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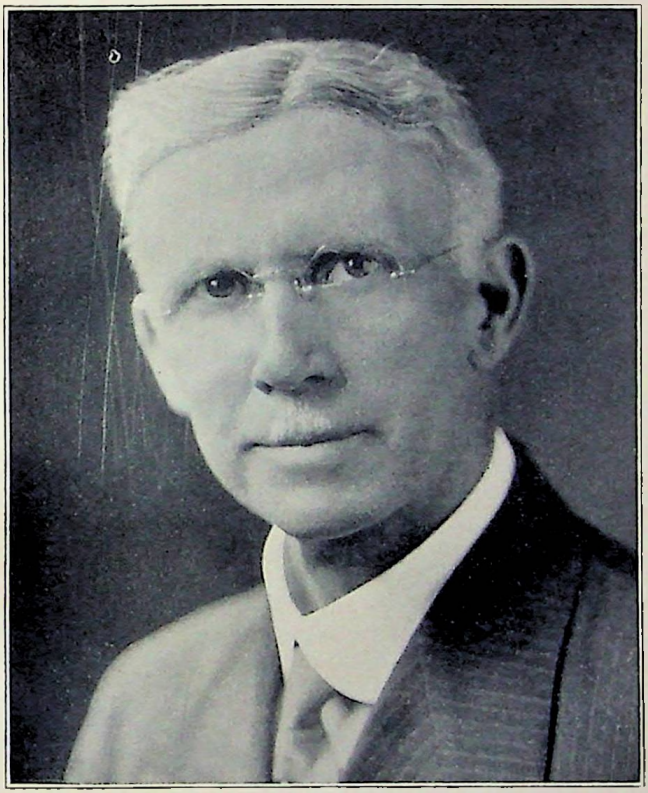
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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 15, 1931.

Encampment called to order by Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook.

Department Commander Addison A. Quinn, Massachusetts, and Delegate W. H. Libbey, Massachusetts, were appointed to take up the password and countersign. They reported all entitled to remain.

Brother Edward J. Salisbury, Illinois, was appointed acting outer guard.

National Secretary called the roll of officers, all responding except National Patriotic Instructor Walter A. Waterman and National Counselor Edward T. Fairchild, as follows: Commander-in-Chief, Allan S. Holbrook; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, R. J. Hill; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Frank C. Huston; Council-in-Chief Allen A. Bronsdon, Fred G. Hansen, James M. Hughes, Jr.; National Chaplain, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig; National Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammer.

Commander-in-Chief: We come again in Annual Encampment to renew the work and plan for the future, ever keeping in mind our duty to our Country, our Order and ourselves.

National Chaplain, Reverend J. Kirkwood Craig, invoked the Divine blessing and the Ritualistic ceremonies were observed.

APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Credential Committee will be as follows: H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Pennsylvania; Isaac T. Jenks, Delegate, Connecticut; Julius Isaacs, Delegate, New York; H. M. Lewis, Department Commander, Kansas; Dr. L. L. Shope, Department Commander, Iowa.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee presents a preliminary report. I move it be accepted and that it be considered the roll call of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You have heard the report and motion. Any remarks?

Question called for. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

(Asterisk (*) indicates members present)

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Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations: "* * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members or major fraction thereof * * *"

Department:	Membership.	Delegates.
Alabama & Tennessee	295	2
California & Pacific	763	3
Colorado & Wyoming	502	2
Connecticut	1919	5
Illinois	1020	3
Indiana	1104	3
Iowa	717	2
Kansas	445	2
Maine	1566	4
Maryland	543	2
Massachusetts	6550	14
Michigan	658	2
Minnesota	250	2
Missouri	375	2
Nebraska	389	2
New Hampshire	993	3
New Jersey	1260	4
New York	3952	9
Ohio	3181	7
Oregon	346	2
Pennsylvania	8809	19
Rhode Island	469	2
Vermont	1005	3
Washington	291	2
Wisconsin	767	3
Total	33169	104

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Resolutions—E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts; E. H. Milham, Past Department Commander, Minnesota; Everett F. Warner, Past Department Commander, Maryland; C. H. Weber, Department Commander, Ohio.

Officers' Reports—Theodore C. Cazeau, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York; Wm. H. Russell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Kansas; Frank L. Reichart, Department Commander, Indiana; Charles L. Buck, Department Commander, Maine; George N. Bell, Delegate, New Jersey.

Press—F. W. Sault, Past Department Commander, Vermont; H. M. Pratt, Past Department Commander, Iowa; L. L. Shope, Department Commander, Iowa.

Fraternal Relations: Grand Army of the Republic—Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, Minnesota; F. W. Sault, Past Department Commander, Vermont; Chas. M. Schwartz, Department Commander, New York.

Woman's Relief Corps—Frank L. Reichart, Department Commander, Indiana; C. O. Bigley, Delegate, Ohio; Vernon E. Cheney, Delegate, Colorado.

Ladies of the G. A. R.—Wm. L. Anderson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts; Lester F. Stewart, Department Commander, Illinois; John J. Schneider, Department Commander, Missouri.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans—John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania; Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York; Addison A. Quinn, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Daughters of Union Veterans—F. C. Caster, Department Commander, New Jersey; Felix A. Kremer, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin; Harry M. Coen, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The next order of business is reports of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that the Commander-in-Chief read his report and that the others be referred to the Committee with their reading in title only. (Adopted).

Department Commander Stewart, Illinois, made announcement relating to the official parade on Wednesday morning.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do I understand that those not in uniform are to be allowed to parade?

Department Commander Stewart: I understand that from Colonel Nelson who is in charge of the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: My understanding was that only the escort in uniform would appear in the parade.

Department Commander Stewart: Colonel Nelson told me this morning that he thought all would march. I will take that up with him and report again this afternoon.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief R. J. Hill assumed the chair.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook thereupon read his report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Fiftieth National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Greetings:

My acceptance of the office and honor accorded me at the Cincinnati Encampment last year was made with some reluctance, not be-

cause of lack of appreciation of the honor and responsibilities of such official position, but because of the fear that I lacked the ability to do full justice to the commission. The actual results that I am able to report will probably prove my fears well founded. I have, however, during the nearly thirteen months comprising my term, made a conscientious effort to promote and advance the Order's interests, to build up the morale of the membership, to emphasize our responsibilities as members of a great patriotic service organization, and to bring about a more general participation by all members in our prescribed duties. Whether any great realization of all this has really been brought about will be shown, to some extent at least, by the reports rendered here by your officers, by the interest with which we receive these reports, transact our business, and plan for our work for the future.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Because of the year 1931 being our fiftieth anniversary, the Order having been founded in 1881, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, all plans made for the term took cognizance of this fact, and were builded around this feature. It seemed to your Chief that this fact should be an incentive to increased activity upon the part of the entire membership. It was with this in mind that we selected what was termed a platform for the administration, the component parts being as follows:

An increased membership.
A greater ability to serve.
An evidence of greater patriotic endeavor.
A full realization of our duty to posterity.
A more sincere allegiance to our Country and its laws.

Every official and member throughout the Departments was asked to familiarize himself with the ideals of the administration and to bend every effort toward realization of the objectives. Stress was laid upon the reinstatement of dropped members and the organization of Anniversary Camps and Anniversary Classes in Camps already instituted . Officers in the Commandery-in-Chief were asked to work with similar officials in Departments. Department officials were asked to work with similar officials in Camps. The plan contemplated unified action along specific lines, believing that greater progress was possible in this direction. Monthly letters were addressed to Department Commanders throughout most of the term, with the idea of keeping in personal touch with these officials, offering advice and counsel where necessary, and learning through this contact of the results of the campaign.

Out of all this planning and effort the actual result evident today is far from satisfactory to your Chief and will probably be much less satisfactory to the membership. Notwithstanding assurances of aid and support given orally and by letter, and consistent and persistent effort on the part of some, the result is small and far from reassuring when looked at in general. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that of indifference on the part of many, the lack of realization of opportunity and responsibility, both to ourselves, our Order, and lastly, to our fathers, who now are looking for and hoping for much from the organization made up of their sons—their flesh and blood.

In justice to the harshness of the above conclusion it is only fair to state that depression, lack of employment, and general business conditions throughout the country during this term, have been deterrent features which our Order, in common with other fraternal and social organizations, has had to contend with. To give further credit to recognized effort we cite the Anniversary Camps and classes in

some Departments, showing that personal work did count, regardless of conditions, where persistence was behind it. We also want to recognize and thank the many officials and brothers who wrote encouraging letters and told of effort being made in their Departments and communities. These letters were of untold benefit to us personally and will be treasured in the years to come.

We are refraining from giving any statistical data concerning membership gains or losses because such information will be found in detail in the report of our National Secretary. As noted from General Orders, however, the following new Camps have been reported during this term:

August 7, 1930—Aurora, Nebraska, with 24 members.

July 12, 1930—Trinidad, Colorado, with 32 members.

September 19, 1930—Jollytown, Pennsylvania, with 18 members.

January, 1931—Washington, D. C., with 33 members (Md. Dept.)

January 29, 1931—Oklahoma City, Okla., with 22 members (Col. & Wyo. Dept.), Camp No. 50.

January 22, 1931—El Reno, Oklahoma, with 29 members (Col. & Wyo. Dept), Camp No. 50-A.

February 21, 1931—Kingfisher, Okla., with 23 members (Col. & Wyo. Dept.), Camp No. 50-B.

March 26, 1931—Medina, Ohio, with 19 members.

May 19, 1931—Oxford, Mass., with 19 members.

June 4, 1931—Eugene, Oregon, with 18 members.

June 6, 1931—Fairview, Okla., with 20 members (Col. & Wyo. Dept.), Camp No. 50-C.

May 27, 1931—Newton, Kansas, with 32 members.

June 17, 1931—Medford, Oklahoma, with 19 members (Col. & Wyo. Dept.), Camp No. 50-D.

A celebration commemorating our Fiftieth Anniversary — our Golden Jubilee—is to become a part of the exercises of this Encampment. This celebration will consist of a banquet and program on Tuesday evening, September 15, in the Shrine Temple. Much thought and effort have been given these two features, not only by your Chief, but by others in the Order, including the local committee and members of the Sons and Auxiliary in Des Moines. It was our idea to have these two events stand out prominently during Encampment week, and it was also our hope that participation would be general, both by our own membership and that of all organizations in the Grand Army Family.

A brief history of the Order and its progress during fifty years has appeared in The Banner, our official organ, during this administration. It is hoped all have become familiar with the many interesting events concerning our Order through this source.

VISITATIONS AND PERSONAL WORK.

Believing in the efficacy of a National Officer's presence at every Camp or Department function wherever possible plans were made to visit as many Departments at some time during the term as time, business affairs and official duties would permit. It will be impossible to enumerate these visitations in this report. It is sufficient to state that twenty of the Departments have been visited once or more by your Chief personally. In all others he has been represented at Encampments and other important affairs by officials whose standing was recognized and whose interest in and love and work for the Order

is well known. On all these occasions the aims and hopes for the year were brought out and aid and support asked for.

To speak of any of these visitations in detail and not of all is perhaps an unfair comparison and yet there were some that were outstanding beneficially to the Camp or Department. The Anniversary Class Musters in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and Martinsville, Indiana, were examples of untiring personal effort, and credit should go to those responsible; in each case good-sized classes were secured and mustered under adverse circumstances. The special meetings held in Vermont, Maine and New York, while your Chief was in New England attending Encampments, showed the spirit of the brothers there. Attendance at these meetings was good and representative of the Camps in the Department.

The work of the Department of Colorado in organizing five Anniversary Camps is very commendable. We know of some of the difficulties encountered by the brothers there and rejoice with them that these have been overcome.

The progress of the year was marked by many pleasing occasions where your Chief was honored. These affairs, while ministering to the social needs of our organization, has, I believe, done much to advance the patriotic interest and teaching in the various communities, and brought to some a clearer realization of the need and opportunities of patriotic societies. For all courtesies extended on such occasions your Chief is deeply appreciative.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

Official relations with the officers and members of all the organizations comprising the Grand Army Family have been most pleasant. On many occasions have the heads of these Orders met during the year past and discussed the problems facing each, to receive inspiration and encouragement therefrom. All these organizations have been both active and progressive during the year just closing. The heads of these organizations have been most helpful to us, and at no time, where it has been possible for the officers of these organizations to use their efforts in our behalf, have they failed to do so.

The Grand Army of the Republic, represented by Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewel, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, has been courteous, considerate, and appreciative of the little we could do for them. On many occasions has your Chief been privileged to meet with them and extend the greetings from their Sons. Each time we were received with open arms, thanked for our expressions of good will and offer of service, and sent away with a "God bless you" and "God speed your efforts in behalf of our Comrades and their widows."

Miss Kate Raynor, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, a woman of rare attainments, keen perception and kindly consideration and understanding, has in season and out, given of her best that our Order might be benefited. To have known her and worked with her was a privilege; to have her as a friend adds a monument of strength and encouragement to our organization.

Mrs. Margaret Grandle, President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, has been carrying on the work of her organization with an earnestness of purpose rarely equaled in the field of patriotic endeavor. She has brought to your Commander and our Order much helpful encouragement. The year's association as a co-worker with her in the interests of the Grand Army Family will always be remembered with pleasure.

Throughout the length and breadth of the land can be found no more sincere and earnest an organization in the field of patriotic

endeavor than our own Auxiliary. Always looking and seeking for ways in which to help their brothers, this band of noble women are ever alert to give of themselves in our behalf. Alive to ours, as well as their own interests, they set us an example which is lofty and far-reaching. Many a Camp owes its very existence to their untiring aid and unselfish work in our behalf. Too much praise and encouragement cannot be given the sisters comprising this worthy body, and we express our deepest appreciation with heartfelt thanks for their assistance in many ways this year.

To know of and become familiar with the work of the Daughters of Union Veterans in behalf of their fathers is an inspiration and an encouragement in our own efforts. The many loyal members of this organization have aided our Order in ways without number in this and past years. May their untiring efforts bring forth untold reward and may the close relationship that has always existed between these brother and sister organizations be an inspiration to spur us on to greater endeavors.

OFFICERS AND STAFF.

To each one in my official family I want to express deep thanks for his interest and whole-hearted support given my every request. I am not unmindful of the exacting demands made upon them at times and want to express my sincere appreciation of the unquestioned co-operation extended. I have nothing but praise for each one and with all sincerity state that I believe I have been blessed with as good a staff of officers as has any Commander-in-Chief.

My work this year and close affiliation with National Headquarters at Reading, Pennsylvania, have but added to my admiration for our National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer. Our language is inadequate from which to prepare expressions worthy of his service to a Commander-in-Chief and the Order. Always on the job and always ready with the information or encouragement so much needed at times, he is the main-stay to the official head of Our Order. God bless him, and may his reward in Heaven be commensurate with his service.

DISCIPLINE AND DECISIONS.

So harmonious have been the relations of the brothers in all Departments that your Chief has not been called upon to exercise discipline in any manner. That such is the case is a source of much pleasure and gratification. It shows a spirit of fraternity existing that is commendable.

Only a few questions for decision have arisen during the year, and most of these were of minor importance. These were handled satisfactorily and with dispatch by our National Counselor. Each decision made was in accordance with our views, and was therefore approved. Because these matters are covered in detail in the Counselor's report they are not mentioned further here.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: (Pausing in reading written report, and addressing Encampment):

In regard to a matter in the National Counselor's Report with reference to the restoration of the past rank of a brother in the Washington Department, and recognition of such rank, he to receive a Past Department Commander's badge, would state that the matter has been gone into thoroughly, and because of information received since coming to this Encampment, which was not placed before either myself or National Counselor Fairchild, and because of inference that might be gathered by those reading the Counselor's report, the Commander-in-Chief rules that the Brother in Washington is not

entitled to recognition and a Past Department Commander's badge of that rank is denied.

FINANCES.

The matter of finances will be covered in detail in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer. This will show a balance comparing favorably with a year ago. Considering our reduced membership and consequent reduced income, this is remarkable, and shows keen attention to business details. We make no recommendation concerning finances, and suggest merely that rigid economy must be exercised in the coming year if our per capita tax remains as at present, which we would favor.

NECROLOGY.

The hand of Death has separated us from many of our loved ones during the past year. Voices we were familiar with are hushed forever, and will never be heard again to help and guide us on our way. We mourn with the families of these departed ones and will feel with them the loss of true friends as well as beloved members of our Order.

The list of members of the Commandery-in-Chief who have passed on since last year will be found in the Chaplain's report.

PUBLICITY AND OUR OFFICIAL ORGAN.

Throughout the year we have urged that full publicity be given all worth-while events sponsored by Camps and Departments. We know that in many instances items of real news have found their way into the local press and have been of much value in many communities. Many Camps perform duties worthy of extended notice in their home newspaper which does not appear because of lack of attention by the proper member or official. Our Order would thrive much better by greater publicity and we would suggest that this feature be given more attention by all Camp Commanders.

Your Chief has taken advantage of our official organ, The Banner, to keep the membership posted on various phases of our work throughout the past year. His own "Corner," a feature appearing in each issue, he has been told by many, was a popular innovation and we would pass this suggestion on to future officials.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Various matters have come up during the year for consideration by your Chief that might be passed on to the Encampment as recommendations. In each case, however, he could not satisfy himself as to the concrete form in which to present it. As a consequence no recommendations are offered. We do feel, though, that because of the general apathy and apparent lack of interest on the part of many, we might present a few conclusions that could be used as a basis for consideration and possible action by the Encampment, if desired.

In this connection I am going to quote from a report rendered to the Forty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Illinois Department, at Springfield, in 1926, by Past Department Commander E. F. Buck. My Personal Aide this year, he and I had been close personal friends for many years. His passing after a lingering illness, was a severe blow to your Chief. He and I had talked intimately and at length of our Order, its future and growth, and were in accord in our views in many ways concerning things vital to the Order. We had discussed these very features that I am going to quote, previous to their being written, and because he expresses my views so closely and in so much clearer language, I am letting him speak to you for me.

"Founded as we were on sentiment, nourished by the love, praise and encouragement of our idolized Fathers, we grew to maturity under the guiding hand and leadership of the Grand Army of the Republic, giving no thought to the time when that supporting influence and incentive would, of necessity, be withdrawn. We were content to believe that the sentiment and love (a dominant factor in our lives) which we had for our Fathers, would continue in our children and that the suffering, sacrifices and death of our Fathers would always be a tie sufficiently strong to hold our organization together and cause a continual growth. We overlooked the fact that perhaps many Sons of Union Soldiers were much less sentimental than we, and that many of them put Father and Grandfather, and their deeds, so far in the background that even the LEAST of their own personal pleasures come first, as the NEEDFUL things in which they should be interested.

"All sentiment—not one bit of selfishness or selfish interest within the organization or its fundamental principles. You know and I know, when it comes to the expenditure of time and money in a cause purely unselfish; when we cannot or do not recognize the need, and when even the selfish element of PERSONAL pleasures is lacking as well, it's hard to get results. We may go along because of solicitations of friends and acquaintances, but other things which furnish us or ours with the selfish motive of pecuniary profit, personal aggrandizement and popularity or personal pleasure, come along and our interest in maintaining activity in those things which do not bring to us the thrill of some selfish interest of one kind or another, drops by the wayside—so it seems to me.

"With our Fathers gone, the ranks of the Grand Army greatly depleted and soon to be but a memory; and the ever increasing disinterestedness of the grandsons, we must of necessity inject into our organization that which will create in the eligibles a stronger element of personal desire. I can think of no other way in which general interest in an organization can be created or maintained. We have utterly failed to build a formidable organization on sentiment and service to others and their memory, and are struggling to the utmost and working all the time, to maintain our present membership.

"Comparatively few eligibles realize that there is a need for organized patriotic endeavor in our Country today. They don't know and cannot understand why they should spend their money and time to maintain an organization which is of no use and accomplishing little or nothing of general interest or good, (as they see it). I am of the opinion (could the necessary funds be raised) much would be accomplished, much interest created and our Order strengthened numerically by a general campaign of education along this line, by pointing out in a convincing way, the present need of organized patriotic endeavor and by indicating an objective of common interest, in addition to the present fundamental principles and objects of the Order.

"The apathy and lack of interest on the part of our potential, as well as present members would be, to a degree, at least, overcome, while the primary object of our Order 'Service to the Grand Army and the honoring and perpetuation of its memory' would be served in a far greater degree, and the service rendered to general patriotic endeavor would be of greater benefit to the various local communities.

"Service, which we can give to the living Grand Army in most communities, is negligible, because of their advanced age and inactivities, and the further fact that most of them are surrounded by relatives who are growing more and more jealous of outside or organization interference, if you may so term it.

"Our ritualistic services are mediocre in character and usually so uninteresting in their application (when compared with other ritualistic service) as to make it a liability rather than an asset to our organization. Then too, most Sons of Veterans have had so many initiations they shy at the very suggestion.

"There is to my mind much that we can and should do as an organization and through organized effort, not only in the perpetuation of the memory of the Grand Army and the leadership in Memorial Day activities, but as leaders of patriotic thought and endeavor, and municipal upbuilding and betterments in our various local communities and States.

"If our organization is to grow to the proportions we would have it, and become the power we have always hoped for, we must, in my opinion, divorce ourselves, at least partially, from the purely sentimental and inject into our Order an objective or endeavor which shall have a personal interest appeal, not alone for the vast present day potential membership but that of the future generation as well."

CONCLUSION.

It is the custom for each Commander-in-Chief to render at the close of his term a report of his work for the year, his accomplishments as the representative head of our great Order. The foregoing report, viewed in comparison with reports of my predecessors, is far from satisfactory to your humble servant. My hopes, my ambitions, a year ago, were to report to you today something that would show an advancement both in growth and usefulness for this Order. In retrospect, as I review the year in my mind, so little of this character seems to stand out. And yet, when I recall the splendid efforts of the many brothers in so many ways; the many deeds performed in the name of our Order for the Grand Army and their widows; the lightening of burdens, the kind words spoken to sorrowing ones, the many hours made pleasant for the feeble, I am compelled to believe that my perspective is wrong, that it is worth while, that it is the lot of each of us to take his place in the line, to do his duty as he sees it, and to let the results take care of themselves.

It is in such a spirit I close this report. I have done what I could. I shall always do that, and shall always hold myself in readiness to do for the Order whatever, within my capacity, I may be able to do.

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to present to you one more Golden Anniversary Camp to the credit of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. It was organizd at Monte Vista at the location of the Soldiers Home, and the location of the Encampment of our Department.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Thank you, Commander Hill. The efforts of the Colorado brothers are appreciated. The matter will have proper attention following this Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: You have heard the Commander-in-Chief's report. What is your pleasure?

Past Department Commander James M. Lyons, Maryland: I move that this very excellent report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Report.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Homan. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook resumed the chair.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, very excellent reports from the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, National Counselor, Chairman of Committee on Marking Graves are herewith presented; also the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: They will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Denver, Colo., August 8, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

In making this, my final report of activities for the good of the order during the past year, I wish to state that it is with a great deal of regret and disappointment that I could not have done more.

At the time the Commandery-in-Chief so signally honored our Department by electing me Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I had hoped to be able to extend the activities of this office over much of the West, but shortly after the Encampment at Cincinnati, the company which I have represented for the past nine years closed their Denver office on account of the depression, thus cutting our income off at the "grass roots." This made it so that we were compelled to confine our work to our own Department, except that which we could do through correspondence.

One of my first official acts was to sponsor a pageant, banquet and reception for our beloved Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Comrade James E. Jewel. This was given on Saturday afternoon of November 29, 1930, in the Auditorium of the City of Denver.

The pageant was primarily an educational feature for the benefit of the youth of the city and visualized the ideals fought for in the four great American wars, and indicated how these ideals have been held up throughout the years by various organizations, and how these principles are now being worked out in the lives of members of Youth Organizations of America.

Space will permit of only a brief outline of the pageant but I will gladly furnish any of the Brothers copies of the script in case they should wish to produce something along the same line in the future.

The four great wars were represented by framed living pictures of the outstanding leader at that time. These pictures were high up in the back drop of the stage. They were as follows:

War of the Revolution—George Washington.

Civil War—Abraham Lincoln.

Spanish-American War—Theodore Roosevelt.

World War—John J. Pershing.

The four following war organizations official representatives stood immediately below and at the right of the living pictures and spoke for their organizations:

Sons of the American Revolution.

Grand Army of the Republic.

Spanish-American War Veterans.

World War Veterans.

Representatives of the following Youth Movements indicated how each organization was carrying out these great principles:

Boy Scouts.
Camp Fire Girls.
Girl Reserve of Y. W. C. A.
Honaso Boys.
De Molay.
High School Cadets.
Job's Daughters.
Rainbow Girls.
Hi-Y of the Y. M. C. A.
Highlander Boys.
Big Brothers' Movement.
Big Sisters' Movement.

Some fifty Comrades of the G. A. R., including Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewel, were grouped around a campfire in the immediate front center of the stage. The other participants were grouped around the Comrades in semi-circles, each circle being a little higher than the one in front, as they came onto the stage when they received their cue.

The evolution of the flag and the flags of all nations were also represented. At the completion of the picture, Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewel was introduced and he gave a wonderful patriotic talk to the youth of the city. The whole pageant, when completed, presented a beautiful picture to the audience. The body of the Auditorium was completely filled with the members of the Youth Organizations represented in the pageant and school children, the balconies and galleries were filled by the public. The pageant was highly complimented by both the public and the press.

In the evening a reception and banquet was held for Commander-in-Chief Jewel and was attended by about four hundred members of the G. A. R. and the allied orders.

During the fore part of my year I visited some ten or twelve Camps in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming which had fallen by the wayside. At called meetings of these Camps new life was instilled into eight of them and they were reinstated. I also succeeded in getting a large number of the brothers who had dropped out to apply for reinstatement.

I was also active in the providing of entertainment and exercises at the observance of nearly all of the special memorial days observed by the order in a number of the Camps within reach.

On Memorial Day I had charge of the G. A. R. and Allied Order's division of the parade in Denver and also saw that the G. A. R. was provided with Color Bearers, Drummers, Buglers, Firing Squads and the principal speaker of the day at three large cemeteries of the city.

Soon after the first of the year, at Commander-in-Chief Holbrook's suggestion, I attempted to enter into correspondence with all of the Department Senior Vice Commanders in an effort to get them to devote some time toward getting suspended Camps in their Departments reinstated, and also through the Department Senior Vice Commanders reach the Camp Senior Vice Commanders, and get them to devote their energies toward the reinstatement of brothers dropped from the Camp.

How well I succeeded is evidenced by the fact that only five out of twenty-four Departments replied to my letters:

Dept. S. V. C. Ed. N. Blumer, Missouri.

Dept. S. V. C. Frank L. Richart, Indiana.

Dept. S. V. C. Charles L. Buck, Maine.

Dept. S. V. C. Charles E. Ketterman, Kansas.

Past Dept. Sr. Vice Harry Shepherd, Washington.

These replied promptly and enthusiastically to our letters and promised to do all in their power to accomplish this end. We wish

to thank these Brothers for their very prompt replies to our correspondence and for whatever efforts they have made along the lines suggested. I have no means of knowing how the Senior Vice Commanders of the other Departments received my suggestions, but am in hopes that they acted along the lines suggested. Perhaps their efforts will be reflected in their Department reports. Let us hope so at least.

I have furnished pall-bearers for some thirty odd funerals in this immediate vicinity, most of which have been for G. A. R. Comrades, and have conducted ritualistic services for six of our own Brothers and Sisters.

I will not burden you with a further recital of activities except to state that this work has only been accomplished at the expenditure of considerable time and personal funds. It seems fitting that I should make some comment on the difficulties and discouragements met with in the organization of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, and the various Camps constituting the same.

I feel that the membership in this Department and the various eligibles which I have come into contact with, not only in our own Department, but in the states of Utah, Idaho and Montana as well, represent a fair cross-section of membership, as well as eligibles, throughout the National Organization, and therefore our experiences are fairly representative of those of our active Brothers elsewhere

In the past three and one-half years, I have been personally associated with or active in the organization of some thirty-five Camps of Sons of Union Veterans in this Department. Twenty-eight have been instituted and seven of them have arrived at the Charter Roll stage only. These Camps are distributed as follows:

Wyoming—four Camps—three of which are active.

Colorado—eighteen Camps—nine of which are active.

Oklahoma—thirteen Camps—three of which are active and seven not as yet instituted.

You will note that we have listed fifteen Camps as active—42% of the total. Of this 42% only seven Camps—20% of all Camps—pay their per capita tax promptly, show active participation in the work of the Order, and tendency to grow.

There seems to be but little trouble to go into a community and in a few days secure the signatures of from fifteen to fifty or sixty eligibles on a Charter Roll, most of which will have paid their five dollar initiation fee; then the real work begins and that is to get enough of the prospective brothers together at a meeting to institute the Camp and elect officers. I know of some instances where our Department Organizer, Brother George Keech, has waited three or four weeks before getting a meeting for organization, and in two or three instances has been trying to get the prospective brothers together for nearly a year, and is still trying. Meeting dates are set and only one or two will show up, and the meeting has to be adjourned to a future date.

The Camp once organized, interest seems to immediately wane, in most cases, and soon all pretense of holding meetings is abandoned. In some instances I could recite, no meetings are held after organization unless some Department or National Officer visits them and a special meeting is called at his instigation. These called meetings are generally well attended, probably because of the officer's presence, or because a dinner is served in his honor. At these meetings considerable enthusiasm is generally displayed and many of the brothers will get up and indulge in self condemnatory speeches, because of

the past lack of interest, and promise to attend more regularly and take part in the work; but alas for promises, the Camp soon falls by the wayside.

I have tried my best to reason from cause to effect and determine why the brothers lack interest, but, either we are blinded by our own enthusiasm and interest in the Order and cannot appreciate our brother's indifferent attitude, or our intellect is so deficient that we cannot understand our delinquent brother's reaction to some hidden cause within the order itself.

Commander, this is a terrible confession to make, and you may not care to print the same, but I feel that this condition of affairs prevails throughout our organization and that we should freely confess it to one another at our National Encampment and see if we cannot apply a remedy. Ours is an organization which should number its membership in the four hundred thousands, instead of the forty thousand members which we can boast. An order which shows a steady growth, let it be ever so little, is well and healthy; but one which shows a decline in membership is sick and needs a doctor forthwith.

This is not a pessimistic confession of failure for our own Department, for we do not consider that we have failed, rather that we have won a degree of success; but we are facing the facts squarely, that the returns in active Camps is wholly inadequate to the expenditure, toil, time and private funds and actual privation that some have gone through, (our Department Organizer, Brother George Keech in particular) in order that we might show some growth.

We feel that one remedy for this apathy in new Camps would be for the Department Officers to visit them at regular intervals. Past Department Commander Frederic W. Geist visited as many Camps in this Department the past year as he could get to, much to the detriment of his health and pocket-book and I, as his Senior Vice, visited the Camps he could not reach. This was done with beneficial results in nearly every case, but it was not lasting, for the visits were of necessity confined to one visit a year. This is not enough. Some Department officer, not necessarily the same one each time and better not, should visit each Camp at least once each quarter. We believe that this would greatly help to maintain interest and create enthusiasm, and after the new Camp had attained some momentum of its own they would carry on.

Such visits entail expense and expense means that there must be funds. In order that there shall be funds the Camps must promptly pay their per capita tax. If the majority of Camps are in arrears for one, two or three quarters there is little money to go on. The Department Commander, feeling that the Camps will eventually pay up, is often compelled to advance the per capita to the National, from the Department funds, or suspend the Camp, which he is loath to do, as he may lose the Camp entirely if he does so. This means that Department funds are further depleted, and the Department officers have still less to carry on with.

If a Department officer could visit each Camp once each quarter the Camps would pay up in nine cases out of ten. We have had many experiences of the kind, where we visited a delinquent Camp and found ample funds to pay up arrears, and these arrears were promptly paid. The only reason these dues to the Department were not paid before was procrastination, lack of interest, indifference, or what have you.

I will cite one instance of a Camp which we visited. They had not held a meeting for nearly a year. I found ample funds to pay

up their arrears for three quarters and they very promptly voted to pay the bill, but because we advised them to send the check in directly to the Department Commander, instead of taking it in ourself, the Department Commander did not receive the check for three months, and then only when the Camp was threatened with suspension—a plain case of proscrastination and lack of interest.

The urgent need of some sort of action to combat this condition of affairs is self evident. This being our Golden Anniversary, may I not be so bold as to suggest that you, Commander Holbrook, at our National Encampment to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, appoint a Committee or Commission, if you like, to investigate and devise some remedy for our malady. Such a commission might consist of at least one active and interested brother from each and every Department; each of these brothers to be empowered to solicit funds from the individual Camps in his Department, to defray expenses, and that he visit all Camps in his Department and determine if possible the cause of lack of interest and stagnation; that he embody his finding in a written report, together with his recommendation to the Commission, and that these reports in turn be carefully analyzed and embodied in a final report and recommendation to the National Encampment a year hence; this to the end that a remedy may be found and applied for the cure of our illness; that an added interest may be created in our present organization and that future Camps may not be afflicted with this dread apathy.

It has been said that our Order is one of sentiment. This is true, and it is proper that we should exercise considerable sentiment as to the preservation of the memory of our fathers and their heroic deeds and sacrifices that this nation should be preserved to posterity, but we feel that so much stress is laid on this feature of our Order that the most of us lose sight of the fact that this is not the half of our duty and objective. It is not only our duty to preserve the memory of our fathers but to preserve that Nation which they so dearly bought with their life's blood that we might enjoy freedom, liberty and prosperity with God's blessing. If we were to let our voice be heard in protest against those insidious forces which are constantly being promulgated throughout our land, we feel that our Order would be looked on with much greater favor by our brothers as well as the public at large. As a patriotic organization we have a duty to perform along these lines and the quicker we are up and at it the better it will be for our order, as such activities cannot but create a greater interest in our membership.

I was greatly interested in an article published in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Sunday, July 19, 1931, entitled "A Pilgrimage to Battlefields." This pilgrimage was made by the three outstanding "School-boy Standard Bearers" of Rochester, New York, and was sponsored by Henry Lomb Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, of which Past Commander-in-Chief Theodore C. Cazeau, is Commander. These boys each wrote an essay on what they saw at these great battlefields and the impressions they received from the visit. In speaking of our duty toward the preservation of our heritage from our fathers we cannot put it in more forceful language than was done by one of these young men, Chester E. Klee. We therefore take the liberty to quote him in part:

"With Lincoln we resolve that these men have not died in vain. We are the younger generation; we are the inheritors of this nation. It is a sacred heritage. To us is left the responsibility of making it a still more perfect union, and of perpetuating its greatness. We cannot become smug in the success of our fathers Mere flag waving is

not enough. We must become alert and active; we must combat the antagonistic forces that are insinuating themselves into this country. Unless we do, there will be a gradual, an almost imperceptible, decline; there will be a shattering of ideals, a lowering of character; there will be a disrespect for law. The Union will give way to anarchy; a cataclysm will result; and the nation that our fathers brought forth on this continent, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, will pass into history along with the glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome."

In closing, Commander-in-Chief, permit me to thank you for the many courtesies you have shown, and if I have succeeded in adding even a small amount to the success of your administration, I am well paid for my efforts. I only wish that it could have been many times as much. I also wish to thank the Commandery-in-Chief for the many past honors they have conferred on the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ROBT. J. HILL,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Knightstown, Ind., August 15, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

In submitting the report of my stewardship to you, and through you, to the brothers of the Fiftieth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I do so with a feeling of sincere appreciation for the honors conferred in electing me to this office. It is a distinct honor to be selected to serve in any capacity, so noble an order as is ours, and no position of service is without its honors.

And, while having served in other years in capacities which called for a considerably larger outlay of service activity, I find the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is not without its opportunities for sustained usefulness, if the willingness is in evidence, even though the official exactions may not be quite so insistent.

We regret that we cannot point with specific mention to some large achievements during the year, but must be content with the report of what we hope the cumulative value of many smaller activities may have contributed to the general progress of the order.

We have answered many calls and have made several patriotic addresses, as occasion presented. We served as special representative of the Commander-in-Chief at our Indiana Department Encampment. We have served on several committees, both local and departmental to the best of our abilities. We have sought, at much personal sacrifice, to be present at every stated meeting of the Camp and Department, and have failed in but one or two instances throughout the year; we believe the example of consistent interest manifested by those who have been honored officially to be a wholesome thing, and that its practice is not without helpful results.

We have sought to aid, in every way possible, those who remain with us as the remnant of that glorious body of men who saved the Union; and, to engender those principles of honor and justice in governmental affairs which these men maintained through the three or four decades of the very flower of our national development.

A very enjoyable feature of the year was the visit of the Sons and Auxiliary, of the Department of Indiana, to the church for which your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is minister, at Oaklandon, Ind. Forty-six of the Sons and Auxiliary attended in a body, the morning service on Sunday, July 19. The sermon subject was "The Greatest Commandment." After services the crowd gathered in a beautiful grove nearby, a real Hoosier dinner was served, and a delightful day was spent by all. The fine attendance and personnel of our group made many friends for our orders.

The outstanding activity of the work of our order in general, which has impressed us most, has been the work carried out by Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau, of Rochester, N. Y. This plan—familiar to all we believe—has impressed us with the importance of some sustained activity such as this, in duplication, or modified form, and we would suggest a restudy of this fine achievement to all Camps and brothers. A worthy objective such as this, cannot but call out much talent and concern that is today lying inert, because of a lack of proper stimuli. We commend this fine service to all; it is well worthy our careful consideration.

