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OPENING SESSION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1933,
IN OLD COLONY ROOM, ST. PAUL HOTEL,
AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Fifty-second Annual Encampment was opened in ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch, who presided. He appointed as Inside Guard, Department Commander of Minnesota L. L. Foss; Guides, Delegates C. L. Stoudt and H. R. Garren, Pennsylvania; Color Bearer, Benjamin F. Seip, Pennsylvania; Minor S. Bacon, Department Commander of Nebraska, official reporter.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, a representative of the Mayor of the city of St. Paul is in waiting to extend a welcome to our Encampment.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, I have the pleasure of presenting Mr. Egard, Secretary to the Mayor of St. Paul.

Mr. Egard: Mr. Chairman and Sons of Union Veterans. It was just a few moments ago that the Mayor informed me that he was called into an unexpected budget session and he asked me to extend his greetings. I am taking this opportunity of extending the Mayor's greetings and the hospitality of the city of St. Paul to you. St. Paul is an unusually friendly city. We have ordered warm sunshine for you and as a result we have been refreshed. We want you to enjoy your stay and visit with us, call on us at the City Hall in our new building, which is probably one of the most outstanding buildings of its kind. If you will take the time to come over we will be glad to greet you in the Council Chamber, where the Mayor will give you welcome. We hope you enjoy yourselves and see everything that is to be seen and will carry away with you many pleasing memories of your visit with us. I was quite a youngster—37 years ago—when you were here before. I trust you will bear with me as a substitute pinch hitter for the Mayor. He certainly regrets that he is unable to address you in person.

Commander-in-Chief: Mr. Egard, we thank you and the Mayor. No one could answer this welcome better than another Secretary—the Secretary to Mayor Curley of Boston, William L. Anderson, Sr., Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, to respond to your gracious welcome.

William L. Anderson, Sr., Past Department Commander of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, members of the Encampment, and the representative of the Mayor of St. Paul. We are indeed happy because of the fact that the Mayor of this city has recognized our organization to the extent that although he, himself, cannot come, he sends

his secretary to extend his greetings and best wishes to our organization. Since we have been in your city we have been royally entertained. St. Paul is a fine city, and its people are fine citizens. We desire, Mr. Secretary, that you will take back to the chief executive of your city the best wishes of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, tell him that we as Sons of Veterans desire to be of the same type of citizens as our fathers were during and since the Civil War. If your city is increasing and your Mayor is balancing the budget, then we are indeed glad that the Mayor and citizens of such a city are in a happy mood. We are glad you were sent here as the representative of the Mayor. Secretaries have many duties to perform for these Mayors. When I came into your city a friend asked are you still with the Mayor, and I said yes. He said, they are pretty tough fellows to handle. I said no I don't think so, I think they are a pretty good bunch of men to serve.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Commander-in-Chief appointed the following committees:

Credential Committee—H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman; Delegate Julius Isaacs, N. Y.; Past Department Commander George N. Bell, N. J.; Delegate J. F. Leslie, Ohio; Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minn.

Greetings to G. A. R.—Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pa., Chairman; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, Ind.; Past Commander-in-Chief Theo. C. Cazeau, N. Y.; Past Commander-in-Chief Ernest W. Homan, Mass.; Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook, Ill.; Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, Pa.; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Ind.; Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Sheldon, N. Y.; Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Grant, Conn.

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Press Committee—Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, Ill., Chairman; Past Department Commander M. G. Randolph, Minn.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Credential Committee ready to report?

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee presents a preliminary report. I move that this be accepted as the roll call and the names accredited on the Encampment Roll of Officers and Members, with such others who may be enrolled from time to time.

Motion seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie. Adopted.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

(Asterisk (*) indicates members present)

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INTRODUCTIONS.

Commander-in-Chief: I remember a year ago at Springfield the Commander-in-Chief did something that I thought was very appropriate, and I will do the same. I ask the Past Commanders-in-Chief present to please rise and show to the brothers who are here from all over the country that even though a man may have been a Commander-in-Chief, and have finished his duty as such, they still have the same love for the organization as they had before. (Request complied with).

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Huston, please introduce these brothers but do not tell any stories about them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston introduced the Past Commanders-in-Chief as follows: Ralph Sheldon, N. Y.; Ralph M. Grant, Conn.; John E. Sautter, Pa.; Frank Shellhouse, Ind.; Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Mass.; Walter C. Mabie, Pa.; Theodore C. Cazeau, N. Y.; Allan S. Holbrook, Ill.; Frank C. Huston, Ind.

Commander-in-Chief: There are sixteen Departments represented now by their Commanders. We would like to have you all rise.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, Pa.: Wouldn't it be well to announce your names and where you are from so that we may all know you better?

The Department Commanders complied, announcing their names.

Commander-in-Chief: The same thing holds good for the Past Department Commanders as it did for the Past Commanders-in-Chief and I ask all to rise. (Fifty-one Past Department Commanders arose and announced their names).

Commander-in-Chief: I thank you for taking such a splendid interest in the organization. During the last year it has taken all our courage to carry on in these depressing times. As I look into your faces I feel more than ever convinced that our organization will live, will succeed, and will become what we have for so many years done our utmost to accomplish for it; we have worked as hard as we know how that the Sons of Union Veterans may and will become what I am sure it will—the grandest patriotic organization in the world.

Commander-in-Chief: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, take the chair.

Senior Vice Commander Frank L. Kirchgassner takes the chair, and the Commander-in-Chief read his report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

On the 22nd of September, 1932, I was elected to the office of Commander-in-Chief. I took the office with all the high hopes, aims, and

ambitions of my predecessors, and I am now ready to render an account of my stewardship during the year. I did all that I could do, physically, mentally, morally and under the force of circumstances.

Now, after the expiration of my term, everything seems a great deal clearer to me than at the beginning, but be that as it may, and while I am far from satisfied with the results, I tried to do the best I could, and hope that at least some of my efforts may bear fruit.

At the beginning of my term, with the existing depression, I became very skeptical as to the success, yes even the very life of our organization, and while we have to report a loss of membership I am happy to say to you that our loss is not as severe as I had anticipated. After having been in close touch with one of our largest Departments, studying the inspiration which there existed, and the determination of the membership in the minds of the Department Officers and brothers, I feel that our organization has practically reached its lowest ebb and that with the depression ended, or on the wane, as all of us believe and are looking forward to, I feel very confident that the incoming Commander-in-Chief may have the good fortune of reporting, next year, an increase instead of a loss.

My deepest thoughts and convictions in the making of this report are the suggestions and urgings to our membership; first: that each member deem it his first duty and first work for the organization, to go to those of his brothers who were former members of the Camp, and who through some unfortunate condition, such as being unable to pay their dues, or through lack of interest, lost their membership, that every member of our Organization make this as one of their special endeavors through the coming year. Second: I would urge, in this report, that our membership use greater efforts in urging the grandsons and great-grandsons to become interested in the organization, and to show them the privilege as well as duty which is theirs, just as much as it was with us who are Sons, and that in order that we may show to these men who represented, and those who are still able to represent the Grand Army of the Republic, that they may be assured that there is an organization formed by their sons that is so solidly intrenched that it will be perpetuated by their posterity. During the year I have urged the members to try and keep before the public the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, so that when we are again able to secure members it will not be so difficult to create an interest.

Your Commander-in-Chief offers no excuses in the making of this report, but is just trying to bring the facts before you and saying he has done the very best he could under the existing conditions.

VISITATIONS.

It was my intention to visit many or all of the Departments at some time during the year, and I had hoped that I might at least be able to visit the smaller Departments, particularly in the extreme West. After studying conditions as they existed I felt that my greatest efforts must be made with the Departments which represented the larger membership. It has been my custom, in whatever I did, to help the weakest and let the stronger take care of themselves, but under the conditions I felt that I had no choice except to reach the greatest number of brothers. I have traveled approximately 17,000 miles and have visited the following Encampments: Departments of Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, as well as being represented in several Departments by brothers designated by me. I also attended a week-end conference with all the Department Commanders and other Officers of all the New England States, with the exception of one Department Commander who was sick at the time and was unable to be present. The

affairs of the organization were thoroughly discussed and to my mind it was one of the most fruitful meetings that I attended. While in Boston the members of the conference were the guests of Mayor Curley, who designated his Secretary, Brother William Anderson, to act as host to them while in the city, and our sincere thanks are extended to both Mayor Curley and Brother William Anderson. I also visited many other District Meetings, Installations and other affairs in the interests of the order. These trips involved a great deal of time and expense, yet with the stringency of the existing times I tried to save as much as I could, and am happy to report the following:

My appropriation was $1500.00; out of that I expended $1031.26, leaving a balance of $468.74 in the expense account of the Commander-in-Chief. My expenses should not be a criterion for my successor to follow, but if conditions warrant it is my belief that the whole appropriation should be used.

In these visitations that I have been able to make I have made the acquaintance of a great many of the brothers, who through their loyalty have endeared themselves to me, and whom I have learned to know as real Americans and loyal members of the order. My one regret is the fact that I was unable to visit all the Camps in all the Departments, but I realize, as I know you do, that it would be an impossibility to do so. It is my hope that the incoming Commander-in-Chief may have the privilege and opportunity to visit all of the Departments I was unable to visit.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

The statistical table shown by the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer will reveal both our financial and numerical strength, and figures indicate with accurate degree, the faithfulness and ambitions held by our membership.

FUTURE OF OUR ORDER.

For many years our organization has relied upon the help that we were able to give to our fathers and grandfathers, but the time is fast approaching, in fact has arrived, wherein our organization must enter into the development of worthy objectives of our own, and this can be done in your own communities where your Camp will stand out pre-eminently; first, in keeping green the memories of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Veterans who represented the Civil War, who through their loyalty, patriotism and sacrifices were able to cement the nation together again and make of it the foremost nation of the world. Second, to inculcate patriotism, keeping uppermost in the minds and hearts of the American people that it was only through such patriotism that existed in our forefathers during the Revolutionary War, as well as of the men of the Civil War, and the men who went to the aid of the allied armies of Europe, making it possible to preserve democracy not only for our own country but for the world. Our duty is to maintain our institutions in the future as they have been maintained in the past.

THE ALLIED ORDERS—THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

My relations with the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have been of the most pleasant, wherever I have had an opportunity to meet with them, and I deem it a distinct honor to have been as closely associated with them as I have been as Commander-in-Chief. I also feel it a great honor to have had the privilege of being so close to Commander-in-Chief Wright, and it came as one of the greatest shocks of my life when it was announced in the Encampment at Pittsburgh, Pa., that he had died during the night. I had the pleasure of visiting with him, just two days before, the several

Allied Organizations in the Department of Indiana at their Encampment, and it was upon his suggestion when I left for the Michigan Encampment at Saginaw that I should represent his Comrades for him there as he felt that the trip was too arduous for him to take in the short time allowed; he went directly to Pittsburgh from the Indiana Encampment. Commander-in-Chief Wright rounded out a life to a ripe old age, faithful to his country as well as to his Comrades, and ending as their much loved leader. To Mrs. Wright, who had been his constant companion and helpmeet for over sixty years, we extend the sincere sympathy of our organization.

