based its report upon the idea that the petition or resolution for the restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander should come from the Kentucky Division. Brother McClelland, however at that time was a member of the Illinois Division, and therefore our contention was that the Kentucky Division had no jurisdiction over him; that the Illinois Division was the only proper body to make this petition. It is our contention that this was an error on the part of the committee and the Commandery-in-Chief, and inasmuch as the Commandery-in-Chief recognized the merits in Brother McClelland's case and restored his past rank of Camp Commander that the past rank of Division Commander should also be restored. As I understand it, the new constitution does not provide for the restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander, but it seems to me that this body has a right to correct an error in the proceedings of a former Encampment; and therefore I move that the rank Past Division Commander be restored to Brother Benjamin F. McClelland, of the Illinois Division; and I make this motion for the purpose of correcting an error made at the Niagara Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I second the motion. Agreed to.

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander, we have a similar case in Indiana. It was placed in the hands of the Secretary yesterday. I wonder if action has been or will be taken concerning it.

Commander-in-Chief: Has your Division taken action?

Division Commander Shumaker: Our Division has taken action.

Commander-in-Chief: The matter is in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions, and will be taken care of. Is there any unfinished business?

Past Division Commander Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander, would it not be a good idea to continue during the next year

this Committee on the State of the Order, or a similar committee. This has come to us rather suddenly, this entire change of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The battle is all over, and the result is satisfactory to everybody, I guess, but there are a number of things that were not threshed out and they may come up in the future, and it seems to me if we had an operative committee of some kind to look after them during the coming year it would be a good thing. There were members of three different Divisions talking together this morning, and suggestions were made which later will probably be brought before the Encampment. One of those things was that in the future we ought to arrange with our Divisions that Past Division Commanders should be made life members of their Divisions, and that Past Camp Commanders should be made life members of their Camps without regard to the per capita tax. Here is a little medal that I wear as a Past Division Commander. That medal cost me a thousand dollars out of my own pocket and a year's work. I am not so poor that I cannot pay my per capita tax, but conditions do arise where Past Division Commanders are in financial straits and have been away from their Camps and been dropped. If a Division thinks enough of a man to elect him Division Commander I think we ought, in the future, if we can, keep him, take care of him; and then we would not have each year somebody getting up and making a motion to restore somebody's past rank. I would like to have that referred to this Committee on the State of the Order, that these brothers be made life members of their respective bodies; and that that also apply to Commanders-in-Chief. That is not a motion, but merely a suggestion for this committee to act on in the coming year.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, the ladies from Massachusetts desire to introduce themselves to you.

Commander-in-Chief: Come on in, Girls.

RECEPTION OF LADIES FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

The Secretary: Commander and Brothers, Mrs. Loomis, Division President of the Division of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Loomis: Commander-in-Chief, we are only going to take one moment of your time. We girls cannot allow the occasion to go by without giving you a little token of our appreciation and telling you how much we have appreciated our Commander-in-Chief in the past year and all the things that he has done for us. In behalf of the Massachusetts Division I present you this little token (presenting a plate). I said I would only take a half minute of your time, and that is all I am going to take. I thank you. We love you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I wonder if there are any others that want a half minute. (Laughter). I did not expect the girls to come up and confess their love so openly. In some quiet shady place that's different, that's the proper thing, but before all these fellows I don't know how you could do it. I will say to you, Mrs. Loomis, you may go back to the girls of Massachusetts and say to them that the love they have expressed toward me is reciprocated ten-fold. Now, if there is anybody else with dishes to dispose of, send them along. (Laughter and applause).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report. Attention, please.

Past Division Commander H. Harding Hale, of Massachusetts: Commander, your Committee on Officers' Reports would respectfully submit the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The report of the Commander-in-Chief discloses how thorough-going has been his interest in the Order's welfare and how closely he has studied the problems that have confronted him in the course of his duties. It also reveals that during the past twelvemonth this Order has been guided by a trained hand and led by a noble leader. The membership would do well to ponder on his words.

We hereby express to him our deep gratitude for his splendid service.

We agree with that part of the report of the Commander-in-Chief which speaks so finely of the splendid service of our soldiers, sailors and marines in the great World War, and feel that they merit the best thought of our Congress to the end that the wisest and the best legislation may be enacted for their present and future welfare; but we feel that this Encampment is not now prepared to recommend any specific plan or law.

Regarding the appeal of Charles F. Miller, Esq., former Division Commander of the Division of Colorado & Wyoming, as to the action of the Commander-in-Chief in revoking the charter of said Division, your Committee has carefully considered this appeal in connection with that part of the Commander-in-Chief's report which covers the subject matter. We feel that the action of the Commander-in-Chief was amply warranted in the circumstances and should be sustained.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

It is clear, through reading this report, that the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, in whose particular care have been the Camps west of the Rocky Mountains during the past year, has put forth able and earnest efforts and has most creditably served the Commandery-in-Chief. Our sincere thanks are hereby tendered.

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has been in good hands during the year just passed, and to him we would express our appreciation for his service.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

This report shows that the Order has enjoyed for another year, the services of a highly skilled and efficient Chief-of-Staff who richly deserves the gratitude of the Commandery-in-Chief.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The National Secretary-Treasurer's report contains much valuable information concerning the conditions prevailing during the past year and offers much food for thought. The word

"efficient" but mildly expresses the character of the services rendered by National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer. His duties were considerably augmented through his performance of the tasks of the office of National Treasurer after the death of our esteemed late National Treasurer James L. Rake. Your Committee most heartily extends its gratitude for the eminent service he has rendered.

The report contains a recommendation relating to the per capita tax. Its subject matter we feel should be referred to the Council-in-Chief for careful consideration and the proper action. Also is contained a recommendation in regard to a change in the ritual, which recommendation your Committee hereby refers to the Committee on the State of the Order, as that matter comes properly within the sphere of that committee. The recommendation that the offices of National Treasurer and National Secretary be combined is hereby approved by your Committee.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

The National Counselor, as his report shows has carefully studied the questions submitted for his opinions and has faithfully and satisfactorily performed his duties, thereby meriting the thanks of this Order.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

The National Chaplain in his report discloses an unusually active and well rendered service, and your Committee feels most grateful to him.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

This officer, has as his report shows, given much time to his labors and has been at considerable pains in gathering the reports from the various Division Patriotic Instructors, and this Committee feels that the Order is substantially indebted to him for what he has accomplished.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

This report is received with due appreciation for the service rendered.

To the Commander and Council-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
U. S. A.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Colonial Building, Reading, Pa.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Whereas, Upon July 1, 1920, a certain order, revoking or attempting to revoke the charter of the Division of Colorado & Wyoming, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was issued by Harry D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., same being attached hereto and made part hereof:

And *whereas*, due and proper request for re-instatement has been made, without avail:

Now Therefore, Objections and exceptions are hereby made and taken to said order and revocation of said charter, and an appeal therefrom, is hereby made and lodged to and with said Commander-in-Chief, Council-in-Chief and National Encampment,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be held at the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, September 19-25, 1920.

The grounds of appeal are as follows:

1. That said order so, revoking or attempting to revoke the charter of the Colorado & Wyoming Division, and assigning the Camps thereof, to the Division of California & Pacific, is not authorized by the Constitution and Laws governing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Section 1, (a), Article 1, Chapter III, cited by the Commander-in-Chief, as authority herein, being as follows:

"Camps organized in States where no Division exists, shall be attached by the Commander-in-Chief, to the Division most contiguous and accessible thereto."

No authority is given to attach such Camps to other Divisions.

Both Nebraska and Kansas are more accessible than California, to Colorado and Wyoming, and are contiguous; but California is not contiguous, and therefore the Division of Colorado cannot be legally attached to the California & Pacific Division.

2. That the present officers of the Colorado & Wyoming Division were elected June 25, 1920, and said notice of revocation of charter was dated July 1, 1920, only five days after said election of Division officers, and was made and issued without notice, "that the Division had become reduced to less than the dignity of the required number of Camps." Neither was notice of any kind, nor any time, nor opportunity allowed in which to remedy the conditions complained of.

3. Immediately upon taking office, and authority to act herein, the Division officers wrote a large number of letters to all Post Commanders and Adjutants of the G. A. R. in this Department, and also, all members of former Camps in the Division, also, a few members of Farragut Camp No. 1, at points outside of Denver, taking steps to organize new Camps and re-instate former Camps.

In response to the first letters, favorable answers were received from points in Colorado, as follows:

Evans, Longmont, Cheyenne Wells, Cripple Creek, Fort Morgan, Fort Collins, Greeley, La Junta, Pagosa Springs, Wray, and Windsor.

From Wyoming: Sheridan, Lander, Larimie, Basin City, Casper and Wheatland.

We also have a member of Farragut Camp No. 1, residing at Albuquerque, New Mexico, and several Sons of our acquaintance at Salt Lake City, Utah, who will, doubtless, desire to help organize Camps. And several application blanks for Camp charters have been mailed to Camp organizers, at places where numbers of eligible names have been reported, for the purpose of organizing and re-instating Camps.

We feel able to organize several new Camps and re-instate many former Camps, within a reasonable time, say, the balance of the current year, if we are not deprived of our charter and authority to undertake and carry on the matter of organizing and re-instating Camps. And great inconvenience, delay and hinderance and discouragement to the Division officers and Sons would result from revocation of the charter and authority to

proceed with the work, and in being compelled to correspond with the California & Pacific Division in these matters.

Wherefore, an appeal from the said order is hereby made, as aforesaid, with prayer that the Division of Colorado & Wyoming, be so re-instated immediately.

Dated, Denver, Colorado, September 4, 1920.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. & L.,

C. F. MILLER,

Commander, Division of Colorado & Wyoming,
S. of V., U. S. A.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARDING HALE,

FRANK L. SHEPARD,

RALPH SHELDON,

F. T. F. JOHNSON,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief: I move that the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be concurred in. The Committee does not at this time report on the report of the Council-in-Chief which was only handed to us this morning. It will be further considered and reported on later.

The motion was seconded.

Past Division Commander J. G. Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander, I am in perfect accord with the report all the way through with the exception of the recommendation that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be consolidated, and I am absolutely against that. If the adoption of this report makes that mandatory then I am against the adoption of the report. Before this is voted upon I want to know if the adoption of this report consolidates those two offices without further action. I want to be informed on that subject before we vote.

Past Division Commander Hale, Chairman: It does.

Past Division Commander Bogart: Then, Commander, I move an amendment to the motion that the report be accepted as read so that the motion will read that the report be accepted with the exception of that part recommending the consolidation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and that that part be stricken out.

Past Division Commander Lewis A. Dilley, of Iowa: Commander, I second the amendment.

Commander-in-Chief: We have adopted a new constitution governing the Order, to be in effect immediately upon adoption. It provides that a Secretary-Treasurer is permissive, not mandatory. I do not believe that the report of the committee, or the adoption of the report of the committee, could have the effect of nullifying the constitution. Therefore it is my opinion, subject to correction, that that provision in the report of the committee would be null and void.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, I think the Committee was wholly within its rights in availing

itself of the "may" in the present constitution, and this body has the full right, acting under the new constitution at this time, either to accept or reject that part of it. I think the recommendation is in order, and that it is up to the Commandery-in-Chief to determine what it will do.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the amendment, and the amendment was not agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion to accept and concur in the report of the committee, and the motion was agreed to.