We have noted, too, with genuine satisfaction, the high-class level throughout the year, of The Banner. This improvement, we believe, has made a distinct contribution to the steering of our little boat through these troublesome times of depression. The articles of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter have been of great value.

In closing this brief report, we are mindful of the return, soon, of another time of reunion of those with whom we have met and mingled now these many years. What other fraternal relationships afford such possibilities as we find in our order? Others may have it, in part, but surely none quite so fine as we have in our circle of friends. To look forward and anticipate this fine fellowship is, in itself, a thrill of genuine satisfaction; but of course, when the real meetings come, then are the superlatives of joy experienced in realities. May I express it in these original lines?

FRIENDS.

Who is there can measure the worth of a friend,—
The kind that is true to the very end
The one, above others, who knows you, but still
Stands by you and loves you, through good and through ill?
Withhold, if you will, all the riches of earth;
Take from me all things men have said are of worth;
Yet, I shall be rich, whatever Fate sends,
If I still have the love of my wonderful friends.

And so, Commander, we submit our report in the fond hope and conviction that in your year as Commander you have made marked progress in lifting higher the general level of our order; and that our coming Encampment in Des Moines may prove to be a truly great Encampment. Here we shall greet these old friends of ours, and hope many others, now none too active, may be added to this group of loyal friends.

Very respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

FRANK C. HUSTON,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 20, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I have the honor to present report for the term 1930-1931, at this —Fiftieth Annual Encampment, as follows. It is not possible to realize that the Commandery-in-Chief has assembled fifty consecutive times, Fifty Years. It is, however, the record.

In the past year naturally the Order, Camps and Departments have been affected by the conditions existing throughout the Country. The extent is reflected in the details following. Compared with last term receipts were approximately $1500 less and $5300 under the estimate in the budget; expenditures nearly $800 less than the budget allotted. The cash balance is over $400 above the amount reported at the last Encampment.

Initiations were 648 less this term than last year, undoubtedly due to the general business depression. Reinstatements exceeded last term by one (1) Camp and 111 members.

Conditions warrant action to recover our membership and provide for increase therein. Decrease has been reported several successive years. This should now have serious consideration. Plans should be made in every Department for vigorous and effective measures to increase our membership.

A pleasing feature is the financial condition of the Departments as, with one exception their treasuries are reported having substantial amounts, few with less funds on hand than last year.

FINANCIAL.

DR.			CR.	
Aug. 28, 1930, To Balance		$ 3055.93	By General Expenses	$12951.76
Rec'd for P. C. Tax and Membership Fees	$14700.88		Office Expenses	1184.50
Charter Fees	62.50		Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1410.63
Supplies	2128.20		By Total Expenses	$15546.89
Premium on Dept. Coms. Bonds	41.35			
Total Receipts		$16932.93	Aug. 20, 1931, By Balance	4441.97
		$19988.86		$19988.86

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	P. C. Tax Mem. Fees	Charter Fees	Supplies	Miscel.: (Premium Bonds)	TOTAL
Alabama & Tennessee	$ 106.97	$	$ 29.68	$	$ 136.65
California & Pacific	319.72		95.83		415.55
Colorado & Wyoming	212.40	30.00	74.87		317.27
Connecticut	721.13		82.59		803.72
Illinois	395.53		63.51		459.04
Indiana	433.14		54.17	2.50	489.81
Iowa	318.26		38.42	2.50	359.18
Kansas	173.93	2.50	63.14		239.57
Maine	601.27		70.74		672.01

Maryland	197.62	5.00	39.99	2.50	245.11
Massachusetts	2503.01	5.00	345.58		2853.59
Michigan	262.92		99.66	2.50	365.08
Minnesota	102.45		12.48	2.50	117.43
Missouri	147.12		20.00	2.50	169.62
Nebraska	149.50		55.59	2.50	207.59
New Hampshire	372.32		83.23		455.55
New Jersey	483.15		76.08	2.50	561.73
New York	1522.47		166.93	2.50	1691.90
Ohio	1229.22	10.00	126.81	2.50	1368.53
Oregon	112.83	5.00	19.25	10.00	147.08
Pennsylvania	3364.04	5.00	227.51		3596.55
Rhode Island	181.31		28.13		209.44
Vermont	368.97		89.56	2.50	461.05
Washington	95.39		47.75	1.35	144.49
Wisconsin	326.19		116.70	2.50	445.39
Total	$14700.88	$62.50	$2128.20	$41.35	$16932.93

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:		
For Stock and Supplies	$1671.57	
The Banner, Subscription, September, 1930, to August, 1931, inc.	7054.84	
Encampment, 1930, Printing Proceedings, Shipping, etc.	405.68	
Printing	153.34	
Salaries	3300.00	
Shipping Supplies	71.33	
Bonds, National Officers and Department Commanders	60.00	
Committee Marking Graves	55.00	
Miscellaneous—Floral designs Past Commanders-in-Chief deceased, dues to Federated Patriotic Societies, Expenditures not under caption, etc.	180.00	
		$12951.76
Office Expenses:		
Wrapping Paper and Twine	$ 3.10	
Postage	117.18	
Express	3.85	
Telegrams	21.74	
Stationery, National Officers, etc.	224.71	
Rent	802.92	
Miscellaneous	11.00	
		$ 1184.50
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:		
Postage	$ 26.98	
Telegrams	14.14	
Traveling	1244.85	
Office	47.05	
Stenographer	77.61	
		$ 1410.63
Total		$15546.89

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	W. C. Mabie,	Supplies	$ 157.17
2.	W. O. Flatt Co.,	Supplies, Stationery	283.86

3.	The Banner, Subscription, September, 1930, 40,384 copies ($605.76), cut	607.88
4.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Bonds National Officers	27.50
5.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent (three months)	200.73
6.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c September	22.15
7.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies	36.00
8.	C. F. Heller Bindery, Supplies	93.75
9.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	3.96
10.	The Robbins Co., Supplies	280.00
11.	W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Stationery	104.25
12.	The Banner, Subscription, Oct., 40,205 copies ($603.08), Printing Pamphlets	700.57
13.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c October	44.46
14.	The Robbins Co., Supplies	142.51
15.	The Banner, Supplies, Subscription, November, 39,917 copies ($598.75)	632.95
16.	W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Printing	19.75
17.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c November	50.92
18.	Brighton Conservatories, Floral Design P. C.-in-C. Maccabe	25.00
19.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	4.00
20.	The Banner, Subscription, December, 39,693 copies ($595.39), Printing and Shipping 1930 (Cincinnati) Encampment Journal ($399.01), Printing Pamphlets	1040.63
21.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent (three months)	200.73
22.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c December	40.72
23.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies	170.70
24.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	3.90
25.	The Banner, Subscription, January, 39,359 copies	590.39
26.	H. V. Speelman, Ch'm, Postage Legislative Committee	10.00
27.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January, 1931	150.66
28.	The Robbins Co., Supplies	126.44
29.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	3.84
30.	The Banner, Subscription, February, 39,286 copies	589.29
31.	Grace L. Johnson, National Treasurer, Dues Federated Patriotic Societies	25.00
32.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February	138.92
33.	W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Stationery	61.05
34.	The Banner, Subscription, March, 38,961 copies	584.42
35.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Premium Dept. Com. Bond	2.50
36.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent (three months)	200.73
37.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March	134.30
38.	The Robbins Co., Supplies	280.00
39.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	4.00
40.	The Banner, Subscription, April, 38,896 copies	583.44
41.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Prem. Dept. Coms. Bonds	7.50
42.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April	334.14
43.	Oehmler Floral Co., Floral design, P. C.-in-C. Allan	20.00
44.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	3.90
45.	The Banner, Subscription, May, 38,760 copies	581.40
46.	W. O. Flatt Co., Printing, Stationery	72.25
47.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Prem. Bonds Dept. Coms.	5.00
48.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May	133.46
49.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies	4.45
50.	The Banner, Subscription, June, 38,494 copies	577.41
51.	American Surety Co., Premium Dept. Com. Bond	2.50
52.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Prem. Dept. Coms. Bonds.	15.00
53.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent (three months)	200.73
54.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c June	323.80

55.	The Banner, Subscription, July, 38,324 copies.....	574.86
56.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Stationery	7.75
57.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July	37.10
58.	Chas. R. Hale, Ch'm, Committee on Marking Graves, Exp. a/c	55.00
59.	The Banner, Subscription, August, 38,043 copies.....	570.66
60.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c Aug. 21, 1930-Aug. 20, 1931, Encampment, Shipping Supplies, Salary, Postage, Miscellaneous	3640.92
	Total Vouchers	$15546.89

SUPPLIES.

Requisitions were in smaller amounts, approximately $400 less than the budget estimate and receipts of last year. Many Departments do not carry supplies in sufficient quantities to fill Camp requisitions. Consequently they are delayed, deprived of supplies until such Departments requisition for and receive them from the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This fault has been referred to previously. Camps should have supplies promptly and complaints of delays of this character should, as they can, be avoided in future.

Cost of Supplies on hand, August 20, 1930.....		$3017.15
Charged off—obsolete, incident to changed Name, Titles of the Order, National Officers, etc.....		94.98
Cost of Supplies September, 1930		$2922.17
Cost of Supplies purchased		1671.57
Cost of Supplies to account for		$4593.74
Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1931.....		3208.09
Cost of Supplies sold.....		$1385.65
Amount received for Supplies		$2128.20
Cost of Supplies sold	$1385.65	
Shipping	71.33	
Wrapping Paper and Twine	3.10	
Express on Supplies purchased.....	3.85	
Total cost of Supplies sold ..... (Approximately $300 less than last term)		$1463.93
Profit		$ 664.07

MEMBERSHIP IN DEPARTMENTS—GAINS, LOSSES.

No. Camps and Members in Good Standing June 30th

Department:	1930 Camps	1930 Mem.	1931 Camps	1931 Mem.	GAIN Cps.	GAIN Mb.	LOSS Cps.	LOSS Mb.
Ala. & Tenn.....	13	298	13	295				3
Cal. & Pac.	26	946	23	763			3	183
Col. & Wyo.	26	607	18	502			8	105
Connecticut	33	1984	33	1919				65
Illinois	31	1067	31	1020				47
Indiana	30	1340	30	1104				236
Iowa	29	998	23	717			6	281
Kansas	19	482	19	445				37
Maine	43	1652	41	1566			2	86
Maryland	12	550	13	543	1			7
Massachusetts	142	7112	142	6550				562
Michigan	19	723	19	658				65
Minnesota	11	323	11	250				73

Missouri	11	426	11	375				51
Nebraska	12	318	13	389	1	71		
New Hampshire	32	1051	32	993				58
New Jersey	27	1378	27	1260				118
New York	97	4175	96	3952			1	223
Ohio	84	3444	84	3181				263
Oregon	10	373	11	346	1			27
Pennsylvania	148	9776	140	8809			8	967
Rhode Island	16	489	16	469				20
Vermont	32	989	31	1005		16	1	
Washington	10	296	10	291				5
Wisconsin	17	726	16	767		41	1	
Total	930	41523	903	38169	3	128	30	3599

RECAPITULATION—MEMBERSHIP.

	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1930			930	41523
GAIN—				
By Organization and Initiation	12	1439		
Transfer		100		
Reinstatement	5	673		
Total Gain			17	2212
Aggregate			947	43735
LOSS—				
By Disbanded	28	457		
Death		614		
Honorable Discharge		220		
Transfer		74		
Dishonorable Discharge		2		
Dropped	16	4199		
Loss	44	5566		
In Good Standing, June 30, 1931			903	38169

Amount in Department Treasuries	$ 7,420.25
Amount in Camp Treasuries	89,495.20
Expended for Relief	44,064.78
Number Members or families relieved	770
Number Veterans or families relieved	150

Last three items are reported by comparatively few Departments.

APPLICATIONS—CHARTERS—NEW CAMPS.

Applications for Charters for New Camps and Charters issued to Camps organized were as follows:

Department:	Camp Applications	Number Applicants	No. Camps Instituted	No. Charter Members
†Colorado & Wyoming	7	167	7	165
Kansas	1	25	1	32
Maryland	1	33	1	33
Massachusetts	1	28	1	19
Ohio	2	47	2	41
Oregon	1	18	1	29
Pennsylvania	1	18	1	51
	14	336	14	370

†One in Supplementary Report.

RETROSPECT—FIFTY YEARS.

The first Camp organized as a Cadet Corps was (and is) Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Philadelphia, Department of Pennsylvania, instituted and Chartered with sixteen (16) charter members April 24, 1879. It has been in continuous existence, with valuable real estate and other assets, and June 30, 1931, had a membership of 342.

The Commandery-in-Chief dating from Davis Camp, Pittsburgh, Department of Pennsylvania, November 12, 1881, constitutes the Departments instituted with rank as follows:

Department:	Date Instituted	Seniority Rank
Alabama & Tennessee	March 12, 1889	22
California & Pacific	July 1, 1886	19
Colorado & Wyoming	March 22, 1929	25
Connecticut	May 15, 1883	5
Illinois	July 1883	10
Indiana	June 12, 1885	18
Iowa	June 2, 1883	6
Kansas	June 1883	9
Maine	April 10, 1883	4
Maryland	June 15, 1887	20
Massachusetts	July 17, 1882	2
Michigan	June 24, 1884	15
Minnesota	Jan. 1, 1885	17
Missouri	June 2, 1883	7
Nebraska	Sept. 2, 1884	16
New Hampshire	August, 1883	11
New Jersey	June 14, 1883	8
New York	Nov. 6, 1883	13
Ohio	Aug. 1, 1882	3
Oregon	June 8, 1923	24
Pennsylvania	July 4, 1882	1
Rhode Island	Feb. 14, 1884	14
Vermont	October, 1883	12
Washington	Jan. 1, 1890	23
Wisconsin	Sept., 1887	21

At the First Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 18, 1882, it was "estimated that the membership was 6700 and positive if all were reported 25,000 members were enrolled."

A per capita tax was assessed on Departments "at such amount as the officers might consider proper" and some of the Departments were expected to pay a higher tax than others. These were designated.

Military titles prevailed, brevets were conferred and the record refers to the financial conditions and lack of funds "as most important."

MEMORIAL DAY.

This is our outstanding observance in carrying out our principles and objects. Reports of National Patriotic Instructor and National Chaplain will cover details. Reference here is to impress that where the Sons of Veterans Reserve or a uniformed Camp participate in the ceremonies of Memorial Day the effect is emphasized. We rightly receive the recognition and credit due the Order as compared with and by the impression made by Camps in civilian attire.

THE BANNER.

Careful supervision of mailing lists of Camps as received from Department Officers results in satisfactory financial settlements month-

ly, corrected returns and proper credits to the Commandery-in-Chief. The Banner management co-operates to the fullest extent in all details to our benefit.

CONCLUSION.

Regretting that our official relations exceedingly agreeable of necessity cease, we express the general sentiments of our membership in tribute to your earnest and sincere efforts in behalf of and for the welfare of the Order. Appreciation of your helpful interest in all affairs emphasizes the good will for you and esteem in which you are held by all. Your cordial co-operation, favors and courtesies are gratefully acknowledged.

To the other National Officers expression of personal regard and thanks for many courtesies are tendered.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

National Secretary-Treasurer

FINANCIAL.

DR.:		CR.:	
Aug. 20, '31, To Balance..	$4441.97	By General Expense.....	$1565.47
Rec'd for Per Capita Tax & Membership Fees, Dept. of Washington, June, 1931, Quarter	$27.69	By Office Expenses	26.11
Charter Fee, Dept. Col. & Wyo.....	5.00	By Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	79.44
Interest on Bank Balances	65.08	By Total Expenses	$1671.02
Total Receipts	$ 97.77	By Balance, September 17, 1931	$2868.72
	$4539.74		$4539.74

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:

The Banner, Subscription, September, 1931.....	$ 568.89
Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa, 1931	953.17
Miscellaneous (Funeral—floral)	20.00
Other than Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer	23.41
	$1565.47

Office Expenses:

Postage, Stationery, Telegrams	$ 26.11

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage, Telegrams, Traveling, Office, Stenographer.....	$ 79.44
Total Expenditures	$1671.02

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
61.	W. A. Waterman, Nat. Pat. Inst.,	Postage, etc.....	$ 18.95

62.	A. S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief, September Exp. a/c and Encampment	171.94
63.	R. J. Hill, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment Exp.	41.25
64.	Frank C. Huston, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment Exp.	31.31
65.	A. A. Bronsdon, Council-in-Chief, Encampment Exp.	123.38
66.	Fred G. Hansen, Council-in-Chief, Encampment Exp.	127.79
67.	J. M. Hughes, Jr., Council-in-Chief, Encampment Exp.	70.75
68.	J. K. Craig, Nat. Chap., Postage, etc., and Encampment Expense	68.23
69.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Postage, Stationery, Telegrams, Miscellaneous (General Expense), Encampment, Express, Telegrams, Shipping	174.40
70.	The Banner, Subscription, 37,926 copies September, 1931, ($568.89); Printing Officers' Reports, Roll Encampment, ($149.13)	718.02
71.	Minor S. Bacon, Stenographic Report Encampment	125.00
	Total Vouchers	$1671.02

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., August 15, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans held at Cincinnati, Ohio, August 26-28, 1930, the following Resolution was presented by Department Commander Jacob H. Wentzel, of Pennsylvania, moved for adoption by Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, seconded by Brother R. J. McElroy of Maryland, and unanimously adopted by the Encampment:

"Whereas, We believe that the teaching of patriotism is one of the outstanding objects of our organization and must continue to be if we wish to preserve the ideals and institutions fostered by our fathers, and

"Whereas, We know that in many Schools of America, the educational leaders are placing too little emphasis upon the teaching of patriotism, it is, therefore,

"Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in this the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, assembled at Cincinnati, August 24-29, 1930, that the National Patriotic Instructor to be appointed at this Encampment be authorized to formulate a minimum program of requirements for the teaching of patriotism in the public schools of America.

"Resolved, That the report of minimum requirements for the teaching of Patriotism, together with recommendations for furthering such a program in every Department, be reported to the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

"Be it further Resolved, That the National Patriotic Instructor be requested to secure the co-operation of all other patriotic organizations to the end that the spirit and purport of this Resolution be consummated.—J. H. Wentzel, Department Commander."

Under date of October 24, 1930, I received a letter from the Commander-in-Chief, part of which I quote here:

"I have your letter of October 21 and was glad to learn of what you have done preliminary to your work as Patriotic Instructor for the term.

"I am much interested in the plan you spoke of presenting to the next National Encampment, containing a suggested curriculum for the teaching of patriotism in the public schools. I think there is quite a field for effort in this direction and I am hoping that you will do everything possible to bring such a program before the next National Encampment as will meet with favor and a ready response for adoption. I am depending on you to do everything possible to carry out this work and whatever you can to do the work as outlined in my previous letter."

Your National Patriotic Instructor addressed the following letter to all Department Patriotic Instructors and Department Commanders of the Sons of Union Veterans:

To Patriotic Instructors of the Sons and Allied Orders:

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook has requested the National Patriotic Instructor to correspond, or confer in person, with all Patriotic Instructors of our own Allied Orders, as well as school teachers and officers, and secure, as far as possible, their co-operation in formulating a "*minimum program of requirements for teaching patriotism in the public schools of America*," according to a resolution adopted by the last National Encampment at Cincinnati.

It would seem to me that the teaching of patriotism could be effected by any teacher in any subject, providing he himself is imbued with the spirit of patriotism and devotion to the ideals of the founders and preservers of our Union. Emphasis has been laid upon the teaching of History; but from my experience as a teacher and school principal I am sure that any teacher who supervises the work of Civics, Economics, Geography, Reading, Public Speaking, Singing, Language, Science, Art, Current Events and other subjects, could if he chose direct a pupil's attention to the character and achievement of devoted patriotic citizens who have helped to make our Nation the wealthiest, most democratic and most respected nation in the world.

My first study has been directed to the outlines for teachers in the various courses of study in the schools of Mount Vernon, N. Y., a city of 63,000 population. I find that our Superintendent and Principals have called special attention to the opportunities for promoting patriotism and good citizenship. For many years I have visited one school or another on Friday before Memorial Day, usually with a Veteran of the Civil War, and have noticed from year to year, greater interest and enthusiasm in the programs presented by the pupils, under the guidance of their teachers, and have discovered undoubted evidence of loyal appreciation of the themes and recitations presented.

I should like to get a report from all Patriotic Instructors regarding the outlines for teaching, the text books used, and the apparent interest of the schools, in their vicinity in teaching of patriotism. In continuing the study of this problem I shall welcome the information and suggestions received, with the purpose, ultimately, of presenting to our Commandery-in-Chief in 1931, an outline for the study of the various subjects taught in our American Schools, directing special attention to the opportunities for teaching patriotism to the youth of our nation.

Thanking you for an acknowledgement of this communication, I am,

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

W. A. WATERMAN.

Replies were received from the following Department Patriotic Instructors, some of which I quote below:

I assure you that the program which you are called upon to formulate for approval of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines, if adopted, will be the greatest step in carrying forward the great principles of our noble organization that we have taken in years.

I am sure that the time is at hand when no patriotic society or service organization should feel obliged to appeal to the school authorities for the proper observance of our national holidays, and the teaching of music, literature, civics, history, etc. I contend that we have a right to demand that these things be emphasized.

J. H. WENTZEL,
Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

NOTE—A suggested outline of the teaching of patriotism was submitted by Commander Wentzel which was used to advantage in drafting the "outline" prepared by your Patriotic Instructor.

The teachers of America show a deep devotion to the Nation's interests. The exceptions to this rule are about as rare as will be found in any other group with which I am acquainted.

In Oregon there are a number of laws pertaining to teachers and the subjects to be taught that have a rather definite bearing on the general subject of the resolution which you quote. To begin with our law requires that *every teacher take an oath of allegiance*, and that in order that this may not be overlooked, we have incorporated that oath in our teacher's contract, a copy of which is inclosed herewith.

"I solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will support the constitution of the State of Oregon and the laws enacted thereunder, and that I will teach, by precept and example, respect for the flags of the United States and the State of Oregon; reverence for the law and order and undivided allegiance to the government of our country, the United States of America."

I think you will also be interested in a *law* enacted by our legislature in 1929 providing for *character education* in the schools. I am also inclosing a copy of that law herewith. A *manual* in compliance with this legislation is now on the press and will be issued by this Department within the next week or two. Our textbooks in history and civics are carefully selected, and our course of study *requires* that each student in high school take a course in American history and in civics, including a study of the United States Constitution. This is in addition to the courses in history and community civics given in the elementary grades. The American flag is flown over every Oregon schoolhouse every day that school is in session, unless the weather is inclement. Our school children know the American Creed and give it frequently. In many schools, probably most of them, this Creed is repeated every day.

§ 96-a. *Character Education*

1. It shall be the duty of each and every teacher employed to give instruction in the regular course of the first 12 grades of any public school in the state of Oregon so to arrange and present his or her instruction as to give special emphasis to honesty, morality, courtesy, *obedience to law, respete for the national flag, the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Oregon;* respect for parents and the home, the dignity and necessity of honest labor, and other

lessons of a steadying influence which tend to *promote and develop an upright and desirable citizenry.*

2. For the purpose of this act the state superintendent of public instruction shall prepare an outline with suggestions such, as in his judgment, will best accomplish the purpose set forth in paragraph 1, and shall incorporate the same in a course of study for the first 12 grades of all schools of the state of Oregon. [L. 1929, c. 327.]

I do not know that Oregon is exceptional in the respect mentioned in this letter. I am under the impression that the practices here set forth are observed in nearly all states. The one thing I am sure of is the thing I mentioned in the beginning, and that is that teachers as a group have a deep appreciation for America and what America stands for. The interest of members of our organization can *aid immensely in giving vitality to the instruction* which the teachers offer, and I have strongly urged all the Patriotic Instructors of this state to keep in touch with the schools, not with the idea that the schools were neglecting their duty but rather with the idea that *teachers and principals would welcome this interest* and would gladly make use of any help which members of our order might give in *vitalizing the lessons of American history.*

C. A. HOWARD,
Department Patriotic Instructor of Oregon.

We all know there are influences within the borders of this great land of ours, which are striking at the very heart and roots of our Government. We also know through some very recent signal warnings that these enemies within are gathering the children into their fold in order to teach them false ideals; to fill their young hearts with hatred for the principles upon which our government is founded. Since the school-house is the nursery of patriotism, let it be our aim to use our influence that the flag be not displayed upon special occasions only; every school day should see that flag raised and lowered with appropriate ceremony. This influence molds the character of our children. Schools should teach the meaning and history of our Flag. Children should be trained from early childhood to honor and respect our Flag, and why we salute it. Such exercises teaches good manners and good morals.

The hope of our Country is the education of our children. Ignorance is the mother of vice. Knowledge is the mother of virtue. No part of that education is more vital and important than instruction in the laws and principles that govern our land.

HARRY C. STICKNEY,
Department Patriotic Instructor of Vermont.

LETTER TO SCHOOL BOARDS IN CONNECTICUT.

The National Patriotic Instructor has sent out to the Department Instructors the following:

"In order to adopt a program adapted to the needs of the schools in the different Departments it will be necessary to have a knowledge of the attitude and efforts of school boards in the teaching of patriotism. I must depend on you for this information."

The Patriotic Instructor of the Department of Connecticut hereby asks your honorable board to act on the above information. Patriotism is of such vast meaning and belief that I am at this time simply

asking you to propose and act on a resolution that the schools of our town be and are hereby required to devote at least one-half hour a week in the interest of patriotism.

Mr. L. D. Higgins, Principal of Normal school, is greatly pleased with our attempt to teach patriotism in our schools.

He will use his best endeavor to carry out some sort of program for that purpose.

He says patriotism is an attitude and cannot be taught in assigning regular time to its study but must be brought to the minds by means to be devised.

You can depend on him. Mr. Dow, our new superintendent of schools, has already proven himself. He informs me he will this fall at opening of schools instruct every principal to instruct the teachers under them to carry out teachings as will best inculcate patriotism and its known results.

E. W. GOODALE,
Department Patriotic Instructor, Connecticut.

W. H. Heath, Department Patriotic Instructor, Pennsylvania, addressed a special letter to all Camp Patriotic Instructors.

I have been in this patriotic work for a good many years and I am beginning to be proud of Missouri. Through our organization we have a bill now passed and ready for our governor to sign, making it a law to have Old Glory on every school in the state and are sending flags in rural districts in southeast Missouri and places where they have no flags and no money to buy. It's a wonderful work and I love to try to do my part.

Here in Independence it is wonderful the interest the teachers and schools are taking in patriotic work. Commander Beardsley gave a wonderful lecture with pictures of the Flag. Here in Memorial Building all the schools attended, marching in in groups of each school. It was a wonderful sight to see the interest manifested and hear them give the Salute to the Flag and Pledge.

MARY CRUMPLER,
Department Patriotic Instructor, Missouri.

Speaking of the Schools in this City and for that matter, our State. I am pleased to call your attention to the day's Patritoic work in each school. *Morning Salute at Flag raising*, Salute at every *Public assembly*, Civics and History taught with a patriotic background. All teachers use patriotic motives whenever possible. Patriotism is identified with good citizenship program throughout the school system. So far as I can learn from my conversation with Principals and Teachers, there seems to be no necessity for an isolated patriotic study. It is a part of all teaching.

A. R. McADAM,
Department Patriotic Instructor, Florida.

There is no question in my mind that the program in question is a good one and worthy of our sincere co-operation. I talked the matter over with Department Commander Appleton and he is interested and wants me to assure you that the Massachusetts Department will do anything they can to help put this proposition over.

ADDISON A. QUINN,
Department Patriotic Instructor, Massachusetts.

Every Camp Patriotic Instructor as well as the Department Patriotic Instructors should do everything toward the cause to promote the high standard of Patriotism in the Public Schools.

I shall be ready to do anything I can to teach Patriotism.

HARRY C. STICKNEY,
Department Patriotic Instructor, Vermont.

In the New Jersey Department I find the school authorities and teachers willing and anxious to carry out any suggestion we have to offer. All schools in Trenton are visited by Grand Army men at their auditorium exercises nearest Memorial Day. The Flag Salute is given at every auditorium exercise. The national holidays, the teaching of music, literature, civics, history, etc., receive recognition on the curriculum.

I trust that this information will help you to formulate your program of requirements.

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
Patriotic Instructor, New Jersey.

I shall be glad to do what I can to assist in the program you outline.

GEO. FRANCIS WILLIAMS,
Patriotic Instructor, Department of Maryland.

I talked with the Principal of our High School. He could not tell me off hand the text books used in School on Patriotism. Said he would send me a list but has not done so but I know they have Patriotic Exercises just before Memorial Day and the children join with us in marching to the cemetery and help decorate the soldiers' graves, also take part in the exercises at the Hall, usually all the Grades unite in singing a chorus. The First Grade Teacher told me she read stories to the children about Lincoln and Washington to observe their birthdays.

MRS. ROSA HERWERD,
Patriotic Instructor, Department of New Hampshire.

Many of the schools in this Department are now very patriotic and the teachers deserve much credit for the interest they are showing along these lines.

Two weeks before Memorial Day a committee of Grand Army men and Sons of Union Veterans visit every school in the city and able speakers bring to the children the principles and objects of the Grand Army of the Republic. They are told of the proper observance of Memorial Day and all other patriotic days and they show by the interest shown on those days that they have been taught properly. The children here take much interest in strewing flowers on the comrades' graves each year.

Some of the schools in the foreign districts of the large cities have some trouble regarding patriotism but the school officials and the various patriotic orders are doing the best they can to overcome this trouble.

I am ready to do all I can to see that the plans are properly worked out here should they be adopted at our next Encampment in

Des Moines, Iowa. I am sure the Department as a whole will back me up in this pledge. I will see that mention is made of the resolution in my next Department orders.

EUGENE C. SOMERBY,
Department Commander of California.

To Dr. Wm. H. Holmes, Superintendent of Schools, Mount Vernon, N. Y., we are most grateful for this personal advice and assistance in furnishing outlines of teaching History and Civics and Bibliography on the subject.

If the following articles are not accessible locally, please address the National Educational Association of the United States, 1201 Sixteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

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   See Chapter 2, "Legislative Provisions Concerning the Teaching of Nationalism. p. 7-63. Includes sections on "Flag Display," "Flag Exercises," "Patriotic Songs," and "Patriotism."
3. "Good Citizenship, the National Aim in Education." *School Life* 15: 150; April, 1930.
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8. Niebuhr, H. "When We Teach Patriotism." *International Journal of Religious Education* 6: 15-16; February, 1930.
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The National Patriotic Instructor will at any time furnish on application a longer list of appropriate works on this subject.

OUTLINE FOR THE TEACHING OF CIVICS AND PATRIOTISM IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

Civics is training in habits of good citizenship rather than merely a study of government forms and machinery. The broadening field of the instruction in civics finds its limits only in the ever-widening content of the term "citizenship."

The key note is service. Action is the goal to strive for. If the pupil does not acquire and practice Civic virtue in school he is not likely to do so in later life. Every boy and girl has high ideals for his country. They should be taught that the very life of the Republic depends upon the daily lives of her citizens; and if she is to serve humanity we must serve Her.

AIMS IN TEACHING CIVICS AND PATRIOTISM.

To help the child realize that he is a responsible and helpful member of several social groups.

To awaken and stimulate motives that will lead to the establishment of habits of order, cleanliness, cheerful disposition, sympathetic service and obedience to law.

To emphasize the intimate and reciprocal relations between the welfare of the individual and the welfare of the home and society.

To develop political intelligence and to prepare the young citizen for its exercises.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

1. Obey and respect the laws.
2. Be informed concerning American problems and American ways of solving these problems.
3. Serve on a jury.
4. Enter actively into political life, vote intelligently and be ready to take part by holding office.
5. To take an active part in community effort to better conditions.
6. Support the constitution by word and deed.
7. *Fight for the flag.*

SUGGESTED SUBJECTS FOR COMPOSITION.

b. The man who sells his vote.
c. The citizen who violates quarantine.
d. The tax dodger.
e. The boy who unnecessarily drops out of school.
f. The girl who wastes paper in the classroom.

Tell why you would class each of the following as a good citizen:

a. George Washington.
b. Abraham Lincoln.
c. Ulysses Grant.
d. Horace Mann.
e. Clara Barton.
f. Thomas Edison.
g.)
h.) Fill in the names of four
i.) good citizens.
j.)

GRADE FOUR ONE.

The Home City—

Stories of the growth of each of the following and a study how each serves the community:

Public schools, library, post office, street railway, hospital, park playgrounds, fire department, police department, city hall, civic center.

Our attitude toward people in public service.

Care of public buildings.

Cleanliness and beauty of surroundings.

What boys and girls can do in order that these different agencies may best serve the community. Boys and girls can help the community also by being courteous on the street to both

strangers and friends. One should willingly point the way, help an aged person or a child across the street, or perform any other little act of courtesy or kindness, especially to aged or feeble Veterans.

GRADE FOUR TWO.

The Home City—
Manufactures or industries.
Sources of raw materials and distination of manufactures.
Sources of food supply and clothing.
Development of means of transportation.
Means of communication.

Work. It is the duty of everyone to work. Not the kind of work but quality counts. Work is given to man not only because the world needs it, but because man needs it. Work makes men.

Respect for those who labor with their hands.

GRADE FIVE ONE.

Waste, Saving and Wise Expenditures—
In the home—foods, clothing, furniture, light, fuel, firecrackers, Christmas gifts.
In school—supplies, water, TIME.
Keep fences and walks in repair, house painted, hinges on gates and doors, clothing and furniture clean and in repair.
Economy in buying in large quantities under certain conditions.
Buying coal in July.
Care of health saves doctor's bills.
Good quality at higher prices vs. poor quality at low prices.
Does it pay to have a cheap workman paint the house?
Cultivation of garden for economy's sake.

Stories and talks on order and system. Put everything in its place. Have a regular time for doing work, study, home duties or play. Be punctual in all appointments. Kindness to your children. Duties to fellow pupils—especially to a new pupil. Duties to home and parents. Kindness to animals.

GRADE FIVE TWO.

Advantage of Home Ownership—
To the owner.
To the community.

Progress Made by Man Living in Permanent Communities—
What nomadic life offers.
What permanent settlements give us.

Comparison of Cities in Europe and in Our Own Country—

Care of streets; police; billboards; control of building construction; sanitation; parks; monuments erected to the memory of distinguished citizens and veterans who served our country.

Clean thoughts; clean language. Habits—how formed. Good habits; bad habits. Discuss this chain—thoughts, acts, habits, character, life.

GRADE SIX ONE.

Health—
Cleanliness: of person; of premises.
City ordinances regarding removal of garbage, etc.
Protection of food and drink.

Wealth—

While children can do little to produce wealth, they can do much to conserve it.

Care of property in the home, school, neighborhood, public places.

Fire prevention.

Knowledge—

"As the citizen develops, so the community develops."

Punctuality and regularity of attendance.

State laws on attendance and working certificates.

Studious habits—Responsibility to self, to the class, to the community. "All great men have earned their success by constant and faithful application.

Beauty—

Beautifying home and surroudings.

Personal appearance—simplicity, good taste.

Care of trees, parks, park benches, sidewalks, fences, etc.

Protection—

Protection of younger and weaker children.

Service to older people and dependent veterans of our country's war.

Danger in congregating in crowds in case of accident; fire.

City ordinances.

Cleanliness and Neatness—

Nature, necessity, and advantage of these. They apply to body, hands, face, hair, nails, teeth, etc. To clothing, shoes, etc. To books, desk, floor, etc. To everything used or done.

Politeness—

What it is. The good it does. Its relation to home life. Spurious politeness. Helps in securing politeness. Politeness at schools; at home; at the table; to guests and visitors; on the street in company.

Gentleness—

An evidence of good birth or training. Approved of good people. Commendable in speech and manner. Rude and boisterous conduct the opposite of it. Patience required when misjudged. Docility when instructed.

Kindness to Others—

What it really is. Its significance in character. Kindness is contagious. It helps intellectual development. We should be kind to all persons: to parents; to brothers and sisters; to other members of the family; to the aged, infirm and unfortunate.

The forms in which kindness appears are: sympathy; deference and consideration; helpfulness; charity; in condemning cruelty and injustice.

GRADE SIX TWO.

How the child as a member of the community may appreciate what civic growth in the community has done for him and how he may enjoy what has been developed; how he should endeavor to conserve and protect but never to destroy or mar.

Study of the civic growth of our city.

Water supply; lighting; improved streets; parks.

Public and private buildings.

Growth of our schools. Advantages and disadvantages of the location of our school; heating, lighting and ventilation of the building, the school grounds.

Medical inspection.

Truthfulness—

It is the basis of faith which makes the work of the world possible. Lying is always wrong. All should be truthful both in words and actions—without truth there can be no other virtue. Keeping one's word—promises to do wrong. Telling what one does NOT know to be true. Prevarication and exaggeration. Giving a wrong impression, a form of falsehood. Telling falsehoods for fun.

Obedience—

Obedience is submission to proper authority. It is required of all. Progress depends upon it. Real, not feigned, obedience is required. It should be prompt, cheerful, implicit and faithful. Obedience to parents. Obedience to teachers and others in authority. Obedience to law; to conscience; to God.