OUR AUXILIARY.

I cannot pass by without giving to the members of our Auxiliary the highest praise and commendation for the wonderful work they have done, not only for their own organization but the many ways in which they have aided our own.

To Mrs. Jean Bowers Thompson I wish to offer my deepest gratification and thanks for the wonderful help that she always gave to me by her presence, and the able way that she represented the Commander-in-Chief at such places to which he was unable to go.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

In the kind personality of Miss Tyson I found a splendid leader of that group of noble women. Our relationship was one of joy on every occasion that we were privileged to meet.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

My relations with Mrs. Mahar were always very pleasant and in my several visits to their organization I have always felt welcome and was always treated with the greatest hospitality.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

My congratulations are extended to Mrs. Doris Merryman for her wonderful leadership, and my thanks are due to her and her members for the hospitality extended to me on my visits.

STAFF OFFICERS.

Words fail me in expressing my thanks and appreciation of the wonderful response and help given to me by the members of my Staff. I wish to extend my personal thanks to the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Frank Kirchgassner, for those Departments in the New England States in which he so ably represented me. It was through his efforts that I was able to hold the Round Table Conference at Boston.

To the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Lyons, who entertained me so royally while in the Maryland Department Encampment. To National Counselor Locke, who represented me in the Illinois Encampment, as well as represented the Commander-in-Chief at the funeral of Commander-in-Chief Wright, of the Grand Army of the Republic. To National Patriotic Instructor Yengling, and National Chaplain Pitman, I also extend my sincere thanks for their interest in the work during the year.

To National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer I can only say that had it not been for his unfailing help, his tireless work, and the wonderful enthusiasm which I received from him in my personal contacts, as well as his prompt attention to all the work, I might have failed in my ambition to do the best I could. I never can be able to properly express that which is in my heart for the many kindnesses and the support I received from him.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

I want to extend my congratulations to the Sons of Veterans Reserve wherever they exist or are allowed to carry arms. It is my sincerest hope that they may increase in numbers and that the uniform of blue adopted by them, a replica of what our fathers wore, may become a factor in all our Departments. I want most especially to extend my thanks to Colonel Edwin Prittie, of the Pennsylvania Department, for his exceptional work in the short time at his disposal, in furnishing a large escort for the body of Commander-in-Chief Wright of the Grand Army of the Republic to the train at Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE BANNER.

Our relationship with The Banner, edited by our Past Commander-in-Chief, has been most pleasant and I believe and hope that my humble efforts in writing my thoughts from month to month, as well as our monthly General Orders, may have been read and appreciated as much as it was by me in writing them. I wish to extend to Brother Holbrook my personal thanks for the many courtesies extended.

FINANCES.

Owing to the continued depression, and in anticipation of loss of membership, it has been the supreme policy of the Commander-in-Chief to make this administration one of strictest economy.

NECROLOGY.

The names of the departed members of the National body appear in the report of the National Chaplain. These will be properly recognized at the Memorial Services, and their records will appear in the proceedings of the Encampment. Our sincere sympathies are extended to their loved ones who mourn their loss.

CALLS FOR DECISIONS.

There were no calls for decisions of major importance. Those I received I tried to answer to the best of my ability, or referred them to their Department Commander, and I am expressing my thanks for the good spirit existing in our Organization.

MEMORIAL DAY—UNION DEFENDERS' DAY—LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

It is my hope that these days, as time goes on, may become more generally observed and held more sacred, especially by the members of our Order. Union Defenders Day should not be passed, by a single Camp, without a special service on or near that date. Memorial Day should not only be held sacred by our members but we should do all in our power to teach the American people that Memorial Day is a sacred day, and that none should fail in their duty in paying tribute to those men who gave their all for the preservation of the Union. Every year Lincoln's Birthday becomes more and more appreciated by our members, and I am happy to say that on every anniversary many thousands of our members and their allied organizations get together, celebrating with banquets and patriotic meetings the memory of the Immortal Lincoln.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Owing to the many Department Encampments held in a period of about three weeks in the month of June, the Commander-in-Chief is not able to meet with more than a few of them, except under a very heavy financial expense, and owing to the wonderful success that the Commander-in-Chief had with a week-end conference with the Department Officers of the New England States, who were all present with one exception, and which has shown such splendid results, I would

recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he form several Departments into Districts, located within a few hundred miles, and have at least six or eight such conferences, beginning with October, so that he might contact the Department Officers who still have the greater part of their time to serve.

CONCLUSION.

This concludes my report, and this Encampment also ends my term as Commander-in-Chief. I have tried to tell you what I have done during the year. I have been treated with the greatest courtesy and respect throughout my travels and do not have a single instance to report that has not been all it should be. It is not pleasant to sever these relations, and it is with deep regret that I hand over the sceptre of authority to my successor. I feel, as did my predecessors, that it is a year of hardship and sacrifice, gladly given, and if I have been the means of any inspiration to any Camp or any other affair that I visited, I feel amply repaid. I fully appreciate the honor of having been your Commander-in-Chief, and feel that no matter what honors may come to me in the future, I will always regard this as the most signal honor I could attain. I hereby renew my allegiance to our Order as one of those in the ranks, and promise to give to the best of my ability of my time and such talents as I may possess.

Fraternally yours,

TITUS M. RUCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief: No objections the report will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Ordered.

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I present the reports of the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer, National Chaplain, National Patriotic Instructor and National Counselor.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., August 4, 1933.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I submit herewith to you, and through you to the members of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment, a brief report of some of the activities during my term as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

When a year ago I was elected to this high office I accepted with a great deal of pride, not only for the honor to myself, but also for the Department of which I have been proud to be an active member for forty years. Then, too, I was able to fulfill the desires of many of my co-workers and friends in Massachusetts who have been kind enough for many years to suggest that I was capable of holding National office, and was entitled to the recognition. My hope is that I have measured up to their expectations.

It has been a very great pleasure, Commander-in-Chief, to have been associated with you in your splendid endeavors for the welfare of our organization during these trying times in the economic life of our country. I am sure you have displayed a fine example of optimism and enthusiasm, which has inspired both officers and members to continue their efforts to uphold the ideals for which we stand, and

to carry on loyally in the interests of the G. A. R. It has been my endeavor to co-operate with you in carrying your optimism and your message of adherence to loyalty and service wherever I have gone; and I trust I may have been of some service to you.

One of the promises I made after my election was that I would attend all the Encampments of the New England Departments and I am happy to report that that promise has been fulfilled. I feel that contact with and interest in these Department Encampments by a National Officer is an important factor in maintaining and strengthening their interest in the National Organization. I am of the same opinion as my predecessor in this office, Brother Anderson, that the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief should have specific duties assigned to them, and part of the duty should be to cover the Departments in their section of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Realizing that you would not be able to visit all the New England Departments I was pleased to have you accept my suggestion of calling a conference of the Commanders and others interested. The meeting which was held on March 25, when all Departments were represented except Connecticut, should as you stated in the April Banner, result in much good. I hope the idea will be continued annually, and suggest that such regional meetings might be arranged in other sections of the United States, and be the means of having the Commander-in-Chief contact the Department officers early in his administration. In connection with the Boston meeting I desire to express my thanks to Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief "Bill" Anderson, for his co-operation, at very short notice, in having our visitors meet the Mayor, Hon. James M. Curley, and through his courtesy all were extended the hospitality of the City of Boston.

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I was able to accept the invitation to the Lincoln Night banquets at Trenton, N. J., and Philadelphia, Pa., on February 10 and 11, because of the opportunity I had in meeting and discussing with you matters of interest for the welfare of our organization. It also afforded me a great deal of pleasure to have the opportunity of meeting so many of the active workers and old timers, and I appreciate the cordial greetings and courtesies extended by all.

The Massachusetts Department was honored by having you attend our Encampment in April, and I was greatly pleased to have had the opportunity of introducing you to the members of the allied bodies in Encampment assembled, as well as the privilege of escorting you to City Hall, where the hospitality of the City of Boston was extended to the late Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Comrade William P. Wright, and yourself.

In obedience to your request I officially represented you at the Department Encampment at New Hampshire on April 13-14. I also attended the other New England Encampments, as follows: Providence, Rhode Island, April 25; New Haven, Connecticut, April 26-27; Bangor, Maine, June 14-15; Brattleboro, Vermont, June 27-29. I found a splendid spirit of loyalty to our Order in all the Departments, a real concern for the future and a willingness to co-operate with the National organization in carrying on. It was my privilege, in conjunction with the representatives of the allied organizations, to speak at many public meetings, besides visiting and extending greetings to all organizations at their Encampments. At all of these I endeavored to present our objects and ideals, to impress upon them the need of such organizations as ours and to urge the co-operation of all of the allied bodies in our endeavors, and assurance of their support was readily given. I cannot refrain from making special mention of the Encampment at Bangor, Maine, where a very interesting program was

given in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of their Department, the program being under direction of Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robert L. Whitcomb, who has been a continuous member for fifty years. A splendid tribute was also paid to Past Department Commander Edward K. Gould, when a gold and silver loving cup was presented to him upon the completion of fifty years membership and twenty-five years' service as Department Secretary. Then, too, there was the picture of a dozen Comrades of the G. A. R., all over 90 years of age, proudly marching in the parade, with one of their number wearing the old faded uniform of the days of 1861-65, and carrying his old musket. Then in contrast picture a Junior Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans, boys of 14 to 18 years of age, dressed in khaki and wearing iron helmets, twenty-four of them proudly marching with military regulation and precision, as did their grandfathers and great-grandfathers in 1861-1865. The thought came to me as I saw those boys, that here was a way we could help build up our organization.

Besides the visits to other Departments I have had a busy year in Massachusetts attending meetings and receptions of various kinds among the allied organizations, as well as installations, district meetings, county meetings, patriotic gatherings, banquets and outings of our own organization. The sacrifice of time and expense in traveling many hundreds of miles has been freely given and I have benefited greatly by the friendships I have formed. I trust my contact with the membership has helped to encourage them to continue to function loyally for the Order. Past Commander-in-Chief "Doc" Homan, and other Past Department Commanders, accompanied me on several of my visits, but I was particularly happy to have had Commander George W. Green of Boston, Post 200 G. A. R., honor me by visiting many of the places I went, and quite often he was the sole Comrade present to grace the occasion. Everywhere I went, as I stated before, I found a fine spirit of loyalty to our work, but at the same time a deep concern about the future of our Order.