GOVERNMENT HEADSTONES: MARKERS FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS GRAVES.

Office of National Secretary, Reading, Pa.
August 20, 1920.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Indianapolis, Ind.

Brothers:

The National Secretary was, by direction of the Thirty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Columbus, Ohio, 1919, directed to communicate to the Honorable, The Secretary of War, Washington, D. C., the resolution adopted by said Encampment to the effect that:

"* * * marble disintegrates by action of the weather, and that the last resting place of the soldiers and sailors who participated in the Wars of our Country shall be made as permanent as the memory of those heroes who made the supreme sacrifice to establish and preserve the Nation, the Encampment adopted and recommended a resolution that hereafter the Government should furnish markers of granite only * * *"

Following reply was received in answer to the resolution adopted by the said Encampment:

WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington.

October 27, 1919.

293.71-Cemeterial.

Office, Quartermaster General of the Army.

Mr. H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Reading, Pa.

Change in material for headstones.

1. Your communication of the 21st instant to the Secretary of War, transmitting copy of resolutions passed by the Thirty-eighth National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on the subject of a change in the headstones for marking soldiers' graves, has been referred to this office for action.

2. In reply you are informed that the headstones now furnished by the United States Government are of best American white marble, 39 inches long, 12 inches wide, and 4 inches thick, the top slightly rounded, and the portion of the stone which is above ground when set is sand-rubbed; each headstone is inscribed with the name, rank (if above private), company, and

State regiment, or other organization, to which the deceased belonged, cut in relief, within a sunken shield. Attention is invited to the full description of the headstones on the back of the inclosed blank. Headstones of this type have been furnished for 378,000 soldiers, sailors and marines buried in the various national cemeteries throughout the United States, as indicated on the list of national cemeteries inclosed herewith. In addition to the furnishing of headstones of the standard design in the national cemeteries mentioned, they have been furnished for graves of soldiers, sailors, and marines buried in private cemeteries throughout the United States since March 3, 1879. Since 1902 236,479 of these headstones were furnished under contract made annually at prices ranging from \$1.80 in 1902, to \$3.99 in 1919, contract being made with the privilege of reduction or increase in number required for the year. The headstones have been shipped to city, town and village cemeteries in all parts of the United States. The contract for the present fiscal year calls for 13,000 headstones at \$6.67 each.

3. The style of headstone now used was adopted by the War Department as being most appropriate and satisfactory after many years experience, as above shown. A survey made in 1917 to ascertain the condition of the marble in the headstones in national cemeteries disclosed the fact that no signs of disintegration were found to exist in any of these headstones and the inscriptions thereon were perfectly distinct and could be easily read from a considerable distance. A recent inspection of headstones erected forty years ago in the Arlington National Cemetery shows that the headstones were in good condition and the inscriptions could also be read at considerable distance. It should be noted that the inscriptions on the headstones furnished by the Government are on the front face of the stone, facing the grave, and not on the top, as suggested for the marker approved by the Committee of Cemetery Superintendents, which would make it necessary to stand directly over a headstone to read the inscription thereon. The superintendents of the various national cemeteries located in different parts of the United States as shown on the attached list, should be in a position to know of the lasting quality of the marble furnished.

4. This office has a list of 14 cemeteries in the United States which do not permit the erection of the Government headstones, some because they are Quaker cemeteries and require a flat stone to be laid on the ground, others like Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo., which require the use of granite in all monuments, some because they prefer all monuments to be of a certain height to conform to the regulations of the particular cemetery.

5. This office has been advised that a granite headstone of the dimensions given by the Committee of Cemetery Superintendents in its suggestions made heretofore, would cost approximately \$80 if supplied in lots of 10,000. As the appropriation for supplying 13,000 headstones for the fiscal year 1920 is only \$100,000 it will be observed that a million dollars would be required to furnish the same number of granite. Due to the number of men of the present war who will be entitled to these headstones in the future by reason of burial in national and private cemeteries, this sum would undoubtedly increase from year to year.

6. In view of the foregoing, I am convinced that the headstones now furnished by the Government to mark the graves of soldiers are of durable stone, as required by law, that they are of appropriate design and when set present a pleasing appearance, and no reason is known in the interests of the service why any change should be made in material from marble to granite even if the increased cost of the latter was not prohibitive.

H. L. ROGERS,
Quartermaster General of the Army.

By: H. R. LEMLY,
Major, Quartermaster Corps, Chief of Cemeterial Branch.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

The Inside Guard announced that there was a delegation of three Daughters of Veterans waiting to greet the Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, Past Division Commander Yengling and Division Commander Hale to act as a committee to escort the greetings committee from the Daughters of Veterans.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, it is with pleasure and honor that this committee that you have selected present to this Encampment a committee representing our sisters, The Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Compton of Illinois, Mrs. Love of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Layman of Washington.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, you will present the ladies at this station.

Brothers, it is a great pleasure at this time to admit the delegation bringing greetings, who are representatives of those who have an Order builded on sentiment, as is ours, and who have welling up from the inmost recesses of their hearts that same appreciation of a father's service that animates us. It is an unusual pleasure and privilege that I have this morning of introducing to you Mrs. Compton of the Illinois Division or Department of the Daughters of Veterans.

Mrs. Compton: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we wanted to come yesterday with the greetings committee from the National Daughters of Veterans, but we got so busy at our convention that it was impossible, and I was fearful that we would not have an opportunity to get our greetings in at all, but I wanted you to know that our National President, Mrs. Yengling, sent a committee here yesterday and the committee made a stall that it could not come here yesterday. I was very glad because I was very much afraid to call on you again—I am very bashful and timorous where there are a lot of men—but Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I want to extend our greetings and very best love and wishes for you and all our brothers. We are all doing or trying to do the same work. Yesterday I had a won-

derful speech ready, but we had very many delegations from the different organizations, conventions, and they all said the same things that I intended to say, and I presume you have had the same committees, and they probably told you all about their organizations, each being the hub of the whole world and doing so many wonderful things, so I am not going to do so this morning. I know you are very busy, and I am very anxious to get back to our convention, so I will just ask you to accept this little token (bouquet) to put on your desk and cheer you up a little bit. If you were in our convention you would not need the bouquet. (Applause). Sister Yengling, our National Alliance President, and the whole body in convention of the National Daughters of Veterans send their greetings and very best love, and their hope that you will continue in the good work, and not only that, but that you will go a little further and do a lot more good work, and in that you will have the co-operation of the National Alliance Daughters of Veterans at all times. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I have got a hunch that if it was put up to you fellows that are looking in this direction now that you would say "Amen" to the proposition of Mrs. Compton that her organization does not need flowers. It has sent some pretty good looking samples. (Applause). I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman to respond to the Daughters of Veterans.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: At the very outset, let me assure you, sisters, that you need not have feared this crowd. It is not dangerous, either individually or collectively, as is evidenced by the attitude of our beloved hard-working Commander-in-Chief. We are perfectly harmless.

But seriously, let me assure you in the name of this organization that it is with gratitude and appreciation that we hear the greetings of our sisters. The Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans are fraternal in these great organizations, their principles are the same, their right to membership is derived through the same lineage, and it would appear perfectly proper that we should appear before the world as brothers and sisters in this great cause—the work of patriotism.

Now I know that your organization is busy in its closing hours, as is ours, and without any attempt at anything that might be called an address I merely wish to say to you, in the name of the Sons of Veterans, that we ask you to carry back to your sisters and ours, and to your organization, our best wishes. We wish you good luck and success in the continuation of the great work of patriotism in which you are so loyally engaged. Good luck, God speed you and God bless you, is our earnest prayer. (Applause).

The visiting delegation retired.

Commander-in-Chief: The Report of the Committee on Resolutions is in order. Past Commander-in-Chief Amies, Chairman. How will you act upon the report?

Division Commander Stewart, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move the several sections be accepted as read unless objection is made.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: It is moved and seconded that unless

objection is raised to the various propositions submitted by the committee they be deemed accepted as read. Any remarks?

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Just this point Commander. We are interested in Indiana, and hence I raise the question. As I understand it, under the new constitution restoration of the rank of Past Division Commander no longer is allowed. Am I right in that?

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: No; you have jurisdiction of it yourself, in your own Division—not Division Commander.

Division Commander Shumaker: That is the point, Commander. We have one brother living in Danville. He was Division Commander of Arkansas and Texas. That Division no longer exists. When it went out of existence that brother lost his rights. If we are going to act under the new constitution the action taken by the Indiana Division in its Encampment last May would not restore it, and if that be true then I want to raise the question can we legislate here, *ex post facto*?

Commander-in-Chief: If that is an extreme case and it is not covered already the Chair would entertain a motion, in that particular case.

Division Commander Shumaker: Then Commander, I move—

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Wait a moment, Brother Shumaker.

Past Division Commander Shumaker: May I read the certificate, Commander?

"This is to certify that the Indiana Division at its last annual Encampment at Bloomington on May 26, 1920, passed a resolution authorizing and asking the re-instatement of Past Division Commander Otis E. Gulley, of the Division of Arkansas and Texas, who served that Division as its Division Commander in the year 1886," and requesting the Commandery-in-Chief to act upon said resolution.

Now I ask permission to withdraw that from the Committee on Resolutions, and to present it, *de novo*. (Cries of "Consent," "Consent.")

Commander-in-Chief: Is there objection? If not it can be done. The Chair hears none.

Division Commander Shumaker: Then, Commander, I want to ask this Commandery-in-Chief to restore the rank of Past Division Commander to Brother Otis E. Gulley.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Commander, I make that motion.

The motion was seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander, I would like some explanation to be made. I would like to know how long the brother was in the Order and how long he was out of the Order, what efforts he made to retain his rank and how he lost it, and what he has done since.

Division Commander Shumaker: I am not sure, Commander, I can answer all that. I have known Brother Gulley for a number of these years. I think he has been a member in good standing of the Camp in Danville, in this State, and that he never was out of the Order at all. He lost his rank because the Division went out of existence.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire, of Indiana: Commander,

I understand that Brother Otis E. Gulley was Commander of the Division of Arkansas and Texas as it was constituted back in the olden times. When that Division went out of existence or a short time afterwards, he moved to Indiana, and when the Camp at Danville, Indiana, was organized Brother Gulley joined that Camp; and the object here is to re-instate Brother Gulley as a Past Division Commander by right of his services in the old Division of Arkansas and Texas.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander, I do not want to be persistent on this proposition, but as an ordinary every day Son of a Veteran that attends his Camp meetings once in a while and who values his past rank and has been educated to understand that it is a man's duty as he values those things to maintain them, I personally would feel much better satisfied if I knew the conditions under which this man lost his rank. I never heard of this Division before. I don't know how many members they had down there and I don't know what work he performed. It seems to me if he had been interested he might have had himself transferred in some way and annexed himself to the organization in some Camp somewhere where he could have retained his rank. It might be wise to pass the matter to the next Encampment, without prejudice. I think we ought to have more information than has been given, and I object to the restoration of rank of Past Division Commander on such meager information.