Nobility—

Chief element in it is goodness. It requires manliness, magnanimity and generosity. Self denial and self sacrifice for others. Bravery in helping or saving others. Confession of injury done another.

Respect and Reverence—

These imply estimate and treatment of others. Lack of these a sure sign of smallness. We should show proper respect and reverence for parents, teachers, those in civil authority, and the aged, feeble veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish War and the World War.

Loyalty: To God, to County and our Home.

GRADE SEVEN ONE.

Civic Beauty—

Impress upon the children that they and their parents owe it to the community to help make it a desirable place in which to live. Create a sentiment for well-kept homes, yards, streets, alleys, etc., a pride in beautiful trees, parks, etc. Decide with the pupils what they can do to prevent the unsightly and to encourage the beautiful.

Show how, if the people become interested in it, the city will aid by (a) passing sanitary regulations in regard to yards, protection from flies of food displayed for sale, etc.; (b) building pavements and keeping them clean and in repair; (c) making boulevards and parks; (d) passing ordinances for the protection of trees, birds, etc.

Government—

The work on government must be as concrete as possible, approaching it, perhaps, through the necessity for rules in the game, in the home, and in school. The purpose is to emphasize the *necessity* for government, with ample illustration of how the people may sue it to satisfy their interests, with which the children have by this time become familiar, rather than to give a great deal of information about the organization of government. State and national, as well as local government, are referred to.

Gratitude and Thankfulness—

What these are. They show a good disposition. We should cultivate these virtues. They are due to (a) parents, (b) benefactors, (c) God, the giver of all good.

Forgiveness—

All need forgiveness. It is God-like to forgive. We should be ready to forgive those who confess their faults; those who have

wronged us; our enemies. Generosity should govern our dealings with the faults of others.

Confession—

This means an honest acknowledgement of mistake or of wrong done another. Such a confession is manly and noble. Denial of fault is ignoble. "The denial of a fault doubles it." Frankness and candor.

Honesty—

Honesty accords justice to all. A double standard of honesty is immoral. Honesty is more important than wealth. The right to property must be learned. The teacher's example. Honesty required in keeping one's word in school and out of school. In little things. Cheating, ignoble and base. "Honesty is the best policy," vs. Honesty is right.

Inter-dependence—

1. In the home among members of the family.
2. In the community. Community furnishes schools, parks, transportation, streets, etc. Individuals furnish labor and capital for private and public enterprises, beautify the community in their own premises, etc.
3. Of city, state and nation.
4. Of different nations.

Honor—

Honor shows a fine sense of justice. Popular sentiment of honor may be wrong. One should endeavor to honor self; to be worthy of honor; to honor one's family, friends, home, country, God.

Humility—

A virtue of religion. An evidence of greatness. A feigned humility is pride. True greatness—not blind to one's own faults. Modesty becoming to the young. Avoidance of pride and vanity. Self-conceit, a sign of self-deception. True humility, not servility or time-serving.

PATRIOTISM.

(a) Definition of Patriotism:

"Patriotism does not merely mean to salute the flag. It means respect for the rights of person and property, obedience to law and order, and decent conduct."

(b) Definition of Americanism:

"Americanism is an unfailing love of country: Loyalty to its institutions and ideals; eagerness to defend it against all enemies; undivided allegiance to the flag; and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity."

(c) Pledge to the Flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all." (This pledge should be given daily by the pupils, led by the teacher, from the fourth grade to the twelfth grades inclusive. Any teacher refusing to give the above pledge, should be disqualified to teach in the public schools of America).

(d) The American's Creed:

"I believe in the United States of America, as a government of the people, by the people and for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy within a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a per-

fect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which our American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

Self-Respect—

It is a good opinion of worthy qualities in one's self—based on conscious moral worth. It requires that one be worthy. It is not self-conceit and not inconsistent with humility. Not self-admiration. It results in personal dignity. Distinction between self-love and selfishness. "Be not wise in your own conceit."

GRADE EIGHT ONE.

The beginning of a community. What a community is.
The site of the community. The family.
What the people in a community are seeking.
The Home and the community.
The teaching of National American ideals.
What the community is doing for the health of its citizens.
Protection of life and property.
Recreation. Education.
Civic Beauty. Wealth.

GRADE EIGHT TWO AND NINE.

The citizens in business life. Relation of Government to business life. Communication.

Transportation. Migration.
Charities. Correction.
How the community governs itself.
Changes in methods of self-government.
The government of rural communities, township and county.
The government of the city. The government of the state.
The government of the nation.
Our constitution: A wonderful achievement.

"The most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."—Gladstone. Is this strictly true?

How the expenses of the government are met.
Responsibilities of American Citizenship.

Read "Makers of the Flag" by Franklin K. Lane; Greenlaw, "Builders of Democracy," Scott Foresman & Co., 1918, and list ten ways in which boys and girls can help make the flag.

Read "Builders of Democracy," Chapter 11, and make a list of the immemorial rights of Englishmen for which our fathers fought in the American Revolution and which we hold dear as American ideals today.

Study the life of one of the following: Carl Schurz, Jacob A. Riis, Edward A. Steiner, Professor Pupin, Carl Steinmetz, Otto Kahn. Give a 4-minute talk in class on "A Citizen by Choice." This phrase was used by George Washington to distinguish our citizens who cast their lot with us to their own accord from "our citizens by birth." Make your talk as inspirational as possible.

Music—

"America the Beautiful."
"Red, White and Blue."
"Respective State Songs."

At least one song characteristic of each war in which the United States participated.

Poems—
"Love of Country."
"Your Flag and My Flag."
"Challenge of the Flag."
"Flanders Field."
"Answer to Flanders Field."

Prose—
"Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech."
"Man Without a Country."
"Washington's Farewell Address."
"Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address."

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City Ordinances of Mount Vernon—City Council, City Hall.
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Respectfully submitted, in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
W. A. WATERMAN,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

Pittsburg, Pa., August 7, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I have the honor of submitting herewith a brief report as National Chaplain for the current year.

I come to Iowa for the Fiftieth Annual Encampment with mixed emotions and profound gratitude for the honors and opportunities afforded me.

My maternal grandfather was for many years an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City, at which place my mother was born. My Father, though having been born in Ohio, enlisted in the service of his country in Iowa City in Company E, 16th Iowa Infantry Volunteers, serving for three years and having been discharged, re-enlisted and served until the close of the war, covering three years and ten months of active service.

I also have the honor of being named for the great War Governor of Iowa, the late Hon. Samuel J. Kirkwood, whose remains are at peaceful rest in the Oakland Cemetery in Iowa City. Governor Kirk-

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Departments Reporting on New Form No. 51 and Patriotic Instructor of Department	1. Public Schools in Department.	2. Flags Displayed Outside.	3. Flags Displayed in Halls or School Room.	4. Using Pledge of Allegiance.	5. Memorial Day Programs.	6. Those Giving Patriotic Programs.
Alabama & Tennessee Alex R. McAdam	1250	850	850	250	none	100
Colorado & Wyoming M. T. Harned	262	254	225	258	195	42
Connecticut E. W. Goodale	414	383	2226	403	355	159
Kansas Fred A. Kesler	?	all	13	13	13	7
Massachusetts Geo. H. Hill	?	?	?	all	?	?
New Jersey Albert C. Lambert	274	274	246	274	123	236
New York Geo. M. Yoemans	795	790	1186	702	652	185
Ohio Arthur G. Gibbony	927	820	815	839	521	120
Pennsylvania W. H. Heath	824	926	938	1297	1127	145
Wisconsin H. T. Moore	325	all	all	many	all	244

National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors Using "New" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1931.

Departments Reporting on New Form No. 51 and Patriotic Instructor of Department	SCHOOLS												CHURCHES				GENERAL						
	1. Public Schools in Department.	2. Flags Displayed Outside.	3. Flags Displayed in Halls or School Room.	4. Using Pledge of Allegiance.	5. Memorial Day Programs.	6. Those Giving Patriotic Programs.	7. Flags Presented by Camps or Individuals.	8. Pupils Participating in Memorial Day Programs.	9. Schools Visited by Patriotic Instructor or Others.	10. Those Having Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.	11. Do State Laws Require Display of Flag?	12. Do State Laws Require Pledge of Allegiance.	1. Churches in Department.	2. Number Displaying Flags.	3. Flags Presented.	4. Churches Visited by Patriotic Instructor.	1. Programs for G. A. R.	2. Prizes Given by Camps for Patriotic Contests.	3. Number Contests.	4. Public Patriotic Programs.	5. Monuments or Tablets for Civil War Veterans.	6. New Memorials During Year.	7. Money Spent for Patriotic Instruction.
Alabama & Tennessee Alex R. McAdam	1250	850	850	250	none	100	60	350	10	850	yes	yes	1600	600	10	10	10	?	?	10	2	2	none
Colorado & Wyoming M. T. Harned	262	254	225	258	195	42	1	4500	16	250	yes	yes	268	230	1	22	35	0	0	19	216	0	$16
Connecticut E. W. Goodale	414	383	2226	403	355	159	47	8960	76	137	yes	no	562	390	5	30	54			36	161		$333
Kansas Fred A. Kesler	?	all	13	13	13	7	11	all	10	3	yes	yes	?	13			13	0	3				$75
Massachusetts Geo. H. Hill	?	?	?	all	?	?	59	?	205	129	no	no	?	all	1	68	?	3	20	?	?	4	$200
New Jersey Albert C. Lambert	274	274	246	274	123	236	4	6950	12	15	yes	yes	552	552	552	22	26	1	300	26	$296	1	$276
New York Geo. M. Yoemans	795	790	1186	702	652	185	30	139725	213	217		?	1416	635	113	62	138	11	0	112	315	9	$1872.65
Ohio Arthur G. Gibbony	927	820	815	839	521	120	17	62280	380	113	yes	no	896	591	574	12	113	0	0	108	33	15	$728
Pennsylvania W. H. Heath	824	926	938	1297	1127	145	90191	3761	164	27	837	738	677	260	99	100	29						$671.70
Wisconsin H. T. Moore	325	all	all	many	all	244	27	all	100	191	yes	no	249	all	none	all	24	none	200	36	65	8	$495

National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors using "Old" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1931.

Departments Reporting on Old Form No. 51, and Patriotic Instructor of Department.	1. Do Public Schools Have Flags?	2. Flag Salute Given in Schools.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Do Teachers Show Interest?	5. Flags Given To Schools.	6. Prizes Given Public School Pupils.	7. Gettysburg Tablets Presented to Schools.	8. Sunday Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day.	9. Public Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday Observed by Churches.	11. Objectionable School Histories in Use.	12. Spent for Patriotic Work.	13. Do Camps Offer to Assist G. A. R. Memorial Day?	14. Do Camps Take Charge Memorial Day for G. A. R.?	15. For Good of the Order and to Stimulate Patriotism.
California and Pacific W. E. Lilly, Sr.,	yes	yes	yes	yes	none needed	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	?	$175	yes	some do	As a whole very active Department in promoting erection of Washington Monument.
Indiana Albert L. Pauley	yes	yes	yes	yes	33	no	5	16 camps	yes	yes	no	$57	all but 1	50%	
Iowa W. E. Barber	all	yes	yes	yes	12	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	$125	yes	yes	A number of the larger Camps have held programs with marked results.
Maine Leon J. Cole	yes	yes	yes	yes	207	yes	68	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes	Rallies and gatherings with satisfactory results.
Michigan Wm. H. Malone	yes	yes	yes	yes	9	yes	2	yes	yes	yes	no	$150	yes	yes	Have given Patriotic Programs; Decorated Graves; Attended Regional Meetings; Displayed Flags, etc.
Missouri Clay S. Platt	some	some	some	some	some	no	no	yes	yes	some	no	none	yes	yes	Attended and participated in all Patriotic Programs.
New Hampshire C. B. Prince	all	daily	mostly	all	4	some			all	yes	none	$119	yes	yes	Have sent out circulars and letters.
Rhode Island Edward S. Briggs	yes	yes	yes	yes	4	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	$25	yes	yes	

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Departments.	No. of Camps in Good Standing.	No. of Camps Reporting.	No. of Brothers in Good Standing.	No. Attending Memorial Sunday Services.	No. Participating in Memorial Day Exercises.	No. of Firing Squads.	No. of Addresses by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. of Cemeteries Covered by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. Flags Placed on Civil War Veterans' Graves.	No. Flags on Graves of Other Veterans.	No. of Markers Placed on Civil War Veterans' Graves.	No. of Graves Given Special Attention.	No. of Deaths in Camp Membership.	No. of Funerals Attended or Conducted			No. of Camps Observing Union Defenders' Day.	Date Received by National Chaplain.
														A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Camp Members.	C. Members of Allied Organizations.		
Alabama & Tennessee.	13	13	296	206	220	1	10	34	36200	800	4	4	4	15	4	1	8	July 13
California & Pacific..	24	11	509	145	180	8	19	41	4877	.....	9	.....	18	61	15	....	3	Aug. 4
Colorado & Wyoming.	21	7	597	78	109	3	8	15	2193	1	90	35	7	42	7	7	4	June 30
Connecticut	33	23	1467	383	625	8	48	256	9809	1818	726	291	36	37	30	7	9	Aug. 3
Illinois	27	21	748	232	267	6	23	101	7811	636	116	75	13	46	13	6	5	Aug. 3
Indiana	30	24	1170	177	121	9	6	57	10988	427	89	101	5	22	4	12	22	Aug. 3
Iowa	22	12	747	217	67	3	20	47	1874	282	.....	1682	13	13	11	....	6	Aug. 3
Kansas	19	16	340	158	157	2	8	60	2639	532	157	1703	12	29	10	2	9	Aug. 3
Maine	41	32	1552	456	720	13	35	357	12608	.....	75	206	30	42	....	....	12	June 29
Maryland	12	12	524	250	300	1	30	63	5300	.....	.....	1	19	11	19	....	12	July 21
Massachusetts	103	103	4431	1325	2087	47	208	936	40070	3102	2803	200	82	155	73	19	60	Aug. 10
Michigan	19	14	664	138	205	5	6	131	11453	.....	13	5	12	31	6	3	8	June 25
Minnesota-No. Dakota	11	8	253	57	122	3	21	30	5546	.....	.....	166	2	4	1	....	5	Aug. 3
Missouri	10	5	226	64	92	3	13	31	4804	1500	.....	15	5	13	4	....	1	July 11
Nebraska	10	8	210	118	140	3	12	36	2550	.....	5	.....	2	8	2	....	4	Aug. 3
New Hampshire	32	22	789	259	345	69	20	187	7409	.....	18	.....	8	7	8	....	13	Aug. 3
New Jersey	27	16	1274	240	441	11	36	160	14159	392	2007	4235	17	25	22	2	10	July 23
New York	46	46	2638	786	1067	21	67	425	31272	.....	.....	654	31	73	28	....	32	June 30
Ohio	83	31	3215	603	774	16	51	292	14809	1483	9465	20	42	102	16	14	17	July 21
Oregon	6	6	243	72	115	..	10	35	1580	35	14	1525	7	11	7	....	3	July 21
Pennsylvania	140	71	6945	2338	4632	58	284	735	7460	5718	3500	2673	119	133	113	26	49	Aug. 12
Rhode Island	16	11	345	132	185	6	11	126	7578	.....	.....	17	3	10	1	....	5	July 15
Vermont	31	17	794	256	348	12	6	262	2248	159	35	3	13	8	6	3	2	July 20
**Wash.-Alaska	10	4	330	51	38	....	4	12	1313	.....	.....	.....	3	4	....	....	3	1930 **
*Wisconsin	16	11	667	199	236	4	15	83	6512	*478	59	37	14	24	10	3	10	June 21
	802	544	30974	8904	13593	312	971	4512	253362	17363	19185	13448	517	926	411	105	312	

* 5 Confederate Graves reported as decorated.

** 1930 figures used inasmuch as no reports were received by August 4.

wood was born in Maryland, taught school in Pennsylvania, assisted his father in clearing a farm in Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1843. He served in many capacities from Prosecuting Attorney to Secretary of the Interior in President Garfield's Cabinet. Of him it has been said, "His private life was pure, plain and unostentatious, as his whole patriotic career was patriotic and unselfish. He was actuated by a single inspiration, that of the public good. In the whole galaxy of Iowa's prominent men it is truth to say that none have held a warmer place in the affections of her people or stood higher in their confidence and admiration."

Your National Chaplain was formally installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter on Monday evening, November 17, 1930, at a special gathering of Colonel Nevins Camp No. 33, Sons of Union Veterans.

It was my privilege to visit some of our allied organizations while attending the annual conference of my church in Claremont, N. H., in April. On Memorial Sunday I participated in the service which is held annually at the resting place of Augustus Plummer Davis, founder of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. On that same afternoon I gave the address at the monument which marks the resting place of the Arsenal victims. This was under the general direction of Miss Thelma Sautter and her associates in the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans. Memorial Day was spent at Gettysburg at which time the committee in charge honored the National Chaplain and his wife by giving them a place in the official parade, and special seats on the platform during the exercises at which Vice President Curtis spoke.

To a careful student of statistical data there are facts in the consolidated report which are encouraging. Other facts are quite indicative of the need of a revival of interest and a rededication of our time and energy to the work of our Order to which we pledged ourselves in our sacred and binding obligations at the time of our initiation.

I want to take this occasion to express my personal appreciation of the splendid way in which so many of the Department Chaplains responded with reports, so complete and so accurate. It is also fitting that we as an organization express our appreciation to Mrs. Willma L. Combs of Des Moines, Past National Treasurer of the Auxiliary, for the splendid service which she has rendered in securing for our Memorial Service the mixed quartet known as the Gypsy Serenaders, composed of Mrs. Katherine B. Haines, Soprano; Mrs. Fannie Wilkins Ryan, Contralto; Tom Benson, Tenor; Paul Marsdon, Bass, and Mrs. Erma Van Arsdale, Pianist; and the Boy Scouts, Lowell Ebersole and Wayne Waller, who are both members of the National Guards and grandsons of Civil War Veterans, who will sound taps at the close of the Memorial Service. In many other ways Mrs. Combs has rendered real service to the National Chaplains of our organizations. We also wish to express our gratitude to others who have helped to make the reports and the program of the Memorial Service as they are.

IN MEMORIAM.

April 27, 1931—Edgar Allen, Jr., Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander of Maryland.

November 17, 1930—Joseph B. Maccabe, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts.

August 30, 1931—Newton J. McGuire, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander of Indiana.

July 4, 1931—John W. Kennedy, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-

Chief, Past National Patriotic Instructor, Past Department Commander of Colorado & Wyoming.

December 17, 1930—Frank L. Greene, Past Department Commander of Vermont.

December 19, 1930—Charles H. Heimsoth, Past Department Commander of New York.

December 19, 1930—C. F. W. Schultz, Past Department Commander of Minnesota.

January 19, 1931—Rufus A. Soule, Jr., Past Department Commander of Massachusetts.

February 28, 1931—D. Arden Carrick, Past Department Commander of Maryland.

March 8, 1931—Elmer E. Perry, Past Department Commander of Vermont.

April 4, 1931—Frank P. Corrick, Past Department Commander, Department Commander, Nebraska

May 19, 1931—C. B. Zeek, Past Department Commander of Oregon.

June 19, 1931—Charles J. Miller, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

June 21, 1931—Ernest T. Griswold, Past Department Commander of Vermont.

June 24, 1931—Luther L. Jones, Past Department Commander of New Jersey.

July 2, 1931—George W. Knowlton, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

———— Harry Lewis, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.

July 15, 1931—E. F. Buck, Past Department Commander of Illinois.

Besides the foregoing who were members of the Commandery-in-Chief, it has been reported that James Hamilton, Department Chaplain in Washington, passed to his reward during this current year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Department Chaplain who is in office on Memorial Day be held responsible for gathering the information from his Department for the National Chaplain.

2. That steps be taken to appoint a special committee which will be charged with the responsibility of preparing a survey to ascertain what is being done and determine what should be done in our public schools and church schools concerning National achievements. ideals, International relations and World Peace.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Madison, Wis., August 4, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The demands upon this office have not been many and while every question raised was of consequence, none may be said to be of vital importance.

The evidences of harmony and earnest devotion to the welfare of our Country and Order on the part of those who communicated with this office were many and reassuring. I want to acknowledge my appreciation of the distinction that came to me by the appointment to the position of National Counselor, and the pleasure of working under a Commander whose purpose has been to serve unselfishly the interests of our Order, requiring wise and understanding administration, in its manifold relations.

I have the honor to submit copies of opinions (Exhibit A) rendered during the year, which I ask to have received as my report.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD T. FAIRCHILD,
National Counselor.

EXHIBIT A.

November 24, 1930

Hon. A. S. Holbrook,
Commander-in-Chief,
Dwight, Illinois.

My Dear Commander:

In Re: "Applicant's father served in the Confederate army for a short period. Whether he deserted or taken prisoner by Union forces no record at hand. Father later enlisted in the Union army and was honorably discharged from service."

Article III of the Constitution of our Order provides, among other things, as to eligibility to membership, that the ancestors of the applicant through whom membership is claimed, must not have voluntarily borne arms against the government of the United States. In the practical administration of this law it has been found that many were drafted and compelled to render services by reason of being in a community where public opinion was strong in favor of the Confederates and it has been wisely ruled that that does not constitute voluntary service and does not bring the applicant within the prohibition quoted above, to-wit, "whose ancestor has voluntarily borne arms against the government." There is also a provision which supports this interpretation in the same Article, which reads: "Descendants * * * of soldiers, sailors or marines who * * * were honorably discharged from the army."

I understand the applicant whose case is under consideration is the son of one who was honorably discharged and that the circumstances of his enlistment in the Confederate army tend to show that he was not voluntarily there. It is therefore the opinion that the applicant is eligible to membership.

December 3, 1930

Hon. A. S. Holbrook,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans,
Dwight, Illinois.

My Dear Sir and Commander:

With reference to the question submitted as to what procedure must be followed in order to make one eligible to membership, a member of the Order, I have the following report to make.

My opinion is not widely different from that submitted by Department Counselor Dodson in his communication addressed to the Commander of the Wisconsin Department.

The question here raised has at times found its way into the courts, usually arising in those organizations which have an insurance feature and the rule is, that where it is required that a candidate be initiated according to the ritual of the society such initiation is essential to membership and the right to participate in the benefits provided by the contract of membership. I find, however, that in our organization, and under Art. III, Ch. 1, in Sec. 4, of the regulations, the following: "The use of ritualistic ceremonies in the conduct of meetings and initiation of candidates is optional." The Camp of course under this rule might lay down a requirement which would necessitate the use of the ritual and the formal muster ceremonies in the initiation of a candidate. But where the Camp has not expressly required it one may become a member if eligible, properly recommended, upon receiving the required vote, paying the fees and taking upon himself the obligation in the presence of members of the Camp.

It seems that the usual application for membership with the obligation attached complies with the law and the rules of the Order unless the Camp has specifically required more formal proceedings. I hold, therefore, that one becomes ipso facto a member of the Order by joining a Camp, under the circumstances suggested above, and he is relieved from the necessity of appearing for muster where the Camp does not expressly require it.

January 5, 1931.

W. H. Cole,
4920 Fifty-third Street,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Brother Cole:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 30 and have carefully noted contents.

Under our constitution I do not see how anything can be done whereby a Past Department Commander's badge can be given to Past Senior Vice Department Commander Shepherd and the rank of Past Department Commander accorded him. This would be my opinion in the face of any service that Brother Shepherd may have rendered as Senior Vice Department Commander. Inasmuch as the Department Council did not act because of Department Commander Little's absence, Brother Shepherd assumed Brother Little's duties as part of the duties of the Senior Vice Commander. If, because Brother Little was absent from the state, the Department Council had voided his office, elected the Senior Vice in his place to serve for that year, then Brother Shepherd would have been entitled to the rank of Past Department Commander.

This is the only interpretation of our constitution that I can make. I am, however, forwarding a copy of this letter to my National Counselor and asking him to render an opinion thereon. Upon receipt of word from him, if at variance with my opinion, I shall be glad to advise.

Very sincerely yours,

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
Commander-in-Chief.

January 11, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans
Dwight, Illinois.

My Dear Commander:

With reference to the inquiry of Past Commander Cole of Seattle, concerning the conferring of certain honors and distinguishing badges upon Senior Vice Commander Shepherd of the Washington and Idaho Department, I am of the opinion that while Brother Shepherd may richly deserve the recognition suggested in Brother Cole's letter, that there is no authority under which it would be possible to give him the Past Department Commander's badge and honors.

The services he rendered could be fittingly recognized by proper resolutions of the Department. I concur in the opinion you have forwarded to that Department.

EDWARD T. FAIRCHILD,
National Counselor.

Headquarters Commander-in-Chief,
Dwight, Ill., May 23, 1931

Harry V. Shepherd,
2222 Valencia Street,
Bellingham, Washington.

Dear Brother Shepherd:

I have before me your letter of May 19th and have gone carefully over text thereof. In addition to this I went through my files and got out and went carefully over all the letters bearing on this case, beginning with the one that first came to me from Brother W. H. Cole.

After considering all of the facts brought out through this correspondence I am still of the opinion that from the facts presented I cannot see how your position as a Past Department Commander is clearly defined. It seems to me that the members of your Department Council were lax in not stating that a vacancy in the office of Department Commander was created when Brother Little left Washington and took up duties in other states. It seems to me that the Department Council and, in fact, all of the Department officials were further lax in not recognizing the situation and clarifying it when the Encampment met at Yakima.

I believe that neither myself as Commander-in-Chief, nor my Counselor, can render an opinion which would be equitable to all concerned, from the facts which we have at our command. The only solution, as I see it, is to bring the matter up for a full and free discussion on the floor of your Encampment at Bellingham, June 8. I think that you have power within your Department organization to adjust the matter and find a solution. In such manner all facts bearing on the matter may be brought up and will be before those who will vote. Accordingly, as Commander-in-Chief, I am ordering such course pursued. I would further require that a full record of the discussion and action taken at this Encampment, covering the matter in question, be forwarded these headquarters for approval or disapproval.

A copy of this letter is going to Commander Richardson as official correspondence in order that proper attention may be given to the matter.

It is my desire that a disposition be made of this question that will be fair and equitable to all sides and it is also my desire to see full recognition of the service rendered by any brother and full honors

accorded him to which he may be entitled. I sincerely hope that such discussion and action may be taken by the brothers at this Encampment as may be best for all concerned and that in such discussion and action all brothers will keep in mind the spirit of our fraternity and remember that we are banded together to promote Charity and Loyalty.

Very fraternally yours,

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
Commander-in-Chief

Approved—May 27, 1931.
EDWARD T. FAIRCHILD,
National Counselor.

Office of Department Counselor,
Los Angeles, Calif., June 3, 1931

Edward T. Fairchild,
National Counselor, Sons of Union Veterans,
c/o Supreme Court Chambers,
Madison, Wis.

Dear Brother Fairchild:

I am writing you regarding a matter in which I am not exactly clear upon, and upon which, perhaps, it may be necessary for you to render an opinion now as well as later.

We have in this Department, or rather did have at Riverside, Calif., a Camp which everybody supposed was about an average Camp, but all of a sudden they were suspended by the Department Commander at that time. The new Department Commander, who saw fit to appoint me his Department Counselor, upon his election last month, has appealed to me for an opinion, but inasmuch as it involves a threat to take the matter before the National Encampment, I would like to have your opinion in the matter just as quickly as you can get to it.

The case is this: The Riverside Camp, according to information coming to Department Commander Fred I. Dunster, from a member of the Auxiliary, at the time of its suspension, was owing the organization from which they rented their hall $147 back rent for three years. However the trustees of the hall admit that they have been lax in their business and have never at any time sent the Camp any bills or in any way notified them of the rent due. At the time the Camp disbanded they had no funds and no way of liquidating the debt, and the question arises as to whether the Department would be held liable for the rent. The Auxiliary which rented the same hall has always paid its rent and the books of the hall owners so show.

I wish you would let me know, just as soon as it is possible for you to do so, whether the Department is liable for that hall rent. They claim that they may take the matter up with the National Encampment, but if the Department is not liable for the debt and you so find, it will probably settle the matter.

Kindly let me know as soon as you can do so what your opinion in the matter is. It is my opinion that the Department cannot be held, inasmuch as it has never received any notice of the debt, even if it was liable.

Very sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

P. A. BARROWS.

June 8, 1931.

Mr. P. A. Barrows,
1540 Wilshire Boulevard,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Brother Barrows:

Yours of the 3rd inst. received, and in reply: It is my opinion that the State Department is in no way liable for what may be styled the individual debts of a Camp. They are separate entities; the Camp may own and dispose of property in connection with its individual affairs, and in contracting debts it has no authority to pledge the credit of the State Department. The Department in this instance certainly cannot be held for the rent item of the local Camp.

May 5, 1931.

Charles H. Sumner, Jr.,
Wilmington, Vermont.
(Box 384).

Dear Brother:

There is no authority which we can invoke giving the Color Bearer of the Sons of Veterans the position at the head of the parade on Memorial Day. For many years the order of parade was largely determined by the local Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and in most instances they preferred to have Sons of Veterans as their escorts, and something of a custom in those communities resulted which gave the Color Bearer the right of the line. As the years and events have changed the control in a large measure of parades on Memorial Day from the Grand Army to the later soldiers we must defer to them. Our mission as Sons of Veterans is to work in conjunction with the other patriotic organizations and it results in our accepting the commissions which may be assigned us.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

Hartford, Conn., August 12, 1931.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I herewith submit the report of the Committee on Marking Graves for the past year.

Letters were sent to all Department Commanders offering to them the assistance of this Committee and asking what their Committees were doing. The response was disappointing in that only nine Department Commanders showed interest by replying to the letters. Of the nine who answered four said that they did not have any Committees but would be glad to appoint them.

By engaging in such a commendable work indorsed by the Commandery-in-Chief, we have a golden opportunity to show the public that we are doing something worth while; but we need the interest and co-operation of those within the Organization, especially the leaders, if we wish to progress and make the Organization a real power.

Much encouragement may be felt in the knowledge that a few of the Departments, many Camps, and individuals are making a marked success in this type of work. However, more Departments might be interested if there was a better understanding of the methods used by those who have already tried and proved the effectiveness of the work.

In the Michigan Department, Chairman Francis E. Hall of Grand Rapids continues with the good work. Ottawa County is now completed, and Kent County nearly so. In the latter county they have located graves of 5125 Civil War veterans, 182 Spanish War veterans, and 439 World War veterans. In Ottawa County, 575 Civil War; 25 Spanish War, and 83 World War. Of the total, only 283 graves remain without stones. In Jackson, Brother Charles L. Blake is doing good work.

In the New Jersey Department, though it has no Committee, the Camps have completed maps and cards for four counties, and many Camps are working in their localities.

In the Washington Department, which does not have a Committee, each Camp has one, and all are functioning in fine shape.

The Maine Department does not have a Committee, but the Camp at Bridgton and some other Camps are doing effective work along this line.

In the Massachusetts Department a great amount of this kind of work is being done by individual Camps.

Almost all of the work in the New York Department is being done by Camps and individuals at Rochester, Rome, Utica, and the central part of New York State.

The Ohio Department has no Department Committee, but many Camps in the northern part of the State are doing good work.

Although I have not heard from the Illinois Department Committee, I understand that they are still carrying on the same good work that they have done in the past.

In the Iowa Department a Committee was appointed three years ago, but I have not heard from it; and the only work done in the Department seems to center in Fort Dodge and vicinity. Brother Pratt is gathering data showing the burial places, in addition to the military records and other items of historical value, connected with the veterans' lives.

In the Missouri Department they do not have a Committee, but each Camp Commander looks after the marking of graves in the cemeteries in his territory.

The Committee appointed two years ago in the California and Pacific Department seems to have been lost; but Commander Dunster will appoint another Committee.

There is no Department Committee in the Indiana Department. Some work has been done by Brother Ball, and Commander Richart says that he will help in anyway he can.

In the states of Wisconsin and Minnnesota they have made the marking of soldiers' graves a State affair and have put state officials in charge and are making some progress.

The Oregon Department has a Committee working with the several Camp Committees, and they are making good progress.

In the Connecticut Department we find the work of locating and marking graves to be eighty per cent completed as to getting up the list of burial places of the veterans of the fifteen wars in which Connecticut, both as a state and as a colony, has participated; and forty per cent is charted. Connecticut had 11,000 men in the French-Indian War; over 31,000 in the Revolutionary War. Many of the cemeteries are in the backwoods, and one town alone has eighty-four cemeteries; yet the work is nearing completion. We have more than 100,000 cards in our files. I am sure you will be interested to know that we have compiled a complete list of members of the Connecticut Department

G. A. R., over 22,000 members in all. We have a complete list of where their Posts were located; a complete list of the Sons of Veterans giving the fathers' service; a complete list of the returns of deaths of the Connecticut Regiments by Regimental Secretaries to the Adjutant-General; a complete list of all deaths at the Soldiers' Home; a complete list of the applications for memorial grave markers for the Revolutionary Soldiers made to the Sons of the American Revolution; a complete list of all soldiers who served in the Mexican Border service; a complete list of all World War veterans who died in France; a list of newspaper clippings of all veterans' deaths; and cemetery inscriptions of more than 200 cemeteries. We have the cooperation of the State Librarian, Mr. George S. Godard. No man in our State takes a greater interest in this work than Mr. Godard.

I have gone into greater detail as to Connecticut than other states because it has been engaged in this work for a longer time, and to show what a success can be made if taken in charge by some who are interested. If the individual Camps in Departments that do not have Committees would enlarge their work by going into towns nearby that they do not cover, it would be only a short time before their work would join.

For typewriting, postage, etc., the expense for the past year has been fifty-five dollars.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

CHARLES R. HALE,
Committee on Marking Graves.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The next in order is the reception of communications and resolutions.

Departments called by the National Secretary.

National Secretary Hammer: I have received some communications which I will read:

From California & Pacific Department; published in The Banner. It refers to Associate Members and the membership fee and dues charged to be determined by the Department Encampments. It provides for associate members who cannot be admitted on account of ineligibility.

From Connecticut, asking for some action relative to publications defamatory to the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, and they want us to take some action.

From New Jersey, asking that the National body be required to include in our ritual memorial services for departed brothers, similar to that used by the Auxiliary.

From Ohio, recommending a ceremonial and placing a wreath upon the tomb of each President of the United States buried in Ohio, upon each anniversary of their birth, requesting the Commandery-in-Chief for proper legislation providing such ceremonies throughout the United States, to be under the control and disposition of the National Patriotic Instructor.

From Ohio, to amend the third line of Section 2, Article 4, of the Constitution and Regulations, referring to membership fee.

From Ohio, relating to the dropping of members, recommending that the same be permitted only in the Quarter ending December 31.

From Pennsylvania, relating to design on our badge, worn by members of our Order serving in the United States Navy, and recommending that our badge be changed to conform to the regulations of the Navy.

From Wisconsin, relating to the action of Congress adopting the "Star Spangled Banner" as the official United States Anthem. Also to correct our ritual so there will be no question as to what the National Anthem is.

From Wisconsin that the Commandery-in-Chief define the ritual.

From Wisconsin, that the Bleeding Heart be adopted as the floral symbol of the Order.

Past Department Commander Ernest, Missouri, moved that these resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Duly seconded.

Secretary Hammer: I have one more from the Department of Wisconsin relating to the reduction in salary of the National Secretary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I move as a substitute that these resolutions be referred to the Secretary for proper distribution to the Committees. The Committee on Officers' Reports is the proper distributing committee anyway. I move as a substitute that they be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Duly seconded, the substitute motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Those who have read The Banner during the past year will have noticed in an issue in the Spring—March or April—an article referring to the proper or official recognition of the Sons by the Grand Army of the Republic. I have been in communication with Past Commander-in-Chief Willett of the Grand Army of the Republic regarding having our own Auxilary recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, officially, as have been the Sons and Daughters. It doesn't so appear on the official records of the G. A. R. now. We should take joint action with the Auxiliary at this Encampment. I fear that unless it is done this year we will have harder work getting it done at any other time. I am going to appoint a committee consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief Sautter and Shellhouse, to work with a like committee from the Auxiliary, and prepare a resolution which shall petition such recognition of the Auxiliary, and bring that resolution before both bodies for action during the Encampment this afternoon; said joint committee to appear before the G. A. R. Encampment during its session tomorrow and plead for action on account of the Auxiliary.

Council-in-Chief Hansen, New Jersey, moved that we concur in the idea, and that such a committee be appointed. Seconded. Carried unanimously.

National Secretary Hammer: I have a telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief Church announcing his inability to be with us, owing to the serious illness of his wife.

I also have a very fine letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman, as follows:

Mount Vernon, N. Y., September 11, 1931.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary:

May I ask you to give to the members of the Fiftieth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans my highest regards? For many years I have been a regular attendant at these functions. My circle of friends and acquaintances has been greatly enlarged by attending, but conditions this year preclude my being present to recognize one of the most inspirational of all your meetings.

Half a century! In that time we have seen greater changes than have occurred in all of the rest of time since this continent was discovered. This Nation has been and is being tested as never before.

It stands for equal rights and unlimited opportunities for all. Challenged as we are by economic and social changes we will ever draw our inspiration for unselfish service by the heroic sacrifices of our Fathers, the defenders of the Nation, the "Boys in Blue."