The splendid showing which was made by the Sons of Veterans Reserve of the Pennsylvania Department at Springfield, Illinois, inspired me with the thought that this was one of the ways to interest our young members and eligibles. The Reserve, composed largely of grandsons and great-grandsons, dressed in the uniform of blue of the days of 1861-1865, with the fine military training and discipline that was evident, and the excellence of their several parades and drills would indeed be an incentive to young men. I have advocated the formation of companies along the ideas of Pennsylvania Reserve because I believe that young men can be attracted by the uniform and military drill under proper supervision. Some thought has already been given this matter in Massachusetts and preliminary steps taken to form Reserve Companies, and we hope the project will meet with success.

Then too, I am of the opinion that another field for securing additions to our Camps lies in the formation of Junior Camps such as I witnessed at Maine, and hope this matter may receive some encouragement. I feel sure that we would find a ready response from the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans, as well as our Auxiliary, in assisting us in the organization and perfection of such Junior Camps.

There also has been some thought given to the formation of State Camps, allowing dual memberships with local Camps, and for providing for membership-at-large where members could be enlisted at Department headquarters, fees for such members to be determined by each Department at its Annual Encampment. Very often when Camps disband because of insufficient members to carry on, we could save

many of the members by such enlistment. I present these thoughts that they may receive some consideration if found feasible by the Encampment or by the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

The radio is another fine medium of contacting the public and creating interest in our work, and I am happy to report that in Massachusetts we have been able, through the efforts of our Senior Vice Department Commander, to broadcast a half hour program every Thursday evening from 8 to 8:30, over Station WHDH, which operates throughout New England.

I am thoroughly in accord with the sentiments expressed at our last Encampment by the National Counselor, Brother Locke, that we should stop making an effort to secure new members, but instead build up the Camps we now have to do worth while things, as our fathers have done in the past, and then we will attract the men we want. It is splendid to have the slogan of loyalty to the G. A. R., but let us broaden that and make it read loyal service to the ideals for which our fathers have always stood, and unqualified loyalty to the country they preserved. If we do that we will find plenty of things in our various communities which could have our attention. We should seek the united co-operation of all of the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic in all of our undertakings. This would result in greater interest and enthusiasm, and there would be no question about the successful outcome of any project undertaken.

In closing I wish to again thank the brothers for the honor conferred upon me, and also to acknowledge the many courtesies extended to me everywhere I have gone. I hope that I have been of some service to you and the organization, and that I have proven worthy of the honor bestowed.

May we all realize the responsibility that rests upon us, and individually do our utmost to honor the noble heritage that is ours and prove worthy sons of noble sires. I pledge my continued efforts for the welfare of the Order.

Loyally yours in F. C. & L.,
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Washington, D. C., August 1, 1933.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Another year has passed since we last met in annual session in Springfield, Ill., the home city of our dearly beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, and it is now time for me to submit my report as your Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the year from September 22, 1932, to September 21, 1933.

Words are inadequate for me to express my gratitude to the brothers who honored my Department and myself personally, by elevating me to the office I now hold, but must soon relinquish with both regrets and gladness; regrets that I have not been able to accomplish all that I have desired, and gladness that another brother may have the honorable distinction I now enjoy, bestowed on him.

While I have no major activities to report, every effort has been put forth by me towards the improvement of our organization wherever it was possible, especially in the Department of Maryland, and I was ready at all times to answer any request that might have been made of me by any other Department or the Commander-in-Chief.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, there is no particular assignment of work for the Senior or Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief, except to perform such duties as the Commander-in-Chief may allot to them. During the past year our very excellent Commander-in-Chief has been untiring in his efforts to give all matters concerning our organization his personal attention, and no details of consequence appear to have been necessary to apportion to me to carry out for him.

Our great fraternity needs every possible endeavor of not only the Commander-in-Chief, but also of his entire staff of associate officers, to create greater interest and enthusiasm in the officers of the several Departments, and through them reach and rejuvenate the Camp officers and individual members. We need more personal work. We may write members and send printed matter for years without results, but a personal visit from an earnest brother will most always transform an indifferent member into a diligent and active brother, who will in turn call on others who are dormant and get them out of the ranks of general apathy.

There is much work that can appropriately be assigned to the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief; work that often cannot be accomplished by the Commander-in-Chief on account of lack of time or important engagements elsewhere.

The Senior Vice Commander in his report to the Commandery-in-Chief last year stated: "It appears to me that the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief should have some specific work to do." It is regretted that no action was recommended on this suggestion by the Committee on Officers Reports or taken by the Commandery-in-Chief, therefore I wish to again bring this matter to the attention of the members of our National body with the recommendation that specific duties, in addition to those required by the Commander-in-Chief, be allotted to all future Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief of our organization.

Again thanking you for the honor and privilege of serving you in a rank of distinction during the past year, which will live in my happy recollections until the end of my existence, and pledging a continuation of most loyal support towards the upbuilding and maintenance of our beloved order, I am,

Faithfully yours in F. C. & L.,
JAMES W. LYONS,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 21, 1933.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

In accordance with the C. & R. I have the honor to submit report as follows:

Finances and Membership are the vital features of the order. Incident to banking conditions financial matters were difficult and trying. Strict economy was observed. Only absolute necessities were provided for in expenditures.

The Reading National Bank & Trust Company, our depositary for many years and since directed by the Commandery-in-Chief that its funds be carried in a National Bank, merged with the Farmers' National Bank & Trust Company, under the latter name, February 17,

1933. Since the National Bank Holiday (March, 1933) it is in charge of a Federal Conservator. Our balance $4408.84, on deposit as of February 28, 1933, is impounded or "frozen," not liquid. Whether or not the impounded amount will be paid in full or in part and when is not now known.

The impounded or "frozen" balance is not a loss to the Commandery-in-Chief. It has been assumed or taken over (the Commandery-in-Chief approving) by the National Secretary-Treasurer crediting, refunding his salary, expense account for this term and by a cash payment of the difference between these items.

DR.:			CR.:		
Sept. 22, 1932, To Balance		$ 1,771.00	By General Expenses		$ 6,856.77
Received for:			Office Expenses		599.65
Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees	$11,765.00		Commander-in-Chief's Expenses		1,030.26
Charter Fees	20.00		Tax on Checks		.80
Supplies	1,128.79		Total Expenditures		$ 8,487.48
Miscellaneous	46.20		By Balance, August 21, 1933		6,290.10
Premium Dept. Com.'s Bonds	27.50				$14,777.58
Interest on Bank Balances	19.09				
Total Receipts.		$13,006.58			
		$14,777.58			

Credited, Refunded to Commandery-in-Chief Treasury, Aug. 21, 1933:

Expense Account, 1932-1933:		
Salary, Nat. Sec.-Treas., 1932-1933		$3,300.00
General Expenses:		
Encampment	7.14	
Shipping supplies	48.07	
Misc. (Past) Com.-in-Chief Badge	125.00	
Office Expenses:		
Wrapping paper and twine	.69	
Postage	116.78	
Express	2.11	
Telegrams	22.06	
Stationery	2.96	
Miscellaneous	27.40	
	$3,652.21	
Cash	756.63	
Total Credited, Refunded		$4,408.84
Liquid Bank Balance		$1,881.26
		$6,290.10

Bank Account:		
Amount impounded, "frozen"		$4,408.84
Balance cash, liquid		1,881.26
		$6,290.10

Bank Account:

August 21, 1933, Liquid Balance	$1,881.26
Cash to Bank Account paid by Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer.	756.63
August 21, Total Liquid Balance	$2,637.89

FINANCIAL.

Receipts and disbursements were both approximately $1,500 less than last term.

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	P. C. Mem. Fees	Tax Fees	Charter Supplies	Miscel.	Bonds	Total
Ala. & Tenn.	$ 92.37	$	$ 10.70	$	$	$ 103.07
Cal. & Pac.	237.01		40.13			277.14
Col. & Wyo.	102.89		19.96	2.23		125.08
Connecticut	609.10		37.10			646.20
Illinois	297.59		34.17			331.76
Indiana	320.12		15.13			335.25
Iowa	183.08		11.26	5.15	2.50	201.99
Kansas	149.54	5.00	24.96		5.00	184.50
Maine	444.69	5.00	93.21			542.90
Maryland	184.94		20.00		2.50	207.44
Massachusetts	2157.85		206.23			2364.08
Michigan	220.78		8.57			229.35
Minnesota	94.25		25.94	1.00	2.50	123.69
Missouri	116.70	5.00	31.96			153.66
Nebraska	101.53		15.39	8.93	2.50	128.35
New Hampshire	308.94		30.90	5.83		345.67
New Jersey	409.09		56.80		2.50	468.39
New York	1228.03		121.15	10.19	2.50	1361.87
Ohio	914.63		64.34	3.45	2.50	984.92
Oregon	108.21		13.85			122.06
Pennsylvania	2711.04	5.00	115.64			2831.68
Rhode Island	151.97		24.75			176.72
Vermont	310.98		87.46	.62	2.50	401.56
Washington	75.75		3.24	1.17	2.50	82.66
Wisconsin	233.92		15.95	7.63		257.50
Total	$11765.00	$20.00	$1128.79	$46.20	$27.50	$12987 49

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:

For Stock and Supplies	$ 657.11	
The Banner, Sub. Oct. 1932-Aug. 1933, inc.	5174.45	
Encampment, Printing, Shipping, etc., to Departments—Journal of 1932 Encampment	395.19	
Printing	502.55	
Bonds, Nat'l Officers and Dept. Commanders	52.50	
Miscellaneous	19.97	
Committee Marking Graves	55.00	
		$6856.77

Office Expenses:

Stationery, National Officers	$ 71.05	
Rent	528.60	
		$ 599.65

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage	$ 25.82	
Telegrams	27.65	
Traveling	918.79	
Office	3.00	
Stenographer	55.00	
		$1030.26