Division Commander Shumaker: I will withdraw this matter for the present, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief: With the consent of the Encampment we will leave this question open, and proceed with the report of the Committee on Resolutions. The question is on the motion of Division Commander Stewart that as the report is read objection may be made to any part of it, and unless objection is made it will be considered as accepted. All in favor of the motion will so signify by saying, Aye. Contrary minded, No. It is a vote, and so ordered.

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander, I have been informed that in view of the lack of the records at this time in the case of Otis E. Gulley, Past Division Commander of Arkansas and Texas, I may withdraw this request without prejudice, and the brother will be entitled to present it at the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: Does this Encampment give consent to extend the privilege in regard to restoration to past rank to Brother Otis E. Gulley over to next year?

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: I make that motion, Commander.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

Division Commander William H. Hyden, of California & Pacific: Commander, there is another case which is somewhat similar to the one we have just been considering, the case of Brother John F. Mullen, who is a delegate to this Encampment. Brother Mullen has a petition pending for the restoration of his rank as Past Division Commander. For many years he was an active member of the California Division. He was an active member of his Camp and Camp Commander for some time before he was Division Commander, and his record is very creditable.

Shortly after that time he removed from the State of California to the East and neglected to keep up his dues in his Camp, the Camp that he belonged to. At our last Division Encampment at Santa Barbara our Camp requested the Division to bring the matter before the National Encampment and request that past honors, the rank of Past Division Commander, be restored to Brother John F. Mullen. So far as his record is concerned, it is clear all the way through.

Division Commander Jesse T. Drake, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move that we restore this California brother's past rank.

The motion was seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander, Brother John F. Mullen was in a position to keep in good standing if he saw fit. There were Camps in the East, and he could have transferred to one of those Camps.

Division Commander Hyden: Commander, I was mistaken in saying the East. It was when he was in South America that he failed to keep up his dues.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Still, Commander, he could have made arrangements to have kept his standing. If the Camp was the kind of a Camp it ought to have been and he was the kind of a brother he ought to have been they would not have thought of dropping him, that is, they would not where I come from. If a man has a good record, in the Camps that I represent, he is never dropped until he deserves to be dropped. I consider that there is some value in the privilege of membership in these Encampments, and I do not think any too well of the votes of Past Division Commanders as against the votes of delegates and representatives from the Camps. I do not believe in building up in this Commandery, or in any Division, a membership out of sympathy with the Camps, that has not enough consideration for the honor, or think it worth while, to take care of their membership. On these general grounds I object.

Division Commander Hyden: Commander, Brother John F. Mullen is here, an elected delegate to this Encampment, and I would like for him to make a statement for himself.

Commander-in-Chief: The Commandery will hear him.

Delegate John F. Mullen, of California & Pacific: Commander and Brothers, I was very sorry to have lost my rank. I joined the Order in 1888, and was elected Division Commander afterwards. Then I had to take a trip down through Mexico and South America. I acted not only as Division Commander but as Secretary. At that time the Camp was rather small and I had hard work collecting the dues, and I would pay the dues myself. I naturally supposed if my dues did get a little slack while I was away they would carry me; but if you amount to anything you have always got some knocker, and so it happened that while I was away for a short time this proposition came up. I will not say it was neglect, because when you get away down there in those countries you cannot do just as you would like, you cannot control things, so unfortunately I went suspended, and I am sorry to say it was partly through spite work of some certain members, but I will say nothing more about that. I came back, however, and went to work in the Order, and I asked for the restoration of my rank last May, not only as Past Division

Commander but as Past Camp Commander, which position I filled several times, and they unanimously recommended it, and I wish the matter presented to this Encampment, and to have my Past Honors to which I think I am entitled restored, because I have always taken an interest in the Order and worked for it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I understood the Brother to say that in order to keep his Camp alive, for a period at least, he paid out of his own pocket the per capita tax.

Delegate Mullen: I did.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: If that amount had been applied to the payment of your dues while you were absent you never would have been out of the Order on account of the non-payment of dues?

Delegate Mullen: No sir, I would not.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I think that ought to be taken into consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: What year did Brother Mullen return and how soon thereafter did he resume his relations with the Order?

Delegate Mullen: I came in immediately after I came back.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: That is sufficient for me. I withdraw any objection.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I move that the rank of Past Division Commander be restored to Brother John F. Mullen, of California.

Commander-in-Chief: Does that involve a suspension of the new constitution?

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Commander, it was in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions before the adoption of the new constitution.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Amies, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, will read the report from that Committee. Under the order of the Commandery what is not objected to will be considered as concurred in.

Chairman Amies read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24, 1920.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Brothers:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit this report as follows:

RESTORATION OF PAST HONORS.

A large number of petitions for the restoration of past honors came before your Committee for consideration and action from many Divisions.

This Encampment by its action changed the method of procedure upon such petitions. Following the law thus enacted,

all of these petitions are, therefore, transmitted to such Divisions, through the National Secretary, for such action as the premises warrant.

Many other petitions and restorations came up for consideration before your Committee but none of them seem to effect, alter or change any of the fundamentals of our Order. Many of these communications are long and it was the thought of the Committee that it would be best not to encumber our records with all of the voluminous contents of such petitions, but rather to report to this Encampment the nature and contents of such petitions so that they could be understood after reading to the Encampment by your Chairman. Your Committee, therefore, will submit them by numbers citing briefly the nature of their contents.

Resolution No. 1:

Resolution submitted by F. A. Hobbie, Kansas Division, referring to subscription to "The Banner" is not concurred in for the reason that a contract is now in existence between the Commandery-in-Chief and "The Banner," and this body has, therefore, no right to interfere therewith.

Resolution No. 2:

A resolution unsigned relating to Christian Armenian girls held in bondage in Turkish harems, and asking this body to pass such resolution endorsing the work of the Near East Relief in its efforts to relieve these conditions and to support the cause.

This resolution is concurred in.

Resolution No. 3:

Communication from Division Commander William H. Hyden, of California & Pacific Division, requesting the granting of the Gold Cross to Past Division Commander John A. Medlar, is before your Committee.

The action of this Encampment prevents this Committee from concurring or non-concurring therein.

Resolution No. 4:

Resolution signed by Brother A. M. Longfield, St. Paul, Minnesota, relative to circulation of false and malicious rumors is presented to your Committee.

It is not concurred in for the reason that the Laws of our country cover infractions of the Laws relating to the publication of false and malicious rumors.

Resolution No. 5:

Communication from Mme. Guerin, official delegate and lecturer of the Millerand's Committee, asking the adoption of a resolution from the American and French Children's League, etc., and pertaining to the adoption of the red poppy as the memorial flower for Memorial Day, was read and concurred in.

Resolution No. 6:

Resolution from the Wisconsin Division relating to citizenship and duties thereof.

Your Committee agree in the thought expressed in this resolution but being part of our platform and principles, we see no reason to reiterate them by such resolution.

Resolution No. 7:

Resolution from Michigan Division relating to badge and button is not concurred in for the following reasons: .

First, That the resolution is in error, and that the facts are not correctly stated, and

Second, That the use of the G. A. R. button in any respect is prohibited without first having obtained the official sanction and consent of the G. A. R., and

Third, That this Encampment by its action has prescribed the official button.

Resolution No. 8:

Resolution presented by the National Chaplain, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, relative to favoring the passage of the Smith-Towner Bill, which establishes a Department of Education, etc., is concurred in.

Resolution No. 9:

Resolution from the Illinois Division relative to recognition as Assistants to the G. A. R., is not concurred in.

Resolution No. 10:

Communication from the Director of Savings Division, Treasury Department, U. S. A., relative to the Liberty Bond market situation was read and the following resolution was presented for adoption:

"That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., urge and request its members, and urge and request all others, to hold their Government securities and to invest their savings in any form of such securities at the present attractive prices."

Resolution No. 11:

Whereas, The State of Indiana, more particularly the City of Indianapolis, came to the aid of the Grand Army when it was necessary to find a place large and hospitable enough to entertain the affiliated patriotic societies.

Whereas, The courtesy extended to the members of this Encampment by the Division of Indiana, the entertainment provided, the excellent facilities for our comfort, and the beautiful weather which appears to be of a special Indianapolis brand of sunshine all of which has greatly increased our appreciation of the Hoosier State.

Therefore be it Resolved, That we hereby express our grateful appreciation to our hosts, and tender to them our manifold thanks. That our best wishes and grateful thanks be extended to the affiliated patriotic societies, more especially the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, for their loyal endeavor in our behalf, to our own officers who have given us such peerless leadership, and pledge anew our love and cause created services to maintain the best government in the best land, under the fairest flag that ever floated over a free people. Long may it wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN M. AMIES, Chairman,
FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
CLIFFORD IRELAND,
ERNEST W. HOMAN,
P. A. BARROWS.

Chairman Amies: Now, Commander, we have a report from a conference of the representatives of the Allied Patriotic Societies to the Grand Army of the Republic, held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, which report is a synopsis of their proceedings. There is nothing in it for the Committee on Resolutions. It is not a resolution; it is a communication.

We have a communication from Elizabeth B. Kellogg, dated September 22nd, requesting permission to speak to this Encampment.

We have another one from the Michigan Division, from Brother Whittier, Division Secretary, enclosing a song that he heard sung somewhere. I don't know why Brother Hammer gave those to us. The latter one is as follows:

East Lansing, Mich., July 31, 1920.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Brother Hammer:

I enclose three copies of a song that a G. A. R. veteran sang at a recent reception in Lansing to the Department officers of the allied organizations. I had never heard it before, the Veteran did not know its authorship nor how old it was, nor have I any way to learn these facts.

But it is so good that I would like to have it sung before the National Encampment. I would like it to receive wider publicity, for it so nearly embodies our purpose that it is worth it. But as I do not know whom to place it before to achieve this, I am sending it to you, with the request that, if you deem it worthy, you give it to whomever is best suited to sing it to the boys.

Comrade T. P. Staley, who sang it here, used the tune of "When the Mists Have Rolled Away," but there might be some other tune more appropriate. There is no music with this copy, which is hand written.

Thank you.

In F., C. & L.,

B. B. WHITTIER,

Division Secretary.

WHEN THE BOYS IN BLUE ARE GONE.

(Tune: When the Mists Have Rolled Away)

(Author Unknown)

1. When the Comrades have departed, when the Veterans are no more,
When the bugle call is sounded on that everlasting shore,
When life's weary march is ended, when the camp-fires slumber long,
Who will tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?

Chorus—

When the Boys (when the Boys) in Blue are gone (in Blue are gone),

When the Boys (when the Boys) in Blue are gone (in Blue are gone),
 When life's weary march is ended, when the camp-fires slumber long,
 Who will tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?

2. Who will tell about the marching from Atlanta to the sea?
 Who will halt, and wait, and listen, when they hear the Reveille?
 Who will join to swell the chorus of some old Grand Army song,
 Who will tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone?—Chorus.

3. Sons and Daughters of this Nation, you must tell of triumphs won,
 When on earth our work is ended, and the Veteran claims his own,
 You must cherish dear "Old Glory," and its teachings pass along,
 You must tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone.—Chorus.