The Sons of Union Veterans have had a glorious part in contributing to the patriotic life of our day and generation. Their work is not ended, and it will not end so long as there are wrongs to be righted, Veterans to be assisted, widows and orphans to be comforted, Veterans' graves to be cared for, and the Flag to be maintained. Be watchful that traitors from within or without do not undo the mighty deeds of our noble sires.

Gentlemen and Brethren, I salute you!

Cordially,
CHARLES F. SHERMAN.

National Secretary Hammer: I also have a telegram from Brother I. F. Lassor, Past Department Commander of Vermont, which reads as follows:

Rutland, Vt., Sept. 14, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

I am very sorry I am unable to attend the Fiftieth National Encampment of our organization. I wish for them a successful and pleasant Encampment.

I. F. LASSOR,
Past Department Commander of Vermont.

Also a telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn:

Easton, Pa., Sept. 15, 1931.

A. S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief, care Sons of Union Veterans, Des Moines, Iowa.

Primaries in a political fight in which I am a candidate prevent my attendance at Encampment. Am with you in spirit and send greetings to you and the Encampment and hope you will have a successful convention.

S. S. HORN.

A telegram from Will C. Creighton, Past Department Commander of Illinois:

Champaign, Ill., Sept. 14, 1931.

A. S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Greetings and best wishes. Sorry I can't be with you.

WILL C. CREIGHTON,
Past Department Commander, Illinois.

A telegram from W. A. Waterman:

Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook, Hotel Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa.

I want you and the brothers to know I am thinking of you at your Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet and regret that it was impossible for me to be with you. I hope this may be an incentive to greater work in increasing our membership and loyalty to the order.

W. A. WATERMAN,
National Patriotic Instructor.

A letter from Frank P. Connell, at Masonic Hospital, Utica, New York:

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Brother and Comrade:

Greetings from a long time member of W. J. Pentelow Camp No. 21, Fulton, N. Y.

You are to be congratulated as to the good seed you have sown. May it bring an abundance of fruit.

Best wishes for one and all—this being the fiftieth anniversary of our beloved order.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

FRANK P. CONNELL.

National Secretary Hammer: We have 137 members on the roll at this time, of which number 9 are Past Commanders-in-Chief; 15 Department Commanders; 32 Past Department Commanders, and 81 delegates and representatives. Alabama & Tennessee, Oregon and Washington are not represented.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook presented Past Commanders-in-Chief, in the following order: William H. Russell, Kansas; Edward R. Campbell, Maryland; Ralph Sheldon, New York; John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania; Pelham A. Barrows, California; Frank Shellhouse, Indiana; Ernest W. Homan, Massachusetts; Walter C. Mabie, Pennsylvania; Theodore C. Cazeau, New York. All the brothers should become acquainted with these Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brothers, Past Commander-in-Chief Russell is the senior Past Commander-in-Chief now living. I think this is a remarkable showing of Past National Officers and we appreciate their presence with us on this occasion.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Huston: I believe that Minnesota has the distinction of having the oldest Department Commander, Colonel Milham, who has been a member since 1886. Colonel Milham is also a Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook presented Col. Milham as the oldest Department Commander in our organization, and from St. Paul, Minn.

Colonel Milham: I wasn't aware of that honor when I came here.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You can lay claim to it until it is disputed.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston made announcement relating to "stunt night" and was appointed as a committee of one to properly prepare for that occasion.

National Chaplain Craig announced relative to Memorial Services.

Recess until 2 o'clock p. m. was ordered.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2 p. m., September 15, 1931.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook opened Encampment in form.

Inside Guard announced a committee from the W. R. C. on greetings and a committee from the G. A. R. on greetings.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Past Commanders-in-Chief Barrows, Homan and Campbell will escort the G. A. R. visitors; and Delegate C. O. Bigley of Ohio, Past Department Commander Geist of Colorado & Wyoming, and Department Commander Frank L. Reichart of Indiana, will act as escort for the Committee from the W. R. C.

The escort committees in turn introduced Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Foster, of Massachusetts; Past Commander-in-Chief Arensberg, of Pennsylvania; Past Commander-in-Chief Walsh, of Wisconsin; John Lucas, Department Commander of Iowa. W. R. C.—Mrs. Ruth E. Hansen, Department President of the W. R. C., Ohio; Mrs. Helen Grigsby, Department President of Illinois; Mrs. Florence P. Ritord, Department President of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It affords me very great pleasure indeed to introduce to this Encampment members of the Greeting Committee from the G. A. R. We will be glad to hear from Past Commander-in-Chief Foster.

Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Foster: Commander-in-Chief, my dear old Comrades who have accompanied me here on this trip, and ladies—I am unable to give the names of any of their National Officers—and my dear brothers, the Sons of Union Veterans. I have received during my term of service as Commander-in-Chief many pleasant things and honors, but I never came among my Sons of Veterans when I didn't feel just as though I was at home with my boys, and therefore today I consider it an honor and a credit to have been given the privilege of being chairman of the committee to bring to you today some of our old boys who have passed through all of the troubles and tribulations that a Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. has. Therefore today I am bringing to you the greetings of your Fathers too; and I know as I have said before that our boys—our sons—and we who are left today, have confidence in you and we believe in you; when the time comes that the last one of us shall have passed away, then you will be ready to accept the responsibility that will come to you, and I know that you will fill the bill. I am not going to take up your time for I hope, possibly before I leave, to sit and talk to you in another way. We have some of the boys with us today—I call them boys—they are Comrades and I know you want to hear from them; therefore, I am just going to say that I am as happy as I can be with you again today. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Past Commander Arensberg, have you a word for us?

Past Commander-in-Chief Arensberg: Commander and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I have a few words for you

today. Brother Foster has expressed the sentiments that we feel and our love for you as Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. I came here at the solicitation of our Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Foster, and I was only too glad to accept the invitation. In the past I have frequently visited your encampments, both State and National. He said that we were boys. Well, I will admit it. I am only 89 years old and I don't know how many more times I will have a chance to see you, but I am awfully glad to have this opportunity today. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Past Commander-in-Chief Walsh, have you a word for us?

Past Commander-in-Chief Walsh, of Wisconsin: Commander and Sons of Union Veterans. I am glad indeed to be here today and bring the Greetings of the Department of Wisconsin. The boys and Brothers are plugging away and doing good work and we, of course, wish them all the good we can. And as to what has been said, the future is opening up to you boys; that will bring you in the front line before many years. Up in our State many of our Brothers have organized County Reunions, the same as Jefferson holds every year. In that way we think we can get a great many more members in and around the County than we otherwise would through the membership of the Camps. I am delighted to be here. I think this is a fine lot of men and it is a pleasure for me to be here today. I just came with our Chairman and our honored Past Commander-in-Chief, and I am glad to have the privilege of meeting you. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Department Commander Lucas of Iowa, have you a word for us?

Department Commander Lucas of Iowa: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters, Daughters, and Comrades—Comrades, you come last this time—and Sons of Veterans. About an hour ago I was invited to visit the Sons of Veterans, wherein a kid meets with kids. As they have given me a title for seven years as the "Iowa Kid," and as I am a Son of a Veteran also, I come to you as the Department Commander of Iowa, bringing to you the greetings and promise the co-operation of the State of Iowa to the G. A. R. and their Allied Organizations. I look back not long since to a Corporal's Guard of Sons of Veterans, but in the last few years I have seen you grow and you are still growing. It will not be long now, Sons, until we shall have fought our last battle and be laid to rest. It is then that you will take up the lines of the G. A. R. and carry them on to the end of time. I hope I can stay here 200 years, just to see what you boys will do. I think I will if I feel as I do today. Now Sons, we want to make this the grandest Encampment we have had for years. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Past Commander-in-Chief Foster, I want you to carry back to Commander-in-Chief Jewel my deep personal regards and those of every Son in this room for sending this body with your greetings. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Homan to respond to the Greetings from the G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Past Commanders-in-Chief of the G. A. R., members of the W. R. C., and Brothers. I feel very humble as I am assigned the task of responding to the greetings of these Comrades of ours of the G. A. R. I wish I had the vocabulary of a Webster, the oratory of an Everett, that I might express the feelings we have for these beloved Comrades, as they come to us this afternoon with these messages. My Brothers, I don't know how you feel about it, but it seems to me here is a benediction and blessing that comes with our meetings year by year; here we have these three Past Commanders-in-Chief, men who have traveled all over our land

and who have become beloved because of their loyalty to our Organization. It reminds me of the story of the colored man who was driving along through the South with his little son. He would take his lash and snap a leaf from a daisy or a leaf from a tree, and the little lad was interested in it. By and by he came to a tree that hung out over the road which had a great big cone shaped paper looking bag depending from a limb. The boy said, "Papa, take your whip and snap that up." The old man said: "A daisy is a daisy, a leaf is a leaf, but that other thing is an organization."

Boys, we meet and sometimes we think we have an organization, but when we look at these men we know they had an organization, and it has been our ambition during all of these fifty years to be of service to these men of the G. A. R. How far have we fallen short?

Down in the south there is a plot of ground very sacred to us folks. There are two sloping hills that slant down to a little stream of water running down through the plot. On the side of these sloping hills there are little mounds of earth, which to the casual observer, means little; but to us it means much. It means all that is left of Andersonville at present; and those of us who had fathers in the Civil War, and those of us who know the history of the Civil War, and to all of us who have lived with these Comrades this last fifty years or more, it is sacred ground. As we view that plot of ground we think of the hundreds of thousands of young men shut up in that prison, with that stream, polluted with ditches for sewerage; with that polluted water struggling through. By and by they could not stand it, and some men would crawl down and drink of that poison, and go back up on the hill and die. Some of these men began to dig holes in the side of the hill; they dug with their bare hands, sticks and pieces of tin, until their hands were raw; as they dug down in the bottom of those holes they would look up and pray to God to give us water, but they never got any water. Those are the symbols and the scars on the dry wells that these men and Comrades dug, and prayed God to give them water; and they were carried out day by day and were buried in a big trench outside, just like so many animals.

We cannot think about these things without being so touched with the services those men have rendered that we just look up and we are so proud of the G. A. R. and of our Fathers who served in the war. I can't see how we can feel anything but honor today by this visitation by these members of the G. A. R. There is Past Commander-in-Chief Foster from my own State; and here is the good Past Commander-in-Chief Arensberg, who has been a tower of strength in Pennsylvania; and here is my own Commander-in-Chief Walsh, who traveled around the country in 1926 and 1927; and this boy or kid from Iowa. We are proud of all of them and want to thank them. Some day we will think back to this little hall and to this afternoon when these men came to us and passed us the torch and said carry on.

Comrades of the G. A. R., we thank you for this visit to this loyal bunch of Sons. We just love you and we will carry on for you. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell, do you have a word you wish to add to these greetings?

Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell: Commander-in-Chief, and my Comrades of the G. A. R., Sisters of the Relief Corps, and you my Brothers, known to me for many years. It was my pleasure to be born on the same day of the month as President Lincoln was born, and I was elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans on the anniversary week of his funeral. My father was a Union soldier and served with the same Company and Regiment that I

served in. He died in the service. I have been a member of the Sons of Veterans since 1883—October, 1883, and I have been a member of the G. A. R. since June, 1867. I am only 88 years old, but if there is a younger one here among these boys, who are sons of these old heroes, I want him to stand up. Commander-in-Chief, I had no idea being called upon to say a word, but I want to say to you these old coffee coolers here greet you as our Fathers, and I greet you as my Comrades. God bless you. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Thank you, Brother Campbell. Will the Comrades of the G. A. R. remain while the Committee from the Relief Corps extends greetings?

Department Commander Lucas, of Iowa: Mr. Commander, Comrades, and Sons of Veterans. I would like to be excused for one reason only. I would like to be here 48 hours or 48 years, but the Crocker Brigade of Iowa, composed of Iowa boys, are having their last Encampment. That takes place at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and I would like to beg the privilege of retiring at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Certainly, Brother Lucas.

Past Commander-in-Chief Foster of the G. A. R.: I just want to say one word to you. You can tell how I feel in my heart, I am unable to express it in a few words. I would like to have time to say more but we want to thank you and your dear boys here. When I see this boy here, not only a Comrade but a Brother, it makes me feel that we are going out of this City and everything will be all right when we are gone. We are in a hurry because we have some other visits to make, and I wish, with your permission, to go out.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Your wishes are our laws Past Commander-in-Chief Foster. Will the Escort Committee please function.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, we are glad indeed to have the Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, our Mother Organization, come to this body with their greetings. I am particularly glad this year because I know the lady who has come as Chairman of this Committee is a warm friend of the one who has served as their President this year. We will be pleased to hear from Mrs. Grigsby, the Department President of Illinois of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Helen Grigsby: Commander-in-Chief, and members of this convention, the members of this Committee felt highly honored when they were appointed by the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Miss Kate G. Raynor of the Woman's Relief Corps, to bring greetings to this Encampment today. We were doubly glad when you received us with the Committee from the G. A. R. I am particularly glad, Brother Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, to greet you as a fellow citizen of Illinois. My grandfather, Colonel Asa C. Mathews, told stories of the Civil War, and told of the trial and hardships met and endured, and I listened and wondered what would be the outcome of those troubles. It was then I realized that a great responsibility of the sacred duty was left to the rising generation, and this duty has devolved upon your organization—the duty of defending our Liberty —and we know that your organization intends to keep the record clear of your own deeds, and keep the story perfect of the deeds of your Fathers. We urge you to preserve, uphold and defend the institution handed down to us by our Fathers. There never was a time in the history of our Country when there was greater need for the defense of the Flag and the Constitution for which it stands than at the present time.

The Heavens have opened and we are entering on a century of destinies little dreamed of in the days of the 60's; those destinies will come to you to solve, and we stand ready to assist. We say to you in the words of the greatest volunteer soldier, John A. Logan—he too was from Illinois—"if their eyes grow dull and their hands slack, and all their hearts cold in this solemn trust, ours shall keep steadfast as long as the warmth of life remains in us." Then quoting from Lincoln, who also hails from Illinois, "Let us resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; and this Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

In the name of the W. R. C. we extend our greetings and proffer our assistance, and wish you a happy convention. We extend greetings of our National Convention and wish for you a most successful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Ruth E. Hanson, Department President from Ohio, have you a word for us?

Mrs. Ruth E. Hanson: Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of whose Auxiliary I am a member, I am very glad and I can assure you when my National President called my name out as a member of this Committee to carry greetings to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I was very glad indeed. I am not a stranger among you as my Department Commander, Clarence Weber, and also our Department Secretary Wilson are sitting among you. I feel very much at home and I assure you we are always glad to work in co-operation with the Sons of Veterans.

My earliest recollection of the Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps was as a little girl. My father died when I was quite a little girl and about the only thing I can remember of him was how much he thought of his G. A. R. badge. That has stayed in my memory. I know when he was laid away I wasn't large enough to see inside of the casket but they told me they pinned his G. A. R. badge on him. That was another thought that I never forget. As I grew up I learned to know about the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Sons of Veterans, and I always stand up for them because they came in to help the Woman's Relief Corps first, because there wasn't anybody else. These other organizations which have sprung up are doing a wonderful work, and I am a member of every one except the Legion, but I am eligible and I would be a member of that, because I am a good joiner. When I heard about them as a little girl most of them wore long black dresses and I thought if I ever grew up so that I could be a member of the Woman's Relief Corps that would be the one I would like to belong to; and I haven't changed my mind much yet. I am glad to bring you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I am proud I can come and visit your organization. I am also a member of your Auxiliary. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Ryford, have you a word for us?

Mrs. Florence V. Ryford, Department President of New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, I also deem it a pleasure to come and bring greetings from the National W. R. C. I bring greetings from New Hampshire to every one of our boys. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Grigsby, I want you to carry back to Miss Raynor my thanks for sending this Committee here with these kindly greetings. I want you to carry back to her my deep appreciation for the co-operation she has extended to myself and my Brothers during the past year. Our work together during this year has been a work of love in both cases, and I know we have both received inspiration from the work of the other. I will ask

Past Department Commander Locke to respond to the greetings from the W. R. C.

Past Department Commander Locke: Commander-in-Chief, ladies of the Relief Corps; one of the inspirational moments of every Encampment is the reception of Delegates from the affiliated societies. It seems to me that on this occasion there has never been a time when there has come to an Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans so pleasing a moment as that we have just experienced, in having the Greetings Committee from the G. A. R. and the Relief Corps come together. There is no Son of a Veteran who is prouder than I am of the record of his father in the Civil War; but I am equally proud of my mother's record, of her toil, and tears, and sacrifices during the Civil War, and of her service to the W. R. C. through a long period of years as a member, and as an officer in your Organization.

We hear a great deal about the duties which are going to devolve upon our shoulders when the G. A. R. is no more. We feel that these obligations are heavy and that we are going to be put to the utmost to fulfill our duty; but together, in the future as in the past, there is an Organization which is with us from start to finish, and that is the W. R. C. We don't need to ask your support; it has always been given to us freely and voluntarily; and we know that you are always ready, and we are proud of you and we want you to carry back to your Organization our most sincere greetings from the Sons of Union Veterans. Say to your officers and members that we appreciate, more than ever before, the work you are doing to keep America as given to us by our Fathers. I thank you.

The Committee was then presented with the badge of the Commandery-in-Chief and escorted out.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee offers a supplementary report adding the names of Delegate Ray R. Lewis, Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin and Delegate Dodson of Wisconsin, making the total number on the roll 140. I move these names be added to the roll. (Seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook announced that Delegate Vernon E. Cheney of Colorado & Wyoming was substituted in place of Past Department Commander Geist on the Greetings Committee to the W. R. C.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook announced orders relating to the parade of the G. A. R., the members of the Order acting as official escort, Department Commander Stewart of Illinois in charge.

Delegate T. L. Beem, Illinois: Those in uniform are not to fall out until ordered out.

Past Department Commander Pine, of Nebraska: There was a resolution forbidding Sons marching in the parade unless in uniform. Has that order been abrogated?

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The order as presented to the Commandery-in-Chief is for every brother to take his place in line.

Department Commander Lewis, Kansas, announced that in his headquarters he had the record books of grave markings in cemeteries, and would be glad to explain their system to any desiring the information.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I move that we recess until tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. (Seconded).

National Chaplain Craig: I move to amend to make it 1 o'clock. Seconded by Past Department Commander W. H. Hiland of Minnesota.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The question is on taking a recess until tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: When we recess this afternoon we will proceed immediately to the meeting with the Auxiliary for a Joint Memorial session.

Delegate Dodson, Wisconsin: Our Department Commander, T. M. Lien, is not here, due to an accident in which he was seriously injured. I move that we send greetings to him with the hope that he recovers soon.

Seconded by Department Commander Dunster, California & Pacific. Motion carried.

Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois moved to recess until tomorrow afternoon. Seconded by Delegate Ransom, Indiana. Carried.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Tuesday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary were held in the Auxiliary meeting hall—the I. O. O. F. Hall—with the National Chaplains of both Orders, Sister Kitty C. L. Boyer and Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, in charge.

While Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston played the piano very softly those who were to take part in the service marched slowly to the platform. This solemn procession was led by an usher, who carried the memorial cross, and one who carried the Christian flag. This was followed by the singing of one verse of "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," and invocation by National Chaplain Boyer.

A mixed quartette composed of Mrs. Katherine B. Haines, Soprano; Mrs. Fannie Wilkins Ryan, Contralto; Tom Benson, Tenor; Paul Marsdon, Bass, sang very beautifully "Just Before the Battle, Mother," the piano accompaniment being played by Mrs. Erma Van Arsdale. The ushers then placed flowers in a vase on the altar in memory of the War Governor of Iowa, Hon. Samuel J. Kirkwood; deceased members of the Grand Army; other veterans; members of Auxiliary; Sons of Union Veterans; members of Allied Organizations.

Sons: I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall be live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

Auxiliary: For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.

Unison: And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God the Almighty, and the Lamb, are the temple thereof. And the city hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the lamp thereof is the Lamb.

Sons: There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead.

Auxiliary: It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.

Sons: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Auxiliary: The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The quartette then sang "The Vacant Chair."

National Chaplain Boyer called the names of Departments and as each was called a member placed a flower on the altar for those deceased in her Department. Then, while reading the Twenty-third Psalm, National Chaplain Boyer descended to the altar and placed a

flower there in memory of National Instituting and Installing Officer, Mrs. Emma Meiners.

Rev. Brother Craig then took charge of the service and the following memoirs were read for the departed members of the Sons of Union Veterans:

EDGAR ALLEN, JR.

Past Commander-in-Chief

Edgar Allen, Jr., was born in Framville, Virginia, and on August 24, 1892, when 19 years of age, was mustered into Lincoln Camp No. 2, Sons of Union Veterans, at Washington, D. C. His ability and interest in the Order soon won for him the rank of Camp Commander, and in 1901 he was elected Division Commander. When the National Encampment was held in Niagara Falls in 1908 he was elected Commander-in-Chief.

Always and everywhere he actively promoted the objects and interests of the Order until April 27, 1931, when the Heavenly Father whispered to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." On April 29 his mortal remains were hidden from us forever in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington, D. C., beneath hundreds of beautiful flowers so emblematic of his life.

Brother Allen was educated in the public schools of Richmond, Virginia, Wooster Academy in Massachusetts, and Columbia College, now George Washington University, from which he graduated in law. For several years—from 1907 to 1913—he was Postmaster and later engaged in real estate business. He was a prominent member of the First Baptist Church and active in the Masonic fraternity in which he had won honorary distinction. He respected the feelings of others and would rather suffer than cause others to suffer. Generous as he was brave, his conduct to his opponents was always liberal and kind. By his inflexible truth he won the entire confidence of all persons who know him in his own unblemished honor. A noble son of a noble sire, who smiled through years of bodily pain without sacrificing a single conviction of the right. Let us thank God for our dead who yet live in our memories, to urge us on to nobler existence.

JOSEPH B. MACCABE

Past Commander-in-Chief

Joseph B. Maccabe, a pioneer of the organization, passed away November 17, 1930, while attending the meeting of the National Amateur Athletic Association at Washington, D. C. "Joe" Maccabe was one of the real leaders who built the organization. He became a member in 1882. He became the first Provisional Colonel of the Massachusetts Division. He was a leader in securing the first official recognition of our Order by the Grand Army of the Republic. For forty years he served as a Trustee of the Soldiers Home in Massachusetts, serving as Secretary at the time of his death.

Joseph B. Maccabe was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, November 19, 1857. His father was a native of New Hampshire but his mother was of Southern birth. At the outbreak of the rebellion the family lived in Texas. His father came north and enlisted in the Union Army and his mother became a war nurse.

After graduating from the Public Latin School and Harvard College, he took up the work of Journalism and was connected with two of the largest Boston newspapers. He later established the East Boston Argus, of which he was the editor and publisher at the time of his death. His fondness for sports prevailed throughout his life. He

served as President of the A. A. U. and represented this country many times in International athletic gatherings.

In public life, Mr. Maccabe served as a member of the City Government of Boston and in the State Senate. He was the father of the development of the Municipal Playground, Bath and Gymnasium System. King Gustave of Sweden conferred a medal upon him by royal decree at the Olympic Games at Stockholm in 1912. A wonderful companion, with picturesque vision, he entertained any group with his breezy, original mannerisms, and a language capacious and unique.

A flag-covered casket, a crowded church of people from all walks of life, a simple Episcopal service of the prayers and scripture preceded the burial at Woodlawn cemetery.

NEWTON J. McGUIRE

Past Commander-in-Chief

It is a solemn duty and a call to service to pay tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire, whom we all love and whose memory we today revere.

Brother "Newt" as he was commonly called, had been in impaired health for several years, yet not in an alarming way. On Friday previous to his death, as the Attorney for the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, he was active throughout the day.

Brother McGuire was born in 1868, in Ohio County, Indiana. He was a graduate of the Law School of the University of Michigan, and practiced in Indianapolis for thirty-five years. He was a member of the Masonic Order, Maccabees and the Baptist Church; was interested and active in legal and political life having served as City Attorney under two administrations.

Brother McGuire devoted as much time, thought and ability, and directly and indirectly as much money for the interest and growth of our Order as any member. It is known that for years he sacrificed a part of his business to the devotion of his time to our Order. He was big-hearted, jovial, whole-souled. His happy disposition shed a radiance of sunshine over youth and old age, and to all with whom he come in contact.

Those who survive are his widow, Lydia; a stepson, F. L. Gerard; his wife Maud, and daughter Frances. The funeral services were conducted by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Rev. F. C. Huston, by Rev. W. F. Buckner, a member of Ben Harrison Camp, and Rev. and Mrs. Virgin P. Brock. Members of the Camp served as active pallbearers and performed the regular ritualistic services in an impressive manner. Memorial services were also conducted the following day by the Bar Association, of which he was an honored member.

CHARLES J. MILLER

Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania

Past Department Commander Miller was a member of the Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Department of Pennsylvania, which was originally organized as a Cadet Corps to Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, in October, 1880. The Corps later became affiliated with the Sons of Union Veterans.

Brother Miller was Captain of his Camp, served several terms as Division Quartermaster, and in 1887 was elected Colonel of the Eastern Pennsylvania Division. He was a regular attendant at State and National Encampments until within recent years, when prevented

by illness. His wife, who survives him, Sister Laura Miller, was the first National President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

FRANK P. CORRICK

Past Department Commander, and
Department Commander, Nebraska.

Frank P. Corrick was elected Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans in 1891, and again at McCook, Nebraska, in 1930. He served as such for ten months, until his death, April 4, 1931. At the Fremont Encampment, a memorial service was held at which time many brothers testified to his fearless and untiring work for the Order. Resolutions were adopted, copies of which were sent to the family, to The Banner, and spread upon the minutes. The Charter was draped for thirty days.

HARRY L. LEWIS

Past Department Commander, New Hampshire

Harry L. Lewis joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in 1902, and was always a loyal and consistent member, taking great interest in the welfare of the Order, even after he was compelled by illness to forego the pleasure of attending the meetings. He was Commander of Camp No. 10 in 1904-05, and was elected Department Commander in 1908.

CARL F. W. SCHULTZ

Past Department Commander, Minnesota

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Minnesota, were deeply grieved when they heard of the passing of Past Department Commander Schultz of Litchfield, Minnesota. His death, December 19, 1930, was due to heart failure. For many years he was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. His interest in the Sons of Veterans organization has been marked for many years. He has attended many Department and National Encampments. His home Camp and Minnesota Department will sorely miss his services.

ELMER E. PERRY

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Past Department Commander, Vermont

Elmer E. Perry was born August 18, 1861, and died March 8, 1931. He joined the Order at Barre, Vermont, in 1888, and soon after was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. He was made Department Commander in 1901. For seventeen years he has ably filled the office of Secretary-Treasurer. At one time he was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He was a wise counselor, a steadfast friend and was loved by all his associates.

JOHN WALTER KENNEDY

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief
Past Department Commander, Colorado & Wyoming
Past National Patriotic Instructor

Camp No. 1, Department of Colorado & Wyoming, sustained an irreparable loss on July 4 in the death of John Walter Kennedy.

John Walter Kennedy was the son of General John C. Kennedy, the first Adjutant General of Colorado after it attained Statehood, and a charter member of the first G. A. R. Post installed in Denver.

His mother was a charter member of the first Woman's Relief Corps organized in Denver.

In March, 1929, Brother Kennedy organized the Department of Colorado & Wyoming with ten Camps, and was at once elected Department Commander. Right up to the last he was filled with plans for the "good of the Order."

He is survived by his wife, Dora E., Past Department President of the Auxiliary, and now National Inspector. John Walter Kennedy will be greatly missed, not only in his Camp and Department but also in the National Encampments.

ERNEST T. GRISWOLD

Past Department Commander, Vermont

Ernest T. Griswold was the oldest member of the Department of Vermont, in point of service, having joined the order when 17 years old as a charter member of Camp No. 4 at Bennington, organized July 23, 1883. He held several offices in the Division prior to being elected Colonel in 1889. During his administration he organized sixteen Camps and the membership reached its peak with over 1800 members. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him and his death will be keenly felt by his friends and associates.

D. ARDIN CARRICK

Past Department Commander, Maryland

D. Ardin Carrick was born June 9, 1873; died February 28, 1931. He joined James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, June 6, 1897. He served his Camp and Department in several capacities, including a full term as Department Commander, during which he made a goodly number of constructive suggestions for the upbuilding of the Camps. He was an indefatigable worker and ever had the interest of the Order before him. He served as Personal Aide to Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Irelan and attended many National Encampments, where with his pleasing personality he made many friends.

RUFUS A. SOULE

Past Department Commander, Massachusetts

Rufus A. Soule was born April 27, 1877, died December 31, 1930. As Commander of John H. Clifford Camp No. 150, New Bedford; as a member of the Council, and later Commander of the Massachusetts Department, he was always ready to perform any and all duties as a true son of a Union Veteran. He was one of those men whom you sometimes meet and it seems that the rest of the day shines a little brighter. The Massachusetts Department has been unfortunate in the loss of one of the true and loyal members of the Order. He loved his home, his wife and children, and his fellow men.

C. B. ZEEK

Past Department Commander, Oregon

Clayton B. Zeek was born May 30, 1850, in Wayne County, Indiana; died at Bandon, Oregon, May 20, 1931. When thirteen years and nine months old he enlisted in Company A, 13th Indiana Infantry, and was mustered out February 14, 1864. He was cited for bravery during a battle when he brought to the front the flag after the color-bearer had been shot down. He has filled with honor and credit various offices in the Department of the Grand Army, and served our Order as Department Commander in 1927-28.

LUTHER L. JONES

Past Department Commander, New Jersey

Luther L. Jones was born in Bridgeport, N. J., January 9, 1866; died June 25, 1931. As a member of Janeway Camp No. 11, Atlantic City, he served in several official capacities. He went through the chairs and was elected Department Commander in 1925. "He has passed but his works remain."

CHARLES H. HEIMSOTH

Past Department Commander, New York

Charles H. Heimsoth was born May 17, 1868, in New York City; was educated in the public schools on the lower East side; died December 18, 1930, after a lingering illness. He was mustered into the Order in 1898 and proved to be an ardent worker from the very start. He served his Camp in every office. While Commander he wrote the first authentic history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For several years he served the Department as Secretary, and in 1919, was elected Department Commander. He was made an honorary member of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1904. He was a Director in the Death Benefit Association of Philadelphia, affiliated with the Sons of Union Veterans. He was appointed a member of the Receiving Committee for the home-coming soldiers of the World War.

EDWIN FRED BUCK

Past Department Commander, Illinois

The Department of Illinois, Thrush Camp No. 25 of Peoria, and the Order at large met with a severe loss in the passing on July 15, 1931, of Past Department Commander E. F. Buck, of Peoria. An active and interested member for thirty-two years he had held office and given valiant service in Camp and Department. His counsel was ever sought in meetings and his advice on the Order's affairs was always respected by those in authority. He was known to many in Department and National circles because of his love for and service to all Grand Army Comrades. We shall all miss his cheery greeting, his genial personality, his sincere friendship and his capable leadership. Born January 26, 1870, in Morrison, Ill., he came to Peoria in 1899.

Mr. Buck was a member of the Masonic organizations, the Sons of Union Veterans and the Creve Coeur Club. He was Commander of Knights Templar No. 3 in 1904 and 1905, and Department Commander of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans, in 1925 and 1926.

Those surviving him are his widow, two children, four grandchildren, and a sister living in Davenport, Iowa. Funeral services were held on July 17 in charge of Peoria Commandery, Knights Templar. The body was laid to rest in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

GEORGE W. KNOWLTON

Past Department Commander, Massachusetts

George W. Knowlton had rounded out fifty years of membership on May 22, 1931. He died on July 5th, after a brief illness, although he had not been in the best of health for the past few years.

He gained his right of membership through his father, William Knowlton, who enlisted on May 5, 1861, and saw service in the 1st, 10th and 29th Maine Infantry. He had attained the rank of Major

and gave his life in the battle of Winchester, Virginia, September 19, 1864.

The family went West after the War, and it was in Minnesota that Brother Knowlton joined Camp 9, on May 22, 1881. He later became Colonel of the Division and on returning to the East joined Camp 96 in Boston, later transferring to Camp 45, Arlington, Mass., of which he was a member at the time of his death.

For many years he was at the head of the Knowlton Packing Company, and he had a wide acquaintance among the marine and commercial engineers. He was active in Masonry and had served as Eminent Commander of Joseph Warren Commandery, K. T.

His wife, Alice, was the organizer and President of the first Tent of Daughters of Veterans to be organized in Massachusetts.

Brother Knowlton always kept his interest in the Sons and while not so active in later years, had been an enthusiastic worker, particularly in the early days, when he was a contemporary of General Bangs, Frank P. Merrill, Leland J. Webb, Joe Maccabe, William E. Bundy, and others who were the builders of the organization.

He was buried at Lewiston, Maine, thus returning to the place of his birth, after a life well spent in honest endeavor and in friendship with his fellow man.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Huston then sang most impressively "Crossing the Bar."

Unison: "Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his father and to tear down the character of his own children's liberty."—A. Lincoln.

Sons: "We will never bring disgrace to this nation by any act of dishonesty or cowardice.

Auxiliary: We will respect our nation's laws and obey them, that we may be an example to others.

Sons: We will seek to make justice, peace and brotherhood prevail.

Auxiliary: We will pass on this nation not less, but greater, better and more beautiful than it came to us."—Athenian Oath.

Unison: "Our flag symbolizes for us all the beauty and charm and high ideals for our homeland. Its red stands for courage, moral as well as physical. Its white is symbolic of purity, which cannot flourish amidst hate and fear and prejudice. Its blue stands for truth and loyalty. Let us then pledge allegiance to our flag, with a renewed sense of being loyal every day of our lives. Let us see that every one in this country gets an equal opportunity to enjoy its privileges."—Jesse H. Holmes.

The singing of the last stanza of "America"—a minute of silence—the closing prayer and benediction by Chaplain Craig, and the sounding of Taps by a Boy Scout of Des Moines, closed most impressively this beautiful memorial service.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES

Exercises commemorating the half century mark of our Order commenced with a banquet in the large dining room of the Shrine Temple on Tuesday evening, September 15th. This banquet was attended by large numbers of our Order, as well as members of affiliated organizations.

At the guest table were the heads of the organizations comprising the Grand Army family, as well as a few Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston presided and following the dinner all united in singing popular songs for a half hour.

Following the anniversary banquet a reception was tendered the Grand Army by the Woman's Relief Corps, in which the affiliated organizations participated. This took place on the mezzanine floor of the Temple.

Immediately after the reception the assemblage adjourned to the auditorium of the Shrine Temple where a splendid program, which had been prepared by the local committee, was carried out.

The beautiful and inspiring music by the United States Army Band was a source of much pleasure to all those attending these exercises.

During an intermission in the program Commander-in-Chief Holbrook was introduced to the assembly and read the following telegram, which was received with much applause:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, National Encampment, Des Moines, Iowa:

It would have been a privilege, had official responsibilities permitted, to accept your invitation to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I shall be obliged if you will express my most cordial greetings to those in attendance. The Sons of the Union Veterans have been faithful to their tradition of patriotic service to the nation.

HERBERT HOOVER.

Following the reading of this telegram the Commander-in-Chief was joined on the stage by Past Department Commander Coen, who, in behalf of a number of the brothers in the Illinois Department, presented a beautiful Hamilton wrist watch and a little box containing several gold pieces, as gifts from the Department of which the Commander-in-Chief is a member. Although taken completely by surprise, the Commander-in-Chief responded and stated that definite thanks would be extended to each of those who contributed.

The program follows and was in charge of National Chaplain J. Kirkwood Craig:

Madrigal Singers Quartette

Editha Perle Hinshaw	Helen Frances Tollefson
Edna May Finch	Hellen Marr VanTuyl

Address, "Early Days of the Order".....Richard F. Locke
(Prepared by Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church of Illinois)

Rock Island Quartette

Clarence Adams	James Rhodes
George Brewer	Charles Brown

Address, "The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans".....
.....Miss Kate G. Raynor, Past National President, Auxiliary

At the conclusion of this program all returned to the dining room where dancing was enjoyed to the strains of the United States Army Band.

EARLY DAYS OF THE ORDER.

At the opening of the Fiftieth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the completion of the half century of its organization, it is perhaps fitting that we make a little excursion into the early times of the Order. It is not pretended that this will be done with the accuracy of the historian, for memory is fallible and the earlier proceedings of the Order are sometimes more replete with argument than with a record of the actual transactions. There is no intention to indulge in either fiction or humor in this recital, but merely to call attention to some of the incidents attendant upon the formation of this Order which may inspire its present members to further investigation of its establishment and its early history.

Anna M. Ross Post No. 94, G. A. R., Philadelphia, on August 27, 1878, appointed a Committee comprising Comrades James P. Holt, Levi W. Shengle, Carl Frederick, Charles Weiss and William H. Morgan, to "devise means to form a "G. A. R. Cadet Corps" to be attached to the Post. September 29, 1878, a Cadet Corps was organized, a constitution, etc., having been adopted or accepted by the Post September 17, 1878. Shortly thereafter a Cadet Corps was formed by Post No. 51, Philadelphia; this was followed by other Posts of the G. A. R., in Philadelphia, organizing Cadet Corps. These Cadet Corps soon were formed into Camps of Sons of Veterans, the first Camp to be Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1, Instituted April 24, 1879. The other Corps soon followed and in various parts of Pennsylvania Camps were formed.