Total Expenditures $8486.68

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	The Banner,	Subscription, October, 1932, 33,017 copies...	$ 495.25
2.	W. O. Flatt Co.,	Printing	3.75
3.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Bonds, National Officers	27.50
4.	W. C. Mabie,	Stationery, National Officers	62.56
5.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c October	33.81
6.	The Banner,	Subscription, 32,624 copies November ($489.36), and Roster ($30.25)	519.61
7.	American Coalition,	Commandery-in-Chief Membership	1.00
8.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c November	60.46
9.	W. C. Mabie,	Supplies, Folders Information Organization, Stationery National Officers	473.29
10.	The Banner,	Subscription, 32,376 copies December	485.64
11.	Colonial Trust Co.,	Rent, January-March, inc.	167.28
12.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c December	9.50
13-14.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c January	151.34
15.	The Banner,	Subscription, 32,135 copies January $482.03), Printing and Shipping Journal of Proceedings, 51st Encampment, Springfield, Ill. ($395.19)	877.22
16.	Emily J. Tompkins,	National Secretary-Treasurer, Dues Federated Patriotic Societies	10.00
17.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Supplies, Seal Press	3.96
18.	Void.		
19.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c February	151.00
20.	The Robbins Co.,	Supplies (Badges)	100.00
21.	W. C. Mabie,	Supplies	198.35
22.	Colonial-Berks Real Estate Co.,	Rent April-June, inc.	180.66
23.	G. W. Billman & Co.,	Insurance on supplies and headquarters effects	8.97
24.	The Robbins Co.,	Supplies (Badges)	335.75
25.	The Banner,	Subscription, 31,666 copies February ($474.99), 31,196 copies March ($467.94), 31,092 copies April ($466.38), 30,803 copies May ($462.05)	1871.36
26.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Bonds Dept. Coms.	10.00
27.	W. O. Flatt Co.,	Printing	3.75
28.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c March, April, May, inc.	236.90
29.	The Banner,	Subscription, 30,301 copies June	454.52
30.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Bonds Dept. Coms.	5.00
31.	W. O. Flatt Co.,	Stationery	4.00
32.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent July-September, inc.	180.66
33.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c June	316.25
34.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Supplies—Seal Press	4.05
35.	W. C. Mabie,	Printing Receipt Books	11.00
36.	American Surety Co., N. Y.,	Premium Bond Dept. Com.	2.50
37.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Bonds Dept. Coms.	7.50
38.	Charles R. Hale, Chairman,	Expense Committee Marking Graves	55.00
39.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c July	34.00
40.	The Banner,	Subscription, 29,951 copies July ($449.26), 29,802 copies August ($447.03)	896.29
41.	T. M. Ruch,	Com.-in-Chief, Expense a/c August	37.00
	Total Amount of Vouchers		$8486.68

MEMBERSHIP.

It is unnecessary to amplify causes and reasons for the results of the year. You and the members of the order are familiar with and

for the results shown. As to gain or increase you planned and urged a campaign for recruiting in Camps, emphasizing members of the order enroll their sons and grandsons. Practically nothing was accomplished in response. We have not sustained losses in comparison with them as other orders have. Our restricted eligibility, economic conditions, unemployment, etc., throughout the Nation the past year, must be considered as to our returns for the term; but the time is here for some action to increase the membership as well as number of Camps. Plans should be made and have serious attention.

NEW CAMPS.

One-half the number were instituted as compared with the preceding term. Appeals to Department Commanders to organize Camps could not produce the desired results. A number made efforts but conditions prevented compliance. Camps were organized as follows:

Department:	No. Camp Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Instituted	No. Charter Members
Kansas	1	18	1	34
Maine	1	26	1	26
Missouri	1	19	1	19
Pennsylvania	1	25	1	25
Total	4	88	4	104

DEPARTMENTS—MEMBERSHIP—GAINS AND LOSSES.

Department:	In Good Standing June 30th: 1932 Camps	1932 Mem.	1933 Camps	1933 Mem.	Gain Cps.	Gain Mb.	Loss Cps.	Loss Mb.
Ala. & Tenn.	14	237	14	250		13		
Cal. & Pac.	21	700	20	588			1	112
Col. & Wyo.	11	321	10	243			1	78
Connecticut	34	1778	33	1603			1	175
Illinois	30	911	27	710			3	201
Indiana	30	1044	30	840				204
Iowa	22	581	20	429			2	152
Kansas	19	423	20	431	1	8		
Maine	32	1265	31	1044			1	221
Maryland	14	535	14	489				46
Massachusetts	142	6281	131	5569			11	712
Michigan	18	600	20	555	2			45
Minnesota	10	226	10	238		12		
Missouri	9	325	10	308	1			17
Nebraska	13	356	13	280				76
New Hampshire	29	897	23	764			6	133
New Jersey	25	1178	24	1043			1	135
New York	88	3639	83	3168			5	471
Ohio	77	2844	74	2334			3	510
Oregon	9	288	9	275				13
Pennsylvania	128	8089	123	7080			5	1009
Rhode Island	16	423	16	395				28
Vermont	30	877	28	784			2	93
Washington	10	247	10	193				54
Wisconsin	18	710	17	598			1	112
Total	849	34775	810	30211	4	33	43	4597

The Departments of Minnesota and Washington are under the constitutional number of members and Oregon under the number of Camps. Their status was the same last year.

RECAPITULATION.

	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1932			849	34775
Gain—	Camps	Members		
By Organization and Initiation	5	702		
Transfer		57		
Reinstatement	11	440		
Total Gain			16	1199
Aggregate			865	35974
Loss—				
By Disbanded	30	537		
Death		571		
Honorable Discharge		223		
Transfer		36		
Suspended	7	114		
Dropped	18	4282		
Dishonorable Discharge	..	....		
Total Loss			55	5763
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1933			810	30211

Amount in Department Treasuries (All report cash balances)	$ 5,882.57
Amount in Camp Treasuries (Not reported by Colorado & Wyoming, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Washington)	44,769.29
Amount Expended by Camps for Relief to Veterans or their families and to Members and their families, not reported by all Departments	35,734.34
Number Veterans or Families Relieved	674
Number Members or Families Relieved	42

For some years we have had losses. Measures should be taken to prevent and stop them. We should plan to induce eligibles to join the Order. Camp Officers should be more active in campaigns for membership. Attraction, interest and worth while cause should be held out to members to retain their membership in and not drop out of the Order. Camps have this opportunity and it is their responsibility.

Loss in Camps is deplorable and damaging in its impression upon members. The principal effect is many omissions of the Order functioning on Memorial Day and in the other celebrations and observances of our patriotic events in such localities.

SUPPLY ACCOUNT—REQUISITIONS.

Orders or Requisitions were greater in number than last year but receipts were approximately $100 less owing to small quantities and small amounts ordered. Profits were about $35.00 less than last term. About one half was expended to replenish stock, compared with last year.

To cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1932	$3550.50
Cost of supplies purchased	657.11
Cost of supplies to account for	$4207.61
Cost of supplies on hand August 20, 1933	3516.18
Cost of supplies sold	$ 691.43

Amount received on Requisitions		$1128.79
To cost of supplies sold	$691.43	
Cost of shipping	48.07	
Cost of wrapping paper and twine	.69	
Cost of supplies to National Officers	5.93	
Express on supplies received	2.11	
Total cost of supplies, etc., sold		$ 748.23
Profit		$ 380.56

THE BANNER—OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The repetition in General Orders for Camp mailing lists to be corrected and kept up to date with advice through Department Headquarters has had effect and compliance to some extent, but not as careful attention with results desired. This subject was called to your attention previously. The failure to correct and strike off from mailing lists those not entitled to The Banner, results in excessive expenditure by the Commandery-in-Chief for this provision. Last year Departments refunded to the Commandery-in-Chief $149.96 for excess copies of The Banner to Departments over, more and above the reported membership. This term the amount collected was not as great—accounted for under Miscellaneous—Itemized Receipts.

The Publisher of The Banner has rendered every assistance and co-operated in having the lists as correct as could be secured and every effort to be in accord with us has been the experience with Editor Holbrook and his staff.

ALLIED ORDERS—FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

We have been in active co-operation with the Grand Army of the Republic officials and those of all other Allied Orders. Interest and duties are mutual, aid to and service for the Comrades of the G. A. R.

Congratulations are tendered officers and members of our National Auxiliary in its historic celebration here—The Fiftieth Anniversary. It is an outstanding event in a long period of successful work for our Camps and our Order. It has made a splendid record for the assistance rendered in its years of activity and patriotic work and in its valuable influence.

We acknowledge courtesies from the respective Allied Orders and are assured of continued harmonious and pleasant relations in the work; each has its service to perform.

CONCLUSION.

Your active interest and service covers a period of nearly fifty years. You have attained the highest honors the order can bestow. It is a testimonial of the recognition of service and appreciation thereof. All the efforts you could put forth in acknowledging your obligation for the high honors conferred upon you were to the extent you were able. You endeavored to produce and render the expectations and record you had fixed. Your constant application, desire to accomplish the expectations and have the results, are appreciated and you have the confidence and esteem of the members. Our personal knowledge of many years intimacy is the assurance of continued active service on your part and always to have the interest of the Order in mind. It is the sincere wish that you have long life and prosperity.

For many courtesies shown acknowledgment is made to you, as well as to the other National Officers, and all Department Officers with whom relations were agreeable and in harmony.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

September 21, 1933

DR.:		CR.:	
Aug. 21, '33, To Balance	$2637.89	By General Expenses	$1689.18
Received for Miscellaneous	$11.95	Office Expenses	192.96
		Com.-in-Chief's Expenses.	36.84
		By Total Expenditures	$1918.98
		Tax on checks	.26
Total Receipts	$ 11.95	By Balance, September 21, 1933	730.60
	$2649.89		$2649.84

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:

The Banner	$ 440.20	
Encampment	1245.48	
Officers (National Chaplain)	3.50	
		$1689.18

Office Expenses:

Rent, October-December, 1933, inc., Postage, etc.	$ 192.96

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Traveling (Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief)	$ 36.84
Total Expenditures	$1918.98

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom: Account:	Amount
42.	The Banner, Subscription, September (29,347 copies, $440.20); Officers' Reports and Encampment Roll ($134.22)	$ 574.42
43.	Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief, Encampment Expense ($183.00), Traveling ($36.84)	219.84
44.	F. L. Kichgassner, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment Expense	75.00
45.	James W. Lyons, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encampment Expense	58.55
46.	Charles R. Hale, Council-in-Chief, Encampment Expense	121.95
47.	William R. McGirr, Council-in-Chief, Encampment Expense	120.23
48.	Louis H. Knox, Council-in-Chief, Encampment Expense	121.79
49.	Park F. Yengling, National Patriotic Instructor, Encampment Expense	36.03
50.	Homer K. Pitman, National Chaplain, Office Expense ($3.50), Encampment Expense ($123.25)	126.75
51.	R. F. Locke, National Counselor, Encampment Expense	14.27
52.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, Encampment Expense ($157.19), Office, Postage, etc. ($12.30)	169.49
53.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent, Oct.-Dec., 1933, inc.	180.66
54.	Minor S. Bacon, Stenographer, Encampment	100.00
	Total Vouchers	$1918.98

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Bay Village, Ohio, August 1, 1933.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith a consolidated report of the several Departments of the Order. All Departments have reported, five of which still use the old Form No. 51, notwithstanding the fact that General Orders and requests from this office, have ordered and asked that reports be made on new Form No. 51.

Supplementary reports from several Departments should be noted, for which reason I am mentioning the following:

Chas. A. Higgins—Alabama & Tennessee.