4. To that Flag, our Country's emblem, you must pledge allegiance new,
 To its glorious, splendid mission, may your heart be ever true.
 That the Nation be protected 'gainst injustice and all wrong,
 You must tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone.—Chorus.

5. You must keep each star unblemished, and each stripe without a stain,
 You must take the Veterans' places, and repeat their roll of fame.
 You must keep our Country's honor, and the Flag, above all wrong.
 We must trust you with the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone.

Last Chorus—

When the Boys (when the Boys) in Blue are gone (in Blue are gone),
 When the Boys (when the Boys) in Blue are gone (in Blue are gone),
 When life's weary march is ended, when the camp-fires slumber long,
 WE will tell the world the story, when the "Boys in Blue" are gone.

Secretary Hammer: I was requested to present the song to the Encampment, so that it would get in the record.

At the request of the Commandery the composition was sung by Past Division Commander E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton, Delegate J. Emory Coulter and Delegate Henry F. Weiler, of the Division of Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I move that this beautiful song be printed and inserted in the revised Ritual of our Order, to be used on appropriate occasions.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: Commander, I second the motion.

Past Division Commander Behnke, Missouri: And printed with the notes.

Delegate J. Emory Coulter, Massachusetts: The tune is the tune of the hymn "When the Mists Have Rolled Away."

Delegate George S. Geis, Commander, I would add to the

motion, and that it be the special song of the Order, and be sung at each initiation.

Past Commander-in-Chief C. F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I doubt the wisdom of adding this to the Ritual which you have just adopted.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, as a substitute motion, I move that it be printed in The Banner, as well as in the proceedings, but not in the Ritual.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: My motion, Commander, is merely that it be printed in the covers of the Ritual, to be used on proper occasions.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman's motion, and the motion was agreed to.

Secretary Hammer: The Committee on Ritual will provide for hymns, etc., in the Service and I suggest that this be included in the Ode Book, and then we will have it for various purposes.

Commander-in-Chief: If that is satisfactory it will be so ordered.

Chairman Amies: Commander, the Committee on Resolutions also has a communication from the Division of Massachusetts relative to the per capita tax. The Secretary referred it to us. I think it ought to go to the Council-in-Chief. That is all that the Committee has to present.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, the Credentials Committee reports Brother John F. Mullen a member of the Encampment as Past Division Commander of the Division of California & Pacific; also Brother B. F. McClelland of the Division of Illinois, as a Past Division Commander, in accordance with the action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Shellhouse, of Indiana, is recognized by the Chair.

Past Division Commander Frank Shellhouse: Commander and Brothers, three or four weeks ago when we were advised that we should have the Encampment here in Indianapolis several of our good fellows here in this Division and the splendid girls of our Auxiliary—I must not forget them—held a little meeting. At the first meeting I will acknowledge that we were disturbed, we were worried, we were heart sick, so to speak. We had made arrangements to go to the Atlantic Coast for this Encampment. Then we realized the work that was before us. In a very few moments, however, all of us, boys and girls, saw that this was the greatest honor that had ever come to us, and we made up our minds that we were going to go to it and work hard and faithfully to the end that this might be a successful convention for the Sons and a help to the parent organization; and from that moment on I wish to assure you that it has been one round of joy and pleasure in making the arrangements. It was certainly a pleasure to receive the old Grand Army boys at the Union Station, to see them coming in and being met by their children and grandchildren. It was a sight to behold. It was pathetic, but it was joyous to all of us. I went to the Marion Club the other evening where we were sleeping a hundred and fifty of the old boys. It was rather early, too,—that is in the morning—and they were sleeping soundly, because you could

hear them all right. The lights were turned down, and there was one little fellow trying to get his clothes off and looking around, and I says, "What's the matter, Buddy, what are you trying to do?" and he said, "I slept with Fergy down at the seige of Mobile, and I went to sleep with him tonight." We found "Fergy" for the old gentleman, and he slept with "Fergy" that night. These things have been a great privilege and pleasure to us, and we hope by our arrangements we have been able to make the boys comfortable and happy. We have been told by some of the good brothers here that we have made no mistakes, that everything has been perfect. Well, I think we have made a couple of thousand of them, but we will not try to prove it. We will let it go as the brother said, for we do want you to carry home with you sweet memories of this convention, and the manner in which we at least tried to entertain you.

Now the election will soon come about, and whoever may be elected the Indiana brothers and our good girls will be right with the new officers for the coming year; and we will do everything we possibly can for the uplift and the growth of the Sons of Veterans organization. I thank you very much. (Applause).

PRESENTATION OF SILVER SERVICE TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SISSON.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. The Commandery as a body has seen fit to entrust me with a very pleasant duty which some of my associates have been kind enough to think I could perform. Personally it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be designated to do that which I am to do. Brothers, the Commander-in-Chief, you know. You have known him as I have known him for more than a quarter of a century; and if there is any man in the organization proud of the fact that he is the Commander-in-Chief it is your humble friend who worked along with him in the Massachusetts Division more than twenty-eight years, and was fortunate enough to just precede him in a line of offices; and it is therefore extremely a privilege that I am permitted—to put it in just that good natured way that he put it himself; if anybody had anything to pass up to him he wanted them to pass it now—to pass something up to him.

The Commandery-in-Chief has decided that he is entitled to something that will typify his sterling qualities, something that will bear the stamp of "Sterling," something that will indicate the polish that he possesses as a gentleman, something that will represent the simplicity that he represents as a man, something that can be in his family, something that will endure as his membership in this Order has endured, something that will get in his hands occasionally and in which he can feel that touch of fellowship and brotherhood which we all feel toward him. My desire is not to embarrass him by speaking of his splendid achievements both as a man and associate, but it is to express, with your permission I am sure, the entire respect and love of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, for the man who has given such splendid service this year. I ask you, Mr. Commander-in-Chief, that you accept this equipment of table furniture. It is a good big family, the Commander's; he has four boys. We hear it said in Massachusetts sometimes that

Harry proceeded to build a Camp, for they are all in the organization. We want him to accept this equipment, and we want him to feel that this furniture in the Sisson family is also the expression of the love and friendship of everyone of his brothers. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Bolton and my brothers of this Encampment, I never have been very much at receiving gifts, although I have been in the habit of acquiring most of the good things that go to make life worth living, and it is a little bit out of my line to know just how to accept a gift the proper way. I know what it means. I know that it is an outward expression of that which is really inexpressible. There are things that well up within one that make life worth living that cannot be counted in dollars and cents. This year has been a wonderful year to me, to those who have been Commander-in-Chief and to those who are yet to be Commander-in-Chief, you have one of the greatest experiences that can come to a human being before and behind you. You learn a lot of things, but the thing, of all the rest, that makes it worth while after all, is the field of unselfish service that it opens up, the opportunity for a man to do for others than himself. I do not need this table furniture to tell me what the glint of the eye and the clasp of the hand have told me so eloquently before, but, my dear boys, I want to tell you that it will be a constant reminder of one of those high spots in a man's life that really go to make up the sum and substance of existence, to make it worth while; and as I live along the afternoon shadows, as I will the balance of this life, I tell you very frankly that one of the high spots in my entire service will be this year, devoted more or less, and without hope of reward other than the satisfaction that comes from a sense of duty done, to the cause of patriotism and love of country. This particular service, this opportunity of service in memory of those old fellows who made this country worth while, to have shared in it with you and to have had your cooperation, will ever be one of the high spots in my life, and one of the most wonderful compensations that can come to human consciousness. Men, I cannot tell you what the heart would speak. I simply say, I thank you, and God bless you all. (Applause).

We will now listen to the report of the Council-in-Chief, which will be presented by Past Division Commander E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, of the Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Milham read the report of the Council-in-Chief, as follows:

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 24, 1920.

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

Brothers:

Pursuant to custom and authorization of the Constitution of the Order, your Council-in-Chief submits the following report for the term just closing:

Immediately after the close of the sessions of the Thirty-

eighth Annual Encampment of this Order, held in Columbus, Ohio, September 9-10-11, 1919, the duly elected members of the Council-in-Chief convened at Hotel Virginia in that city, consisting of the following: R. J. Williams, Columbus, Ohio, E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn., and A. D. Rhinesmith, Peoria, Ill.

On motion A. D. Rhinesmith was elected Chairman, E. H. Milham, Vice Chairman, and R. J. Williams, Secretary.

BONDS.

The amount of bonds of the bonded officers of the Commandery was fixed as follows:

Commander-in-Chief	\$1,000.00
National Secretary	5,000.00
National Treasurer	5,000.00

These bonds were turned over to the proper officials.

The vouchers covering the expenses of the Columbus Encampment were duly audited, approved and ordered paid.

AUDITED BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS.

A detailed, complete audit of the receipts and expenditures of the term was made by members Milham and Williams of the Council-in-Chief on Tuesday, September 21, 1920, covering the entire work of the National Secretary and National Treasurer as stated in their reports. These were verified as correct and certified as accurate. The balance on hand as shown in their reports are attested by cashier's certificate hereto attached.

(EXHIBIT A)

Reading, Pa., Sept. 18, 1920.

Council-in-Chief,

Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the balances in accounts as designated below are standing to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, at the close of business this day.

General Account	\$3,415.82
Permanent Reserve Fund	2,185.79
Organization Fund	579.89

READING NATIONAL BANK,

B. F. WHITMAN,

Assistant Cashier.

In this certificate is included \$57.45 interest on deposits which will appear in the coming year's receipts.

LEASE OF HEADQUARTERS.

By a letter to the National Secretary, the Commandery-in-Chief is notified of a raise in the rental of rooms 700A and 703 located in the Colonial Trust Co. Building, Reading, Pa., now occupied as National Headquarters from \$480.00 to \$706.00 per annum. The Council-in-Chief respectfully recommends that the National Secretary be authorized to renew said lease at the increased rental for the space of one year, beginning November 1, 1920.

THE BANNER CONTRACT.

Our attention has been called by the publishers of The Banner to the increased cost of paper since the contract entered into by the Commandery-in-Chief under the date of January 1, 1918, to continue for the term of five years by bills showing the cost of paper submitted to us. In December, 1917, the cost was \$3.62 per hundred F. O. B. Dwight. In September, 1920, the cost of said paper was \$11.50 per hundred F. O. B. Chicago. This increase applies only to one item in the make up of The Banner. We are well aware that since January 1, 1918, when this contract was entered into, that the cost of labor, inks and all other material entering into the cost of publication has increased accordingly. While we can hold the publishers to the contract, we feel that the Commandery-in-Chief should take recognition of abnormal conditions and offer to the publishers some relief.

The increase cost for paper for each issue of The Banner is \$330 to \$340 monthly above the price paid for paper when the contract was entered into. We submit these facts for the earnest consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief.

PROCEEDINGS.

We recommend the publication and distribution of 1500 copies of the official proceedings of this Encampment.

That one copy of same be mailed to each member of this Encampment and to each Division Commander by the National Secretary and to each Camp of the several Divisions by their respective Division Headquarters.

TYPEWRITER.

A typewriter purchased in November, 1914, and used by the National Secretary continuously since is in need of replacement. We therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$80.00 be made and that the National Secretary be authorized to use this sum and the old typewriter in exchange for a new one.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN PRICES OF SUPPLIES.