In July, 1880, a Division (now Department) was formed, comprised of Camps already in existence in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. Conrad Linder was elected "Colonel" (Department Commander), and held the office, conducted business, organizing Camps and building an organization until July, 1882 when a convention held in Philadelphia, comprised of representatives from the various Camps in Pennsylvania, elected James Harwood Closson, of Philadelphia, "Colonel" (Department Commander).

From its inception the Order grew, Camps having been organized in New Jersey, New York, and Delaware. In 1881 a National Organization was effected with Alfred Cope, of Philadelphia, as Commander-in-Chief.

Major A. P. Davis, a Grand Army member of influence, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had also become interested in Camps of Sons of Veterans, and organized November 12, 1881, a Camp—No. 1—which, in the consolidation effected whereby all branches of the Order were

united after some years of opposition to each other, became "STAR" Camp to avoid having duplicate numbers. Major Davis secured a charter, had a ritual, regulations and rules to govern, the charter providing for the government and organization of local (Camps), State (Divisions), and National—Commandery-in-Chief.

Dissensions arose in the Pennsylvania Division—the Cope-Closson Branch—due to not having a charter, and not having the proper organization material, etc., so that in 1883 thirty-three (33) Camps withdrew from that body and joined the branch formed by Major Davis. With the three (3) Camps left to him, Commander Cope created a Provisional Division in Pennsylvania, and Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, was made Provisional Colonel thereof. A permanent organization was formed February 22, 1882, and what remained of the original Order continued in existence until August, 1886, when consolidation took place with the "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

The Post System, formed in the New England States, under Commander-in-Chief Edwin Earp, which were identified and associated with the Wagner branch, after a while followed into the consolidated Order.

The first session of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States was convened at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1882, pursuant to orders issued by Col. H. T. Rowley, provisional Commander-in-Chief. It assembled at the headquarters of Davis' Camp No. 1. Col. Rowley was elected Commander-in-Chief and other officers were elected from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, Illinois, Indiana and Maine. It appears that in the beginning Pennsylvania was divided into eastern and western divisions which probably existed before the national organization.

The second annual encampment was held at Columbus, Ohio, on August 6, 1883, at which there were present delegates from twenty-one different States. Reports were made to this session by Commanders of the First, Second and Third Grand Divisions. These Divisions, as well as a Fourth Grand Division, were created by order of Col. Rowley, dated July 29, 1882. Frank P. Merrill, of Maine, was elected Commander-in-Chief at this Encampment.

At the Seventeenth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Denver, July, 1883, the officers of the two brnaches of the Sons of Veterans were requested to be present, and the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic:

> "Resolved, That we hail with pleasure all organizations having for their object the perpetuity of the principles which are dear to us, and we recognize in the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, one that is entitled to the confidence and support of all comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic."

At the Encampment in 1884, in Philadelphia, the first constitution, rules and regulations of the Order seem to have been adopted.

At the Encampment at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, 1885, the Grand Divisions were abolished; and the Ladies Aid Society of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was recognized by the publication of a sterling paper written by Laura F. Martin, President.

In 1886, the National Encampment met at Buffalo, New York, and in its proceedings are many names of those who had previously attained prominence in the Order. There are to be found: Joseph B. Maccabe, Horace H. Hammer, R. M. J. Reed, Maj. A. P. Davis, R.

Loebenstein, C. Day Rudy, Michael Crowley, and Gen. George B. Abbott, of Illinois, was named the Chairman of the Ritual Committee, which office he held for the greater part of a generation. The Commander-in-Chief reported the consolidation of the Cope Faction, consisting of thirty (30) Camps, of which Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, was then Commander.

At this meeting the Commander-in-Chief's report urged the brothers to support the official organ, the "Sons of Veterans Advocate," published at Bloomington, Illinois. Col. Horace H. Hammer was complimented for his efficient work as Commander of the East Pennsylvania Division. Articles of Consolidation of the Divisions of East and West Pennsylvania were entered into.

At the Des Moines Encampment in 1887, Gen. George B. Abbott, of Illinois, was elected Commander-in-Chief, which position he held for two consecutive terms. At this and prior conventions, appear prominent names of those who contributed much to the success of the Order: James Lewis Rake, J. W. Shawvan, Will F. Jenkins, Charles P. Griffin, L. J. Webb, Charles A. Bookwalter, W. E. Bundy, and many others. The Camp seal and the membership button were reported patented. During Gen. Abbott's administration the Commandery-in-Chief was incorporated under the laws of Illinois. At this convention, the Post System, which had adovcated the perpetuity of the Grand Army of the Republic by establishing an inheritable rank, was definitely consolidated with our Order, but several years were required to consummate its absorption.

In the early years the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was strictly a military organization. Its Commander-in-Chief had the rank of General, its Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief was a Lieutenant General, its Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, was a Major General. All of the other commissioned and appointive officers had the highest rank which might be bestowed upon them respectively. Dress uniforms for the officers and regulation army uniforms of the Civil War period for the membership rank were compulsory. All officers wore side arms and the members were equipped with rifles and regularly drilled.

At the Minneapolis Encampment in 1891, two important things occurred. Edwin Earp, Jr., formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Post System, then a member of Camp 8, Division of Massachusetts, was granted the rank of Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order, which aided materially in bringing other Posts into the Order recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic. The parent Order never has and does not now, wish to be an Order of succession. To make it such was the only principle on which the Post System really differed from the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

At this Encampment the Military Organization was abandoned and the titles of the commanding officers were changed to that of Commander.

It was enacted that the Order might establish a military rank, make laws governing the same, and grant warrants for the formation of companies. Thereafter, there were retained of the military ranks, or titles, only the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General in the Commandery-in-Chief; the Adjutant and Quartermaster in the Division; and the First Sergeant and Quartermaster Sergeant in the Camps. The Generals became Commanders-in-Chief; the Colonels became Division Commanders; and the Captains became Camp Commanders.

It was provided that when 21 or more members of one or more neighboring Camps applied for a warrant to form a Company, the

Commander-in-Chief should issue the same, the Company should be mustered and elect its officers.

Commander-in-Chief Bartow S. Weeks, of New York, appointed Col. George H. Hurlbut, of Illinois, Commandant of the Military Rank, and for the Committee on Military Rank, Col. E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, Col. George B. Stadden, of Illinois, Col. H. W. Wessells, of Connecticut, and Col. H. B. Baguley, of West Virginia. The new department was named "The Sons of Veterans Guards."

At the Helena Encampment in 1892, The Guards were continued with considerable opposition; and an effort was made, unsuccessfully, to restore the old Camp Officers' titles.

Probably the most important event at this meeting was the election of Col. Rudolph Loebenstein as Quartermaster General for three years, with headquarters at Chicago. This office he held for six years with honor and credit to himself and to the Order.

At the Sixteenth National Encampment at Indianapolis, in 1897, Division Commander A. L. Sorter, of Iowa, presented to the Encampment a motion that a committee of five be appointed, by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, to investigate the advisability of a military college as a memorial to the soldiers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and if possible to report some feasible plan to the next annual encampment. Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake presided at this Encampment, and Gen. Charles K. Darling, of Massachusetts, was elected to succeed him.

At the succeeding Encampment, at Omaha, Gen. Darling was not present, the war with Spain was then in progress and he was in Cuba at the head of his troops. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cogshall presided at this Encampment. Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois, was elected Commander-in-Chief, and Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts, was eletced Quartermaster General.

During this administration, the Committee on Military College was appointed and made its investigation, the result of which was the report at the Syracuse Encampment in 1900, at which meeting the Order authorized the establishment of a school as a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic, at Mason City, Iowa, the citizens of which contributed the land and a large portion of the cost of the buildings. It was the intent in the beginning to make this a military college, but the management afterward determined that while military ranks would be established, drill and uniforms provided for the male students, the institution should have the character and functions of a university. It was, therefore, named Memorial University.

It was maintained and operated under the leadership of Dr. Walter J. Patten, its President, for a period of ten years, during which time it was found that the members of the Order, although much interested in its work and its objects, were unable to contribute sufficient funds for its support or endowment. The institution was then closed and the property disposed of by its Trustees. It would have been a worthy memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic if it could have been properly endowed and maintained.

During the Spanish-American War the Camps, still having maintained their company organizations, were able to and did furnish many men, as well as companies to the Government, and moreover organized a number of Sons of Veterans regiments, which were offered for service, one from Illinois being mustered but never put into actual service because of the early close of the war.

I have endeavored in the foregoing, in a brief way, here to recall some of the earlier events, experiences and attempts of the Order, but

have refrained from in any way commenting upon its later activities, with its military reserve, its patriotic efforts in other lines, or its change of name. I am making no reference to recent administrations, because these constitute another chapter of our history. I have obtained much valuable information from National Secretary Horace H. Hammer about the early beginnings of the Order, which is not to be found in the published reports of proceedings, although the latter contain a great deal of matter of deep interest to those who are interested in Sons of Veterans history.

I was mustered into the Order in 1886, and have since continued a member with a love for its principles and objects, and an abiding faith in its usefulness. I had the fortune to be Commander of the Illinois Division in 1897, during the War with Spain, when I was ably assisted by Rolla R. Longenecker, Adjutant, and William L. Ekvall, Quartermaster, both trained and efficient officers. I again had the fortune to be Commander-in-Chief at the time of the World War, when, under changed regulations, I was supported by Horace H. Hammer as National Secretary and Treasurer, a most capable officer who has given his life to the service of the Order.

I believe in the SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, and that our Country has need of their patriotic service. My prayer and hope is that this service may be perpetual.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(1 P. M., September 16, 1931)

Encampment opened in form, Commander-in-Chief Holbrook presiding.

National Secretary Hammer presented supplemental report of Credential Committee of 142 members enrolled.

National Secretary Hammer: I have the minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of yesterday.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I move that the minutes be approved without reading.

Seconded by Delegate Heath of Pennsylvania. Carried.

National Secretary Hammer read the following communications:

Canton, Ohio, September 12, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook,
Commander-in-Chief, S. of U. V. of C. W.,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Brother in F. C. & L.:

As a Past National President of your Auxiliary, I want to extend, along with the many you will receive, hearty congratulations on this the fiftieth anniversary of your existence and express my great regret at being denied the pleasure of attending this Encampment and participating in the festivities of your Golden Anniversary.

Your Auxiliary at its First National gathering held in Akron, Ohio, September, 1887, received the glad news of recognition and endorsement given us by Commandery-in-Chief which met in Philadelphia, Pa., August, 1884. This action has been renewed at several later Encampments thus strengthening the bonds existing between the two organizations. We have learned during the years the real significance of the principles and objects for which our organizations were founded, and also appreciate more and more the heritage won for us through fire and blood. May we ever realize that the Flag is

"Only a blending of color
The red, the white and the blue.
But Oh! the glory and power,
Its symbol for me and for you.

Our homes, our lives and our country
Within its fold seem secure.
God grant that we now as a Nation
Protect it as never before."

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,
MAME E. HERBST,
Past National President, Aux. S. of U. V. of C. W.

Here is a telegram from E. T. Fairchild, Madison, Wisconsin:

Madison, Wis., Sept. 14, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Hotel Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa.

Emergency here makes it impossible for me to leave. Please cancel reservation at hotel, sending charges, if any, to me. Congratulations to the Order and to you on your efficient and wise administration.

Yours truly,
E. T. FAIRCHILD,
National Counselor.

A telegram from Mrs. Nan Keene, Past National President of the Auxiliary, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Congratulations on your fiftieth anniversary and best wishes for a most pleasant and profitable Encampment.

NAN KEENE, Past National President.

Letter from Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church, of Chicago, Illinois:

September 12, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook, Esq., Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Hotel Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As I have explained to you over the telephone, Mrs. Church is so ill at this time, that I cannot leave Chicago. I have also been very hard pressed for time by reason of emergency business.

I had a great desire to be present at the Fiftieth Encampment of the Sons of Veterans and am deeply disappointed at my inability to do so. I have, however, written up some observations on the beginning and earlier years of the Order, which I herewith enclose to you for such use as you may see fit.

I wish you a pleasant and successful Encampment and I know that you will conclude your administration with credit to yourself and to the Order.

Assuring you again of my deep regrets in being unable to be present, I am

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM T. CHURCH.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 15, 1931.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Hotel Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa.

Wish you would extend to the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War my kindest regards and best wishes for a successful convention. From last year's official stenographer,

MARCELLE BLAICHER.

WELCOME FROM IOWA.

Department Commander L. L. Shope, Iowa: Commander-in-Chief, may I interrupt your deliberations to the extent of giving a belated greeting as Department Commander of the Encampment State? It seems that at the opening sessions I was detailed for certain duties which I was compelled to perform. I am not going to apologize to you for not welcoming you before today for that would be seemingly an admission of a wilful neglect of duty; I assure you I will welcome you just as sincerely and heartily as if performed at the proper time. I was delayed by illness at home and other duties as the Department Commander of Iowa. I welcome you at the last moment. My tenancy of office extending over a period of about three months has brought me certain knowledge and I have tried to delve down into deeper things in the organization that show me there must be something wrong somewhere. In my last Order I shifted the responsibility not to the Order but to the members themselves and I have gone into that to some extent in my official orders and I think some good may result; however, that you may consider it seriously there is a reason for enacting some legislation which will start our Order on an upward trend. I hope you may do it at this Fiftieth Anniversary. I haven't any figures at this moment and I think our worthy National Secretary will say that we have slipped a little in twenty years. There is no better reason for an organization to exist than the reason we have, so let us start in some kind of business in Des Moines and start upward. I sometimes think our decrease is on account of our ritual; if it is let us take care of that. I am not able to prophesy or predict any remedy but there is a remedy somewhere. Let us solve it and start up our work with this in view. Friends, I welcome you on the part of Iowa and I hope you have a very successful and profitable encampment. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I have a report showing the following figures on the parade this morning: there were in line 580 members of the Grand Army of the Republic; 166 Sons of Veterans; and 24 bands and drum corps. I thank the brothers for the general participation as members of our Order in the parade. I think we had a wonderful percentage of those brothers here who appeared in the line and I am sure we all recognize and appreciate that fact.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES—AUXILIARY, G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We are under the head of reports of committees:

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: At the close of yesterday's session the brothers will recall that the Commander-in-Chief named a committee from our Order consisting of Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and myself to act with a committee named by our Auxiliary, and this joint committee to prepare a resolution to be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, having for its purpose the official recognition upon the part of the Grand Army of the Republic of our splendid Auxiliary.

You will pardon these remarks, Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, because I feel an explanation will help us meet the question. I was rather mystified myself when the matter was mentioned to me by our Commander-in-Chief because I knew that for many years the Auxiliary had been recognized by the G. A. R. in the way that they usually recognized a body; by that I mean that for many years the G. A. R. would send their designated committees over at the Encampment to the Auxiliary and they would participate in the opening of what is termed the semi-official meeting of the G. A. R.,

held always on Monday night of the week of the Encampment. More than that the Auxiliary is one of the five affiliated organizations composing the Federated Patriotic Societies affiliated with the G. A. R.; so it was not clear in my mind what kind of action was desired or was necesary. The explanation of the Commander-in-Chief in the conversation we had last night with that splendid representative of the G. A. R.who visited us in Cincinnati, Past Commander-in-Chief Judge Willett, who told us that in codifying the laws there was never granted to our Auxiliary an official recognition—I stress the word official because they had had recognition a plenty. I hope I have made it clear to you and I want to offer to this body the resolution prepared by the joint committee of the Auxiliary and this body which is as follows:

WHEREAS, During a period of more than forty-five years the organization known as the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War officially recognized by the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have put forth every effort not only to advance the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but as a band of patriotic women have promoted the cause of patriotism and love of country, and

WHEREAS, They have likewise faithfully, earnestly, devotedly, and consistently labored in behalf of the parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, acknowledging that great Order as the source of inspiration and endeavor of all of the organizations officially recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as one of its affiliated organizations, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic has graciously honored the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War by officially extending greetings through their constituted committees for a long term of years, and admitted the Auxiliary to their semi-official meetings formally opening the various sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and permitted their National President to extend the greetings and love of the Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding the above, we believe through a misapprehension, it being thought that their association as the recognized Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and as one of the affiliated organizations composing with the four other organizations, namely, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the organization known as the Federated Patriotic Societies affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, gave them official status as an Order officially recognized by the parent Order, the Grand Army of the Republic, but that such recognition has never been officially extended to them by official record.

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War prayerfully petition the Grand Army of the Republic to extend its official recognition to the organization of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as one of the orders recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as constituting its affiliated Auxiliary and allied organizations.

The above Resolution adopted at a regular session of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, September 16, 1931.

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
Commander-in-Chief.

The above Resolution adopted at a regular session of the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Des Moines, Iowa, September 16, 1931.

STELLA B. OWEN,
National Secretary.

CELESTE D. GENTIEU,
National President.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move the adoption of the resolution and ask that the committee be empowered to present it to the G. A. R.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Coeu of Illinois. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Due to an omission of your Commander-in-Chief in not having given notice and having previously made an arrangement with the photographer it was agreed to have our pictures taken.

Past Department Commander Kremer, of Wisconsin: It would be a fine thing to have a picture of these brothers, and I move that we recess for ten minutes to have our pictures taken.

Seconded by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill.

Department Commander Lewis, of Kansas: We have so few of our brothers here now, I would suggest to the brother who made the motion that we have them taken tomorrow when we can get more here together.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The photographer is here waiting.

Past Department Commander Ernst, Missouri: Why not wait until after the afternoon session today? (Motion put).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook. Those favoring the motion 44; those opposed 32. The motion carried.

The Commandery-in-Chief reconvened, called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate Dodson, Wisconsin: I move that the National Secretary at the next annual Encampment, and each Encampment thereafter, make arrangements for taking the photograph of the Encampment immediately after the parade.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brother, one Encampment cannot bind another in any way, I therefore declare your motion out of order.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: A slip has been handed to this desk stating that Parker L. Krantz, the Mayor of Des Moines, is eligible to membership in our organization and has never been approached. Brother Bunker, will you see that this is attended to?

Brother Bunker: I will see that it is attended to.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are there any committees ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: This will be a partial report, probably there will be other resolutions.

Des Moines, Iowa, September 16, 1931.

To the Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Greeting:

Your Committee on Resolutions render the following report:

Resolution No. 1 is as follows:

WHEREAS, One Edgar Lee Masters, has written and caused to be printed for distribution to the general public, a book entitled "Lincoln the Man," and

WHEREAS, The stated purpose of said book is to portray Abraham Lincoln, the Martyred Civil War President, in the most intimate way with regard to his personal habits, dress and appearance, his political methods, his conduct of public office, the incident of his birth and the character of his life,

WHEREAS, Certain paragraphs, quotations and statements claimed to have been taken from said book and published as such by the public press of America and generally throughout the civilized world, are highly degrading and of a defamatory character, as applied to the life and the many biographers of Lincoln, the writings of historians of the time and the testimony of people who knew him and were associated with him, and

WHEREAS, We question the right of any individual or group of individuals within these United States or elsewhere to attempt to detract from the glory of our American ideals, or to besmirch the name and character of one of the greatest of our American Heroes—be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we, Sons and Grandsons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and members of the several Camps comprising the Third District of Connecticut, to-wit:

L. L. Penfield Camp No. 16, New Britain;
Chas. L. Upham Camp No. 7, Meridian;
Morgan G. Bulkeley Camp No. 54, Forestville;
T. B. Robinson Camp No. 31, Bristol;
Trumbull Camp No. 9, Southington;
Col. Lewis Camp No. 32, Essex.

In regular meeting assembled, do hereby in the strongest manner possible, protest the further publication and distribution of Edgar Lee Masters' book "Lincoln the Man," pledging ourselves to discourage to the utmost, within the bounds of the law and order, the reading of said book, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the State Commander, Department of Connecticut with the request that they be forwarded to the National headquarters.

Dated at New Britain, Connecticut, this 25th day of February, 1931.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: While we all agree with the sentiment expressed in this resolution, it is not written to cover the case of the Commandery-in-Chief. We therefore offer the following substitute Resolution (Preamble the same):

No. 1. RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, view with alarm the tendency of some of our modern authors to gain notoriety for themselves by attacking and endeavoring to besmirch and belittle the character and lives of some of America's greatest men, especially those of Washington and Lincoln, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we as members of an Organization whose duty it is to teach Patriotism and love of country and reverence to the men who made it, use all our influence to stop this tearing down of ideals of our nation's Heroes, that we use all legitimate means to keep these books from our Public Libraries and to prevent their sale

and distribution among our people, by refusing to buy them ourselves and by persuading others to do the same.

The Committee moves adoption of the foregoing.

National Secretary Hammer: I offer amendment to the motion, that where there is no objection to any of the recommendations they be adopted without a motion to do so.

Past Department Commander Ernst, of Missouri: I don't think it should be with this resolution, I think this resolution should be handled by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I don't think you understand the motion, if there is no objection it will be considered adopted.

Past Department Commander Ernst: That is what I mean, this Commandery-in-Chief should vote on this motion—very distinctly on it.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do you make that as a substitute motion?

Past Department Commander Ernst: I do.

Past Department Commander Kremer, of Wisconsin: We will adopt the whole proposition.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: I think I get the viewpoint of the brother, he considers the matter may be voted on altogether.

National Secretary Hammer: I will withdraw my motion.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We are voting on the adoption of the original motion, on the adoption of the resolution as read by the chairman of the committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: Does it mean the substitute or the original resolution?

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It means on the substitute resolution as read by the chairman of the committee. Are you ready for the question? (Question called for.)

Motion put and declared carried by the Chair.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Resolution No. 2 is from Ohio and is as follows:

Resolution No. 2:

Presented to the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment held in Columbus on June 16, 17 and 18, 1931.

WHEREAS, The Commander of the Ohio Department for the past year instituted the plan of placing a memorial wreath upon the tomb of each President of the United States buried in Ohio, upon the anniversary of their birth, and

WHEREAS, Such ceremonies have met with the most hearty approval of all patriotic citizens and Orders; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Department of Ohio in convention assembled, recommend that such ceremonies be called to the attention of the Commandery-in-Chief with the request that the proper legislation be passed at the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War providing for the observance of such ceremonies throughout the United States each year and that such legislation provide that such observance be under the control and disposition of the National Patriotic Instructor of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Adopted by the Encampment).

Signed by Custer Snyder, W. C. Winall, W. F. Runyan, Committee. Ed S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer. Approved: C. H. Weber, Department Commander.

Resolution No. 2—Your Committee can see where there is some merit to this custom, especially to the Department of Ohio, or any Department where there may be a President buried, but do not believe it necessary to legislate for same in the Commandery-in-Chief. We recommend this resolution do not pass. (Adopted).

Past Department Commander Kremer, of Wisconsin: I move that all resolutions as read shall be considered adopted unless there is objection made thereto. (Seconded. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Unless there be objections to recommendation on Resolution by Committee the recommendation as read shall be considered adopted by this Encampment.

Chairman Homan reads Resolution No. 3:

WHEREAS, The regulation badge of the Order has from time to time been changed in minor detail, particularly on the reverse side thereof, and although in its general makeup has been approved by the United States Military Authorities in its general appearance and permission has been given to wear the same by members of the Military Service while on duty, and

WHEREAS, The approval is interpreted by some officers of the United States service to mean a minute description in every detail front or back of the medallion, and

WHEREAS, Some members of the Order in the service have been denied the right to wear the same by Army Officers on account of a slight variance of the design filed in the War Department, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to file with the War Department or proper officers of the United States Service a facsimile of each and every design, front and back, of the regulation badge of the Order, as have existed from time to time, and that a copy of this resolution be certified by Department Headquarters to the Commandery-in-Chief and that the representatives of this Department to the National Encampment use every influence for the adoption of this resolution by the Commandery-in-Chief, and that its provisions be carried into full effect.

I certify that the above resolution was approved and adopted at the Fifty-first Annual Encampment, Department of Pennsylvania, held at Lancaster, Pa.—Wm. R. McGirr, Department Secretary.

Chairman Homan: Your Committee believe that all this Resolution calls for is to submit copies of our several badges to proper United States Officials in order to check same or correct any irregularities that may exist, and therefore the Committee recommend ought to pass. (So voted).

Chairman Homan reads Resolution No. 4:

At the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Wisconsin, held at LaCrosse June 15th to 17th, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War organized in 1881 have never adopted a Flower to symbolize the honor and respect which we feel due to our Fathers, let it be

RESOLVED, That the Bleeding Heart be adopted as such symbol, and

WHEREAS, This is a matter that should have the hearty support of every member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is by wearing this flower, the Bleeding Heart, on special occasions that

we best show to the world our pride in being a descendant of one who served this country in the darkest hour of its history.

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War go on record as approving the adoption of the Bleeding Heart as their symbol.

RESOLVED, That this matter be presented to the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the Order to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, and the delegates from Wisconsin instructed to urge its adoption.

Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By T. M. Lien, Department Commander; Chas. H. Hudson, Department Secretary.

Chairman Homan: Your Committee recommends that while the sentiment may be all right we believe we have enough decorations already, and can't see where we could wear any bleeding hearts—by the looks of some of the coats here today—and, therefore, we recommend that the resolution do not pass.

Delegate Dodson, Wisconsin: Under instructions I have to disagree with the recommendation of the committee. I am the author of the resolution and it arose in my Camp, Badger Camp No. 1, Milwaukee. I was surprised by the sentiment, it was taken up by the Department Encampment without any question whatever and it was there adopted by a rising vote without request. The idea is not for decoration at all, it is like getting flowers without funerals, and we use the bleeding heart as representative of our Order. Every organization has an official flower and the Bleeding Heart is one that appeals to everybody. I, therefore, move that the report of the committee be not concurred in.

Seconded by Delegate Disseler of Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We will vote on the motion of Delegate Dodson first that the report of the committee be not concurred in. Motion put and declared lost. If there be no further objection the motion of the committee that the resolution be not passed will stand adopted.

Past Department Commander Kremer, Wisconsin: That motion should be voted upon.

National Chaplain Craig moved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Seconded by Delegate Ransom of Indiana.

Motion carried and so ordered.

Chairman Homan: On Resolution No. 5, which is as follows:

At the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at La Crosse June 15th-17th, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The question of what may be made of the ritual of the Sons of Union Veterans has arisen in one of the Camps of our Order, be it

RESOLVED, That Department of Wisconsin do request and demand that the Commandery-in-Chief at its annual Encampment, through its National Counselor and Committee on Laws, Rules and Regulations, adopt and promulgate to the several divisions [Departments] of the Order definite rules as to just what use may be made of our ritual, and

WHEREAS, A member of our Order has organized an order known as the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, we request and demand that the Commandery-in-Chief determine whether the organiza-

tion of such order is a violation of his duties as a member of our Order, and in what respect it will affect his status and rank herein.

Respectfully submitted—Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By T. M. Lien, Department Commander; C. H. Hudson, Department Secretary.

Chairman Homan: The Committee recommends that it is all right to request the Commandery-in-Chief but not to demand. The resolution is not in proper form and should not pass. If these Brothers have any charge to bring against a brother it should be brought before the Camp as a charge against him and not here in the form of a resolution.

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin: I don't want to take up much time but I feel it my duty to explain this resolution. The Department Commander is about to organize a Camp of Sons of Union Veterans. I happen to be the Department Organizer and I had about 50 ready to organize. Some brothers in another Camp, through jealousy, used some technical things because a brother didn't get his Charter through properly. The brothers got excited and said: "Very well, we will organize a new organization,' and they have organized and incorporated under the laws of the State. The resolution was brought on the floor and this party was denied a charter, but I took the position that we were in America and practicing the principles of our Order, and so long as he was a party who had a right to incorporate I moved that this entire matter be referred to a special committee of Department Commanders. After spending several hours going over this proposition we couldn't determine whether it was an offense for this brother to organize an entirely different organization of the Sons of Union Veterans, called Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, or whether the act of itself constituted an offense sufficient to require the loss of its membership; therefore, I took the position that it was an attempt to disturb the sacred membership of this Order, I said let's submit the matter to the Commandery-in-Chief and let that deliberative body say whether an act of this kind is an offense or not, and the responsibility should be placed on the Department of Wisconsin. I think this body should have the courage, and I know you have the brains, for we have the brain power of the United States today, we have brains enough to pass all the laws in Washington and in the Commonwealth.

The next proposition in that resolution, if I understand it, is the use of the ritual. The ritual doesn't say how, when or where it should be used, therefore, I believe it is not only the province but the duty of this body to say how, when and where to use it. If my good friend, Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, has sufficient power with his committee, and his committee has sufficient brain power, I would like to have them tell us whether that is offense enough to remove a brother from the order. I therefore move that this committee be sent back to answer these questions.

Chairman Homan: I agree with Brother Kremer that my committee has brain power enough to do all he gives us credit for, but whether he is going to send us out to draw resolutions that ought not to be drawn depends on whether you fellows want it done. If Wisconsin wants to find out whether it is an offense why don't you write the Council-in-Chief and not put it in the form of a resolution. Why don't they put it in the form of an amendment to our By-Laws? Putting it in the form of a resolution will not get them anywhere.

Delegate Dodson: As an explanation the Department Council of Wisconsin went into this quite thoroughly. Judge Kremer and I dis-

agreed on the procedure. However, the import of the resolution is to request the opinion and advice from the Commandery-in-Chief on these two questions. It is my belief it should be referred to the National Counselor or the Council-in-Chief. Brother Kremer was of the opinion the Commandery-in-Chief should give the decision. I move as a substitute for Brother Kremer's motion that the entire matter be referred to the Council-in-Chief and the National Counselor.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I second the motion that the matter be referred to the National Counselor.

Delegate Dodson, Wisconsin: I accept the amendment.

Past Department Commander Kremer, Wisconsin: That is entirely satisfactory to me.

Delegate N. B. Austin, Massachusetts: Do I understand our ritual was being used by an outside organization

Past Department Commander Kremer: The complaint was the brother used it in a service for a man who was not a member of the Sons of Union Veterans, used it in a funeral sermon.

National Secretary Hammer: I want to ask what will be the effect or outcome of referring it to the National Counselor. What good will it do unless some action be taken. I submit that you can't prevent anybody from organizing any organization he wants to organize. Now you propose to submit this to the National Counselor. He may give an opinion you won't concur in, and we won't meet for another year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I move that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins, Illinois. Motion declared carried.

Delegate Ward B. Jenks, of Connecticut: The matter that has just been brought up seems to deal entirely with a matter of discipline. There is another matter, and this is the reason I didn't speak before, and that is to take steps to bring these men back into the Organization. As I understand it there has been a misunderstanding all the way through. Although the Wisconsin Department have taken steps to bring them in and have not succeeded, I feel that the National Body should take steps to have these men brought back into the organization. As was stated, undoubtedly correctly, jealousy has been the cause for their leaving the Order, and I think a reconciliation should be had. We are not here trying to cause people trouble, and I think for the good of the Order a reconciliation should be attempted.

Commander-in-Chief: Do you make that as a motion?

Delegate Ward B. Jenks, Connecticut: I do put it in the form of a motion to the effect that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee, or the Council-in-Chief, to confer with the heads of this order to see if a reconciliation cannot be brought about, and bring them back into our Organization. (Seconded by Department Commander Lewis, Kansas).

William H. Russell, Past Commander-in-Chief: I move that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be authorized to take such steps as he may think best to affect a reconciliation. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Locke, Illinois).

Delegate Dodson of Wisconsin: The Department of Wisconsin appointed a similar committee, of which Brother Disseler is Chairman, for the same purpose and I would like to have included in the motion also that the Commandery-in-Chief co-operate with the Wisconsin Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I think it should be left to the incoming Commander-in-Chief. With all of the pleasant remarks about brain power I think the new Commander-in-Chief might be entrusted with this.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are you ready for the question on the substitute motion of Brother Russell? Motion carried and so ordered.

AUXILIARY GREETING COMMITTEE.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will appoint Brothers Libby, Ream, Reichart, Warner and Weber as an escort for the Greeting Committee.

The escort presented the following visiting committee from the Auxiliary:

Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Past National President; Mrs. Nellie Wentzel, Past Department President, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Amy Bell, Department President, New Jersey; Mrs. Parks, Past Department President of Iowa; Mrs. Mae McGee, Department President of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It is indeed with a great deal of pleasure that we receive this Committee from our own Auxiliary; we want them to know that we receive them as sisters, as wives and as sweethearts, and want them to know they are very welcome. Mrs. Bowser, I suppose you rank as Chairman, we would like to hear from you.

Mrs. Bessie B. Bowser, Past National President: I am glad today to come to you with this Committee and we feel proud and glad that we have been chosen to come to our Brothers with Greetings from our National President to you, and Greetings from our Auxiliary to our Brothers. We feel we are your sisters and we want to do for you all that we can do; we can't do all of the things for you that we should, as the Woman's Relief Corps are doing for the Grand Army of the Republic, but we want you to feel that we are backing you in everything you want to do, and we want to assist you in anything you undertake. I feel that the majority of you know that.

We want to thank you, Brother Commander-in-Chief, because you have been so very considerate to our National President. She has spoken very highly of the courtesies you have shown her during your visits to the different Departments. We hear on every side "what excuse is there for this Organization" and I want to say to you today that we have no better excuse than being the Sons of and Daughters of our Fathers; we don't need any other. The very best thing we have to do is taking care of Memorial Day, and it doesn't make any difference how many Wars there have been since 1861-1865. Now that our Fathers are going on it is naturally our work, no matter how many organizations there are. It is up to us, their Sons and Daughters, to keep up the memory of the deeds and things that our Fathers have done, and we are proud of being the Sons and Daughters of such men as formed the Union Army of the Civil War of 1861-1865.

Commander-in-Chief, we have had a keen regard to the fact that the times have not been better. We feel that you, as Commander of our organization in this past year, have met with many problems and I want to congratulate you personally for what you have done for our organization. You have heard the words where you organized Camps, "we must get an Auxiliary." I want to say we don't let very many chances slip.

We have a gift to present to you if it gets here in time—a clock. They assured me they would get it here within 10 minutes. They

couldn't get a certain kind and had to send away for it, and assured us that it would be here. I have been keeping the telephone busy and they assure me now they will have it here within 10 minutes. I thought that between now and the end of the 10 minutes we could just mark time. We hope you will accept this with love from the National Body of Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary. We hope you may have a happy and harmonious encampment and election. I know that doesn't always happen in our Organization but I am wishing it for you . In all seriousness we thank you again and extend greetings from our National Organization.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Sister Bowser, I appreciate the fact that you were appointed by your National President to come and extend this greeting for her to myself and to our Brothers. I appreciate anything that she does because she is a friend of long standing. I thank both you yourself for coming, and through you and the others, the members of the Auxiliary for this kindly thought of me and the presentation of this clock—if it gets here.

Mrs. Amy Bell, Department President of New Jersey: Brother Commander-in-Chief, and National Officers, we greet you. I suppose I can extend greetings of our National President also to this National Organization. You know the National Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and the Sons of Veterans, are composed of patriotic men and women. We are pledged together to do everything for the organizations to which we belong. Let us go home from this Encampment and strive to do our duty. I will tell you a little story, you may have heard it but it will not hurt to repeat it. There was a young man who came to this country and as he stood on the street one day a parade went by. He was watching this parade, with our colors, and he turned to a young man who stood beside him and said: "I don't like your flag, it always puts me in mind of a stick of candy." The young man said: "Well that might be, but it has never been licked yet."

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Parks, have you a word for us?

Mrs. Parks, Past Department President of Iowa: Brother Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members, I am quite happy to come to you today and carry the greetings from the Iowa Department, particularly so as at my Encampment last June your Commander-in-Chief was one of the Committee to carry to me the greetings of the Iowa Sons. For that reason I am particularly glad to come here today. We hope your Encampment will be profitable in every way.

I will tell you a little story also, something like this. A certain well-known American gentleman was invited to give an after dinner speech at a banquet. Thinking himself very important, and that he would be about the main show on the program, he prepared a very lengthy speech and was astonished to find he was almost the last one of the group. The crowd commenced leaving when he was called upon and he got up and said: "I am very sorry I am last on the program. We can't all be first. George Washington was first in the hearts of his countrymen, first in time of peace, and first as President, but he married a widow."

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. McGee, have you anything to say?

Mrs. Mae McGee, Department President of Illinois: I feel very highly honored to bring greetings from the Department of Illinois to the Sons of Union Veterans. I feel doubly honored that our National Commander is from Illinois. I am not like the other ladies, I can't tell a story. I am like George Washington, I always tell the truth.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Wentzel, have you a word for us?

Mrs. Wentzel, Past Department President, Pennsylvania: Brother Commander-in-Chief, they always leave the Pennsylvania people for the last. We always talk long and as the clock has not yet arrived I will say a few words. You know how much I prize the association of you boys. Horace says tell a story and get even with them. Doctor Homan says you tell one because I have lost my speech. Really I had an opportunity to trade off with another Greeting Committee to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. and I said I would rather see the boys because I know them better than the girls. That is the reason I am here. I have a fine little piece of poetry and I know you will want to hear it. I would have committed it had I known I would have a chance to give it; I understood our chairman was the only one to talk. I got this from one of our Brothers in our Camp at home who doesn't get to the National Encampments. It is a very pretty piece of poetry and reads as follows:

DON'T GIVE UP THE CAMP, BOYS.

From '61 to '65, back in Lincoln's day,
The boys in blue fought the boys in Gray,
To preserve the Union for us today.
Is it possible then that you and me,
Enjoying this privilege, cannot see
Where there's work to do to carry on,
After all the boys in blue are gone.