"If you were a Department Patriotic Instructor in a Department that reached from Virginia to Key West, and from Palm Beach to the Headwaters of the Arkansas River, you would realize the futility of attempting to collect reports in time to properly prepare them, send them to Department Headquarters for record, and from there to National.

"For the past half century, more or less, the reports from Department Instructors and Chaplains have been ordered sent direct to Department Headquarters and I presume the Department Secretary has forwarded the consolidated reports to you ere this.

"I saw that those of my own Camp went in the first meeting after Memorial Day.

"I am sending you copy of a resolution that has been forwarded to National Secretary, to be presented to the National Encampment; we trust for favorable action. We who live in Dixie realize what the change of Department name would mean to us in easing the tension and gaining friends and members. We trust that you will aid us in securing passage of this resolution.

"With best wishes for a successful series of reports from all of your Departments."

Wm. J. Hiland—Minnesota. Quote: "This report would have been better had it not been that I was injured in an auto accident, and am not well yet. My wife passed away as a result of the accident. I have two vertebrae in my back broken, but in spite of it all I have managed to keep the Old Flag waving. Hope to be active in National Encampment."

Wm. L. Wiedemer—Missouri.

"I am enclosing the revised copy of the annual report of this Department, and while it is a consolidated report of all Camps, I personally do not think it is a true and accurate record of the patriotic activities throughout the year in this state.

"This statement is based on the fact that many of the reports reached me with many questions left open, while others answered only a few, and I was obliged to make a guess as to their activities. That is the reason I say it is not a true and accurate record.

"This condition no doubt existed in other Departments. I therefore believe that when you make your report to the National at St. Paul, the attention of all Departments should be called to the importance of making an accurate record of the patriotic activities throughout the year.

"Another thing I want to call to your attention is that I was appointed Patriotic Instructor of this state on May 10. Therefore I have been in office just about 60 days, so how am I able to keep in touch with all the Camp Patriotic Instructors in order to make a good report?

"I believe that the 1932 Department Patriotic Instructor should make this 1933 report, as he is the one who has been in touch with the Camp Patriotic Instructors during the 1932-1933 year."

Fred Kurtz, Jr.—New Jersey. Quote: "In many cases where Camp reports were received, answers were very vague, using the words "many" and "several," or omitting several answers altogether. Special activities reported by Camps include annual Christmas party at Melno Park Soldiers Home on Christmas morning. Several Camps report representation on joint Memorial Committees in their communities. During the past year the Department held their annual Memorial Day visitation to two Soldiers Homes; gifts were presented to all Civil War Veterans, and wives and widows at this time."

Chas. L. Sharp—New York.

"Besides participating in the observance of Memorial Day, Memorial Sunday, Union Defenders' Day, Veterans' Night and Mothers' Day, members furnished, or took part in various programs, services, flag presentations, dinners, etc, delivered addresses and provided firing squads.

"Exercises were held at General Grant's tomb and at the Grant Cottage, Mt. McGregor, and Washington, Van Buren and other Presidents have had commemorations, and a tablet was dedicated to Gerrit Smith.

"Essay contests, with suitable prizes, have been held and one Camp instituted a system for securing new members."

Rev. Jos. W. Giffin—Ohio. Reports but twenty-seven (27) Camps reporting out of a total of 74.

James M. Briceland—Pennsylvania.

"Special Activities Reported. Allen Camp No. 6, of Allentown, sent speakers to each of the 30 schools where Memorial Services were conducted, and also sent speakers to the Naturalization Schools in the district.

"Capt. J. P. Brindle Camp No. 50, at Carlisle, organized a Junior Camp April 11, 1933, with 18 members, which number was increased to 35 before Memorial Day. There were 35 Juniors in line in the parade on Memorial Day.

"J. A. Loose Camp No. 157, of Palmyra, gave a Washington Bi-Centennial program in the Seltzer Theater on the morning of Washington's Birthday. The program included all the children of the Public Schools and the local ministers.

"Col. Fred Taylor Camp No. 2, of Philadelphia, observe every meeting night during the winter months as Individual Brother's Night, in honor of the Fathers. The Company and Regimental history of the Father was read and at the close of ceremonies the brother was congratulated by all brothers present, the Color Bearer standing at attention.

"Davis Star Camp, Pittsburgh, observed the usual Memorial Service at the Mausoleum of Major Davis, the founder of the order, in Allegheny Cemetery. This Camp also observed Lincoln's birthday and the anniversary of Appomattox. At each meeting there were 25 Veterans present. The Camp also held two open meetings to secure new members.

"Col. Ellsworth Camp No. 81, of Middletown, gives an American Flag outfit suitable for School or Parade, to the Public School in Middletown that has the largest percentage of pupils in the parade line on Memorial Day.

"Sergeant P. C. Grace Camp No. 265, Belle Vernon, entertained the Southwestern Association of Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary of Pennsylvania."

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.
Alabama & Tennessee Chas. A. Higgins	1280	880	880	325
Colorado & Wyoming Sam J. Palmer	206	All	Nearly All	All
California and Pacific J. A. B. Young, A. P. I...	951	951	All	All
Connecticut Chas. E. Clark, Sr.....	852	852	4210	2172
Illinois George H. Wheeler	200	All	175	All
Indiana Wm. H. Ball	292	292	2044	2044
Iowa W. E. Barber	Several Thousand	All	Nearly All	Nearly All
Kansas W. A. Archer	Over 75	68	702	722
Maine Earl R. Hayes	300	All	All	All
Massachusetts Frederick P. Hawes	1046	1046	1824	1046
Michigan Wm. H. Malone	139	139	320	265
Minnesota William Hiland	322	250	322	300
Missouri Wm. L. Wiedemer	280	280	All	All
New Jersey Frederick J. Kurtz, Jr....	203	203	203	197
New York Chas. L. Sharp	1067	1044	543	1066
Ohio Rev. Jos. W. Giffin	838	801	1072	773
Pennsylvania James M. Briceland	828	839	1486	706
Rhode Island John W. Maguire	Not obtainable	300	Not obtainable	All
Vermont Harry Stickney	118	125	191	117
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson	346	343	447	312

National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors Using "New" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1933.

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 Patriotic Programs.	4. Public Programs.	5. Monuments or Tablets for Civil War Veterans.	6. New Memorials During Year.	7. Money Spent for Patriotic Instruction.
Alabama & Tennessee Chas. A. Higgins	1280	880	880	325	25	125	80	510	35	900	Yes	Yes	1630	630	5	20	10	Unknown	Unknown	30	2000	5	None
Colorado & Wyoming Sam J. Palmer	206	All	Nearly All	All	All	Nearly all	6		25	All	Yes	No	274	All	None		21	None		6			
California and Pacific J. A. B. Young, A. P. I.	951	951	All	All	All	1546	10	4466	56	489	Yes	Yes	1282	831	None	56	86	None	None	47	6	3	$96.00
Connecticut Chas. E. Clark, Sr.	852	852	4210	2172	2152	In schools 752	65	73210	572	580	Yes	Yes	1210	997	28	31	73	17	163	209	72	6	No Account
Illinois George H. Wheeler	200	All	175	All	All	150	75	1000	150	100	No	No	100	All	None	None	40	None	None	All			
Indiana Wm. H. Ball	292	292	2044	2044	292	292	128	6000	53	281	No	No	311	311	12	29	37			31	19	5	$149.25
Iowa W. E. Barber	Several Thousand	All	Nearly All	Nearly All	Large per cent.	Nearly All	24	27000	27	Large per cent.	yes	No	Approx. 5000	3500	12	22	34			25	17		$35.00
Kansas W. A. Archer	Over 75	68	702	722	10	70		485		37	Yes	Yes	168	51	49		6			6	8		
Maine Earl R. Hayes	300	All	All	All	82	49	5	3036	25	40	Yes	No	200	150		1	43	1		55	115		$800.00
Massachusetts Frederick P. Hawes	1046	1046	1824	1046	1004	239	44	78899	322	399	No	no	1083	551	5	133	99	3	46	107	139	6	$106.50
Michigan Wm. H. Malone	139	139	320	265	267	148	15	2874	54	60	Yes	Yes	324	324	19	43	45	10	155	70	375	1	60.50
Minnesota William Hiland	322	250	322	300	322	322	50	1000	50	250	No	no	300	250	5	5	25			5	12	2	
Missouri Wm. L. Wiedemer	280	280	All	All	68	665	1	65380	8	13	No	no	443	370	13	27	18	None	None	26	50	5	$65.00
New Jersey Frederick J. Kurtz, Jr.	203	203	203	197	157	60	3	15330	32	94	Yes	Yes	439	374	1	20	30	1	3000	23	54	1	$300.00
New York Chas. L. Sharp	1067	1044	543	1066	311	105	8	22510	67	206	Yes	Yes	882	361	4	68	92	3	145	69	46	22	$439.00
Ohio Rev. Jos. W. Giffin	838	801	1072	773	229	74	646	8859	141	394	Yes	Yes	819	461	146	20	78	3	18	73	223	2160	$91.00
Pennsylvania James M. Briceland	828	839	1486	706	688	141	42	196690	349	540	Yes	Yes	1052	647	602	189	102	17	194	109	509	25	$1024.80
Rhode Island John W. Maguire	Not obtainable	300	Not obtainable	All	All	Not Available	3	About 500	78	32	No	no			Not Available	35	5						$50.00
Vermont Harry Stickney	118	125	191	117	112	45	56	1001	36	21	Yes	Optional	107	57	77	50	18	15	25	24	9	7	$30.00
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson	346	343	447	312	248	148	7	20999	48	169	Yes	No	528	190		54	32			28	1504	6	$21.85

National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors using "Old" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1933.