Owing to the increased cost of stock, material and other supplies, the Council-in-Chief is advised by the National Secretary it will be necessary to advance the cost of such supplies, and after thoroughly investigating the matter, a schedule has been prepared consisting of all items affected by the proposed changes in both Camp and Division requisition blanks, which schedule is made a part of this report.

The Council-in-Chief recommends the adoption of such changes in price to Camps and Divisions as per schedule attached.

Proposed Price: Proposed Price:
From Divisions From Camps

to to
Commandery-in-Chief Divisions

Form:

CAMP SUPPLIES.

1—Requisition for Supplies, per 100.....	\$1.00	\$1.25
3—Application for Membership, per 100..	1.00	1.25
4—Transfers, per 100	1.00	1.25
6—Honorable Discharges, per 100.....	1.00	1.25
7—Past Officers' Credentials, per 100.....	1.00	1.25
8—Delegates' Credentials, per 100.....	1.00	1.25

8½—Alternates' Credentials, per 100....	1.00	1.25
9—Receipts of Evening, per set 75.....	.30	.35
10—Camp Treasurer's Monthly Reports, per 100	1.00	1.25
11—Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, per 100	5.00	6.00
12—Statements of Members' Accounts, per 100	1.00	1.25
13—Camp Council Quarterly Report of Audit, etc., per 100.....	1.00	1.25
14—Notices to Members Delinquent in Dues, etc., per 100.....	1.00	1.25
16—Request for Ancestor's War Record, per 100	1.00	1.25
18—Ode Cards, per 100.....	1.35	1.50
19—Camp Treasurer's and Council Bonds, per 100	1.00	1.25
A—Descriptive Book	1.35	1.50
B—Book—Camp Treasurer's Receipt to Members: Order for P. & C. Visiting Card .....	.60	.75
C—Camp Secretary's Requisition (Book) on Camp Treasurer .....	.60	.75
D—Minute Book	1.00	1.25
E—Ledger	1.15	1.35
F—Cash Book	1.15	1.35
G—Roll Book of Members and Veterans of the War of 1861-'65.....	1.25	1.50
H—Register of New Members to sign Con- stitution after Obligation.....	1.15	1.35
I—General and Division Orders File Book	1.00	1.25
Electro of Badge, Large.....	1.25	1.50
Electro of Badge, Medium.....	1.00	1.25
Electro of Badge, Small .....	.75	1.00
Electro of Coat of Arms, Large.....	1.25	1.50
Electro of Coat of Arms, Medium.....	1.00	1.25
Electro of Coat of Arms, Small.....	.75	1.00

DIVISION SUPPLIES.

0000—Password and Countersign.....	Free	Free
1½—Division Requisition Form for Sup- plies, per 100	1.00	
4½—Division Transfer Cards (used for Members of Disbanded Camps)....	1.00	
21—Rituals, each	1.00	1.25
22—Installing Officers' Reports—(Camp In- stallations), per 100	1.50	
23—Organizer's Report of Institution of New Camp, per 100	1.25	
26—Camp Charter Application, per 100...	2.00	
27—Camp Secretary's Quarterly Report...	2.00	
27D—Camp Secretary's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book .....	.40	.50
28—Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Report, per 100	1.00	
28D—Camp Treasurer's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book .....	.40	.50
29—Dispensations, per 100	1.00	

31—Commissions for Appointed Division Officers, per 100	2.00	
33—Commissions for Camp Commanders, per 100	2.00	
35—Division Secretary's Report of Camps Dropped—Quarterly	Free	
37—Division Secretary's Consolidated Quarterly Report	Free	
37D—Division Secretary's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book	1.00	
38—Division Treasurer's Consolidated Quarterly Report	Free	
38D—Division Treasurer's Quarterly Report Duplicate Book .....	.75	
40—Division Council Voting Form, per 100	1.00	
43—Division Chaplain's Consolidated Report, per 100	1.50	
44—Camp Chaplain's Report, per 100.....	1.00	
45—Secret Work Envelopes, per 100, for Camps	1.50	
49—Certificates of Election of Division Officers, Delegates, Roster of Officers, each .....	.10	
50—Camp Patriotic Instructor's Report, per 100	1.00	
51—Division Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Report, per 100.....	1.00	
55—Card Index Record of Camps — for Camp Secretaries, per 100.....	3.00	
Division Secretary's Cash Book.....	6.00	
Division Secretary's Requisition Book	6.00	
Division Treasurer's Receipt Book....	6.00	
Dispensation Record	6.00	
BADGES AND DECORATIONS.		
Badges, Members, each .....	.50	.60
Past Camp Commanders' Badges, each .....	.50	.60
Past Division Commander's Badge (Silver Cross)	10.00	
Ribbon—Member's, each .....	.15	.20
Ribbon—Division Officers', each.....	.15	
Bronze Recognition (Coat Lapel) Button, each .....	.15	.18
War Service Cross (for Members of a Camp who served in Spanish-American War) each	3.50	4.00
Applications for War Service Cross and blank record of service of applicant, must accompany requisition	Free	
Camp Seal Press	6.00	6.50

CAMP STATION BANNERS.

Owing to the increased cost of Camp Station Banners, it was considered unreasonable to expect the Camps to purchase them, and it was not deemed wise to carry them in stock, thus tying up considerable of the funds of the Commandery. The National Secretary was therefore directed to withhold making further purchases until normal conditions were again reached.

CAMP SEAL PRESSES.

Because of the advanced cost for Camp seal presses, the National Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to advance the price of same to Camps.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL TREASURER.

When the sad intelligence reached us of the death of James Lewis Rake, our beloved National Treasurer, we knew of no more fitting person to fill that responsible position than Horace H. Hammer. We accordingly unanimously elected him to said position, and the desire and work of our departed brother has been faithfully followed by said officer.

The report of the National Treasurer indicates the value of the mortgage notes of the International & Great Northern Railway Company. Under the present condition, we would recommend that the National Treasurer and Council-in-Chief keep informed as to the status of the said securities to the advantage of the Commandery-in-Chief.

BUDGET.

We submit the following budget for the ensuing year and recommend its adoption:

Receipts:

Per capita tax, 51,000 members at 36c.....	\$18,360.00
Charter fees, 40 Camps	200.00
Supplies	4,500.00
Junior Order	50.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Balance on hand	3,358.37

Total\$26,518.37

Expenditures:

Stock and supplies	\$ 3,500.00
The Banner subscription	11,000.00
Encampment expense, including printing of proceedings	2,500.00
Printing	1,000.00
Chief-of-Staff and Reserve	450.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's badge and miscellaneous..	400.00
Shipping supplies (office)	500.00
Expense of Commander-in-Chief, travel and office.....	1,500.00
Salaries—National Secretary and Treasurer.....	3,300.00
Headquarters office expense and equipment.....	1,800.00
Expense of other National Officers.....	500.00
Bonds	35.00

\$26,485.00

We cannot close this report without manifesting our appreciation of the very efficient manner in which the office of National Secretary-Treasurer has been conducted by Horace H. Hammer. His books are models of neatness and precision. The Commandery-in-Chief is to be congratulated upon having an officer at the helm with such ability as is possessed by Brother Hammer.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. MILHAM,

R. J. WILLIAMS,

Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Council-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, and that committee will report upon it later, if there is no objection. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS ON REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Past Division Commander H. Harding Hale, of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Officers' Reports begs leave to submit the following supplementary report:

The Committee has received the report of the Council-in-Chief, and has noted the various matters contained therein with interest.

As to its various recommendations, your Committee refers them all to the Commandery-in-Chief for such consideration and action as may be deemed advisable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the further report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, to the effect that the various recommendations contained in the report of the Council-in-Chief are referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for action. What is your pleasure in regard to the report?

National Counselor William F. Alcorn: Commander, I strenuously object, to use a common expression, to the Committee passing the buck in this manner. I do not believe in referring these matters to the Commandery-in-Chief. They cannot be considered wisely in the Commandery. The Committee should report definitely recommending some action to the Commandery.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Commander, I move the adoption of the supplemental report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Division Commander Charles B. Martin, of Kansas: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question, and declared the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports adopted.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Council-in-Chief is before the Commandery. What action will the Commandery take on the report? I notice a discrepancy on the question of the salary of the Secretary in the report. The Council-in-Chief was evidently laboring under the old constitution.

Council-in-Chief Milham: We will correct that, Commander.

Commander-in-Chief: The Secretary will read the report section by section.

The Secretary read the report, section by section, explaining each section having reference to the office of the Secretary as it was read, there being no objection. When the section concerning the Secretary's salary was read:

Past Division Commander Alfred G. Lloyd, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the salary of the Secretary in the budget be changed to conform to the new constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection that will be done. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. That is \$3,300. The budget is amended, and the figures changed from \$3,000 to \$3,300.

Secretary Hammer: Now, Commander, the item to The Banner, \$11,000 for subscriptions. That does not cover the proposition relative to the increased cost. The increased cost for paper for each issue of The Banner is from \$330 to \$340 monthly above the price paid for paper when the contract was entered into. The Council-in-Chief submits these facts for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief. The appropriation of \$11,000 for subscriptions is simply estimating the amount which The Banner will be paid for to the membership on the basis of 51,000, and does not cover the increased cost of production.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander, I would like to inquire what the increased cost of paper means—I may not be able to put this just as I want to—if we are now paying twenty cents a year per member of course that represents some profit to the publisher. I would like to know what is the increased cost for paper as reflected in the cost of the paper, to the individual.

A. S. Holbrook, Editor of The Banner, of Illinois: It used to represent a profit to the publisher. It does not now.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: There would be about 350 per cent increase in the cost of the paper.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I would like to know whether it will take 22, 23, 24, 25 or thirty cents per subscription to cover the increased cost of paper, it being twenty cents now.

A. S. Holbrook, of The Banner: Commander, I cannot give that without doing some figuring.

Past Commander-in-Chief C. F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I feel that the Council-in-Chief should have taken this matter into consideration and reported a definite recommendation to the Commandery-in-Chief. The Council-in-Chief is charged with that duty. All matters of contractual character are referred to them. We, as the Commandery-in-Chief, are not as well qualified to handle a question like that as the Council-in-Chief. I move that this matter be referred back to the Council-in-Chief with instructions to report definitely thereon. I mean as to this section of the report.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection this section of the report will be referred back to the Council-in-Chief with instructions to report a definite recommendation. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Secretary Hammer: Then the Budget items are adopted? .

Commander-in-Chief: We will not adopt the Budget yet. We will take it up later. Are there any other committees ready to report?

Brothers, the matter that was referred to the Committee on Resolutions by the National Secretary—the report of the conference of the representatives of the Allied Patriotic Societies to the Grand Army of the Republic, perhaps I can explain that better than any one else except possibly the National Secretary. We came out here last Saturday upon the invitation of the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and there was a delegation from that body and from each of the other allied organizations, a delegation composed of the Commanders of those bodies together with a delegate. The object was to further the

proposition made by the Woman's Relief Corps last year, and upon which they appointed a committee, to consider the proposition of a federation of the allied bodies to the Grand Army of the Republic, looking to a more direct application or rule or routine of work and of effort. That meeting was held in the Claypool Hotel last Saturday afternoon. There was present Mrs. Abbie Lynch, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Inez Jameson Bender, National Chairman Americanization Committee W. R. C., Mrs. Eliza Brown-Daggett, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Grace Seebers, National Secretary of the Ladies of the Grand Army, Mrs. Clara G. Yengling, President of the Daughters of Veterans, Mrs. Hallie L. Everts, Secretary of the Daughters of Veterans, Miss Mary L. Tredo, President of the Sons of Veterans Auxillary, and Mrs. Margaret Carney Palmer, Past National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxillary, and the National Secretary and myself.