I know of a Post of only three men,
Who still have their meetings now and then.
Does this sound like surrender, well I will say NO
As long as there's one of them, they will make it go.
They did not surrender in Sixty-one,
But started a job which was very well done.
Is it possible then that you and I
Will sit back and allow our Camps to die?
If for no other purpose, except our pride,
We should all get together and hit our stride.
Since they haven't surrendered why should we?
So let's all get busy, let's all agree
To build up our Camps in this grand old State,
Let's not get acquainted with the word vacate.

What's the difference what people say
About Lincoln and Grant back in their day.
It will take more than chatter, or mere idle talk,
To turn me against the ways our Father's walked.
So there's work to do for you and me,
So let's get together and simply see
If we can't raise the membership of all our Camps,
In appreciation of the long weary tramps
In which our Father's fought through the mire
In order that you and I to this order could aspire.

I have sat and observed the setting sun,
And have thought of things worth while begun;
But the best of all my thoughts is this one,
I am proud that I am a Veteran's Son.

Mrs. Bowser: The time has arrived and here is the electric time clock. We hope, Brother Commander-in-Chief, you will enjoy using it as much as we enjoy giving it. We came to this Encampment with a good lot of inspiration, I wish we could keep it, but it is just like canning jellies and fruit; you come with an inspiration and you take it out whenever you think you need it.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: This will remind me of the hour of the day, and will also remind me of those who presented it. Will Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon say a few words in response?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Sisters, Commander-in-Chief, and others: I feel that your Commander is somewhat in the position of the little girl who asked her mother: "When I get married will I marry a man like dad?" The mother said yes. The little girl said: "Well, if I don't get married will I be like Aunt Sue?" The mother said yes. The little girl said: "Well, I am in a terrible fix." I think that is our Commander's position today when he asked a gray haired old man to talk to these charming ladies. It puts me in a position similar to the man speaking to his friend. He said: "John, do you know that paper will keep you warm?" The friend said :: Well, yes, I have known that for a long time. I had a note that kept me in a sweat for thirty days." That has been my position for the last fifteen minutes.

Brothers, we certainly have enjoyed the generous pleadings of these ladies and their lofty sentiments, and charming diction. I think you feel just as I have how easy it is for a woman to talk. I have been a member of this Order for many years and I have seen attorneys, ministers and laymen get up on the floor and talk indefinitely, and they would have a regular gab-fest; but I as an official, and possibly a poor one, ought not try to enter into any gab-fest today because born neither a lawyer, a minister or a woman.

The whole world is a stage, but unfortunately we haven't all of the actors' names yet. Often times a woman enters upon that stage with her written lines, such as Esther beseeching the King; Isabel pawning her jewels that Christopher Columbus might discover America; Queen Elizabeth giving her generous work to England; Neilson charming the world with her voice, and our own Clara Barton giving out a cold drink of water to the dying soldiers. These women have done their work and they did it well. Brothers, we don't know anything about patriotism. If it wasn't for the women we would not know anything about it at all. We admire the soldiers—our Fathers —who went out to the carnage of battle, but I tell you from the bottom of my heart that I feel the greatest patriotism displayed is where the women, the mothers, who remained at home seeing their good husbands, and their sweethearts, go forth to fight the battle of their country but they remained at home to take care of the farm and the little ones. They certainly did care for the farms; they tilled the ground during the day, sewing and mending during the night, with their hearts breaking. Patriotism—why, my good women—it is you and the women of the days gone by, that have taught us patriotism to its fullest extent. I could go on at some length but I have a telephonic message from our Commander-in-Chief, who is looking right at me while I have been speaking, and trying to fill up a little time. He has been telephoning to me that he is delighted that you have come to extend your greetings, and that he receives you with open arms and hopes you will always remain with us. Our Brothers, yes each and every one, receives you with open hearts, where you will always remain so long as you live. Yes, we are thankful for your coming, and when you return extend to your National President our thanks for

your coming. We appreciate the work your organization is doing. We have visited this good city of Des Moines and have absorbed all of the good things which have come to us, but the greatest thing that will remain with us will be your coming here today to us. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Thank you, Doctor Sheldon. I join with the Doctor in the thanks so well extended. Will you please extend to the sisters the heartfelt thanks of the Commander-in-Chief for the gift and the visit, and tell your National President and the members of your Auxiliary, that the interest and welfare of the Auxiliary will always be of much concern to us.

The badge of the Commandery-in-Chief was then presented to each of the members of the visiting Committee, and the Committee retired with their escort.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: Commander, perhaps I am a little out of order, but I think the matter we were discussing before our Sisters came in,—(interrupted).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Doctor Homan has the floor for the time being to finish his report, and I will call upon Doctor Homan to proceed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS (Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Before proceeding, Doctor Sheldon said something about the women doing things better than the men. That reminds me of a story of a man and woman who came in from the country to have the lady's teeth fixed. The man asked if it would be all right to bring along a pint of whiskey to rinse her mouth out. I said yes, and they came as per appointment. The old lady came in and the old man sat out in the other room. Presently he came to the door and said: "Ma, is he hurting you?" She said: "Not very much." In a little while he came back, and said: "Have you got her tooth out now, Doctor?" The Doctor said: "Yes." Ma said: "Let me have some of the whiskey to rinse my mouth." Pa said: "There ain't none left, Ma, it hurt me worse than it did you."

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan then proceeded as follows: On resolution number six (6) relating to the "Star Spangled Banner," where it is claimed that at the National Encampment at Cincinnati last year the record of proceedings are in error; the Committee recommends first that the records of 1930 have been printed, the desired end accomplished, and this resolution ought not to pass.

Considerable discussion was had, entered into by several brothers, concerning this matter. It was finally moved by Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin, seconded by National Chaplain Craig, that everything pertaining to this resolution be expunged from the Encampment record. The vote upon the motion was favorable and the Commander-in-Chief announced that neither the resolution nor discussion thereon would appear in the record.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Resolution No. 7 is as follows: At the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at La Crosse June 15th-17th, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe that the state of the finances do not warrant the payment of the excessive salary paid by the Commandery-in-Chief to the National Secretary-Treasurer, nor do we believe that the work involved is such as to require the payment of such large sums, and

WHEREAS, We believe that a more appropriate use of such funds could be obtained by creating an organization fund to help in the organization work of Departments and of new Camps.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Wisconsin, in Annual Encampment assembled at the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, this 17th day of June, A. D. 1931, that we hereby urge the Commandery-in-Chief to reduce the salary and compensation paid to the National Secretary-Treasurer to an annual allowance of not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) per year, and that the money thus saved be set aside as a special Organization fund to be disbursed by the Commander-in-Chief at his discretion, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be certified and transmitted to the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines.

Respectfully submitted—Department of Wiconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By T. W. Lien, Department Commander; C. H. Hudson, Department Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief Homan: Scarcely a year goes by without some Brother in some Department, while sitting thinking or perhaps just thinking, conceives the brilliant idea of saving money for our Commandery-in-Chief by cutting the Secretary-Treasurer's salary.

In these days of depression it is easy to say that we can lop off this and that and cut salaries to save money. In such cases little thought is given to moral effect of such action. Our National Secretary-Treasurer is a unique character in our Order; his length of service, his lovable personality, have endeared him to us all, and as far as this committee is concerned any move to reduce the Secretary-Treasurer's salary will not be considered as long as he holds office, unless coming from him. The Committee moves that this resolution be laid on the table.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois. Carried.

Chairman Homan: Resolution No. 8, submitted by the National Secretary-Treasurer:

WHEREAS, The Grand Army of the Republic has officially designated our Order as its official escort for parades at National and Department Encampments, and for Posts, and

WHEREAS, At National Encampments the Grand Army of the Republic has established, fixed, and specified that its official escort shall consist of one hundred members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That to comply with the specifications and desires of the Grand Army of the Republic to furnish the proper escort at National Encampments, the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer be reduced as provided in the following amendment to the Regulations and that the sum specified be set aside, held and appropriated annually towards defraying the pro rata subsistance or such expenses as the amount will permit of the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War constituting the official uniformed escort of the Grand Army of the Republic parade.

RESOLVED, That the disbursement of this sum, compensating such members of said official escort, shall be in the immediate charge and supervision of the Commander-in-Chief, by voucher as now provided, and receipt of the individual members of the escort taken on official form provided by the National Secretary-Treasurer.

To properly bring this about I offer amendment to the Regulations as follows:

Chapter 3, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, Article V, Section 3, Page 36, C. & R., in next to last line strike out $3,000 and insert in lieu thereof $2,200 so that the section will read:

"The National Secretary shall pay over to the National Treasurer * * * *. He shall receive as compensation the sum of twenty-two hundred ($2200) dollars per annum."

Section 4, Page 36, C. & R., in last line strike out $300 and insert in lieu thereof $100 so that the setcion will read:

"The National Treasurer shall receive, hold and account * * * *. He shall receive as compensation the sum of one hundred ($100) dollars per annum.

Commander-in-Chief Homan: This resolution affects the reduction of the Secretary-Treasurer's salary, which we do not concur in, but further touches in the matter of official escort to G. A. R., and suggests the payment of a pro rata amount to each escort. Our service has always been one of love and of voluntary service. To lower it to a monetary basis is something we do not concur in. The Committee moves that this resolution be not concurred in.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: There seems to be an idea prevalent, as indicated by these resolutions offered to the Committee, that the office of the Secretary-Treasurer of this Organization of 40,000 men is a sinecure. I have talked with a number of Brothers who have visited Secretary Hammer's office when he is in operation, and that is six days in the week. He is busy all the time with the duties of this office and does not get any too much money—$3300—when he pays his own stenographer out of that sum. I make this explanation for the purpose of setting everybody right, because some think Brother Hammer is being over-paid.

National Secretary Hammer: I am glad the Brother made that kind of an explanation.

Delegate Dodson, of Wisconsin: Speaking for Wisconsin I will say we are not pressing that in any form at all. We were afraid that would be construed as something against Secretary Hammer. I only speak of it for that reason. We don't want any inference cast that Brother Hammer is not fully qualified, or that he does not earn all that he is paid. You feel, and I think Wisconsin justly feels, that the times and the state of the finances of our organization are such that they will really require a less expenditure of money by the Secretary-Treasurer than is paid at present, without any record or any inference of any kind against Brother Hammer.

Chairman Homan: This Committee didn't make any remarks about these two resolutions. I know the Chairman of the Resolution Committee in Portland two years ago had this same thing up and told about why it wasn't a very nice thing to do. These Brothers say they haven't any objection against Brother Hammer, but want the salary reduced. He is the back bone of the organization. If he wasn't here we wouldn't have much of an Encampment in these times of depression. It isn't a very good example to start pulling salary away instead of giving a pat to the back.

Past Department Commander Kremer, Wisconsin: I don't like to have the record incumbered by a lot of things and I move that the resolutions in reference to the salary matter be expunged from the record.

Seconded by Council-in-Chief Hansen.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I feel that I should say just a few words. I have known Horace Hammer as you have for many years and I don't think there is a man present in the Order but what loves him. I get sick and tired of this confounded damnable salary business. If you want to hire a cheap man this, your Order, will go to Hell, just as sure as we are sitting here. You have a man right here that is worth $10,000 to your Order, and some of you don't know it. Only a few months ago I possibly held the same view as many of you, that he didn't have a whole lot to do, but by the great horn spoon I was down there and his office was humming with work all the time; two, a man and a woman, and he was directing the work. You want to talk about a salary cut! Why, my God, boys, he earns three times what he gets. I haven't done a stroke of work for eight months, but I am there if they want me, and they don't want a cheap man in that job. In this Organization we have a man that we want to keep there, just as long as he lives. God bless Horace Hammer.

Past Department Commander Geist, of Colorado & Wyoming: I believe this Encampment will make a great mistake if they expunge this record; let it go in the record and show succeeding Encampments what we have done. That is the proper thing to show that we turned it down and turned it down hard.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Last night I was talking with Brotner Hammer as to how long we had belonged to the Order. He didn't want to tell. He said he was taken down to the Camp by his Father when it was organized.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I think this ought not to be expunged from the record, I think we have made a good record in the last fifteen minutes and it should be preserved so that the rank and file should read it. I am opposed to the motion.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The motion is that all reference to this resolution be expunged from the record. That motion was properly seconded. Are you ready for the question?

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I regret that I can't withdraw it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I was to have this resolution in my Committee but I didn't get it. If I had it would have been treated in a different way. You are doing something now that Horace Hammer don't want you to do. I have been with Horace Hammer quite a lot; last June we had our Department Encampment at Lancaster and we had our Field Encampment of Sons of Veterans Reserve. We had about 600 and we made a wonderful impression. If any of you take the Geographic Magazine, the July number, you will see one of the greatest advertisements of the Sons of Veterans you ever saw in your life, in colors, not paid for.

Our Reserve have adopted the old uniform of 1861-1865, that is a uniform anybody seeing upon the street immedately associates with the G. A. R.. We were talking about the good of the Order in the meeting in the convention, after the new Commander had been inducted into office and different brothers spoke. There were twice as many as we have here, talking about the good of the Order, and they all seemed to be infused with this Reserve movement. We were all sorry there wasn't some way we could get at least 100 men to come to this National Encampment, for several reasons. First of all, to do what the G. A. R. has asked us to do and on which we have repeatedly fallen down—that is have 100 men in uniform in the parade. If I know anything about uniform it means uniformity and I have never seen 100 Sons of Union Veterans as an escort in anything that I would call uniformity. We couldn't devise ways of getting these 100 men

here. You in the local Camps might have success in getting the young fellows in. We don't have a lot of rifles on our shoulders, or pull cannons, we just have the uniforms which cost $36.00, bought from Kirks of New York.

After we heard the comments of the people on the street it seems I made some kind of a speech, but I want to tell you I don't remember one word of it. I got Horace Hammer all excited, and two or three more, and Horace has had this thought in his mind. If there was something put with it in addition to show that it would be carried on year after year, that was the thought he had in mind when he presented this resolution—that his salary be cut $1,000 and this fund of $1,000 be used as a nucleus; and if that proposition was worked out we would have a little fund and they would be here in uniform.

I was supposed to come and tell you, and I was glad to do it. Horace does want you to invest that $1,000 in that way. You tell me a thousand dollars won't bring one hundred men here from Pennsylvania. Possibly that $1,000 might have been spent on somebody closer home. If there was $1,000 in view in Des Moines many fellows would have equipped themselves and started advertising the Order, and they would want to go to the next Encampment. That was the real reason Horace wanted it to be fixed so this $1,000 will be carried in the Organization. I believe in the Pennsylvania Department another $1,000 could have been raised.

Brothers, the solution of this matter—the Order to grow—is to have something of the sort of the Reserve. If I could take you into the Pennsylvania Encampment and show you what it meant for a whole week you would be convinced. We had Senator Davis to review us. Now to get back to some uniformity, merely go back to the old G. A. R. uniform, and stick to it, and you have got something.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I don't think we want to be steered away from the main proposition by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie's speech. If there is any additional reason why this record should not be expunged I think it ought to be given. The main question under consideration is the reduction of the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer. I am opposed to that and I am opposed to expunging from the record this action, but if there are any additional reasons that may be given, let's get straight on the proposition. Let's vote and leave the record stand to sustain him.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The motion is with reference to this resolution, to expunge it from the record. Are you ready for the question Motion put and there being no ayes the contrary no's seemed to have it. The motion was declared lost.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: The recommendation of the Committee is that it be indefinitely postponed or be tabled.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: Would it not be better to say that the Committee do not concur in the recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are you making a substitute motion for Brother Warner's motion?

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I wanted to see if the Committee would not change their recommendation.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: I move that the recommendation be not concurred in.

Seconded by Delegate Jenks, Connecticut. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Homan: Our next report is on resolution number 9, relative to the marking of graves of Union soldiers, the authenticity of their military record, as follows:

Resolution No. 9 by Past Commander-in-Chief Theodore Cazeau: RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans Memorialize Congress to the end that a law be passed that the grave of every Union Soldier be located, and properly marked, and that their Military Record be authenticated and a suitable appropriation be made to carry out the above mentioned projects.

Chairman Homan: The Committee concur in the resolution.

Past Department Commander W. H. Hiland, Minnesota: In Minnesota we have those records. We have every soldier's grave marked, and it is up to the Department for each state to look after that. We have our soldiers' graves marked and we have a record which is printed in our Memorial Day proceedings, not only in our St. Paul, Minnesota, and Duluth, Minnesota, proceedings, but there is a printed copy gotten out every year. Our own state checks them up, not only of the members of the G. A. R., but the members of the Spanish-American War and the World War also.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Does the Brother make any objection to the recommendation of the Committee by motion or otherwise?

Chairman Homan: There are lots of States that don't do it as you do.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau, of New York: I rejoice with anyone in any State who gets up in our National Encampment and says that they have got something that is the personification of perfection. I don't know anything about Minnesota in their endeavors to carry on for the G. A. R. I will take my hat off to any of you who have stood by the G. A. R. down through the years, but when they come to memoralize Congress for the soldiers of the Confederacy, to have their graves marked, you have enough to do with our own G. A. R. It is up to us to take what they say we should have. Of course we have to stand the loss in our own State of New York where they said we could spend up to $75.00; but Minnesota got in to it and the United States decided that $13.00 was what they would give us for a little bit of a head stone. We have been carrying the stones the United States Government gave us for several years back.

In our county we have one of the finest Post Index Systems, and we have gone back to the Revolutionary War. We spent several years locating the graves of every Revolutionary War soldier, and the soldiers of 1812. Go back with Brother Hale and get into the Indian Folk Lore .The Southerners came again to have a law passed and I want to say that you want to watch this thing. Every woman's organization in the South is now petitioning Congress to call the Civil War a war between the States. What we are trying to do, and what should be done is to see that our Order gets credit for something of this sort.

Past Department Commander Geist, Colorado & Wyoming: May I ask to have the resolution read again?

National Secretary Hammer: Reads the resolution to the Encampment.

Delegate Hale, of Connecticut: There are a great many things that I have been interested in. One of them is the marking of soldiers' graves. You will find in our Committee report what has been done in our State. I wrote to the Adjutant in every state of the Union, the whole forty-eight States, asking what was being done. In Minne-

sota some work is being done but he says only by a few patriotic organizations. That letter was received within the last six weeks. Your work is not completed; you are not doing this in these country towns. The Confederate soldiers got into this and got the stones, but they have put them on the graves down where the Confederacy takes care of their own. We don't. It is up to us to do these things. There are only eight States in the Union that have record of all of the soldiers' graves. The Government does not charge for this—it costs $10.00 to get them set up. I could tell you State after State where this is done. In New York they have a law that every Sexton must make a return to the Adjutant of every soldier buried there; ask the Adjutant General how many returns they get.

Delegate Ebersole, of Iowa: Does that resolution require a motion?

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: No, it will be accepted as adopted unless objection is made.

Delegate Ebersole, of Iowa: There has been no objection yet.

A Member: I will ask to exclude Minnesota, he has made a statement that I wouldn't want to see; in New York we took 200 stones.

Past Department Commander Smith, of Minnesota: I don't believe the Brother included Minnesota, you are not trying to cover them up, what we need is a larger membership.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are you making an objection to the passage of the Resolution?

Past Department Commander Smith, of Minnesota: I am not making any objection.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There has been no objection made and you are not trying to object, Brother Smith?

Past Department Commander Smith, of Minnesota: Absolutely not.

Past Department Commander Smith, of Minnesota: I am talking on the resolution as well as to the fact that we object to the passing of this Resolution up to the United States Senate or Congress. We have been getting help from the Government and taking care of these graves where they have no Camps or Organization. That is the point that I was bringing out.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: If there is no further objection the recommendation of the Committee will be considered adopted.

Chairman Homan: I have been handed a resolution asking that our Encampment extend its thanks to James E. Jewell for the invitation to march in the parade. This is as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Fiftieth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extend our thanks and appreciation to Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewel and his Chief-of-Staff, Oley Nelson of the G. A. R., for the invitation to march in their annual parade.—(Signed), Archie M. Campbell, Senior Vice Department Commander of Illinois.

Chairman Homan: I will say that the invitation to take part in the parade is a matter of Law with the G. A. R. For the last five annual Encampments the members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War were not permitted, with any authority from the G. A. R., and this is the first time that we were invited to march.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You mean those not in uniform?

Chairman Homan: Yes, those not in uniform. Your Committee reports that it does not concur in the Resolution.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland, moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, seconded by Delegate Ransom of Indiana. The motion was declared carried.

Chairman Homan: I have a resolution regarding the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, which reads:

RESOLVED, That the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans, appreciates the courtesies extended to our organization by the citizens of the City of Des Moines, the General Committee of Arrangements, Press, Boy Scouts, and the several Organizations that have contributed their part to make our stay in Des Moines pleasant and enjoyable.

Chairman Homan: The Committee move its adoption.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Warner of Maryland. Carried.

Chairman Homan: The Committee on Resolutions has completed its report so far as outlined. The Committee has not been discharged.

P. C.-in-C. E. W. HOMAN, Chairman.
P. D. C. EVERETT F. WARNER, Maryland.
D. C. CLARENCE H. WEBER, Ohio.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: The Committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to make the following report:

Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook's report shows a year of conscientious and earnest patriotic endeavor. Faithfulness to duty during a period of general depression along all lines has characterized his labors.

Relative to recommendation to consider report of Past Department Commander Buck of Illinois we would state that while we consider the G. A. R. to be our central luminary, on which our affection and work are chiefly centered, we never-the-less agree in the suggestion that the Sons of Union Veterans everywhere take a more active part in movements for civic betterment, thus broadening the scope of our endeavor.

Commander Holbrook's long connection with The Banner, the official organ of our society, has given him a knowledge and insight in the workings of the Sons of Union Veterans possessed but by few. We feel that we have been fortunate indeed to be the beneficiary of such a long and thorough acquaintanceship with our Order. He steps down from the highest office within our gift with the esteem and best wishes of all.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert J. Hill, shows a vast amount of pioneering work in the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, in reviving Camps and instituting new ones, particularly in the State of Oklahoma. Considering the handicap under which he labored, his official duties so well performed entitles him to the warmest commendations.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston's place in the order long ago was well established. His record as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief is fully on a par with his excellent past service.

National Secretary, Horace H. Hammer, Veteran of our Organization, needs no embellishment. No Commander-in-Chief could continue in office without the timely advice, and the worth-while suggestions

made from the great store-house of knowledge possessed by our little giant or Napolean.

National Patriotic Instructor Walter A. Waterman's report shows a vast amount of research in the preparation of syllabus for the teaching of Patriotism in our American Schools. This should be invaluable in the inculcation of lofty ideals in the youth of our land.

National Chaplain, J. Kirkwood Craig, is to be commended for his splendid work, particularly in the beautiful and impressive way our Annual Memorial Service was carried out. His recommendation that the Department Chaplain who is in office on Memorial Day be held responsible for the report of that Memorial Day is concurred in.

National Counselor, Edward T. Fairchild, has evidenced a judicial temperment and fairness in the few opinions he has been called upon to make for our order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

(Signed) THEODORE C. CAZEAU,
FRANK L. RICHART,
GEORGE W. BELL,
W. H. RUSSELL.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: I move the adoption of this report.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, Chairman, reported as follows: Two resolutions were presented to this Committee; one by the Department of Wisconsin; and one by the Department of New Jersey. These resolutions read as follows:

Department of Wisconsin,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
C. K. Peir-Badger Camp No. 1, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, On the 11th day of April, A. D. 1930, this Camp adopted unanimously a resolution favoring the passage by Congress of the bill designating "THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER" as the official National Anthem, and further requesting the Department and National Encampment of our Order to change our Ritual so that as far as the "Star Spangled Banner" being given the only recognition as the National Anthem, and being accorded full honors and veneration as such without division as to its use by our Order, and

WHEREAS, Our Department Encampment held at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, on June 11, 1930, unanimously re-adopted the said resolution, and our National Encampment at Cincinnati on August 27, 1930, on motion of Brother C. W. Dodson, one of our Department's National Delegates, which motion was duly seconded and adopted, went on record as favoring the establishment by the bill pending in Congress of the "Star Spangled Banner" as the National Anthem, and

WHEREAS, The "Star Spangled Banner" has always been the one and only National Anthem of our Country, by common custom and consent, and

WHEREAS, Congress has now passed the bill designating the words and composition of the "Star Spangled Banner" as the "National Anthem" and the said bill became law by the approval of the President of the United States of America on the 3rd day of March, 1931; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we re-affirm the April 11, 1930, resolution, in all respects, and that we urge our National and Department Encampments to so correct our Ritual, that there shall be no question as to what is the National Anthem of our Country, or the honor and veneration due "The Star Spangled Banner,' 'as the sole and only National Anthem, especially by the elimination of the words "—or 'America'" on lines 12 and 13 of page 15 of our Ritual, and by the elimination of the words "—'America' or—" on line 7 of page 17 of our Ritual,; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we herewith thank each and every member of the Wisconsin Delegation to Congress for their support of this bill, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, under the signatures of the Commander and Secretary, with the Seal of this Camp thereto affixed, be sent to the Department Secretary, for presentation to the next Department Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin, and to the National Secretary, for presentation to the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and to the Editor of The Banner, and that this resolution be spread upon our minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. McMAHON,
ROY R. LEWIS.
GEO. J. WHITE,
HERMAN STRATHMANN,
Committee.

We, the undersigned, Clarence W. Dodson, as Commander, and Harold C. Michels, as Secretary, do hereby certify that at the regular meeting of this Camp held in G. A. R. Memorial Hall, Public Museum Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Friday, March 27, 1931, on motion of Brother W. J. McMahon, seconded by Brother J. H. Disseler, the above resolution was unanimously adopted by C. K. Pier-Badger Camp No. 1, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

CLARENCE W. DODSON, Commander.
Attest: HAROLD MICHELS, Secretary.

(Seal)

Headquarters, Department of New Jersey,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
July 4, 1931.

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

Dear Brother Hammer:—I was instructed by the last Encampment to forward copy of the following resolution, adopted June 26, 1931, for consideration of the coming National Encampment, at Des Moines, Iowa:

RESOLVED, That the National body be requested to include in our Ritual "A Memorial Service for Departed Members" similar to that used in the Ritual of our Auxiliary.

The above adopted at the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment, Department of New Jersey, held at Cape May, N. J., June 25 and 26, 1931.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN L. REEGER,
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

(Seal)

Chairman Sheldon: We don't feel that new Rituals should be printed and issued to Camps, where the Committee understands that the purpose of the resolution is that Rituals should be issued to the Camps with the word "America" omitted, but we suggest that the Camp Commanders be authorized to cross out the word "America," and of course the new Rituals as they come out will have the word "America" left out. We don't feel that we should go to the expense of getting out new Rituals at this time. I move the adoption of the recomendation of the Committee.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Huston: "The Star Spangled Banner" has been accepted as an anthem. It is in no sense a hymn, but "America" is a hymn, and I think we would be taking a backward step in our patriotism should we eliminate "America;" therefore, I oppose the elimination of "America."

Past Department Commander Geist, of Colorado & Wyoming: I wished to say practically the same thing as Brother Huston but he took the words out of my mouth.

Delegate Dodson, of Wisconsin: For the information of Brother Huston. He is mistaken in the belief that we are seeking to eliminate the hymn "America" from being used by the Sons of Veterans. We are not, but our Ritual is rather incorrect, in that it states our "National Anthem." We are not seeking to eliminate the hymn "America" but we simply want it to read our National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner," and corelate the Ritual with the Law.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Huston: The thought that is in my mind all the way through is that there isn't one out of a hundred that can sing the "Star Spangled Banner." I vote for the recommendation.

Chairman Sheldon: I oppose the elimination of "America" but at the same time I don't think it is necessary to get out an entirely new edition of the Ritual for that, and it is my idea that the word "America" be left in. We recommend that there be no action taken on the resolution.

Question called for.

Delegate Dodson, of Wisconsin: I feel that Wisconsin is entitled to some consideration. We are one of the four states that have an actual gain in membership and we have been doing our work. We are not trying to run everything, we sent this "Star Spangled Banner" resolution in for several Encampments. We don't question the hymn "America." We use it in our own Camp and Department, but we do want our Ritual to be right when it says "our National Anthem." We don't want it to say "America" when "America" isn't our National Anthem. It doesn't eliminate "America" from the Ritual at all. I sincerely wish that action would be taken.

Delegate Hickox, of California: I offer as a substitute that the word be inserted "our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner" and "America" left to the discretion of the Camps and Commanders if there is any desire to write in the word "or."

Delegate Dodson, of Wisconsin: No, I think that is in there now.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: All in favor of adopting the Recommendation of the Committee will say "Aye." Opposed, "Nay."

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the Recommendation of the Committee is lost.

Chairman Sheldon: The second resolution concerns putting in our Ritual a memorial service for departed Brothers. The Committee cannot see any pressing need for such a service. Our present Ritual does not contain one, therefore, the Committee does not concur in the Resolution.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: Is there a burial service in the Ritual or is there a memorial service in the Ritual?

Chairman Sheldon: No.

Delegate Bell, of New Jersey: If there is not a memorial service in our Ritual it is about time we had one.

Chairman Sheldon: The Sons of Union Veterans, as an organization, is about as big as any in the United States, in my estimation. They are always having memorial services and we have members that have worked from ten to fifty years, and no notice is taken of it. Your Auxiliary, which you speak so highly of, out-passes you in respect to their departed members. So far as public ceremony is concerned there are men in this room that belong to other organizations that have memorial services, but as I see it, it will not do this Order any harm to have a Ritual containing such a service. I opposed the report. However, I think it is for the benefit of the Order, and we want something to help build the Order. Something comes up that is a benefit, and whether this is voted down or not it has come up in previous years. Some Departments sincerely oppose this being brought up year after year.

Past Department Commander Jenkins, of Illinois: I don't think he is talking on the question.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You are talking about the Memorial Service being included in the Ritual?

Chairman Sheldon: Yes sir. The Committee does not concur in the resolution for inserting a Memorial Service in our Ritual at this time. We take into consideration the hard times. It will cost $300 or $400 to do it, and we feel that it would be better not to concur. Possibly, later on, there will be another Ritual printed, and it can be inserted independent of the Ritual.

Past Department Commander Pratt, Iowa: Commander-in-Chief, there has been in waiting for 15 minutes a Committee of thirty-five from your state desiring to extend their personal greetings to you. I think the Brothers ought not keep these ladies standing out in the hall.

VISIT OF ILLINOIS DELEGATION.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will the Brother give way for this Greetings Committee? I will again recognize the Brother as soon as this Greeting Committee has left. I will delegate Past Department Commander Coen of Illinois to escort the Committee in.

Past Department Commander Coen: Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, as a son from Illinois, I take great pleasure in introducing

Sister Glennola Sill, President of the Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and thirty-five or more others from that Department. I want you to look them over carefully because we are all proud of the girls of Illinois.

Delegation proceeded to Commander-in-Chief's station and sang the following:

SMILE, ALLAN, SMILE!

You know this old world is a great world after all;
Smile, Allan, smile;
The girls from Illinois have come to call.
We wish for you success in your convention;
And many other good things we might mention!
Make life worth while;
Come on and smile, Allan, smile.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Sister Sill and Sisters of the Department of Illinois, Daughters of Union Veterans: I am ready to smile at any and all times, particularly when I am asked to by a so pleasant and brilliant looking company of ladies. I am delighted to have such a delegation as this come to my Encampment to extend their personal greetings. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you, both on behalf of myself and my Brothers of the Illinois Department.

Mrs. Glennola Sill, President of Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Sons of Veterans, our Brothers. We are very proud of the state of Illinois. We are very proud of the men who offered their services to their country in 1861-1865. We are following in their footsteps—the Sons and Daughters, Brothers and Sisters. Illinois gets a great deal of publicity on the front pages of the newspapers. We know in a great many of the states they forget that and turn the first sheet inside out to see what is on the other side. If they would do that they would know of the great and wonderful things that the people of Illinois do. We would feel that we were very remiss if we did not come this afternoon to extend our personal greetings. We are proud of any achievements our Sons and Brothers accomplish. We are united in our work; we are united in this way: we are the blood relatives and we are the only organization where money cannot buy a way into the organization. There is a tie that binds, and never in the history of our country and particularly since the Civil War, has the time been when we needed to look over our past history and think of the future as we do today. The Grand Army of the Republic men, who gave us the privilege of having this wonderful Organization, have furnished us a cross upon which we, the children, have clung. The cross has reached a time when it cannot stand as it stood before. It is now the duty of the Sons and the Daughters to be the arms of that great cross, and embrace it, and let these fathers of ours rest their hands on our shoulders, as we have laid our heads on their shoulders. We appreciate coming to you and bringing you the greetings of our Illinois Delegation, and wishing for you a very successful convention. We appreciate your efforts more than anything else. We are all friends, and are the happiest in the world when we are making friends; there is no investment on the street which pays larger dividends, for friends are more than stocks and bonds, with life rate percentage. He who gives in friendship's name shall reap as he has sown. You have been friends to us and we are friends to you. In behalf of the Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I bring you the greetings of these Sisters.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I thank you, Sister Sill, for your kind words and your offers of assistance. I have known for a long time I had friends, and many friends, in your Organization. I have hoped that I might continue my services to your Organization, as I have been privileged to do in the past. It gives me great pleasure indeed to have so many of my Sisters from Illinois come here as they have today.

I will ask another Brother from Illinois if he won't extend further response for me to the Sisters, Past Department Commander Locke.

Past Department Commander Locke, of Illinois: I merely wanted to tell you that I had a dispensation to appear in this manner from Brother Jim Hughes, from the "Order of the Nightshirt." Seriously speaking it is a privilege indeed to be called upon to respond to the very sisterly patriotic greeting you have extended from the Daughters of Union Veterans of Illinois to our beloved Commander-in-Chief. Of course, those from Illinois, just take this as a matter of course. We know those girls, and we have loved them, and we can say "Darlings, we are growing older." We are coming to a deeper affection for the services you have rendered the Sons of Veterans of Illinois, and for the services we will continue to receive at your hands. These organizations shall continue to exist, and these organizations will continue to exist so long as they shall remember one of God's commands: "Honor thy father and thy mother." We are glad to express this appreciation of your kind acts, and of your affection, and we thank you again and again.

Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans Mrs. Sill: We appreciate the fact that you have let us take up your time, because we know you are so busy.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Thank you. I have many dear memories from my long association with the girls from Illinois. Brother Locke has so aptly expressed our sentiments.

Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Sill: We are happy to feel that Brother Locke feels that we are growing dearer as the days go by.

The Visiting Committee then retired with their escort.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL—(Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: The Committee on Ritual took the privilege of changing the wording somewhat regarding resolutions as submitted. I haven't been able to find my two Brothers on this Committee but I believe they will accept an amended report as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Des Moines, Iowa, September 16, 1931.

The Officers and Members of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies submit the following report:

Resolutions pertaining to the Ritual have been submitted to your Committee, emanating from the Departments of Wisconsin and New Jersey.

First—resolution offered asking that as the "Star Spangled Banner" has been adopted by Congress as our National Anthem, the words "or America" be stricken from the Ritual.

While your Committee is heartily in accord with the purpose of the resolution, we do not feel that new rituals should be printed and issued to Camps with the words, "or America" omitted. Rather, we suggest that Camp Commanders be authorized to erase the words "or America." That all new rituals which may be printed shall be corrected in accordance with the action of this Encampment.

Second—Resolved, that the National Body be requested to include in our Ritual a Memorial Service for Departed Members. Your Committee believes that such a ceremony should be included in our Ritual.

We therefore recommend that the question of getting out such a Memorial Service be left in the hands of the incoming Commander-in-Chief and National Chaplain and that the same be printed and promulgated and distributed to the Camps; and that all new Rituals to be printed should include such Memorial Service.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH SHELDON,
FRED I. DUNSTER,
EDWIN M. SCOTT,
Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

Delegate Bell, New Jersey: I move that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

Seconded by Council-in-Chief Hansen.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Is there any objection?

National Secretary Hammer: I take it that the Committee intends this to be referred to the next Encampment for adoption?

Brother Hansen: Yes sir.

Past Comamnder-in-Chief Sheldon: On account of the hard times we left it in this way that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and National Chaplain shall report it at the next Encampment; if the funds are sufficient they can have it printed, but let it go for another year and then it will be up to the next Encampment.

National Secretary Hammer: I have on hand one hundred and ten Rituals; when that one hundred and ten is exhausted, and we have new Rituals printed, shall we put that in, or do you want to adopt it at the next Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: At the next Encampment; put it in as an insert till then.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I would like to inquire when the last Ritual was printed.

National Secretary Hammer: In 1927 or 1928.

Delegate Bell, New Jersey: While we are talking on hard times and leaving this to the next Commander-in-Chief and his Chaplain, it is not going to cost this organization many dollars to get out a service on a card and mail it to each and every Camp throughout the United States. We don't have to have a new Ritual; it can be gotten out on a card or printed in The Banner, and then we won't have to pay for it. I suggest a little card, and then incorporate it, and don't pass it over to the next Encampment. I may have died by then, and I would like to see something of that sort come before I go.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: If the motion is made in such a way that the service could be prepared and the Commander-in-Chief and National Chaplain had authority to approve it, it could be printed immediately.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I will accept that in lieu of my motion.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Is there any objection to the recommendation as amended? If not, I will declare it approved as read. So ordered.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will ask Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill to take the chair as I wish to be excused.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill assumes the chair.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Chairman Bronsdon of the Council-in-Chief read this report as follows:

The Council-in-Chief of the Commandery-in-Chief, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year 1930-31, met at the convention hall in Cincinnati, Ohio, the following members present: Fred G. Hansen, James M. Hughes, Jr., Allen A. Bronsdon. The Council organized by the choice of Allen A. Bronsdon, Chairman; Fred G. Hansen, Secretary.