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.
Maryland Harry V. Niemyer	yes	yes	yes	yes	20	yes	yes, 1	yes	yes	yes	know of none	$150	yes	yes	Unite with other Patriotic Societies in holding Patriotic Services.
Nebraska I. O. Townsend	yes	yes	yes	yes	several	no	many, not all	yes	yes	yes	no	some, am't unk.	yes	yes	Secured tombstones and markers for veterans graves.
New Hampshire Myron J. Bennett	yes	daily	yes	yes	6	yes	3	yes	yes, 4975 reported	yes	no	$200	yes	yes	Visited every Camp in Department, talking on Memorial Day Duties.
Oregon E. W. Madison	yes	daily	yes	some	none reported	none reported	no	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes	Patriotic programs, care of cemeteries. Addresses to public schools.
Washington W. H. Cole.....	yes	yes	yes	some	50	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	no, but take part	

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DEPARTMENT.	No. of Camps in Good Standing.	No. of Camps Reporting.	No. Brothers in Good Standing.	No. Attending the Memorial Sunday Services.	No. Participating in Memorial Day Program.	No. Camps Furnishing Firing Squads.	No. Addresses by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. Cemeteries Covered by Sons.	TOTAL FLAGS PLACED.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Other Veterans.	No. Markers Placed on Graves of Civil War Veterans.	No. Graves Given Special Attention.	No. Deaths of Camp Members.	No. Funerals Attended or Conducted. TOTAL.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Camp Members.	C. Members of Allied Organizations.	No. Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.
Alabama & Tennessee	14	14	250	195	190	2	8	42	37025	36250	775	10	10	7	30	20	7	3	7
California & Pacific	20	14	505	255	271	8	15	47	20663	9831	10152	814	6187	8	123	93	7	23	8
Colorado & Wyoming	10	10	244	125	175	1	10	12	3656	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	28	16	7	5	10
Connecticut	33	32	1588	519	771	11	33	308	18509	16869	1640	677	611	26	40	23	15	2	13
Illinois	27	27	710	350	400	15	45	250	10115	9865	250	110	5	13	13	25	....	8	12
Indiana	30	16	662	227	277	8	24	222	12000	.....	.....	.....	112	13	68	....	....	....	9
Iowa	22	10	221	63	76	2	9	40	2047	1965	82	21	4	11	29	13	11	5	5
Kansas	19	8	391	72	96	5	7	16	1661	1435	226	309	5	6	31	....	....	....	2
Maine	34	27	1040	452	1527	15	34	314	11551	.....	.....	.....	19	29	15	8	7	....	15
Maryland	14	9	489	300	300	3	30	63	5600	5300	300	30	.....	4	44	30	4	10	9
Massachusetts	131	86	5715	1325	2014	39	131	616	46437	43358	3079	526	262	67	186	91	65	30	52
Michigan	20	14	611	141	216	8	14	92	11972	9158	2814	52	342	12	53	32	18	2	7
Minnesota, N. & S. Dak.....	10	8	203	75	94	4	20	35	4470	.....	.....	195	26	7	22	10	5	7	4
Missouri	10	9	327	79	119	1	11	62	7015	.....	.....	.....	6955	11	18	12	6	....	5
Nebraska	13	13	279	200	200	....	....	15	1000	900	100	1000	.....	....	5	5	....	....	3
New Hampshire	29	22	630	327	257	11	19	206	8485	.....	.....	59	26	10	22	....	....	....	13
New Jersey	25	18	1100	283	389	9	19	193	13013	8784	4229	1596	29	29	49	15	23	11	11
New York	88	50	2149	762	1020	25	87	477	47604	44440	3164	593	796	64	317	155	62	....	41
Ohio	76	28	1466	601	721	13	31	302	33127	26526	6601	5525	1	30	114	77	23	14	17
Oregon	6	6	201	35	86	1	7	13	1380	1380	.....	30	19	3	14	13	1	....	4
Pennsylvania	122	63	5483	2369	2718	46	173	713	54867	47873	6994	1202	1232	121	233	120	98	15	45
Rhode Island	16	10	281	103	134	5	13	89	7087	6657	430	.....	38	4	7	6	1	....	3
Vermont	18	18	619	210	227	7	8	156	4372	4027	345	19	21	11	13	8	4	1	8
Washington	10	10	240	40	100	....	6	14	.....	1000	.....	1	.....	1	19	8	1	10	...
Wisconsin	17	17	562	468	160	2	4	43	2021	1841	180	5	.....	12	13	7	6	1	...
Total	814	539	25966	9576	12568	241	758	4340	366677	276469	11361	12774	16703	506	1406	787	371	147	303

Harry C. Stickney—Vermont. Reports visiting nearly all the Camps in his Department. Was present at numerous "get-together" meetings, not only with Sons and their Auxiliary, but American Legion. Had thirteen (13) Camps report out of twenty-eight (28).

C. D. Donaldson—Wisconsin. Quote: "Seventeen Camps in the Department. Seventeen Camps reporting, 100%. And a gain of ONE Camp over 1932. The Department offers gold, silver and bronze medals for the best essay by school boy or girl in the seventh and eighth grades—TOPIC, Civil War—Standpoint of the North. Most of the Camps of the Department alive to the value of newspaper notices."

It has been a pleasure to serve you and our Order, and my contact with the Department Patriotic Instructors has been one of profit to myself, and I hope to them.

Throughout the year I have visited many Camps and attended several public and private meetings of the allied organizations. I had the pleasure and privilege of visiting the Soldiers' Homes in Ohio, also a Home for widows of the Civil War Veterans, spreading Christmas cheer, and in one instance giving Christmas boxes from one of our Auxiliaries to about thirty Civil War Veterans in the Hospital. Attended both Lincoln and Washington Birthday Banquets as well as dedication of memorials to the Civil War Veterans.

May I suggest to the members of our order, that when accepting the office of Patriotic Instructor, whether in Camp or Department, that YOU be an officer in FACT as well as in NAME. When letters are received which require an answer, don't put it off, but answer promptly. You will be saving your Department and National postage, as National cannot let up writing you until an answer is received.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1. That all old Form No. 51—Patriotic Instructor Reports—be ordered destroyed, and that it be made compulsory to use New Form No. 51.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2. That Department Reports be made by Patriotic Instructors having been appointed to office in the year preceding National Encampment, where Department Encampment is held previous to June 1. (Several 1933 reports were made by Officers appointed at the 1933 Department Encampments who did not have time to make reports they would have made had they been in office a whole year). (See supplementary report of W. L. Wiedemer, D. P. I., Missouri).

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3. Owing to the fact that there seems to be a general misunderstanding of the meaning of many of the questions asked in the Form 50 and 51, of the Patriotic Instructors reports, I would recommend that a committee be appointed to revise these blanks, so that there may be no doubt of what each question means, and to report at the 52nd Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,
PARK F. YENGLING,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

San Francisco, California, August 9, 1933.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to present, herewith, my report as National Chaplain. My relationship with the officers and brothers of our order

and with those of the affiliated organizations have been exceedingly pleasant. I regret that I have not been able, thus far during the year, to visit other Departments than my own. I have participated in many patriotic exercises through the year.

With deep regret I report the deaths of twenty-one Past Department Commanders. For these and for other brothers of our order who have died during the year, a Memorial Service is being planned as a part of the proceedings of the Annual Encampment to be held at St. Paul. In this service the members of the Auxiliary will participate under the leadership of Florence Lufkin, National Chaplain.

IN MEMORIAM.

July 25, 1932, Francis C. Hawthorne, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.

October 9, 1932, Fred E. Upham, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

October 11, 1932, Ernest W. McCann, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

October 11, 1932, Leon L. Roberts, Past Department Commander, Missouri.

October 13, 1932, W. C. Gullett, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

October 15, 1932, H. S. Foster, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

November 14, 1932, Thos. M. Lien, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin.

November 29, 1932, James G. Goldthrite, Past Department Commander, New York.

December 21, 1932, William G. Helm, Past Department Commander, Missouri.

January 5, 1933, Charles N. Appleton, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

March 1, 1933, Daniel D. Hammelbaugh, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

March 11, 1933, Clay H. Newton, Past National Chaplain and Past Department Commander, Kansas.

March 24, 1933, Geo. D. Bentley, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.

March 30, 1933, F. W. Hendrix, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

April 1, 1933, Charles H. Fessenden, Past Department Commander, Oregon.

May 16, 1933, William J. Lenox, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

June 8, 1933, Edward K. DePuy, Past Department Commander, Maryland.

June 9, 1933, Thomas W. Blair, Past Department Commander, Indiana.

June 27, 1933, Frederick M. Norcross, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

July 29, 1933, Alex. R. McAdam, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

_____, 1933, Frank E. Watson, Past Department Commander, Indiana.

In my correspondence with the Department Chaplains I have

sought to develop a spirit of fine fellowship and an appreciation of the unity of the Department of Chaplains from local Camp to National organization. I feel that it is our responsibility to promote the fine spiritual ideals of our Order. With this in mind, I am planning some kind of a "get-together" of all the Department and Camp Chaplains that may be in attendance upon the Encampment at St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,
HOMER K. PITMAN,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Glen Ellyn, Illinois, August 15, 1933.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and to the usages and practices of the Order, there is herewith submitted my report as National Counselor for the past year.

The duties of the office have not been burdensome and it has been necessary to give but one formal opinion. Exhibits "A" and "B" hereto attached, and made a part hereof, require no further explanation.

Aside from the rendering of this one opinion, my duties have consisted only in acting as your representative at the Encampment of Department of Illinois, held at Jacksonville, and at the funeral of Commander-in-Chief Wright in Chicago on June 19.

For the honor conferred, and the courtesies extended, please accept my sincere thanks.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
RICHARD F. LOCKE,
National Counselor.

EXHIBIT "A"

Office of Department Counselor.
Maywood, Calif., June 13, 1933.

R. F. Locke,
National Counselor,
Sons of Union Veterans,
Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

Dear Counselor:

The following matter has been put up to me for an opinion and I am passing it on to you to discover whether I am right or not:

Has a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War any right to use the Tribute to the Flag, which is a part of our ritualistic service, as a part of a patriotic speech made in public?

I hold that being a part of our ritualistic service it cannot be used in public addresses, at the same time I recognize the fact that it would probably do no harm and is in fact an inspiration which might well set people to thinking along patriotic lines.

An early reply would be appreciated as we have had quite a controversy over the matter.

Very truly yours, in F. C. & L.,
P. A. BARROWS,
Department Counselor.

5515 Corona Avenue,
Maywood, Calif.

EXHIBIT "B"

Glen Ellyn, Ill., June 19, 1933.

Mr. Pelham A. Barrows,
5515 Corona Avenue,
Maywood, California.

Dear Brother Barrows:

Replying to yours of the 13th inst.

In the event any member of the Order, in a public address, uses in the course of his remarks the Tribute to the Flag, which is a part of the ritual and described it as such, it would be a breach of good taste to say the least. But in the course of a public address on a patriotic subject, it seems to me that no better language could possibly be used than that in the ritual.

It depends entirely upon the manner in which the words are used, and if used discreetly, I am of the opinion that no criticism should be made.

Sincerely yours,
RICHARD F. LOCKE,
National Counselor.

RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Commander-in-Chief: We are now ready for the reception and reference of all communications and resolutions which will be turned over to the proper committees.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll of Departments and communications and resolutions were referred to committees.

KANSAS DRUM AND FIFE CORPS.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief announced the Kansas Drum Corps which was admitted and introduced by the Commander-in-Chief as the official Old Soldiers Fife and Drum Corps, consisting of four veterans of the Civil War and others of the Spanish-American War; Comrade Hardy Merrill, leader, announced that they wanted to come and show how much they appreciated the fact that the Sons of Union Veterans are carrying on.