To condense the thing as much as possible, an organization was formed under the name of "The National Federated Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic." These people whose names have been read are the incorporators, or permanent members. Hereafter the membership is to be enhanced automatically by the membership in the Federation of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Patriotic Instructor and one delegate, and these additions to the Federation are made each year for three years, when their term expires automatically. That is after three years the organization grows no larger. It is stationery as to numbers, and is constituted by the new members of the National bodies. I will read these minutes:

"That there be elected annually a President and Secretary-Treasurer, and at no time the same twice in succession or from the same bodies.

Upon motion of Mrs. Everts, seconded by Miss Tredo, a President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected annually, who shall not be re-elected or from the same society, to take effect after the President and Secretary elected at this meeting shall have filled a two year term of office.

Upon motion of Mrs. Bender, seconded by Commander-in-Chief Sisson, the temporary Chairman was elected President, and the temporary Secretary was elected Secretary-Treasurer for a term of two years. The object of this to put the organization in working order, the watchword to be "Service."

The several societies announced their memberships which aggregated 350,000.

Mrs. Daggett suggested the advisability of a Vice President, and upon motion, properly seconded, Harry D. Sisson, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, was unanimously elected.

Upon motion of Mrs. Palmer, seconded by Miss Tredo, it was agreed each society be asked to contribute \$25 yearly for publicity work, which would redound to the benefit of each organization. It was further agreed that all propaganda and promulgation of patriotic ideas be issued through the various National Patriotic Instructors of these organizations.

Upon motion of Mrs. Everts, seconded by several, meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

MRS. ELIZA BROWN DAGGETT, President.

MRS. CLARA G. YENGLING, Secretary."

The President has issued a call for a meeting on the Saturday preceding the next Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. The object is, briefly, to centralize and direct our efforts along a similar channel, looking to the time when the Grand Army will be here no longer; and it seems to be rather a comprehensive proposition and to be well worthy of our co-operation. The proposition is put up to you at this time for your consideration. There will be an expense to our Order, if we belong to the Federation, of \$25 a year for propaganda work, which is not excessive; and it will bring together a united programme for all Patriotic Instructors. The question is up to the Encampment.

Past Division Commander Alfred G. Lloyd, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the Encampment approve of the Federation proposed and submitted here, make the proper appropriation and that the representatives of this Order be instructed to be present at the meeting preceding the next Annual Encampment of the Grand Army, and report all their action to the next Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any new business to be brought before the Encampment at this time?

Commander-in-Chief C. F. Sherman, of New York: Commander, I move the Commandery-in-Chief recess until one-thirty this afternoon. It is now quarter past twelve.

The motion was not seconded.

Past Division Commander Michael Crowley: Commander, I move we proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander, I rise to a point of order. The nomination and election and installation of officers must be the last act of regular business of the Commandery, and we have yet to hear and act upon the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports on the report of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Division Commander Crowley: I withdraw my motion, Commander.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, I know that in our legislative assemblies the presiding officer always has at his elbow an expert parliamentarian, and they have them in the two houses of Congress, to assist the presiding officer. Frequently parliamentary questions come up, and questions of law and the constitution, and the Commander-in-Chief has to give his decision right off the bat, without time for consideration, and if he had at his elbow an expert in parliamentary proceedings I believe it would be an excellent thing. It should be some member of the Order who is versed in parliamentary law and has also a knowledge of the constitution which he could put at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief when sharp questions come up for decision. I believe it ought to be done, and that it would add dignity to our Order. I am not making a motion, I am just making a suggestion for the good of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief: I have had a half a dozen of 'em at my elbow ever since the Encampment opened.

Division Commander Shumaker: That's the trouble; you have had too many.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, I have a supplementary report from the Committee on Officers' Reports on the report of the Council-in-Chief. It is as follows:

"To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Encampment:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to submit the following proposition, from the Council-in-Chief:

That the price per year for the subscription for The Banner be changed from twenty cents to thirty cents per member, said change in price to be in effect for one year from the October issue, 1920, including the September issue, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. MILHAM.

R. J. WILLIAMS.

Council-in-Chief."

Past Division Commander Crowley: Commander, I move we accept the supplementary report of the committee, and adopt the recommendation.

The motion was seconded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: The effect of that, Commander, would be to obligate this Commandery-in-Chief to pay ten cents more per member on 51,000 members, which would amount to something over five thousand dollars.

A. S. Holbrook, of The Banner: Our September list called for 47,000 or a little over. We have not a complete list of the membership, and never have had.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: The point I make, Commander, is that ten cents per member for a year makes a greater increase than the estimated income of this organization can stand. We come up here with no very much larger balance than we had a year ago, and we are not planning any increased income, and if you put into effect such a change as is suggested you will increase your expenditures nearly five thousand dollars. Ten cents on 47,000 members means \$4,700 increased expense. Where are you going to get the money unless you increase the per capita tax? This is too important a matter to settle in a minute or in five minutes, and I am not in favor of obligating this organization to pay an increased liability of nearly five thousand dollars; because a man should not increase his liabilities until he knows where his income is coming from.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: Commander, I would like to inquire upon what basis the Council-in-Chief recommends the increase from twenty to thirty cents per member; whether they have estimated the number of pounds of paper that is used every year in the issue of The Banner, and whether they came to this conclusion after careful figuring, or whether it was just an off-hand conclusion that that would be the proper figure for The Banner for the next year? If we know the number of pounds of paper that are consumed in the issue of The Banner for a year we can then arrive at what would be the increased

cost, and whether an increase of ten cents per member would be a reasonable or unreasonable increase in the price.

A. S. Holbrook, of The Banner: I would say roughly that there is 4,500 pounds of paper used for each issue, and there are twelve issues—twelve times 4,500 pounds.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: What was the price of paper in 1916?

A. S. Holbrook: In 1916 it was \$3.62 a hundred, F. O. B. Dwight.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: How much is it now?

A. S. Holbrook: The paper I bought last was billed at \$11.50 per hundred, Chicago, and there is about a thirty-five cent freight rate to be added to that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stephens: There is an increase from \$3.62 to \$11.50 or \$11.85 per hundred—about \$7.85.

A. S. Holbrook: \$8.23.

Delegate Charles J. Schnaebel, of Washington & Oregon: Commander, I am of the opinion, basing it on the increased cost of material, that \$5,000 represents practically, without attempting to put it down in exact figures, the increased cost of the paper. If he uses 54,000 pounds of paper per year and the increased cost per hundred is approximately eight dollars plus freight, the increase in the cost of the paper alone amounts to \$4,320. If you add to that freight you can readily see that \$5,000 is not particularly excessive. There is one phase of it, however, that I want to bring to the attention of the membership directly with reference to the report of the Council-in-Chief. I do not see how we can act on this recommendation without referring the matter back to the Council-in-Chief and for this reason: Assuming that the same number of copies of The Banner will be mailed this year at 30 cents as was mailed last year at 20 cents, it involves an increased expenditure of \$3,150 approximately. I understand that the report of the Council-in-Chief provides for only \$11,000 for The Banner for this year. At 30 cents it would necessitate the expenditure of \$14,150; so that it will be necessary to again refer this matter to the Council-in-Chief and for the Council-in-Chief to report back to us where we can get approximately \$3,000 more money.

Past Division Commander Alfred G. Loyd, of Pennsylvania: Commander, cannot the publisher get the money from advertising, or something like that. We would like to see if that cannot be done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Is there any additional expense aside from the additional cost of paper?

A. S. Holbrook: Yes, indeed; there is an increase in the cost of labor of about 100 per cent, an increase in ink, in wire, in everything that enters into the production of the paper.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: You have not considered that at all?

A. S. Holbrook: No sir.

Past Division Commander Bogart, of Wisconsin: Commander, that Budget also arranges for 1500 copies of the Proceedings. During the last year I have had three copies of the Proceedings of the last Encampment mailed to me, and there is a lot of those

wasted. They lay on the shelves and are not used. Cannot that number be cut down to a thousand, and something be saved in that way. Every fellow then will be able to get a copy that wants it.

Past Division Commander F. D. Corrick, of Nebraska: Commander, I think they are publishing entirely too much stuff in The Banner. That could be reduced, cutting down the expense. And then the number of copies issued could be reduced. There are two members in our family, and we are each getting a copy. I think this matter ought to be referred to the Council-in-Chief with power to act.

Delegate J. Emery Coulter, of Massachusetts: Commander, it seems to me that the additional ten cents should be paid by the member who receives the paper. I myself have received two copies of The Banner, and I don't know what to do with the extra one. But if a man is not interested enough to pay the ten cents additional, then he should not have it. If it is not worth ten cents it is not worth anything.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander, there are two ways of getting out of this difficulty. One is to cut the size of the paper in two. I would hate to see that done, because I think The Banner is one of the best edited patriotic papers in America. The other way, if we do not cut the paper in two, is to increase our per capita tax ten cents per member, and thereby enable it to continue as it is.

Division Commander F. A. Hobbie, of Kansas: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Resolutions turned down a resolution that I sent up that would have met this very difficulty. If that resolution is adopted it will settle this whole thing. It was that Camps be required to pay to the Commandery-in-Chief ten cents for each copy of The Banner desired to be mailed to the members of that Camp. That would be all that is necessary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speciman: Commander, is there any way of learning the approximate number of copies of The Banner that never reach a subscriber, or that are not read?

A. S. Holbrook: I don't know of any way. I have no means of knowing.

Commander-in-Chief: If the Commander-in-Chief might say a word, I have some information on this subject. This last year in traveling around to the different places I have always tried the temper of the brothers in the Camp and Divisions as to the reading of The Banner. You must remember that I talked mostly with people who are interested in the Order. I did not meet the rank and file of the membership to any great extent, but I have seen the people who are interested enough to come to the encampments, and I have tested out that proposition probably thirty times during the last year. As near as I can get at it just about fifty per cent of those people present at those gatherings are readers of The Banner. I haven't heard any suggestion yet that answers satisfactorily the proposition of printing 50,000 Banners for 25,000 people to read, and I wonder whether it would not be practicable to revise our subscription list and cut out those fellows who throw their Banners into the waste basket. I think that is worth considering.

Past Division Commander Loyd, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I should say one-third of The Banner is being devoted

to our splendid Auxiliary, and I would like to ask if the Auxiliary members are receiving subscriptions, and if it in any way is helping to support The Banner?

Commander-in-Chief: They are.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Our Commander-in-Chief has got down to practical business. There is no use printing 50,000 copies for 25,000 readers.