The official bonds were fixed as follows: Commander-in-Chief, $1,000.00; National Secretary-Treasurer, $10,000.00. No further business coming before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

BUDGET

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Per Capita Tax, 36,000 at 36c	$12,960.00
Fees, 1,500 at 50c	750.00
Charters, 15 at $5.00	75.00
Supplies	2,000.00
Estimated Bank Balance	2,400.00
	$18,185.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

General Expense:		
Stock and Supplies	$2,000.00	
The Banner	7,000.00	
Encampment, 1932	1,800.00	
Printing	250.00	
Shipping Supplies	100.00	
Salaries	3,300.00	
Bonds, National Officers	35.00	
Committee, Marking of Graves	55.00	
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief	300.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	250.00	
		$15,090.00
Office Expense		1,200.00
Commander-in-Chief Expenses		1,500.00
Total		$17,790.00

The balance on hand for this Encampment is deposited in the Reading National Bank as certified by W. G. Mast, Cashier, at the close of business, August 31, 1931, and is $4,554.74.

Your Council-in-Chief recommend that the per capita tax remain at 36c per year per member.

The Council-in-Chief recommends that the contract entered into on September 20, 1928, by and between the Commandery-in-Chief of

ment Encampment of which the Camp of which they are associate members shall be a member, and that the names of such members shall be reported to the Commandery-in-Chief on a separate blank for that purpose, but no per capita tax shall be charged.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.—P. A. Barrows, Fred I. Dunster, Ezar W. Kent, Committee.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 1931.

V. C. Conway. Commander. John A. Medlar, Secretary.

Adopted by the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the California & Pacific Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this 14th day of May, 1931.

Fred I. Dunster, Department Commander.

Attest: Delevan Bowley, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: While we are glad to know that so many of the patriotic citizens of Los Angeles are willing to help in our work and we appreciate their services, still, from what comes over the radio we hear how the flowers bloom in California, and how pleasant it is to be in moonlight. We don't believe it is any hardship for the husbands to sit outside Camp rooms at meetings, therefore, we do not concur in this resolution.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill put the motion and it was carried.

Brother Dodson, of Wisconsin: I move and call your attention to the fact,—(interrupted).

Past Department Commander Warner: I rise to a point of order. The motion has been passed which the Brother is discussing.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: A motion to adjourn was made but it is out of order because we can only recess.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: The action of the Committee was approved. You may proceed Brother Mabie.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The next is from the Department of Ohio in reference to a change in the Regulations and is to amend as follows:

Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of Ed S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer
18 East Eighth Ave., Columbus, Ohio
June 24, 1931.

RESOLUTION.

Presented to the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment held in Columbus, June 16, 17 and 18, 1931.

Resolution in reference to a change in the Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

To amend in the third line of Section 2, of Article 6, on page 17, of the Constitution, strike out the word "one ($1.00)" and in lieu thereof insert the following: "fifty cents (50c)," so as to read "twenty-five cents of such amount shall be paid by the Department to the Commandery-in-Chief."

(Adopted by the Encampment).

Signed by Custer Snyder, W. C. Winall, W. F. Runyan, Committee.
Ed S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Approved: C. H. Weber, Department Commander.

Chairman Mabie: This resolution refers to cutting down membership fees to the Commandery-in-Chief and to the Departments. Your Committee feels that you have had enough talk of hard times today, that there are a patriotic lot of men that will want to come into the Organization and it is worth more than 50 cents. Your Committee, therefore, does not concur in this resolution.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: Are there any objections to the recommendation of the Committee If not the same will be declared adopted. So ordered.

Chairman Mabie: The next resolution is from the Ohio Department in regard to the dropping of members and is as follows:

Ohio Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Office of Ed S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer
18 East Eighth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

June 24, 1931.

RESOLUTION.

Presented to the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment held in Columbus on June 16, 17 and 18, 1931.

WHEREAS, The Department Commander in his Annual Report submitted to this Encampment a recommendation that the dropping of members be permitted only in the quarter ending December 31st; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Department of Ohio in its Forty-ninth Annual Encampment concur in the recommendation of its Commander, and that such action be referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for their consideration.

(Adopted by the Encampment).

Signed by Custer Snyder, W. C. Winall, W. F. Runyan, Committee.
Ed S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer.
Approved: C. H. Weber, Department Commander.

Chairman Mabie: That means that your Camp, instead of dropping members at the end of every quarter, drop them at the end of the year, which is the Camp's prerogative. I don't believe there are many Camps do that. I believe most of you have Treasurers on the job and carry delinquent members for more than a year, and when you have decided you are going to clean house, under this resolution as it comes to us, you won't be permitted to do it except in the quarter ending December 31st; that is, there would be but one house-cleaning a year. Your Committee were dubious of December 31st. Your new Camp Commander has just about been inducted into office and has been running along for a month or two, trying to get some fellows to pay their dues for the two months that he has been in, and we felt that just at that time the Treasurer had a list of men that would have to be dropped and if the Commander were told of it then it would sour him. We thought if you would carry this suggestion through it would be better to have your Constitution—Page 10, Section 3, which now reads: "Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears,"—and so forth—the new paragraph would read "No action on the dropping of members shall be taken except at the last stated meeting of June of each year," etc., and most cases would be before the meeting of the Department and would give the new Commander of the Camp three quarters before starting to drop members.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: Do you drop members in any one quarter? I don't think it is right.

Chairman Mabie: I move the adoption of the amendment.

Department Commander Lewis, Kansas: I would like to ask what position that would put us in?

Delegate Heath, of Pennsylvania: I object on the ground that if you make it in June and a man is in arrears say from August you would have to carry him and pay per capita tax until the following June before we could drop him. I don't see why this doesn't cover everything we want in it. I don't see why the report of March or June dropped members isn't as effective as June 30th. All there is to it we won't have to carry them for 11 months if we don't want them. Most dues do not start the 1st of January. A member might come in in August and why not leave it just as it is and the Commander will get along. If I want to drop them I do, and if I don't I don't. I remit the dues. I have gotten along for thirty-five years, Commander-in-Chief, I believe in keeping all the members we can. If one pays me for this year and owes for last year I don't believe in dropping him.

Department Commander Lewis, Kansas: I move that we do not concur in the resolution.

Seconded by Council-in-Chief Hansen.

A Member: That is a substitute motion.

Department Commander Lewis, Kansas: A substitute motion is always in order.

Delegate Hickox, of California & Pacific: You can't make a substitute motion in direct opposition to the motion, which is that we do not concur.

Past Department Commander Geist, Colorado & Wyoming, moved to lay the matter on the table. Duly seconded. Motion carried.

National Secretary Hammer moved that we recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois. Motion carried and Encampment recessed.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

(9 o'clock a. m., September 17, 1931)

Meeting opened in form by Commander-in-Chief Holbrook.

Department Commander Quinn and Past Department Commander Kirchgassner, both of Massachusetts, acting as Guides, reported that all were entitled to remain.

National Secretary Hammer, for the Credential Committee: We have one new delegate from Ohio, Commodore Conway, making the total 143 members.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I would like to have all sitting Department Commanders rise, those responding were: Bacon, Nebraska; Dunster, California & Pacific; Stewart, Illinois; Weber, Ohio; Hill, Colorado & Wyoming; Buck, Maine; Schneider, Missouri; Richart, Indiana; Caster, New Jersey; Scott, Connecticut; Shope, Iowa; Lewis, Kansas, and Quinn, Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: These are the Brothers, who to some extent at least, have the affairs of the Order in their charge for the coming term; look them over. We want to get acquainted with them and we want you to give them your help.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will the Past Department Commanders please rise. (About thirty arose). I am sure there are many more present here in Des Moines than appear at the present time. (Forty-five were accredited present).

OLD TIME MEMBERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: May I ask who is the oldest and the youngest, and who is the oldest Charter Member?

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: How many of the present Brothers have been members of this Order for 50 years?

Delegate C. Henry Gretz, Pannsylvania, responded by saying: "I will be inside of two weeks, a member of Camp No. 200, Philadelphia.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: In fairness to the older ones, those who may have been members for 50 years, I suggest the Commander-in-Chief call on them to show themselves, and that their names be taken, perhaps just before election; when that time comes we will have them all present, as then our numbers will be the greatest.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Here is Department Commander Swartz of New York; he was out when the Department Commanders were listed.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Secretary will read a communication from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. Communication read as follows:

COMMUNICATION FROM COLORADO & WYOMING DEPARTMENT.

September 17, 1931.

To the Fiftieth National Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

The writer has been at a considerable loss to determine on a proper procedure to bring the subject matter of this communication before the Commandery-in-Chief—whether by resolution or a plain communication, in the form of a letter. We have decided on the latter course and crave the Commandery-in-Chief's indulgence if we have erred. Our principal concern is to bring the subject before the organization for action.

The Department of Colorado & Wyoming for the past two years, or thereabouts, at the earnest solicitation of brothers located in the State of Oklahoma, have been actively engaged in organizing Camps in this state with the ultimate end of creating a Department of Oklahoma. We have, at the present time, organized seven Camps in this state which are now functioning. We also have six Camps which have proceeded to the point of completed Charter Roll. It is with the six Camps that we are particularly concerned.

In order that our Department Organizer and his wife, who has been organizing Auxiliaries, might live and pay their expenses, it has been found necessary to give them the entire initiation fee of $5.00 per member, less the $25.00 for Charter and Camp Package.

In the six Camps referred to above, it has been so far impossible to get enough of the prospective members together at any one meeting to institute the Camp. Meeting after meeting has been called with only one, two, or three brothers responding. Our Department Organizer, in some cases, has returned to attend these called meetings, has traveled from one hundred to two hundred miles. Keeping our Organizer on the ground over such a long period of time has completely exhausted the funds secured through initiation fees and has left the Department without the necessary funds with which to secure Charters and Camp Packages from the National Secretary. It is our belief that later on this fall, these Camps can be gotten together and instituted. Having paid in their initiatory fees they are entitled to a Charter and Camp supplies, both legally and morally, but the Department is without funds to meet this expense. We hereby take the opportunity to ask this Commandery-in-Chief to supply the necessary Charters and Camp supplies, as they may be required, when these Camps can be finally organized. This without cost to the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

There is a total of 118 applicants that have signed the Charter Roll in these six Camps, an increase in membership well worth having, if we can secure the same. With the organization of three more Camps Oklahoma will be in a position to demand a Charter as a Department. In view of the work which the Department of Colorado & Wyoming has done in the past, we feel that this is a small contribution for the Commandery-in-Chief to make. We will add that the National Auxiliary has contributed $125.00 towards this organization work in the state of Oklahoma in the past year. We will not cumber this letter with further details but will be very glad to answer any and all questions which the Brothers may wish to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. HILL,
Department Commander, Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming.

National Secretary Hammer: I understand Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill, that you were before the Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: I talked to two members. One other wasn't available at the time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move to refer the communication to the incoming Commander-in-Chief, with power to act.

Seconded by Council-in-Chief Hansen.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are there any remarks.

National Secretary Hammer: I think this ought to be settled now by the Council-in-Chief. We can either do this or we can't. I don't see how we can do this. If you are going to do this in one instance it will be a precedent for other Departments. Why should a Department Administration let a man have $5.00 or $500, and not turned in to the treasury? I don't see that the Commandery-in-Chief has anything to do with the finances of a Department. I realize that 118 persons paid a charter fee of $5.00 and the Department Organizer got the money, but it is a matter for the Department to adjust.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: That is correct.

National Secretary Hammer: Whose fault is it that the Department did not get the Organizer's money? Why wasn't the Department Organizer paid out of the funds of the treasury when a Charter application would be sent in to headquarters? In other words, how could you approve a Charter application unless you had the fee?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: There has been no approval made of the Charter application. It has simply gone to the point of getting it signed and paying the fee, but the application has never been submitted to the Department Commander.

National Secretary Hammer: I don't see how we can act on it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: In order that the Department Organizer might live and pay expenses and automobile hire down through Oklahoma, we have been compelled to let him exhaust the funds, with the hope that he would get these Camps together, with sufficient additional members, to get the Charter fee. Last summer we spent time and got these fellows together, but we couldn't get out some of these fellows who live out in the country.

National Secretary Hammer: We know that, but the point is, this Commandery-in-Chief doesn't assume that, since it at no time directed this to be done. It is not our liability.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: The Commander-in-Chief assigned the State of Oklahoma to us at the Portland Encampment, as I understood it, with the understanding we were to go in and organize a Department. We have done so, that is, up to this point.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: May I ask the indulgence of the Brothers for a moment; there is a Committee from the Daughters in the ante room and I will appoint Brothers Warner, Locke and Ream to escort that Committee to the altar.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I move as a substitute for Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter's motion that this matter be referred to the present Council-in-Chief for their recommendations. I do this for this reason. It appears from the information we have received that the Department of Colorado & Wyoming has assumed the obligation of these 118 men, and they have permitted their Organizer to use the money; now the obligation is theirs but they bring

it to us for some disposition, and because it is a financial matter, I move as I stated, that it be referred to the present Council-in-Chief for their recommendation to this body.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin.

Delegate Mohr, Missouri: Do I understand that they did not pay any funds and do not intend to pay any funds to the Commandery-in-Chief for the Charter?

National Secretary Hammer: Yes sir.

Delegate Mohr: I believe that is a bad precedent. We are supposed to pay to the Commandery-in-Chief on every initiation. What is to prevent me from collecting an initiation fee and not paying it in, saying it is expense. We should live up to our agreement.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

The escorts appeared conducting the Committee as follows: Mrs. Nan E. Slattery, President of Tent No. 1, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Nina Johnson, Department President of Michigan; Mrs. Palmer of Texas, who were presented at the altar and introduced.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We are indeed delighted to have this Committee come to our Encampment from our Sister Organization. They are always welcome in our meetings and we appreciate very much your coming this morning. Mrs. Palmer have you something to say to us?

Mrs. Palmer of Texas: Commander, Officers and Brothers: It is indeed a great pleasure to me to bring you greetings from the National Organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, your sister Organization. Our Organizations are very much akin in that our main thought is our Fathers; our services to them and to those who have passed on. I was more than pleased when our National President appointed me as one of the Committee to bring greetings to your Organization for the Sons of Union Veterans are very dear to my heart; first, because my husband is a Son; second, because I had the very great privilege of helping to form and organize a Sons Camp at Forth Worth, Texas, the only Camp we have in our State. I appeal to you Brothers to come to Texas and help organize more Camps. We need you to go hand in hand with the Daughters, carrying on the work of both organizations. Our Organization is growing steadily in Texas. We have a Department of five Tents, and I am proud to say I had the opportunity of helping to organize all except one; so you may know the organizations, both of the Sons and Daughters, are very dear to my heart. I am always happy to be of service to our Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations. Again, Commander-in-Chief, let me say we bring the cordial greetings from our National President, and we wish for you a happy and harmonious convention. This little token is for our love and appreciation for your organization and may I personally present you with this badge of Texas. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do any other members of the Committee have a word for us?

Mrs. Nan E. Slattery, President of Tent No. 1: I don't need to say any more than the Chairman of our Committee has said. I don't want you to forget about Washington, D. C. When you come to Washington, visit our Tent. We have lots of Sons who belong to our Tent and we work with the Sons in Washington. I bring you the greetings of our convention, and invite you to Washington. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Johnson, Department President of Michigan, have you anything to say to us?

Mrs. Nina Johnson, Department President of Michigan: Mr. Commander-in-Chief, I am just happy to say to my Brothers that I am very much pleased to be privileged to come on this little official visit to you. I am glad to bring the greetings to you from our convention. I also want to bring the personal greetings from the Michigan Department. I think when we were younger we did not realize what our Brothers meant, but as we grow older they grow dearer. I wish you a pleasant convention.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I want to personally thank the members of this Committee for coming to our Encampment this morning. I appreciate very much the fact that Miss Hurd sent us this Committee, and I wish you would carry back to Miss Hurd my personal greetings and my hopes for a successful and harmonious Encampment here. I will ask Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan to respond.

Past Department Commander Fouch: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters and Brothers; again we as Daughters and Sons of Veterans are united. We can never get away from the thought and especially the older ones among us, that while our Fathers were fighting we were learning the lesson of Patriotism beside the hearth stone, and in many instances beside the graves of our Fathers. We can never forget our Fathers were united in one great army that brought about the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution. It was the result of the work of our Fathers, that made the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States agree in sentiment. It was our Fathers coming forward. and their personal fighting, that pulled up the whipping-post and overturned the auction-block and gave the protection of the Constitution of the United States a fitting place in the azure heavens. We will follow on with our work, and it will not only be of the Central part, but all over our great country—West, East, South and North. We are very happy to have you come to us and renew with us our pledges to keep green the memory of our ancestors. Let us not forget either, the splendid Mothers who did their part.

The Committee were presented with the badge of the National Encampment of Sons of Veterans, and retired with their escorts.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We will now proceed with our business.

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING—CHARTERS
(Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I move the previous question.

Seconded by National Secretary Hammer.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You move as a substitute motion that the matter in question be referred to the present Council-in-Chief, for their recommendation to us.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Yes sir.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It seems to me that this matter should be cleared up under this administration. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS—UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have a proposition to present; I have been delaying it in the hopes that we would have a larger number in attendance, but I presume practically all that have come to this Encampment are here now. It is a resolution I desire to offer without reference to the Resolution Committee, for reasons which you will understand readily when read. My only purpose in holding it back was because of the unusual character of the Resolution, and to my mind it is important. I desire to have a full attendance of the Encampment present when it is offered. However, since we have reached the point of new business, and later will refer back to the completion of the reports of the various Committees, I will offer the resolution at this time, as follows:

WHEREAS, The long existing economic conditions have seriously affected the ability of some of our members to meet their dues, thus becoming delinquent in their respective Camps to the point of owing in excess of the amount required to be reported as dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, and

WHEREAS, We believe the majority of such members, when financially able, will meet their indebtedness and that, therefore, it is inadvisable to drop such members for non-payment of dues.

RESOLVED, That the Commandery-in-Chief relieve Departments from the payment of per capita tax of such members under the following conditions:

1st—Departments to relieve Camps from the payment of per capita tax on members reported to them as delinquent in excess of one and one-quarter years dues, and whom the Camp would otherwise report as dropped for non-payment of dues.

2nd—Camps to forward list of names of such members, and showing the length of time they are delinquent for, with the quarterly report to Department; to include them in total membership reported in good standing, paying tax, however, only on the total number reported in good standing, less the number of names included on such list.

3rd—It is expressly understood that this is to apply only: (a)—to such members as are unable because of unemployment to pay their dues and whom the Camp would otherwise report as dropped for non-payment of dues; and (b)—only to such Departments as exempt the Camps from payment of tax on members included on such lists.

4th—The lists to the Departments from Camps to be in turn forwarded to the National Secretary-Treasurer with the Department quarterly report, the Department being relieved from payment of tax on such members, but to include them in the total reported as in good standing.

5th—This to apply for one year, beginning with tax for the September, 1931, quarter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter moved the adoption of the Resolution. Seconded by Delegate Heath of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brothers, you have heard of the Resolution. What will you do with it?

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: I heard the Resolution read and am in full sympathy with it, but I don't think it provided for any report to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Yes it does. May I offer this suggestion I shall be very glad to answer, if I can, any questions

that any one might ask. As I said, I realize this is an unusual Resolution; I have given it considerable thought, and I prepared it before I left home.

National Secretary Hammer: Let me ask if you feel that Camp officers will be interested, and will they really report as they should?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have faith in the membership of the Organization. I appreciate it, but I want to say frankly, Brothers, there can be no success in this Organization and its purposes unless the Camps be interested in their Department. It seems to me if there ever was a time when there could be exercised charity and forgiveness it is now. There is no doubt there are thousands in this Organization who are unemployed. We have them in our own Camp; our Camp took action months ago not to drop any man due to his inability to pay his dues. Some Camps are not themselves financially able to pay the per capita tax on such members and consequently they report them as dropped. When they are dropped they are lost. We lose nothing if the Camps play fair on these because if they report the man is dropped you get no per capita tax, at any rate the Commandery-in-Chief; but if the Camps play fair they have an opportunity of holding the members whom I honestly believe are many, and in the vast majority of cases, when able would pay their dues. Let us apply it directly. You may have a man who has been a member of the Camp for fifteen years. I will grant, if you please, for the sake of the argument, if that man has been a member for fifteen years and is out of a job and can't pay his dues the Camp ought to carry him. And I will say Amen. But if they are not paying and he is reported as being dropped he has a mental attitude. I know there are men who would say: "To Hell with such an Organization, after all of these years of distress, if they don't think enough of me to carry me when impossible for me to pay my dues." That is the whole matter back of this Resolution. Camps must play fair and hold in their Organization many men. I fear some may already have been dropped, and many in the year immediately ahead of us might be dropped. Let me say something else; necessarily the list must be purged sometime. This Resolution says to carry them for one year. You may report the man on the list for the September quarter, and he may secure a job in the December quarter, consequently be in a position to pay his dues. Such a man should not be included in the list for the December quarter, because if he has a job, and can pay and won't pay his dues, then drop him.

National Secretary Hammer: How about the member who is working part time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am referring to the men who can't pay because out of employment.

National Secretary Hammer: But we want to know where we are at.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Let me bring out one other point in my mind in connection with this. It seems to me we might learn through this and might obtain a better actual knowledge of our conditions. I am frank in saying unless the Camps play fair, it in itself defeats the purpose back of this Resolution. As I said before it aims to hold the members of the Order—brothers whom because of the economic stress are unable to keep their dues paid, and towards whom we ought to exercise the cardinal principles of our Order—Fidelity and Charity.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: That doesn't mean when you remit his dues that you go back and collect all the back dues. That means the dues are remitted?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: There is no remission of dues, the dues are continued to be charged to him.

Brother Warner, of Maryland: And he must pay these back dues when he is able to do it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Yes. If the Camp wants to remit his dues there is nothing that says they cannot do it; it simply says the Camp is privileged or exempt from the tax.

Delegate Wilson, of Ohio: What is the purpose of starting the time in the September quarter; is not that a little bit too soon? We have quite a few fortunately that haven't been dropped on previous reports, but no doubt within a week we will have quite a few reports come in; if that word is in on our arrival home, we can't catch the men in the Camps for the September quarter.

Delegate I. T. Jenks of Connecticut: My thought was the same as Brother Wilson's. My reports are all out for the September quarter, and I think it would be fair to both sides to start with the December quarter, and to operate a year from that time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I thought of that point; my purpose, however, in making it September is that would meet the issue having been in force one year. I see, personally, no reason why the Camps should have to report those dropped then; their reports are accepted as final unless the Department itself questions it. We want to give them the opportunity, if they report members dropped, and if not it would not be affected by the Resolution, because it is specific in saying it is only to apply where the Camps would otherwise drop the member.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: May I ask your indulgence? There is a Committee of three from the Ladies of the G. A. R. in waiting and I don't like to ask them to wait longer. I will ask that they be admitted and will appoint Brothers Stewart, Quinn and Libby as escort. (The escort retired).

National Secretary Hammer: Why not substitute the December quarter?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: My purpose is this—God only knows how many we may lose in this quarter immediately, because this is a condition that has existed for months. I see no harm in using the September quarter, but that is under the control of the Department itself.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are there any further remarks on this question? If there are I will ask that they be delayed until we receive this Committee. (Question called for).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Another question has been asked me and I want a clear understanding. There is nothing mysterious about it. One Brother asked if this was an accumulation factor? I want to say the Department has nothing if the members don't pay; you don't reach a period when you pay back taxes; neither has the Commandery-in-Chief any back taxes.

VISITING LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The escort appeared before the altar with the following Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R.:

Mrs. Cora Rowling of Ohio, Past National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Gertrude Harris, Department President of California and Nevada; Mrs. Rose Garrison, Department President of Oregon.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We are indeed privileged and pleased to welcome these ladies as a Committee from the National President of the G. A. R., Mrs. Margaret Grandle. Mrs. Rowling will speak to the Brothers.

Mrs. Cora Rowling of Ohio, Past National President of Ladies of the G. A. R.: Commander-in-Chief, Sons and Brothers, it gives me very great pleasure to meet with you this morning. I don't know when I have had the pleasure to meet with our Sons and Brothers before. Last year I had the pleasure of serving my organization as their National President but I don't believe—is Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau in the room?—he was the Commander-in-Chief last year and we brought the associations together and enjoyed the work very much. We are bringing the greetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. National Body, and our National President would have liked to come with us, but sends her love and greetings to your Organization, with this little gift we are bringing from her to you. She said for us to be sure and untie it and show it to you. It is to grace your desk in the coming years. I don't believe the Sons could have a little gift better than the bust of Abraham Lincoln, the martyred President of our Country.

We are very busy and we know you are and we will make our visit short. I know you will be glad to hear that because we know how glad you are to get everything over by Thursday. We are all supposed to get out of there by that time. I again extend the greetings and love of our National President, Sister Grandle.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Harris, have you a word for us?

Mrs. Gertrude Harris, President of California & Nevada: Commander-in-Chief, Sons and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to come here this morning from our National President. I knew your Commander-in-Chief from California, is he in the room? He went to my reception in California. We were honored this year in California & Nevada and we feel that the Department is quite on the map. I won't take more of your time. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Garrison, have you a word for us?

Mrs. Rose Garrison, Department President of Oregon: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers of the Convention: I am very pleased to be able to come here this morning. This is the first time I have had the pleasure of coming into the Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans. As you are very busy I will say no more. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook. I want the members of this Committee and the Brothers of the Encampment to know how much I appreciate this visit by proxy from Mrs. Grandle. Mrs. Grandle, together with other ladies of your Organization, and myself have met on many occasions during the past year. I have been particularly and peculiarly impressed with the work of your National President for her Order. There may have been other Presidents who have attempted to perform more than she has this year but in my own mind, at least, Mrs. Grandle is a wonderful woman. It has been a privilege to have been associated with her as one of the Official Family. I want you to carry back to Mrs. Grandle the personal greetings, love and best wishes of myself and all other Brothers in this Encampment.

Mrs. Rowling: We will be very pleased to do that.

The ladies were presented with the National Sons of Veterans badge and the Committee was asked to escort them to the door.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We will resume the discussion of the matter before us when the Greeting Committee arrived.

DISCUSSION RESUMED—UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS.

Delegate Fuller of Massachusetts: Whether this is going to be able to take care of itself for a year I don't know. Take our own Camp—at the present time and for the last two years 50% to 60% have not been able to pay their dues. Supposing other Camps do the same, where does that fit here?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: My only answer is, as I said before, it only applies if the Camp would otherwise report the man as dropped for non-payment of dues; it isn't compulsory. If the Camp is able to pay the tax that is the manly thing to do; if the Camp is financially distressed, and I believe some of them are, then I offer this so such Camps may not be compelled to drop such men for non-payment of dues.

Delegate I. T. Jenks, Connecticut: There is one matter which ought to be considered here. It has been stated that in some Camps the reports have been sent out, or reports asked for, and by the time the Secretaries return to their offices some reports will be in, consequently some members will be dropped. If I understand this Resolution it doesn't include reinstating members dropped in September, and it is because of that matter I feel that a substitute Resolution should be made to include the members dropped in September, and on account of the Department already having taken care of this matter, they should be re-instated at the discretion of the Camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: You need not substitute or make an addition to this Resolution now. This is what I would do if I were a Department Secretary. If a report was received from a Camp and it included dropped one, two, five or ten members for non-payment of dues, I would return that report to the Camp, with a copy of this resolution, and see if the condition applied to that Camp. The Secretary of the Department would be privileged to ask for a new report of the Department.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are there any further remarks?

The motion was put, declared carried, and so ordered.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: I would like to withdraw the Colorado & Wyoming communication concerning Oklahoma Charters.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The one that was referred to the Council-in-Chief?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: Yes sir.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I question that such a procedure would be regular and proper. I think the Council-in-Chief should come before this body with a report on its action. Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report on that matter?

Council-in-Chief Hansen: Brother Bronsdon is over there and he is the Chairman of the Council. We can only report that Brother Hill requested that he be allowed to withdraw the letter or resolution. We agreed that if he would make the withdrawal request, if that is the parliamentary order, all right; or we will go and draw a resolution to that effect.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will you submit the remarks you have made as a report of the Council-in-Chief?

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I am not Chairman but if the Chairman is not present I will make that as a report.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: I would like to discuss that proposition.

Council-in-Chief Hansen: There isn't any question to discuss; Brother Hill requested the withdrawal.

Past Department Commander Warner: I don't think he should be allowed to do that.

National Secretary Hammer: I rise to a point of order. There is no report here.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will you get in touch with Brother Bronsdon and present a report to this Encampment?

Council-in-Chief Hansen: I will do so.

Past Department Commander Milham, Minnesota: For your information I have the final data in my pocket in regard to the place of meeting for the next Encampment. I knew the Commander-in-Chief from Illinois would be anxious to know because he was afraid St. Paul would get it; the final data is this: St. Paul received 75 votes, Cleveland 58 votes, and Springfield 393 votes.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brothers, the National Secretary has furnished me with the following information that will show the number of Past Department Commanders accredited to this Encampment. The list reads as follows:

California & Pacific	2	Minnesota	4
Colorado & Wyoming	1	Missouri	1
Illinois	6	Nebraska	2
Indiana	3	New Jersey	1
Iowa	3	New York	4
Kansas	2	Ohio	3
Maryland	4	Pennsylvania	3
Massachusetts	4	Vermont	1
Michigan	1	Wisconsin	1

Making a total of 45 Past Department Commanders present.

National Secretary Hammer: We have a telegram from Department Commander Lien of Wisconsin acknowledging our telegram regarding his accident:

Beloit, Wis., Sept. 16, 1931.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Grand Army Headquarters, Des Moines, Iowa.

Thanks for expression. Now getting along all right.

T. M. LIEN, Department Commander.

National Chaplain Craig: May I report, as I must leave to catch a train. Your Greetings Committee to the G. A. R. made our official visitation and I was commissioned by one of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the G. A. R., after having assured him of our carrying on, to take back to you boys this statement: We are counting on the Sons, have confidence in them, and we don't expect them to disappoint us.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Thank you for your report, Brother Craig.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There is a Commitee of eleven or more Sisters from the Department of Illinois Auxiliary waiting. Brothers Locke, Coen, Treadwell and Boyer will act as escort committee.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: When the Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. appeared they brought a card from the National President which said: "Best wishes for a successful convention on this your fiftieth anniversary, Margaret Grandle, National President." With it was a little gift. The Encampment may have the greetings and best wishes but I am going to keep the souvenir; and that also applies to the little memento that came from the Daughters of Veterans. (Holding up two and one-half dollar gold piece).

VISITING ILLINOIS AUXILIARY DELEGATION.

The escort appeared at the altar with the visiting Committee which was announced as follows:

Mrs. Emma Wolfe, Mrs. Kitty Boyer, Mrs. Treadwell, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Stewart, Mrs. Selders, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Daiger, Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Howard.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Mrs. Wolfe, have you something to say to the Brothers?

Mrs. Emma Wolfe, of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and Brothers of this National Convention; your Auxiliary of Illinois comes to you with our best greetings. We wish to tell you that the Illinois girls are very proud to have the honor of having one of our own dear boys as Commander-in-Chief. Brother Holbrook has proven himself an honor to your Organization, and we know that he has served you faithfully this whole year through. We come to you to show you that we love you, respect you, and honor you, Brother Holbrook. As your time is short, so is ours, and we will say good-bye, wishing you a very harmonious Convention.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Have the other sisters of the Committee anything to say?

Mrs. Emma Wolfe, of Illinois: I wish to say, Brother Commander, that our Department President has to make a train at 11 o'clock. She conveys her greetings with us and regrets very much that she couldn't come with us.

Mrs. Kitty Boyer, of Illinois, National Chaplain: We like to think of the good things our brothers and sisters have done for our Organization. We hope that you have enjoyed a prosperous year. When we started the year we knew you as our Chief and a member of The Banner staff. In a conversation nearly a year ago we both agreed that we would make an honest attempt to do our work, and I am praying that it is well done. Our congratulations and best wishes to you, Commander-in-Chief, and Brother.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It is indeed a pleasure to have a committee of my own sisters come to my Encampment. I want you to know that I appreciate it more than I am able to tell you. You have known me a long time. I have worked with you for many years in many ways and I hope the associations that have been so pleasant to all of us in the years past may be long continued. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will the Escort Committee please function?

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We will now proceed with our business.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF REPORT—COLORADO & WYOMING CHARTERS.

Chairman Bronsdon of the Council-in-Chief: With reference to the communication from Department Commander R. J. Hill, Department of Colorado & Wyoming, dated September 17, 1931, Charters, etc., for Camps in Oklahoma. Commander Hill appeared before the Council-in-Chief at a meeting held September 17, and requested to withdraw the above mentioned communication. It was unanimously agreed by your Council-in-Chief to recommend to Commandery-in-Chief that the request be granted, and communication be withdrawn.

ALLEN A. BRONSDON, Chairman,
FRED G. HANSEN,
JAMES M. HUGHES, JR.,
Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You have heard the report of the Council-in-Chief with relation to the communication from Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming.

Chairman Bronsdon moved, seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Russell, that the recommendation be adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I just happened to come in as Brother Bronsdon was making his report. Does the Council-in-Chief grant that permission, is that right?

National Secretary Hammer: Yes, that is what I have here.

Motion declared carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS (Continued)

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, Chairman of Committee on Constitution and Regulations, submitted supplemental report as follows: The resolution presented by Department Commander Bacon of Nebraska, to re-instate dropped and lapsed members, which reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Commandery-in-Chief, in annual encampment assembled, authorize the Commander-in-Chief to grant to a Department permission to reinstate dropped or lapsed members in a Camp upon payment of one dollar, and that said authorization be granted until January 1st, 1933.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: This does nothing but what is provided for in the Regulations, that members can be taken in as new members after they are dropped and that is exactly what the Regulations provide, so the Committee recommends that no action be taken.

Past Department Commander Sault, Vermont: These recommendations are all adopted unless objection is made as read?

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The action taken yesterday would give authority to declare a recommendation adopted if no objection is made. If there is no objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: That is all the Committee has and the Committee asks to be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Committee on Constitution and Regulations is discharged with the thanks of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I desire to report in regard to the completion of the report on the resolution adopted by the En-

campment yesterday afternoon, pertaining to the recognition by the G. A. R. of our Auxiliary. A similar resolution was adopted by the Auxiliary and the Committee of the Auxiliary, together with the Committee from this Encampment visited the Encampment of the G. A. R., at the request of Past Commander-in-Chief Willett, who stated that on account of the business of the Encampment it prevented consideration then. Past Commander-in-Chief Willett moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, G. A. R., and it was so referred. Of course we have no knowledge of the final action of the G. A. R. as yet.

Delegate Pauley, Indiana: I beg leave to report that we made our call and were very nicely received, and were asked to carry back to our Encampment and to all of you the personal love and affection of the ladies of the W. R. C., together with their wishes for a successful convention and a prosperous year.

Past Department Commander Anderson, Massachusetts: As Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the G. A. R. we have fulfilled our mission, and the National President of that Organization desired that I bear back her personal greetings and wish for continued success.

Department Commander Buck, Maine: The Resolutions Committee, G. A. R., voted in favor of our Auxiliary, except one. I was told that by the Chairman of the G. A. R. Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do you mean the resolution concerning recognition of the Auxiliary? Then that carries it, doesn't it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I would imagine so. As Chairman of the Committee from the Encampment to visit our Auxiliary we had a rather unique experience. We presented our good wishes —somehow I don't like that word greeting. Pardon me, Brother Sheldon spoke first, making a very beautiful talk to the girls. Brother Quinn was the second member of the Committee, and he began his talk one day and completed it 24 hours afterward. I don't mean that the good Brother talked for 24 hours. I mean while he was talking the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., with several members of his staff, arrived at the Auxiliary Encampment and that is something that has not occurred for many years. Our good Brother, and every member of the Committee, gave way with a result that after the G. A. R. left we had joint Memorial Services yesterday afternoon and Brothers Quinn, Sheldon and I again visited the Auxiliary and occupied the chairs we had occupied twenty-four hours before. Brother Quinn completed his talk to the girls and gave me an opportunity to say something. It is needless for me to say that any Son of a Veteran is always welcome to the Auxiliary. I want to say that I wish every member of the Encampment could in some manner see the Auxiliary as we saw them. When you go there as a Committee you might see the splendid performance of that wonderful organization, you might come in touch with them, might get some of the touch that is so beautiful, and I am firmly convinced that touch to some of you who are still members of the Bachelor Department might persuade you to go back home and be a better member of the Sons of Veterans.