Commander-in-Chief: Comrade, we are indeed honored by having you and your Comrades come to us in that same spirit that you went forth in '61 when you cemented the nation again.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston of Indiana: I think in this group mention was made that there were four Grand Army men and two Spanish-American comrades. Let us not overlook this. We are glad you are here. I have just been informed that one of you plays the long roll and we ask if you will play it now?

Drummer: I will play the long roll as I learned it in the Civil War. I went into the Army at 13 years of age. I have learned that some play it a little differently.

Comrade Merrill: Sons of Union Veterans, it has been a great pleasure to come before you and I hope you will have enjoyed our visit as we have your reception, I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any unfinished business?

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, there is none.

THE FLAG—THE CODE.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie of Pennsylvania: I don't know whether this should be brought up later in the form of a resolution

or not. You who were here early this morning noticed the mystery of the disappearing Flag. When I came in it was over there (indicating) and when I turned around it was back there (indicating) and I got peeved. I wanted to know who in the deuce was changing it, and somebody volunteered the information that it was placed wrong. I said no. The brother said he had the authority for placing the Flag, and I quoted the clause in our Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief: A resolution on the subject reported on by the proper committee will give opportunity for discussing the matter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Concerning this authority the brother speaks of, is the code adopted some ten years ago by all federated patriotic organizations. It speaks of the Flag being placed as a monument, in a chancel. We can hardly call this place a chancel. The place called a chancel would mean that part back of a railing. If we want to go along with that idea this Flag would still belong here, since it isn't on the same level with the presiding officer's station, and it ought to be to the left of the presiding officer. Some here might want to discuss that; possibly it would come up in the form of a resolution, to change the placing of the Flag so that it would be the same as other organizations. I have been in quite a few organizations but never yet have I seen the Flag placed to the left of the speaker's platform, be it on the level with the platform or down in front. It has always been placed to the right of the presiding officer. There is food for thought and discussion if you want it.

Albert L. Pauley, Past Department Commander, Indiana: I am the party to whom Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie refers. I will not take a back seat for anybody in Indiana or the Country when it comes to a proper display of the American Flag under any and all conditions. Sixty-seven patriotic organizations of the Country, assembled in Washington on June 14, 1923, adopted this code. They met again May 15, 1924, and made a few changes. They took for example a church, which applies to all forms of meeting places. It was brought out in this conference that they would use the picture of the church for the proper illustration as to how the Flag should be displayed in an auditorium and the decision of these sixty-seven patriotic organizations is this: That when the Flag is on the platform or rostrum on a level with the speaker, it is placed at his right, and any other flag—state flag or any other flag—is placed at his left; it is a part of the speaker's equipment on the rostrum, pulpit, speaker's stand or church; when it is at the left of the speaker it should be on the floor as a part of the auditorium or a part of the church. The Sons of Union Veterans had four representatives at this conference and they agreed to this. If it is contrary to our Constitution I think we shoud amend our Constitution and abide by the decision of this Patriotic Conference. Whether or not such a resolution will be brought up I don't know. I like to see the American Flag displayed. I am not a stickler for little things, but we ought to do it as others do it. I put it where it belonged according to the code, but if you don't want it there it is all right with me. I am looking at it across there, I think we made a mistake. I don't care whether it is placed East, West, North or South, when outside across a street. I am a Spanish-American veteran and served in the 5th United States Cavalry, and I say that any American citizen who has served his country as a soldier is entitled to a Flag upon his grave. We haven't the right, neither has Congress or the President, to say that I shall not put a Flag on my father's grave because he was not a soldier. I am not a son of a veteran. I am a grandson; my grandfather gave his life and four of his sons, my uncles, gave their lives to the cause, two uncles

never came back, my grandfather never came back; my father was too young to go, I think I should have the right as an American citizen to put a Flag on my father's grave, regardless of any President or Congress, and I shall do it when I please.

Delegate Newell B. Austin, Massachusetts: The brother has just expressed his idea and his opinion relative to placing the Flag upon the grave of a citizen or a soldier. I don't believe that Flag was ever discriminated against being placed on a grave. I have not had the privilege, for various reasons, of serving in the United States Army, or anything of that kind, but I do have a father who did serve, and I had uncles who did, and when that Flag is placed over a grave it means to me that that man served the United States under that Flag. I think that is one of the main reasons why it is placed there, and people regard it as rather bad form to place it any other place under the circumstances.

Regarding the placing of the Flag in our room here, particularly in placing it at the right hand of the Commander-in-Chief, there is room to put it on the rostrum and do away with all this argument. We love it, we respect it just as much as anybody else; put it on the rostrum and then there won't be any further argument.

Past Department Commander Robert J. F. McElroy, Maryland: There is a place fixed for placing our Flag and we have a Color Bearer who should place it there.

Commander-in-Chief: If the Brothers feel like offering a resolution it will be considered for placing it as may be decided.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse: If we could give one further moment to the Flag question I might say that way back in the Washington Encampment, many years ago, I noticed the Flag to the left of the speaker, and I said to myself the place for the American Flag is always to the right of the speaker. I asked someone in Washington and they said that is where we have always had it. When I became Commander-in-Chief I made the recommendation that it should stand where it is now, feeling that it should be to the right of the speaker, as to the right of the line in marching, in a military way, these boys (indicating) know what I am talking about. I believe Brother Pauley, in a technical way is correct. I offered that recommendation and it was passed by the Commandery-in-Chief. That is my explanation why the Flag is where it is. I have always been proud of that recommendation. Technically there might be a little offense putting the Flag around there. I made a study of it in a technical way, but I have explained my reason for making that recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief: On page 2 of our Ritual you will find how the Camp room and other meetings of bodies of our Order is set. That shows the Flag on the right of the presiding officer. It should be placed there as it is shown in our Ritual and the Flag will remain as we have it in our instructions and in the Encampment.

Delegate A. R. Hoover, Maryland: While we are speaking of the Flag I want to make this suggestion. When you go back home see how many sticks have flags on them, and how many are like rags hanging on them. I have talked with our Camp Secretary several times trying to get the flags taken in within 30 days after Memorial Day. Somebody should be authorized to go around and collect all the Flags that are supposed to be decorating the graves of all veterans of all wars. We have a man who gathers them up. It is not where your Flag shall be but how to keep them from becoming disgraced, because the Flag is not in proper form at all. Let's go back and look

them over. That is one thing you want to take up with your committee.

Commander-in-Chief: That should come in the form of a resolution.

THANKS TO RITUAL DEGREE TEAM.

Commander-in-Chief: I extend my thanks to the boys of the New England States for the initiation given last night. I appreciate your having come hundreds of miles to properly exemplify the degree work. Four more new members were initiated. If you feel as I do about it, you will give your assent to thank these Brothers by a rising vote. (It was voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, Pennsylvania: While I was listening to this debate on the Flag I noticed that the one outside of the building is up side down. Speaking of the Flag I started out to say that I think Brother Pauley should bring this up in a resolution. It might appear to some brothers that we are wasting a lot of time, but I maintain that we cause a lot of this and don't get down to figures and facts so much but what we can get something out of it that we can take back home. I hope Brother Pauley does bring in a resolution, even if we have something on page so and so in our Ritual. Let us change it.

FIFITETH ANNIVERSARY, SONS OF VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Tomorrow night the Auxiliary will celebrate its Fiftieth Jubilee Anniversary in this hotel with a banquet. I have been requested to make the announcement. All are invited to attend. Tickets for the banquet are available.

GREETINGS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

National Secretary Hammer: I have greetings to read as follows:

September 12, 1933.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am a life member of the Commandery-in-Chief—I think the last and was probably the first. I was elected unanimously at Minneapolis, after declining election as Commander-in-Chief.

I had charge of and drew practically the new Constitution under which the Order is still operating. I defended it on the floor of the Convention for several days, and after its adoption was exhausted and returned to my hotel, where a committee summoned me by order of the Commander-in-Chief to appear before the body, when to my surprise, in the presence of the entire body, I was informed that I had been elected a Constitutional Life Member.

All this of course you know. I was very much interested in the September number of The Banner and the announcement of the Fifty-second National Encampment at St. Paul, September 19th, by our worthy Commander-in-Chief, Titus M. Ruch. I regret exceedingly that I cannot attend. While I am in good health and am still practicing law, it will be impossible for me to leave at this time.

I wish to extend my congratulations and best wishes to Commander-in-Chief Ruch and to you personally as Secretary-Treasurer of the Order.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

O. B. BROWN.
(Judge O. B. Brown)

Baltimore, Md., September 18.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary,
St. Paul, Minn.

Extend sincere best wishes for a most successful and enjoyable Encampment. Am with you in spirit. Kindly remember me to my friends and express my extreme regrets being unable to be with you. Have just recovered from a six months incapacitation.

EDWIN C. IRELAN.

Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch,
St. Paul Hotel.

Greetings and best wishes for a successful and harmonious Convention.

Department of Minnesota Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans.

EMMA WESTERLUND, Department President,
1205 East Sixth Street.

Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
St. Paul, Minn.

Sincerely regret that I cannot be present at your Encampment. Want to congratulate you on your year's work. Your untiring efforts on behalf of our Order are appreciated and I know the Commandery-in-Chief has benefited by having you as its leader.

JAMES M. HUGHES,
Past Commander, Ohio Department.

Dayton, Ohio, September 17, 1933.

Mr. Titus Ruch:

Dear Brother:—I will not be able to attend the National Encampment at St. Paul, Minn., this week. Can the Encampment send a resolution to President Roosevelt for the return of the National Home Bank. Please see the National Commander of the G. A. R., he wrote me and said that you should remind them about the resolution. Both resolutions must be sent to President Roosevelt for consideration. This is an important matter.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
LUCIUS C. COOK.

Fort Snelling Chapel,
Office of the Chaplain,
Fort Snelling, Minnesota,
September 15, 1933.

My dear Comrades and Sisters of the
National Encampment of the G. A. R. and
Allied Orders assembled at St. Paul, Minnesota:

We at the old historic Army Post of Fort Snelling extend to you a very cordial invitation to attend our service of worship this Sunday morning, September 17, in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. H. K. Pitman of San Francisco, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will speak.

Fort Snelling is one of the most beautiful and historic army posts of the United States. It was from this post that the heroic First Minnesota went forth to undying fame. Here at one time Zachary Taylor was the Commanding Officer.

At West Seventh Street, St. Paul, you can take the Seventh and M'ha (Minnehaha) street cars going to Southwest which without changing cars will take you to Memorial Chapel. Get off the street car at the "Chapel car stop," Fort Snelling. It is only about fifteen or twenty minutes ride from Wabasha and West Seventh Street, St. Paul.