Delegate W. A. Selz, of Ohio: Commander, why cannot a coupon be inserted in each paper for three issues, for the reader to send back. He will or will not send it back, and in three issues you can see who reads The Banner and who does not.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: That is a fairly practical suggestion. We made The Banner the official paper of the organization at St. Louis, and the publishers were engaged by the organization to produce it, therefore it figures not per member but in the general expense of the organization. That last suggestion is practical. The man who wants the paper will ask for it, and those who do not care for it will not reply, and they can be gradually eliminated, and on that basis some adjustment could be made with Brother Holbrook. In Massachusetts we get enough out of The Banner to be willing to pay for it, and would resist any attempt—if one were made—to reduce the per capita tax in the National body. By using it we save just that much of a printer's bill. Brother Holbrook is undoubtedly losing \$176 on every issue, and that of course is not fair. It is our paper and we can do as we please with it, but I regret that the Council-in-Chief who have been here during this Encampment do not seem to have understood the seriousness of this proposition, and that at the last minute it should have to come up in this form. Some sort of study should have been given to it, and it should have been met and some sort of a definite proposition made. It should not go over. I like the suggestion about coupons. Cannot it be left as a matter of gentlemen's agreement of some sort for three months? We are all fair and square and want to do what is right, but I do not think we can do financially right at this time. I do not believe it can be done in the absence of more definite information.

Past Division Commander Charles B. Martin, of Kansas: Commander, there are six copies of The Banner coming to my house. Why cannot five of those be cut off? That same situation may be prevailing more or less all over the country.

Delegate R. J. Bosworth, of Indiana: That plan of using coupons has been tried by other organizations, and it has not been a success. It has failed.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Commander, I understand The Banner contract runs out next year?

Commander-in-Chief: No, in two years.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Well, Commander, we do not seem to be getting anywhere in this discussion. I would suggest that the manner of the readjustment of the price of The Banner to conform to this increased cost of paper and wages and other increased costs be referred to the Council-in-Chief with power to act. I make that motion.

Delegate R. J. Bosworth, of Indiana: Commander, I second that motion.

Delegate Wm. M. Coffin, of Ohio: Commander, I desire to move as a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief with this limitation, that they arrange it in a way that will not change the per capita tax. They can cut down the size of the paper, or try coupons, if they like. I offer as a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief with power to adjust it in any way they see best, with the proviso that the per capita tax shall not be changed this year, and that some definite proposition be offered at the next Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire: Commander I accept that as an amendment, with the consent of my seconder.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the motion and the amendment. All in favor of the motion as amended will so signify by saying Aye. Contrary minded, No. I declare the motion carried.

If there is no further business to come before the Encampment we will now proceed to the nomination and election of officers. The National Secretary will call the roll of Divisions.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

When the Division of Alabama & Tennessee was called:

Division Commander Philippi: Commander, Alabama & Tennessee gives way to Nebraska.

National Patriotic Instructor F. D. Corrick, of Nebraska: Commander-in-Chief: Forty-five times in the history of the Sons of Veterans has the Commandery-in-Chief conferred the highest rank on one of its distinguished sons.

In all of these bountiful years, twice and only twice, has the Commandery-in-Chief passed beyond the west bank of the great Mississippi to bestow its laurel wreath of honor.

To-day for the forty-sixth time the high honor is again to be bestowed. The hour of the West has again struck and we have but to register to-day the decision which was decreed one year ago at Columbus in one of the most inspiring scenes ever witnessed in the council chambers of our Order.

And now for the second time, obedient to the command of my Division, it is my privilege to present for Commander-in-Chief a child of the East who has become the favorite son of the West for this high honor.

In this crucial hour of the Order's history we need a man for our leader, every fiber of whose heart and soul is intensely patriotic and American. I present to you a man who was born within sound of the waves beating on the shores of Plymouth Rock. He is a descendant of those stout hearted men and women who braved the storms and perils of the deep and who with an abiding faith in Almighty God established in a new world an asylum of liberty that will shine as a beacon light for ages yet to come. With such a leader we will have pointed the way to greater heights of patriotic endeavor and achievement.

We need a leader who partook in his youth of the inspiration of the early days of our Order and whose advancing manhood has cherished with ever increasing faith its principles and objects. For a third of a century this man has worshipped at the shrine of patriotism by the altars of our Order.

We need for Commander-in-Chief a man who has been tested in the paths of duty and great responsibilities and merited the acclaim of successful achievement.

"What builds a Nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

Not gold, for only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men, who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast, and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly—
They build a Nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky."

In this spirit and with this sentiment I nominate for Commander-in-Chief, Pelham A. Barrows, of Nebraska. (Applause).

When the Division of Indiana was called:

Division Commander Shumaker: Commander, Indiana desires to be passed for the present.

When the Division of Kansas was called:

Past Division Commander H. M. Lewis: Commander, the Kansas delegation is here in full strength, except some of the Past Division Commanders, and Kansas, as one of the West, and one of the believers in fairness, and one of the believers in this candidate as a worker, wishes to strongly second the nomination of P. A. Barrows. (Applause).

When the Division of Ohio was called:

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, it is with great pleasure and honor that Ohio rises to second the nomination of Brother Barrows.

When the Division of Maryland was called:

Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell: Commander, the Maryland Division have great pleasure in seconding the nomination of our distinguished brother from Nebraska, Brother Barrows.

The Secretary concluded the calling of the roll of Divisions.

Division Commander Shumaker, of Indiana: Commander, before it was known that we were to have the distinguished honor of serving as hosts to this gathering of the Commander-in-Chief our Indiana Division had selected one of our distinguished sons, expecting to present him at Atlantic City. We felt that we had a man to present who would not only appeal favorably to the membership of our Order, but who would serve it with distinction and honor, a man whom every Indiana Son of a Veteran and all our Auxiliary members love, and whom we believe is in every way fitted for the splendid position of the head of this Order, and who has made us one of the best leaders that our Order has ever had. However, we recognize the fact that as host to this Encampment it would be a delicate matter to urge the election of our own favorite son, and further than that we were loathe to establish a precedent of selecting out of the Division that serves as host one of its own members; so

we will not present the name of Colonel Frank Shellhouse, as we had intended to do; but in not presenting his name I wish to assure the Brothers here that the Indiana Division is going to fall into line in the lines and leadership of that splendid man from Nebraska who has certainly earned this honor and who is certainly fitted to fill this position with all the ability that is needed for such an office; and we desire, unanimously, to second the nomination of our brother from Nebraska, and move to make his election unanimous.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander, the brother from Indiana has paved the way for the motion that the Division of Massachusetts would like to make, because Massachusetts produced the candidate. Plymouth Rock, therefore, moves that the Secretary cast one ballot, the ballot of the Encampment, for Brother Barrows as the unanimous choice of the Commandery for Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question. All in favor of the motion say Aye. There are none contrary minded. The Secretary will cast the ballot of the Commandery for Brother P. A. Barrows, of Nebraska, for Commander-in-Chief.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, the Secretary has the pleasure of voting the sentiments of 241 brothers who are known in this Encampment for Past Division Commander P. A. Barrows, of the Division of Nebraska, for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: I therefore declare Brother P. A. Barrows duly elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. (Applause). Brother Barrows, do you accept?

Commander-in-Chief-elect Barrows: Commander and brothers, I do not want to detain you but a moment. I had hoped to talk to you a few minutes, if this thing happened, and it seems it has happened; but it has come at a time when everybody seems anxious to get home, and so I am only going to say a few words to you, some of the things, a few of the things that I had hoped to say if the election had come earlier in the week. I hardly know where to begin, but in accepting this great honor that you have given me I want to say that I believe I fully appreciate it, and I think I understand the great responsibility that you have placed upon me, and I hope before the year is over that you will not be at all ashamed of the work that you have done this afternoon.

There are one or two things which I want to say which have been emphasized by our very efficient Secretary in his report. It seems to be a kind of feeling throughout the organization among some Division Commanders—none of them are here at the present time, of course—that it is a penitentiary offense to answer correspondence promptly. I want them to understand that under the incoming administration promptness in the handling of correspondence will be one of the requirements incident to holding office in the Sons of Veterans. If a brother does not answer correspondence when it is sent him and it becomes necessary to write again and that also is ignored there is liable to be an inquiry made as to why the correspondence is unanswered.

I want this to be a working administration. Your Commander-in-Chief is not going to ask any brother to do any more than he would be willing to do himself in the same position. I expect to do some work this year. It is in my heart to do so; and if by some dispensation of Divine Providence I could be granted one wish it would be that I might in some way inspire in the heart of every Son of a Veteran the feeling that is in my heart today, to see that the work of the next year should mean a great deal for the future of our organization.

I had hoped to call the Division Commanders into a conference before we left, but so many are going away that I think it is not possible. I want you all to work, and in connection with that matter I want to tell you a little story of a Swedish friend of mine who lived out in the West. One day he went into one of the emporiums where they have something on tap. Of course we older members remember those places—the younger ones don't know anything about them. He went in and walked up to the bar and said, "Barkeeper, give me a little squirrel whiskey." The barkeeper said "We haven't any squirrel whiskey; we have got some Old Crow." "Oh," said the Swede, "I don't want to fly; I 'ust want to yump around a leetle." And so that is the way I want all of your members to do, "yump around a leetle." I want you to "yump around a leetle" when I call on you to do any work; and even if you are not called upon to do any work I want you to go to it, get busy and do it anyway. I want to see the next year amount to something. There has never been a Commander-in-Chief elected by this organization but has felt in his heart the way I feel, that he wanted to go out and increase the membership of this Order, but he has not had the co-operation that he ought to have. We have not been as prompt to attend to matters as we ought to have been. Let's get away from that. Let us all go home with the inspiration that we will do things. Let us not be like the old deacon of whom it was said that when he went home from church he hung his religion up with his Sunday go-to-meeting clothes. When we wrap up the clothes we have around us at this convention let us not wrap up our enthusiasm. Let us carry our enthusiasm through the next year and get results. That is what I am hoping for and what I am going to work for. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief are now in order. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Commander, I move the calling of the roll be dispensed with.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Delegate E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska: Commander-in-Chief, I believe this is the first time I have had the pleasure of rising on the floor of this Encampment. We do not deal in politics in Nebraska. We live out in the West, just where the West begins. We are always able to help select good men for any position if you will permit us. I have in mind a brother who, I tell you, would be an excellent man for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this organization, a man who has occupied the position of Commander of his Division and who has been Camp Commander and is an attorney of no small experience. I want to name a man who is one of the active workers of the State in which he belongs. I take pleasure in naming a man

who is by name as well as action about the same kind of a man as the man who commanded the forces of the allies in the great World War, General Foch, though he don't spell his name exactly the same way. He just adds a little "t" to it, and makes it Focht. Brothers, I place in nomination for this position Past Division Commander F. C. Focht, of Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the nomination of Brother Focht. Are there any other nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief?

Past Division Commander George F. Ogden, of Indiana: Commander, I move nominations be now closed.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Past Division Commander George W. Kreitenstein, of Indiana: Commander, I move that the Secretary cast the ballot of the Commandery for F. C. Focht for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, and the Secretary so cast the ballot of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare Brother Focht duly elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Brother Focht, do you accept?

Past Division Commander Focht: This is rather unexpected, Commander, and we are all anxious to get away, and I do not care to make any remarks, but I want to thank all of you. I accept the election and thank you, and will try and do my duty.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are now in order.