Department Commander Caster, New Jersey: Reporting for the Greeting Committee to the Daughters of Veterans. We vistied them and they extend their whole-hearted support to our Organization and wish us success.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Does that complete the Reports of Committees? If so the Committees of this Encampment are hereby now discharged with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: This is sort of weighing on my mind. It is only because of the fact that in the past, when the main portion of the Sautter family happened to be Chairman of the Membership Committee of the Auxiliary, that I was in closer touch with Auxiliary affairs, and this year she also happened to be the Vice President. Because of my opportunity I have been for many years particularly interested in information which she developed as Chairman of the Auxiliary Membership Committee. I was astounded by the fact that after forty-five years of existence the Auxiliary has three hundred Auxiliaries in their Organization, or one out of every three Camps. There is no opportunity for them to organize where there is a Camp in existence unless they get the Camp's willingness to so organize. They cannot organize where there is a Camp without favorable action of the Camp; but they can organize where there is not a Camp. As a consequence while they are here for the fiftieth Encampment there are three hundred and fifty-five—practically one-third of the Camps of this Organization—that have never organized Auxiliaries. We ought to think about that a little.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: As we seem to have discharged all the business except the election of officers, and in order that the members may have a chance to get together in delegation, I move that the election of officers be set as a special order for eleven-thirty, and that we conclude all of our business before we adjourn.

Seconded by National Secretary Hammer. Adopted. Recess declared.

At eleven-thirty Commander-in-Chief called the Encampment to order.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We are still under the head of New Business. What is your pleasure?

National Secretary Hammer: I move that we proceed to the nomination of officers.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: We have another matter we want to dispose of first.

National Secretary Hammer: I will withdraw the motion.

MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE ORDER IN EARLY DAYS.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I think we have in the room probably most of those brothers who have been registered at the Encampment, and I am going to ask at this time the brothers who have been members of this Order for fifty years to please rise.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I would suggest you ask for those who joined the Order in 1881.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: That is a good suggestion. All those who joined the Order in 1881 will please rise.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: I think the Secretary should get the names of these gentlemen in order that they may be preserved.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Will the Secretary please take the names. The members standing at the request of the Commander-in-Chief were as follows:

Past Department Commander Fred G. Ernst, Missouri.

Past Department Commander Druid Evans, Maryland.

Delegate C. Henry Gretz, of Pennsylvania.

National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer, Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Now all who joined the Order in 1882.

Delegate Isadore Lang, of New York.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Are there any others who joined in 1882? If not, those who joined in 1883.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert J. Hill, Colorado & Wyoming.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Those who joined in 1884?

Delegate Wm. R. McGirr, Department Secretary of Pennsylvania.

Past Department Commander Will F. Jenkins, of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will now ask for those who have been members of the Order for forty-five years.

Past Department Commander Park Yengling of Ohio.
Past Department Commander Frank W. Sault of Vermont.
Delegate J. E. Locke, Massachusetts.
Delegate James Skeehan, Past Commander Camp No. 16, Massachusetts.
Past Department Commander E. H. Milham, Minnesota.
Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, New York.
Department Commander Clarence Weber, Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Now those who have been in the Order for forty to forty-five years.

Past Department Commander Alfred A. Boyer, Illinois.
Past Department Commander R. F. Locke, Illinois.
Lelegate Ed. S. Wilson, Ohio.
Delegate J. F. Leslie, Ohio.
Delegate N. F. Austin, Massachusetts.
Department Commander Fred I. Dunster, California & Pacific.
Past Commander-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows, California & Pacific.
Delegate Charles R. Hale, Connecticut.
Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell, Kansas.
Department Commander H. M. Lewis, Kansas.
Past Department Commander A. D. Bunger, Iowa.
Department Commander Charles L. Buck, Maine.
Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania.
Past Commander-in-Chief Theodore C. Cazeau, New York.
Delegate George Stateman, Pennsylvania.
Department Commander John J. Schneider, Missouri.
Delegate Elmer E. Dissinger, Pennsylvania.
Delegate Ira Knauff, Pennsylvania.
Delegate Charles O. Hohe, Pennsylvania.
Delegate George N. Bell, New Jersey.
Delegate Wm. George Dunkerly, New Jersey.
Delegate Commodore Conway, Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will ask those who have been members for thirty five to forty years to please stand. (The Commander-in-Chief counted twelve).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will now ask those who have been in the Order for thirty to thirty-five years to please stand. (The Commander-in-Chief counted eight).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will ask those who have been in twenty-five to thirty years to please stand. (The Commander-in-Chief counted fifteen).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I think that is a pretty good record. We will take the record of the rest of you at our next Anniversary, the one hundredth.

Past Commander-in-Chief Russell: While I haven't been a member of the Order for fifty years I think I enjoy one distinction, that is my acquaintance with Brother Hammer. I think Brother Hammer and I have been personally acquainted with all of the Commanders-in-Chief of this Order except Harrry G. Rowley. I wondered if there were any others here.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: May I ask who is the youngest member present today?

National Secretary Hammer arose.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I think the Secretary misinterpreted my question.

Delegate Henry Steinrock, New York, reported as the youngest member—six months.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brother Mabie, some one has called my attention to the fact that in reporting for the Committee on Constitution and Regulations they thought you made the statement that we were still privileged to re-instate a member upon the payment of one dollar.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: No. I said that we have no provision for suspension, and dropped members come in as a new member. The Law provides after having been dropped a man must come in as a new member.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: This Brother thought you reported that the special provision which was adopted at Portland, and which remained in force for a year, was now still in force.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: No. I didn't say so.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there anything further to come before the Encampment before we proceed with the election

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: I move that we proceed to election of officers.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Has the Committee on Credentials any further report?

National Secretary Hammer: The final report of the Credential Committee is Delegate Johnson of Maine enrolled, making the total roll one hundred forty-four members for this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: What was the total last year?

National Secretary Hammer: Nearly two hundred.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hill: I have been requested to ask how many grandsons are here today.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: How many grandsons are present in the room? Will they please stand? (Commander-in-Chief counted twenty-seven).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: How many great-grandsons are here? Will they please stand? (The Commander counted two).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: How many men are present that have sons or grandsons that are not in the Order?

A Member: I have one son who isn't eligible yet and one in the army.

A Member: Camp No. 62 of Massachusetts have two grandsons. I have two grandsons of my own and their great-grandfather served through four years of the Civil War.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan: I move that we proceed to the election of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I presume that motion includes the nomination, election and installation?

Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan: Yes sir.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Secretary will call the roll of the Departments.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded to call the roll of the Departments as follows:

Alabama & Tennessee,

California & Pacific,

Colorado & Wyoming,

Connecticut,

Illnois,

Indiana—

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and my Brothers of this Encampment. Yes, Indiana has a candidate for Commander-in-Chief and in presenting the name of such candidate I will use as few words as practical. I might, with your permission, relate an incident that occurred in my presence many years ago, which, in the way of brevity, might assist me at this time.

It was my opportunity and pleasure to sit in the audience at English's Opera House, Indianapolis, when Ben Harrison (as he was commonly known) that great statesman and Past President of the United States, came to the center of the stage and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen—it falls to me, as my part of these ceremonies, to introduce to you one of our own distinguished citizens. In introducing this friend and fellow townsman, I am certain that I will make a failure; in fact, how in the name of common sense can I introduce a man who is known—not only to every man, woman, and child in this community but throughout the civilized world—so, (as the man of world-renown also came to the center of the stage, Ben Harrison merely said) I will present, not introduce, James Whitcomb Riley."

My Brothers, I will try to use about the same language in presenting the name of our candidate when I say that you know of his ability, you know of his earnestness, you know of his faithful work in the many important offices he has held in our Order; you know of his love, devotion, and loyalty to the Grand Army organization, its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and all allied organizations.

Our Indiana Brothers have faith in our candidate and believe if favorably considered for the high office of Commander-in-Chief, that he will, during the coming term, give to us one of the most successful administrations of record in our Order.

I present the name of Frank C. Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded with the calling of the roll of Departments as follows:

Iowa—

Past Department Commander Pratt: I wish to second the nomination of Frank Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded with the calling of the roll of Departments:

Kansas,

Maryland—

Past Department Commander Warner: Maryland seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling of the roll of Departments as follows:

Massachusetts,

Michigan—

Past Department Commander Fouch: Michigan supports the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll of Departments as follows:

Minnesota—

Past Department Commander Smith of Minnesota: Minnesota seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer; Proceeds with calling the roll of the Departments as follows:

Missouri—

Past Department Commander Ernst: Missouri seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll of Departments as follows:

Nebraska,

New Hampshire—

Delegate Smith: Seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll of Departments as follows:

New Jersey,

New York—

Commander Charles M. Schwartz of New York: New York seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll of Departments as follows:

Ohio,

Oregon,

Pennsylvania—

Delegate William R. McGirr of Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll of Departments as follows:

Rhode Island,

Vermont—

Past Department Commander Sault of Vermont: Vermont seconds the nomination of Brother Huston.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll of the Departments as follows:

Washington,

Wisconsin—

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin: Yesterday was Wisconsin day, you heard a good deal from Wisconsin. Wisconsin is one of the four Departments which made a gain in membership last year. We promised Commander-in-Chief Holbrook a gain, and we are promising to make a bigger gain the coming year. We are a growing Department but we have never had a Commander-in-Chief. Some had thought possibly we would get one in the year 1931—that the sun might shine upon Wisconsin—but it happens that in 1931 the sunshine seems to fall upon the great state of Indiana. We want you to know that Wisconsin is still in the Order and I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination for that splendid gentleman, Brother Huston of Indiana.

Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan: I move that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Huston for Commander-in-Chief.

Seconded by Delegate Hahn of New York.

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: I move to amend the motion to make it apply to all elective officers.

Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan: I will accept the amendment and make it a part of my motion.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Such procedure if carried will apply to all nominations then.

The motion was put and declared carried.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will appoint as tellers Past Commanders-in-Chief Mabie and Sautter.

The National Secretary cast the ballot.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I announce one hundred forty-four votes cast for Brother Frank C. Huston of Indiana for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brother Huston, do you accept the office?

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Huston: Yes, sir, I do, and I shall be glad to perform every duty laid at the hands of the incoming Commander-in-Chief to the extent of my ability, God being my helper.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Encampment having so voted, and the nominee having accepted, I hereby declare Brother Huston duly elected Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice Commander. The Secretary will call the roll.

National Secretary Hammer: Called the roll of the Departments to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Massachusetts in presenting a candidate for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief is in a position of not having to tell you of his qualifications for the office, because of the fact that he is so well known, and his record as a worker in our Organization is so well known that I don't need to dwell on it. He has filled all of the offices of the Department and has filled many offices and positions on the staff. He, too, is known to every Brother in the Commandery-in-Chief so I will not dwell upon his record in our Order so much as I will upon the work he is most fitted for and so acceptably carrying on at the present time. The Brother whom I am going to nominate for Senior Vice Commander is Brother Past Department Commander William L. Anderson of Massachusetts. Brother Anderson as some know, but many possibly may not know, is Secretary to Mayor Curley of the city of Boston. He is in a position in that City Hall, where there are thousands of

guests coming every day, and is of great assistance to members of the affiliated and Federated Orders. The Mayor, knowing his ability, depends upon him to a great extent in taking care of these guests, and I recall an instance last April when the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. came to Boston to attend our Department Encampment and went to the City Hall to be presented to the Mayor. A few minutes previous to that the Mayor called Brother Anderson into his office and said: "What will we give the Commander-in-Chief to remember this visit by?" I forget what Billy suggested. One of the usual gifts I think would be a cane. The Mayor said: "No, this man should have something better; how about one of these gold Chelsea Marine clocks?" The Mayor turned the preparation of the clock over to Brother Anderson, who knew the Commander-in-Chief's name, rank and commission, and within forty minutes that was engraved and presented to the G. A. R. Chief. He has been of untold service to the Order, and Massachusetts is very proud to present William L. Anderson of Massachusetts as the candidate for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded with the call of the roll of the Departments to Missouri.

Past Department Commander Ernst: Missouri takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Anderson.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded to New Hampshire.

Delegate Charles O. Smith of New Hampshire: New Hampshire seconds the nomination of Brother Anderson for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll to New York.

Delegate Hahn: New York seconds the nomination of Brother Anderson for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer continued calling the roll to Rhode Island.

Delegate Lewis of Rhode Island: In Rhode Island we are glad to follow in the footsteps and stand back of our neighboring state, Massachusetts. I second the nomination.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll to Wisconsin.

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin: Wisconsin seconds the nomination.

Delegate Ira R. Ransom of Indiana: Indiana also seconds the nomination of Brother Anderson.

National Secretary Hammer: The roll has been called, Commander-in-Chief. I cast the vote of the Encampment for Brother William L. Anderson for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—one hundred forty-four votes.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Does Brother Anderson accept the office?

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson of Massachusetts: I gladly accept the nomination and appreciate the honor conferred.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Commander-in-Chief announces that the Encampment has duly elected Brother Anderson as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and he has accepted the office.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Secretary will call the roll for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds to call the roll of Departments to Iowa.

Past Department Commander H. M. Pratt: I present as a candidate one of the old wheel horses in our Department. He has been a member of the Organization for more than forty years, is a man who has always been faithful in local Camps and also in Department work, although recently somewhat incapacitated. I think he started to get a new member and fell down eight or ten stone steps. He is a very faithful worker in the Sons of Veterans and I nominate Past Department Commander A. D. Bunger of Des Moines, Iowa.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll to Maryland.

Past Department Commander Warner: Maryland seconds the nomination of Brother Bunger for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll to Minnesota.

Past Department Commander E. H. Milham of Minnesota: Minnesota seconds the nomination.

New York—

Department Commander Charles M. Schwartz of New York: New York seconds the nomination of Brother Bunger for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I cast the unanimous vote for Past Department Commander A. D. Bunger of Iowa for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brother Bunger, do you accept?

Brother A. D. Bunger of Iowa: I certainly will accept the office with pleasure and surely appreciate the honor bestowed upon me. As our Brother has said I am one of the wheel horses for Iowa and one of the few Department Commmanders on the job today.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: In accordance with the action of the Encampment and the acceptance of the Brother the Chair hereby declares Brother A. D. Bunger elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Secretary will now call the roll for the three members of the Council-in-Chief for one year.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded to call the roll of Departments as follows: Alabama & Tennessee, California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Connecticut—

Department Commander Edwin M. Scott of Connecticut: I would like to place in nomination the name of Brother Charles R. Hale of Hartford, Connecticut.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeded with calling the roll of Departments as follows: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio—

Department Commander Clarence H. Weber of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief; this Commandery-in-Chief for the last year has had a man in your Council-in-Chief that has given, from the reports I have received from our Secretary and Commander-in-Chief, excellent service. It has been the custom to re-elect at least one man for his second year on this Council, and Ohio at this time is presenting for your consideration Brother James M. Hughes, Jr., who is serving as a hold-over member of this Council. I ask your favorable consideration for his election to the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Continued calling the roll of Departments to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief; you have in the Encampment two wonderful men. I know of one in Pennsyl-

vania who for many years has desired to serve this Organization in an elective position. You all know him, you must all know the State of Pennsylvania is proud of the work carried on there by Department Secretary William R. McGirr. I am glad to nominate Brother McGirr as a candidate for Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: Proceeds with calling the roll to Wisconsin.

Past Department Commander Kremer: Wisconsin desires to second the nomination of all three of these men.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the roll has been called. I cast the unanimous ballot in accordance with instructions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, acting as one of the Tellers: I wish to announce the unanimous vote of one hundred forty-four members for Brothers Hale, Hughes and McGirr as members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do you, Brother Hale, accept?

Brother Charles R. Hale: Yes, Commander-in-Chief, I accept.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do you accept, Brother Hughes?

Brother Hughes: I accept.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Do you accept, Brother McGirr?

Brother McGirr: I do, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: In accordance with the action of the Encampment the Chair hereby announces the election of Brothers Hale, Hughes and McGirr for members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing term.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that the Tellers be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment. (Seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brother Huston, who will you have to install the officers

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Huston: I would like to suggest Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter took the chair.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Secretary, will you call the roll of the officers elected, and as their names are called will they please take their positions before the altar.

National Secretary Hammer thereupon called the roll and the Brothers took their position before the altar as follows:

Commander-in-Chief Elect Frank C. Huston.

Senior Vice Comander-in-Chief William L. Anderson of Boston, Massachusetts.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief A. D. Bunger of Des Moines, Iowa.

As members of the Council-in-Chief Charles R. Hale of Connecticut; James M. Hughes, Jr., of Ohio; William R. McGirr, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Installing Officer: Brother Huston, have you any appointments to announce at this time?

Commander-in-Chief Elect Frank C. Huston: With the permission of the Encampment I will make my appointments after due consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Installing Officer: These Brothers are your regularly chosen officers and if there are any

Brothers who have a valid reason why they should not be installed let them now speak or forever hold their peace.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Installing Officer, thereupon installed the officers in due form.

Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: Brothers, I surely appreciate more than words can express this fine reception and fine manner in which you have given to me your pledges, which I see in your faces, of good will and faithfulness. We are engaged in a mighty work of a troublesome kind. I think we all recognize that, and that thing has been given some consideration on the floor of the Encampment this morning. Brothers, I have found out—as most of you know I am a Minister of the Gospel—that even in times of depression there are some very wholesome and helpful things that are thrust out in joyous experiences in every church, every community and in every worthwhile enterprise. I am inclined to believe that is going to hold true in our wonderful Order. It is a beautiful privilege for us boys, brothers and Sons of Union Veterans, to be reared in a home that has left the impress of such as our fathers and mothers; they have taught us and have given us a definite idea as to what this country has cost and that knowledge places upon us an obligation from which none of us for a moment can escape. I assume, Brothers, the Commandership of our wonderful Order, recognizing its responsibility and believing in you. As has been said I know most of you personally; some names perhaps I can't call, but there are few faces but what I could recall anywhere I should meet you. A good many of you I know personally, and as connected with different Departments, I have the utmost faith and confidence in your loyalty and support, so I am going to shorten my message.

Many of you are getting ready to go away and perhaps some of you must do some packing and the time is short. I shall make my appointments after due consideration, and I want to make these appointments for the very best interest of our Order. None shall be made hastily and without counsel from the Departments from which they come. I covet your counsel; if you have anything at any time which you believe will be for the best interest of the Order, I covet your correspondence and your communications, which shall make me acquainted with these things. As I have often said, about all of the little I know is what my friends have been kind enough to tell me, and I have tried to be sensible enough, listening, to give it most serious consideration.

I surely appreciate the honor and pledge anew my loyalty to the very best of my ability, and pray God's blessing, with no apology, upon our work for this year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: My good friends and Brothers of Illinois have asked me to perform a duty that ordinarily devolves upon a brother from the Department of the out-going Commander-in-Chief. In the absence of our beloved Past Commander-in-Chief from the Department of Illinois, Brother Church, this duty to be performed by that Past Commander-in-Chief has been given to me.

We have been led in the past almost thirteen months by a member of that Department who has seen fit to abbreviate his title and has invariably referred to himself merely as the Chief. We have been happy to recognize him as our leader. I have been acquainted with Brother Holbrook for many years. It was my rare privilege to be intimately acquainted with that dear Brother who has long since passed to the other shore, and who was so intimately associated with him in a business life; I refer to our dearly beloved Past Commander-in-Chief William G. Dustin.

One year ago it gave me extreme pleasure to advocate the election of Brother Holbrook of Illinois for the high office of Commander-in-Chief. Brothers, permit me to say that possibly it requires one who has served this organiaztion in that capacity to fully appreciate all that it involves. This is sort of a sacred or solemn occasion. God only knows what lies before the dear men whom we have just installed as our leaders. We who have served possibly have some knowledge of that fact, of the cares involved and the sacrifices, and yet I speak what is in the mind of every man who has served you when I say that he gave much to them and it brought in turn the greatest pleasure to us to serve this beloved Organization.

Pardon this personal touch. I can't help but give it at this time. I have referred to Past Commander-in-Chief William G. Dustin. I could likewise refer to other dearly beloved members of the same Department who have been called to their reward; for instance our dearly beloved Pop Abbott and to Frank Shepard, but particularly to Pop Abbott and Billy Dustin. I refer to them because seventeen or eighteen years ago they referred to me, and it was a great pleasure to be referred to by them, not as Commander-in-Chief of this Organization but as their boy. I recall walking the streets of Chicago a few months after I was elected Commander-in-Chief with those two splendid gentlemen, and Pop Abbott placed his arms around my shoulder and he said: "My boy, you are doing all right, just keep on." Brothers, that meant something to me. It meant something to me to have a man who had served this Organization so many years before, and was so many years my senior in age—he could have been my father from the standpoint of age—say, my boy you are doing all right. It gave me encouragement and pointed out to me the way to serve, as those great men had served, and it tied me to the Department of Illinois in a manner that possibly I have not been permitted to tie to any other Department; so that one year ago, Brother Holbrook, it gave me great pleasure to repay—if I am permitted to use that term —a part of the debt I felt I owed that Department.

One year has passed and I have no apologies to make for advocating one year ago the election of Allan S. Holbrook as your Chief. He has served you honestly; he has served you efficiently; he has served you loyally; he has given you the best that was in him; man cannot do more. He has reached the end of his term, but I am confident that I can say that he has not reached, and will not reach until in time he joins these dearly beloved Brothers on the other shore, the end of his term as a worker for this Organization. I am permitted, Brother Holbrook, as a Past Commander-in-Chief, to welcome you to the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief. It is a rare distinction, my dear boy, to be so recognized, and you are not joining an Order of has-beens. Being a Past Commander-in-Chief gives me the right to say that I am simply welcoming you into an Order of ever-are's, working in behalf of this Organization.

Now Brother Holbrook, for your own Brothers and members of this Encampment, it gives me the greatest of pleasure to pin upon your breast this badge which indicates that you are now a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. and are a full fledged member of the ever-are's. May God, in his goodness, spare you for many more years of service to the Organization which is so close to your mind and to your heart. (Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter pins badge upon Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I thank you, Brothers, and I thank you, Brother Sautter, too. Those of you who have been

through similar occasions, realize probably, the feelings of one in my position at this time.

I appreciate more than I can tell you having Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter present to me, and pin upon my breast, the badge that is now there. I have ever had a warm admiration for Brother Sautter; that has been deepened by my year of service this year, and by my close touch with him because of my past office. It is also true that my life work has been connected with this Order, and I have been in close touch with the Brothers constituting this Order; my hope is for a continued service to this Order. I want to state to you all that because I am out of office, because I have received the recognition of this Order that you have gven me, by no means implies that I am going to quit working; my heart is bound up in this work and I could not quit it if I wanted to.

My work for the Order came because of the devotion of my father to the Order he loved so well—the Grand Army of the Republic; and the devotion of my mother to an order she loved so well—the Woman's Relief Corps. Out of the family of six, four boys and two girls, I am the one who has assumed most of this responsibility. I have my father's Grand Army button; I have my mother's Relief Corps pin, and to me they are the dearest possessions that I might own.

I want to state to you, Commander-in-Chief Huston, and to the Brothers of this Encampment, that I stand ready for any service that I may render within my capacity. I thank you.

National Secretary Hammer: This is simply a Past Commander-in-Chief's lapel button. I always pin it on. A personal gift from the National Secretary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Thank you, Brother Hammer.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have a lady in waiting from the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Illinois, and I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse to present this lady, who brings personal greetings to Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook.

While the escort was performing his duty National Secretary announced that he had a telegram, which he read as follows:

Sheboygan, Mich., Sept. 17, 1931.

Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Spending the season at my summer home, Boisblac Island, Michigan. Kindest regards and best wishes to all for a successful Encampment.

WILLIAM SCHNEIDER.
Past Department Commander, Missouri Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I present Mrs. Myrtle Hinchcliff, Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure we are glad to greet you Sister Hinchcliff, and I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse to escort you to a seat here at my left. Have you a word to say to us?

Mrs. Myrtle Hinchcliff, Department President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Illinois: I have just a few words, we are very proud to have a National Commander of the Sons from the State of Illinois and I had hoped to be here before he retired from office. I want you

to have a badge from my own Department, to place with that of your mother's. May I have the pleasure of giving you one of my Department badges, and hope that you have had a most successful year. I see Commander Stewart. I expect we will travel home together. Of course both having a husband and wife, that will be all right.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are delighted to have you come and bring these greetings, but it is never too late to offer a kindly word or do a kindly deed. I will ask Brother Sautter to respond to the greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am sure I echo the thoughts of every member of this Encampment. We appreciate the personal touch involved in this good lady coming to this Encampment. She is a representative of a great Organization, an Organization that is doing a wonderful work in behalf of the G. A. R., and for this beloved land of ours. Inasmuch as she happens just now to be the President in office I wish for her a most successful year.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I think Brother Holbrook should have the last word.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Sister Hinchcliff, I would like to add a personal word to the response by Brother Sautter. I have known of the work of your Organization in the year past and have appreciated very much the work that your Organization was doing for our fathers, and of the aid and assistance that they have been to our Organization. We hope we may have full co-operation both ways during the year to come, and I want to assure for my Brothers in Illinois, through Brother Stewart, that you may ask for what you will and it will be granted by these Brothers. I thank you for coming.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the usual number of proceedings of the Encampment be printed and promulgated to Departments for Camps.

Seconded by Delegate Hahn of New York. Adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Brothers, are there any matters that should come before the Encampment before we adjourn?

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows of California & Pacific: Is it necessary that a motion be made that the proceedings of this Encampment as prepared by the stenographer be officially accepted?

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is the procedure.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows: I move that the proceedings of this Encampment be edited by the Secretary and shall become the official proceedings of this Encampment.

Duly seconded. Motion declared carried.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are nearing the time when we must go home and before we go I want to ask for a word from our National Officers. Let us hear from Senior Vice Commander Anderson.

William L. Anderson, Senior Vice Commander: Commander-in-Chief and members of the National Encampment; the foremost thought in my mind at the present time is to get word back home to a pal of mine who is waiting for this verdict—my wife. I am very much embarrassed at the present time to be called upon to say a few words, because one man has expressed his opinion to me by saying: "Bill Anderson is all right, but I don't think he can make a speech." I believe in the truth and that man is telling the truth. I can't make a speech, I am not an orator, I don't wear a tall hat; but oratory will not build up the membership and morale of this Organization. If you want a man who will go back home in his own Camp, and who

is willing to take off his coat and roll up his sleeves and go to work, you have got him in the Sons of Veterans Senior Vice Commander's Office. I heard a man a short time ago say that every time he doffed his hat to the Stars and Stripes the Flag spoke to him in these words: "I am only what you make me." In our Organization today we are saying that same message, each and every one of you members here today: "as an Organization I may make you, and you may make me." My Brothers, let us go back home, and take off our coats and roll up our sleeves and go to work for the Order. For you, Brother Frank, way down there in your State of Indiana, when you are reaching out your hand all over this grand country of ours it is not going to pass Boston, Massachusetts, without feeling the tips of my fingers touching it, and you can feel co-operation and service in the interest of this Order.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure, Brother Anderson, we thank you for these kind words. Now a word from Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bunger of Iowa.

A. D. Bunger, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, I am like the Brother who just spoke; I am not an orator, but I will do all in my power to help my several officers, if I have to break my other arm to do it.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Now let us hear from the Council-in-Chief.

Charles R. Hale, Member of Council-in-Chief: It seems that we have a bunch of workers and not orators. I have always been known as a worker. I will work just the same and we are in hopes that we may stop this continued going down hill. I hope we may be able to say that we have broken even.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We would like to hear from Brother Hughes now.

James M. Hughes, Jr.: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers: I deeply appreciate this evidence of your confidence in me by returning me to your Council. You sent me to your Council last year and I said I would do my best, and I am saying that again today. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: May we have a word from Brother McGirr? (It was announced that he had to leave the room).

National Secretary Hammer moved to adjourn to meet with the G. A. R. in Springfield, Illinois, in 1932. Motion seconded.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Just one word in closing. As we go to Springfield I am looking forward to another splendid Encampment, but this will depend very largely upon the work we do between now and then. Some personal mention has been made, and I feel that I should be untrue to you were I not to make mention of the things that come in my mind here. There is one living I should like to be present here upon this occasion—my mother; there are two especially that I should like to be present who have gone on before—my father for one, and one from our own Department who had been charged in our Department with the presentation of my name before this Encampment—your beloved Past Commander-in-Chief Newton McGuire. As I mention this I know every one of you has a sentiment which I am sure brings to mind some loved one. I make my pledge, and I shall go forward in the conduct of my official business. Whatever this sentiment is that urges me on in my business, it reaches a sentiment in your heart to make this year one of the best, if not the best in the history of our Order.

I am ready to put the motion that you have heard. The motion has been made and seconded that we adjourn to meet in Springfield.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I hope to greet every one of those present, and many more, at Springfield next year.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I will put the motion that we adjourn to meet in Springfield next year.

Motion put and Encampment closed in prescribed form, with singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

The foregoing is a correct transcript of the action and proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Des Moines, Iowa.

ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

South Ball Room, Hotel Fort Des Moines,
Sunday, September 13, 1931.

The Federated Patriotic Societies met in the South Ball Room of the Hotel Fort Des Moines at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, September 13, Mrs. Lillian Clark Cary, National President, presiding. Comrade Hill led in prayer, after which the Flag Salute was given, and the first and last verses of "America" sung.

Mrs. Cary, the President, gave a welcome. She said the Federation was growing and that the work of the future was largely in the hands of the Federated Societies. She expressed her thanks to Grace L. Johnson, the Secretary, and to Miss Grace Hurd, for their assistance.

Roll call showed voting members present:

Grand Army	5
Woman's Relief Corps	13
Ladies of the G. A. R.	11
Daughters of Union Veterans	6
Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary	3
Sons of Union Veterans	3
Total	41

The room was filled to capacity with interested visitors.

The Secretary, Grace L. Johnson, read the minutes of the meeting last year, which were approved.

Musical numbers were given by the Westminster United Presbyterian Church. The quartette consisted of Mrs. Nina Reimquist, 1st Soprano; Mrs. Ruth Pawley, 2nd Soprano; Mrs. Margaret Gifford, 1st Contralto; and Mrs. Hazel Murphy, 2nd Contralto; with Mrs. Cless, pianist. They rendered three selections: "The Lord is King;" "I Am Listening," (Marshall); "I'm a Pilgrim," (Wilson).

The President expressed her appreciation and that of the Societies for these messages in song.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the annual report, which was approved.

Financial report showed:

Receipts:

Balance on hand last report	$118.19
Received for Dues—five organizations	125.00
Interest on Deposit	6.82
Total Receipts	$250.01

Expended:

Typing	$ 1.50
Stationery	6.25
Multigraphing	4.00
Printing Leaflets	14.85
Printing Letters (Mrs. Cary)	3.50
Postage and Wires	8.00
Multigraphing Letters and Government Postal (Annual Meeting)	5.35
Total	43.45
Balance on hand September 13	$206.56

Miss Johnson stated that the funds were in the Commercial Savings Bank of Toledo, one of the six big banks that had closed their doors, and therefore, were not available; that she did not believe there would be much, if any, loss, and that the money would be turned over to her successor as soon as procurable.

Reports from the different Departments were then called for. Ida S. McBride responded for Indiana; Kansas was represented by the Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

A comrade from Kansas made a statement and offered the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as it seems there is a movement to disband the Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic,

Be It Resolved, That this question be taken up by the Federated Patriotic Societies, and that we protest against any action of this kind by the Grand Army of the Republic, or any of its members;

Bt It further Resolved, That this Federation of Patriotic Societies request each individual organization to bring this matter up at the convention to be held in Des Moines, protesting against such action."

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Sarah J. Ehrmann: I second the motion.

Judge Willett said he was in accord with the sentiment expressed, and moved that the subject matter be laid upon the table to be deferred to the Grand Army when they shall convene; that it go to the Resolutions Committee of the Grand Army in national body assembled.

Marie Basham seconded the motion, also Margaret Grandle, National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The motion was carried.

The reports from Departments were resumed. Iowa reported they were endeavoring to carry on with the spirit of harmony; that they had a general gathering on Lincoln's Birthday and that group meetings are held.

Missouri reported they made an improvement last year; that they had a local organization in Kansas City.

New York reported a splendid meeting and everything very harmonious.

Ohio—Kate G. Raynor—reported that Ohio had been organized four or five years, that it is well organized, that there are many city units which were doing good work. Did not have a very large meeting in Columbus this year.

No response from Oklahoma. Miss Raynor reported a splendid meeting.

Rhode Island reported not a great deal of progress, but were planning for a meeting in November.

No report from Vermont.

Washington reported that they organized and elected officers, and thought they had a promising future.

Minnesota reported a very active unit and getting ready to organize other units.

President asked Kate G. Raynor, President of the National Woman's Relief Corps; Margaret Grandle, President of the G. A. R.; Allan S. Holbrook, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans; Celeste D. Gentieu, National President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and Grace Hurd, President Daughters of Union Veterans, to come to the platform. These five were introduced by the President. She also asked Mrs. James E. Jewel and Past Commander-in-Chief John Ahrensberg to come forward. Dr. Ahrensberg talked, saying that he thought the Federated Societies would do away with so many organizations and thus avoid friction. Mrs. Jewel spoke briefly, saying that the Commander-in-Chief was not well and was conserving his strength.

President announced the next order of business was the election of officers, and that nominations for National President were in order.

Sarah J. Ehrmann nominated Estelle Underhill, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Estelle Underhill declined, and nominated Lola Elliott.

Miss Underhill moved that nominations be closed and the Secretary cast the ballot of the convention for Lola Elliott. This motion was seconded, and carried and the Secretary cast the ballot for Lola Elliott of the Daughters of Union Veterans, for President and the President declared her elected.

Nominations for Vice President, and the name of Allan S. Holbrook was placed by Mrs. Ehrmann, who was elected.

There were two nominees for Secretary-Treasurer—Emily Tompkins of New York, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and Margaret Grandle. Margaret Grandle declined the nomination and Emily Tompkins was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary asked that the organizations pay their annual dues of $25.00 immediately, so there would be funds to carry on the administration.

The President said she wondered if it would not be a good idea to create the office of Patriotic Instructor so there might be some one to lead in the Pledge to the Flag at the annual meeting and gave notice that such change in By-Laws would be presented at the next meeting.

Miss Kate G. Raynor read an Associated Press dispatch regarding a statement from the report of the President of Carnegie Institute, in which he stated that the American Legion was following the example of the Grand Army of the Republic in raiding the United States Treasury through pension legislation. Miss Raynor said, "I object, and move that we stand on record as objecting to any such statement being made about our Grand Army of the Republic." Motion was numerously seconded and carried.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology, and 159 of those present adjourned to the West Ball Room, where tables beautifully decorated with flowers and small silk Flags awaited them, Mrs. Cary acting as Toastmistress.

All repeated the Lord's Prayer, after which two numbers were given by the Aeolian Quartet.

Mrs. Cary very cleverly introduced the heads of the allied organizations—Miss Kate G. Raynor, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Margaret Grandle, Ladies of the Grand Army; Allan S. Holbrook, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Miss Grace Hurd, Daughters of Union Veterans, and Miss Celeste Gentieu, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. Mrs. Mary S. Jewel extended the greetings of Commander-in-Chief Jewel, and expressed his regret in not being able to meet with us. Both Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Jewel thought it wise for him to conserve his strength for the Memorial services in the evening.

Mrs. Cassea O. Osborn introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Fred Marvin, Secretary of American Coalition. Mr. Marvin had just returned from an extensive visit to the Orient, and his message of the evils we must combat in nature of Communistic Propaganda was most interesting and instructive. Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller, who is so well versed on the subject, thanked Mr. Marvin for his message.

Greetings were extended by Past President, H. M Pratt, and by General Guy Logan, Chairman of the local committee.

At this time, a message was received from Mrs. Lola Elliott, who had been elected President, at the business meeting, stating her inability to serve as President, and tendering her resignation. While our By-Laws state that any business other than election of officers may be deferred until the dinner meeting, there was no other alternative than to proceed with the election of President. Miss Grace Hurd, Daughters of Union Veterans, was nominated; nomination was numerously seconded. There being no other nominations, the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot, electing Miss Grace Hurd, President.

The meeting adjourned, that all might attend the Memorial Services sponsored by the Grand Army of the Republic. This being together, had given all a keener realization of our responsibilities as members of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Supplemental Report of Treasurer:

Balance on hand, September 13, 1931		$206.56
Received for interest		.90
Total		$207.46
Expended:		
Banquet Expense above Receipts	$ 2.00	
Typing Reports	5.00	
Postage and Wires (Mrs. Cary)	3.00	
Total		10.00
Balance in bank		$197.46

The foregoing minutes of the Twelfth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, are approved as the official record of said Conference.

GRACE L. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

LILLIAN CLARK CARY,
President.

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	Gettysburg	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
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	•Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	•Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	•Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	•Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	•Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	•Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	•George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	•George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	•Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	•Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	•Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1893	•Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	•William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	•James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	•Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	•Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	•A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	•Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	118 West Main, Lakeland, Fla.
1902	•Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	•Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	•William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
1906	•Edwin M. Amles	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	•Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
909	•George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.
911	•Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	730 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
14	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South Fourth Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.
5	•A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
6	William T. Church	Illinois	231 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
7	•Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
8	•Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
9	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	1540 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.
	•Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	3060 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.
	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Oakley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	321 St. Dunstan's Rd., Homeland, Baltimore, Md.

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mable	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	1101 Mercantile Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
	Sons of Veterans		
1881	‡•Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	‡•Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	‡Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	‡Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	‡Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1885	‡Louis M. Wagner		
1886	‡Louis M. Wagner		
	The Post System		
1889-90	‡George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890	‡•George T. Brown	New York	
	Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief		
1883	•A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
1899	•R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

•Frank H. Challis.... New Hampshire
E. Howard Gilkey .....Columbus, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown ..... Dayton, Ohio
•Charles A. Bookwalter ..... Indianapolis, Ind.

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‡Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.
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