Delegate O. F. Huhn, of Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief, the Minnesota Division desires to nominate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief one who is not a stranger to you. You have seen him here. You have seen his activities as a member of the official family of the Commandery-in-Chief. His services to the Order of the Sons of Veterans date back to 1885 when he organized Camps in Minnesota, acting in the capacity not only of Camp officer but in other ways. He has attended every Annual Encampment for ten years. Last year at Columbus the Commandery-in-Chief saw fit to make him a member of its official family by electing him for the term of two years to the Council-in-Chief. By reason of the adoption of what is virtually a new constitution by this Encampment, changing the term of office of the members of the Council-in-Chief, he has been legislated out of office. Now here is a chance to retain him in the official family by electing him Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He will not only reflect honor upon the Order in that office, but will render service to the Commandery-in-Chief, for that office is just what you make it. Commander-in-Chief, I take great pleasure in nominating Colonel E. H. Milham, of St. Paul, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief F. J. Walthers: Commander-in-Chief, I take great pleasure in seconding that nomination.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any further nominations? If not the nominations are declared closed.

Past Division Commander Crowley, of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the Secretary cast the ballot

of the Encampment for Brother E. H. Milham for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded and agreed to, and the Secretary so cast the ballot of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Milham is declared elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Brother Milham has just been handed a telegram announcing the death of his son-in-law, and he is down with Mrs. Milham in his room, and so cannot be here.

Nominations for members of the Council-in-Chief are now in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: Representing the wishes of the Ohio delegation, Commander, and the Ohio Division, I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting for your favorable consideration for the office of member of the Council-in-Chief, or rather for re-election, the name of Brother Rossiter J. Williams of the Division of Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander, in behalf of the New York Division I am pleased to present the name of one of our brothers who has been unusually active in the work of the Sons of Veterans, and who will carry into the Council-in-Chief some knowledge of the Order. You know him well, and you like him, and you will be glad to cast your votes to elevate him to the office of Council-in-Chief. Without further words allow me to present the name of William H. Klein, Past Division Commander of the New York Division.

Past Division Commander Hale, of Massachusetts: Commander, I desire to present for the office of Council-in-Chief the name of a loyal son of Maine, a business man, Treasurer of an important city of Maine, a Past Division Commander—I present the name of Ralph H. Burbank, of Maine.

Division Commander Couch, of Missouri: Commander, I present the name of Brother Charles C. Behnke, Past Division Commander of the Missouri Division, and nominate him as a candidate for election as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman: I move that nominations be now closed.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers Williams, Klein, Burbank and Behnke have been nominated for members of the Council-in-Chief, and nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll of Divisions. The Division of California & Pacific gave way to the Division of Missouri and when the Division of Missouri was called the Division voted, six for Williams, six for Klein, four for Burbank and two for Behnke.

Past Division Commander Behnke, Missouri, called for the delegation to be polled. The roll was called and the delegation voted as follows: For Williams and Klein—Brothers Couch, Behnke, Albrecht, Roberts, Williams, Brauen—6. For Burbank—Brothers Albrecht, Roberts and Williams—3. For Behnke—Brothers Couch, Albrecht and Brauen—3.

Past Division Commander Behnke, of Missouri: Commander, I desire to withdraw my name, and move to make the election

of Brothers Williams, Klein and Burbank as members of the Council-in-Chief unanimous.

The motion was seconded.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Division Commander Behnke withdraws, and moves that the election of Brothers Williams, Klein and Burbank as members of the Council-in-Chief be made unanimous. Those in favor of the motion will say Aye. Contrary minded, No. The motion is carried, unanimously. The Secretary will cast the ballot of the Commandery-in-Chief for the brothers named.

The Secretary cast the ballot of the Commandery for Brothers Rossiter J. Williams, William H. Klein and Ralph H. Burbank for members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare the brothers named duly elected members of the Council-in-Chief. Nomination of candidates for National Secretary is now in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander, there appears, notwithstanding the action of the Encampment this morning as I understood it, to be a misunderstanding with reference to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. You will recall that the Commander-in-Chief in his report recommended that the offices of National Secretary and National Treasurer be combined. You will further recall that the Committee on Officers' Reports recommended favorable action upon the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, and that report was adopted. I thought that settled it, but in order that there may be no further misunderstanding as to whether it is settled or not, I move that we now proceed to the nomination and election of a National Secretary-Treasurer.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations for National Secretary-Treasurer are now in order.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Walthers: Commander, I nominate Horace H. Hammer, of Pennsylvania, for National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Division Commander Rittenhouse, of Maryland: I second the nomination, and move that nominations be now closed.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: Nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of Divisions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bolton: Commander, I move that the National Secretary cast the vote of the Encampment for Horace H. Hammer for National Secretary-Treasurer.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Secretary Hammer: It is cast, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare Horace H. Hammer duly elected National Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing five years. Do you accept, Brother Hammer?

Secretary Hammer: I accept, Commander-in-Chief. It goes without saying that as long as I can have the privilege of serving this organization of course I will be glad to serve it. Since it is all over, I didn't want the two offices to be combined, because at Rochester I am on record as being opposed to the combining of the two offices; I am here to serve you, and I thank you.

PRESENTATION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S BADGE TO
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SISSON.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, nomination and election of officers is now concluded. Will you grant me the favor of the floor for just a half minute?

Brother Commander, in performing the duty that I am called upon to perform at this moment I grant that it is to a certain extent unusual, but a precedent for it was established at Detroit six years ago when it was my pleasure to receive from the hand of that splendid Son of a Veteran, whom I so inadequately attempted to speak of at the Memorial Service yesterday, presented to me while I was yet presiding the badge which I have the honor to wear upon my breast. If James Lewis Rake were here today James Lewis Rake would be performing this duty, which would give him perhaps the greatest pleasure of his life. I know, brothers, that I cannot perform this duty as Lew Rake would have performed it, but I have some knowledge of the love that Lew Rake bore for Harry Sisson, and if I could find the words that Lew Rake would have uttered in performing this pleasant duty I perhaps then could convey the feeling that that brother of blessed memory had for our beloved Commander-in-Chief. But I cannot do that. Commander, you were one of the dearest friends that Lew Rake had. Lew Rake was happy one year ago when you, one of his long loved companions, was elevated to the office of Commander-in-Chief, and Lew Rake, if he were living, would be glad today to bear testimony to the splendid manner in which you have met the duties of this responsible position, and he would welcome you as I now welcome you—permit me to say it—in his name and on his behalf to the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, believing and knowing that you have most worthily filled this office; that you can go back to your Division and Camp with the consciousness that you have met every duty imposed upon you faithfully and well, and that in the years to come we need no promise from you that you will continue to labor in the ranks as you labored for many years before you were made Commander-in-Chief, again with your brothers of the Massachusetts Division, in building up this Order. And now, Brother Sisson, while you are yet Commander-in-Chief, in behalf of this body, it is my pleasure to present you with something which you knew you would get and yet something which I know you will appreciate. Without further words, because I cannot say them, accept this badge from the brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief. We know that you will wear it worthily. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Brother Sautter and Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief: Of course it goes without saying that this badge indicates an honor that can come to but comparatively few men. I hope that I have done a bit to earn it. I hope that by continued service I may prove that I have deserved it. Further words at this time are useless. They do not tell what the heart feels, and I can say no more than that I hope in the future for the realization of those ideals for which this organization was started and which I believe it yet may attain, and in producing their realization I hope to participate. With deepest appreciation, my Brothers, and a re-dedication of myself and my efforts to the service, God bless you all. (Applause).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, we may as well get these tears all shed, and get it all out of our hearts, and just conclude all this bubbling around the nose. With the usual compliments about our friendship and so on, this (presenting) is your button-hole decoration. That is, is just from myself.

Commander-in-Chief: If this is from "meself," Be Dad, it is no such surprise as you might think, as he told me it was coming. But I want to add here something that you fellows all know. Horace Hammer is the—Don't take this down stenographer (and the stenographer felt obliged to obey the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, and didn't).

Delegate E. Arthur Carr, of Nebraska: Brothers, I overheard the Commander-in-Chief say to the stenographer not to make a record of what he was saying. I feel that the words spoken by him of our good Brother Hammer ought to be in the record, and I would suggest that the Commander-in-Chief be requested to reduce them to writing and give them to the reporter to be incorporated in the proceedings.

Secretary Hammer: I'll see that they get in all right. (Laughter and applause).

Past Division Commander E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts: Brothers, we would not have you think that the Brothers of the Massachusetts Division are unmindful of the honor that has come to them in the election of Brother Sisson as Commander-in-Chief of this Order. We have on the way several pieces of silver that are to be presented to the Commander-in-Chief and might have been presented this morning, but we desire to present them to him in the presence of his good wife, and we will do it on the train as we go on our way home. So, if you will excuse us now, it will give Harry time to prepare one of the best speeches he ever made in his life.

Secretary Hammer: Commander, with your permission, I move that all Encampment committees be discharged, and that the record made by the stenographer be approved without reading, and all business so far as relates to the desk be closed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Amies: Commander, I rise to a point of order. The business of the Encampment is not finished.

Commander-in-Chief: The point of order is well taken. The Commander-in-Chief-elect has the privilege of selecting the Installing Officer. Brother Barrows have you selected your Installing Officer?

Commander-in-Chief-elect: Commander, I will select Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman, you have been selected as Installing Officer. The Secretary will call the roll of officers-elect, and the officers will take their places in front of the platform as their names are called.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Secretary called the roll of the officers-elect, as follows:
 Pelham A. Barrows, of Nebraska, Commander-in-Chief.
 F. C. Focht, of Indiana, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.
 E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Rossiter J. Williams, of Ohio, William H. Klein, of New York, and Ralph H. Burbank, of Maine, members of the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer, of Pennsylvania.

The several officers-elect took their places in front of the platform, and were installed in due form by Installing Officer Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman.

Installing Officer Speelman: Commander-in-Chief Barrows, are you ready to make your staff appointments?

Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I will make at this time only one staff appointment. I will make the others later on. I will appoint at this time as National Patriotic Instructor Division Commander William H. Hyden of California.

Division Commander William H. Hyden of California, was duly installed National Patriotic Instructor by Installing Officer Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman.

Commander-in-Chief (Barrows): Is there any further business to come before the Commandery-in-Chief?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander, I desire to move that the minutes as recorded by the official stenographer be the minutes of this Encampment, and that the usual number of copies of the Proceedings, as provided for by the Council-in-Chief, be printed and promulgated, and that all Encampment Committees be discharged.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

Delegate Wm. M. Coffin, of Ohio: Commander, I move that when this Encampment adjourn it be to meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic.

The motion was seconded.

Past Division Commander Crowley, of New Hampshire: Commander, we are bound to go wherever the Grand Army goes. If they go to Heaven, which they all will, we go with them. (Applause).

The motion was agreed to.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no further business to come before the Encampment we will proceed to close.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, the Commandery-in-Chief adjourned, *sine die*, and was closed in due form by Commander-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows.

Pittsfield, Mass., October, 1920.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Indiana, September 22-24, 1920, as reported by Wm. Garber, Official Stenographer.

HARRY D. SISSON,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary.

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