Cordially yours,

ALVA J. BRASTED,
Lt. Col. Chaplain, U. S. A.
Department Chaplain, S. U. V.

Dwight, Ill., Sept. 12, 1933.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-second
National Encampment, S. of U. V.

Greetings:

It is with the deepest regret that my good wife and I are unable physically to attend the Encampment, as we are both under a physician's care, but we are with you in thought and spirit and wish for you a very pleasant and successful Encampment.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

ALFRED A. BOYER,
Past Department Commander.

September 12, 1933.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-second
Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Dear Brothers:

At the call of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of California and Nevada, was organized during the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations in the City of Berkley, California, in May last.

We believe we have made a step in the right direction and our progress thus far has been very gratifying.

We have adopted as our slogan, a saying of Past Commander-in-Chief, Hon. Pelham A. Barrows, "Build for the future."

Please accept our best wishes for a most enjoyable and successful convention.

Loyally yours,

GRACE B. WILLARD, President,
FANNIE D. MEDLAR, Secretary-Treasurer.

Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
St. Paul, Minn.

To the Officers and Members of the 52nd National Encampment:
—Please convey to our daddies of the G. A. R. our tribute of respect and gratitude for their service to the world in saving our Union, and greetings to you Sons for a successful Encampment and a most fruitful New Year.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

Oregon Department of Sons of U. V. of C. W.
By G. R. STOVER, Department Commander.

September 20, 1933.

Titus M. Ruch,
St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.

Greetings and best wishes for successful Encampment. Regret my unavoidable absence.

S. S. HORN,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.

Regret I am unable to attend Encampment this year. My regards to all and best wishes for a successful and enthusiastic meeting.

W. M. COFFIN,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Boston, Mass., September 17, 1933.

Dear Horace:

Much regret to have to forego the real pleasure of a reunion with the large circle of fraternal spirits that I know have gathered for another annual session. Matters confronted me at the last minute to thwart my plans.

It's some consolation to know that Massachusetts is well represented and I trust a good Encampment is in store. Remember me to everybody.

Most sincerely,

H. HARDING HALE,
Past Department Commander.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20, 1933.

Everett F. Warner, St. Paul Hotel,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Brother Warner:

I am sincerely grieved to find that I cannot possibly attend the annual reunion of the Sons of Veterans this year. It is a matter of sincere regret to me not to be able to be with you all, not only because I feel every member of our Order should make a point of attending every meeting at which he is entitled to a seat, especially now when so many must be absent because of financial troubles, but also and more especially because the obligation rests upon us Sons to show our interest in the G. A. R. reunions more and more as the attendance of the Old Soldiers necessarily grows less and less. Please give my best regards and best wishes to any friends I may have there and to all my brother members of the Sons of Veterans. I hope they will understand that my absence is due only to the professional duty I owe the United States as an army officer.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
U. S. GRANT, 3rd.

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223 4th Ave, Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 16, 1933.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Brother Hammer:

I want to express to and through you to the Encampment my

keen regret at not being able to be present especially inasmuch as I am a member of Camp 8, Minneapolis.

The Encampment coming as it does just the week before the Annual Convention of our Association makes it impossible for me to be away during these next few days.

Here's hoping that you will have a fine Encampment and that members of the organizations will come away feeling they have been well taken care of.

With best wishes to all the "old guard" and "others," I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,
Past National Chaplain.

Chicago, Ill., September 20.

Horace H. Hammer,
St. Paul, Hotel.

Regret inability to attend this Encampment. Best wishes for a successful meeting.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 19, 1933.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,
Convention Headquarters, St. Paul, Minn.

Best wishes for most successful Encampment, say hello for me to my friends.

MARCELLE BLAICHER.

Bellingham, Wash., September 20.

Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief:

I send greetings and best wishes to you and to all Brothers assembled; to the loyal comrades of the G. A. R. and to all affiliated organizations in Encampment. May your Encampment be harmonious and may great good come therefrom.

JAMES K. BURCHETTE,
Commander, Department of Washington.

September 16, 1933.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary.

My Dear Horace:

Due to the unsettled conditions in the financial world, I find that it will be impossible for me to be absent from my business in the Eastchester Savings Bank at the time of holding the Annual Encampment of the Sons of the Union Veterans, and may I, therefore, ask you to convey to the members present, my kindly greetings.

Let us believe that this annual encampment of patriotically minded men comes at a time when we are beginning the upward climb, and if that be true, the interest in our organization may be increasing.

I wish I could be with you for the few days you are in St. Paul, for some of the dearest friends and associates of my lifetime have been made among the members of this Order. 'Tis more than nineteen years since the highest honor within your gift to bestow, was given to me, and I have never ceased to be grateful for the opportu-

nity of service to the Civil War Veterans than that year's work afforded me.

I salute you, and wish a large measure of success in your Fifty-second Annual Encampment.

Cordially yours,
CHARLES F. SHERMAN,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander Ralph R. Barrett, California & Pacific: I wish to convey to this Encampment the sincere regrets of Past Commander-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows, who is a member of my Camp and is Counselor on my staff. I attended his Golden Wedding celebration. He emphasized to me how sorry he was that he couldn't attend this Encampment. He wished me to extend to you his best wishes for the success of this Encampment and wanted to be remembered to all who had known him in the office of Commander-in-Chief. I am glad to have this opportunity of presenting this word from this worthy Son who regrets his physical incapacity to be here. He is thinking of us today I am sure.

Commander-in-Chief: I thank you for that expression of good wishes from Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows. Say to him that we all send our best wishes and hope he and Mrs. Barrows will enjoy life for a long time on from their Golden Wedding.

Past Department Commander William J. Hickox, California & Pacific: I wish to express the regret of Past Commander-in-Chief Delevan Bates Bowley, of California. He intended to be here but his business affairs were such that he couldn't leave. He asked me to express his regrets and to be remembered to the officers and members, and wish you a harmonious and prosperous Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Hickox, go back with the message to Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley that we appreciate his kind words and are sorry that he cannot be with us; this to be made a record in the minutes.

REMARKS IN RE: PASSWORD, CEREMONIES, ETC.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, New York: I don't know as this will particularly interest you as it does me because of my interest in the Order. We have been losing members for a number of years; we come here and talk and talk and try to promulgate some ideas of organization, some idea that we might get new members, there are many of you that talk because you are sticklers for form and ceremony. I have got to the age where I don't care for any form or ceremony in any organization. Personally I think this feature of having a password is absolutely ridiculous in an organization of men; there is nothing that transpires here but what anyone could come in and listen to it and possibly would be benefited. We want members and we want them badly. You have in your town—you have many of your friends among the men who are prominent, but you can't get them into the organization. Why? Because they will not attend the meetings, they will not go and be initiated. You have tried initiations for fifty years and it hasn't kept your membership up. Initiation only in some Orders amounts to anything and that even doesn't keep them and hold them. I know that in the Masonic Order, the Elks and many others it is the ritualistic work that counts and holds them, but we are a totally different organization—we are simply a sentimental organization, but we want members.

Now you men who are sticklers for form and ceremony, and many of you are, you saw a most beautiful ceremony last night, but

how many Camps can put on such work? They are mighty few, possibly half a dozen in the whole United States.

Now my proposition is this, and I want you to just think it over, I am not going to ask for a resolution, I don't think it necessary, you have on your application cards for membership stated all the facts that you are a Son of a Veteran, it would be best if you had a banker, a lawyer, a judge or any good man to verify his eligibility; now when he signs that he signs a pledge of allegiance and he takes an oath; now what more do you want? Is there anything more necessary to make him a Son of a Veteran; does it make him any better by trying to get him into a meeting of half a dozen men and the officers take their book and read it. He is disgusted with it. I would be and so would you or any man of intelligence; if you could have it such as it was given last night it would be impressive; but no, it can't be that way and it never has been. Why not just take that man and say we want you as a member of the organization, you want to be and should be; you are interested in your father's record and you should belong to the Order, if you will sign the card and give me $3.00—which is altogether too low—but that is the average, or $5.00 if that is what your Department requires to make him a member of your Department, he will stick—nine times out of ten he will stick. That is what they are doing in New York or starting to do. They have what they call a State Camp. I don't care whether you call it a State Camp or what it is if you get his application and get his money and give it to the Division, or Department—I am so old fashioned I call it a Division. This Department securing the per capita tax and is being benefited by a new member whether he ever attends a meeting so long as his name is on the roll as a member; I may be wrong but I have been a member of this organization for about fifty years and I have seen you try to get your membership up and I have seen it keep going down and down; let us try anything to get a good man that will be a credit to us. I don't give a darn how you get him so long as you get him and his money and the Department and the Organization is being benefited by it. Go home and take your cards—you can't help but know a lot of men who are eligible; I am going to put in ten men in my little town. I haven't enough in my little village to put in a Camp, but I do know of prominent business men who if properly approached will be glad to become members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War simply on account of their father's record, and I am going to send the money down to Headquarters and enroll those members, and I am not going to ask them to go and register at some other place and raise his right hand and see the ritualistic work given abominably; I am going to start out and not let that member be taken away by some fellows who try to give them an obligation—the obligation is on your card and that is all that it is necessary—go home and see in the next year if you can't get 10,000 members—I believe you can.

Department Commander Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey: In reply to Doctor Sheldon I can't help but say that my experience has been entirely different from Doctor Sheldon's. I am personally acquainted with a great number of Camps that do their initiatory work well and as an honor and credit to the order. I feel that if we should break down the ritualistic work we wouldn't have a Department and eventually no Order at all. I can't say that we can afford to break down the ritualistic work.

Commander-in-Chief: We will now recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 19, 1933—2:10 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief: The meeting will come to order.

VISIT OF G. A. R. OFFICIALS.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kichgassner: Commander-in-Chief, a G. A. R. Greetings Committee is at the door.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commanders-in-Chief Dr. Ralph Sheldon, A. S. Holbrook and Frank Shellhouse, please escort the Committee in.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse: Commander-in-Chief, it is my privilege and honor to present Commander-in-Chief Martin of the greatest organization in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook: It is my honor to present to you Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jones of the G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: It is my privilege to present Calvin Brainard, Past Department Commander and now Adjutant-General of the G. A. R., from my own State, New York. It is also my honor to present Comrade James W. Millan.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Commander-in-Chief Martin and Comrades, this is indeed an honor that comes in the life of but a few of us and we feel particularly honored by having you come to visit us. We assure you that you are wonderfully welcome and trust that you will have an enjoyable time while you are with us. Brothers, this is indeed a pleasure and I feel highly honored in our Encampment being called upon by the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. He will address us at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin of the G. A. R.: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Union Veterans. We would like to call you comrades. We come pretty near it now, you are the Sons of Veterans which is about as near as you can get but we feel this nearness to you and of all those who are present here today. It is a great privilege to the members of the G. A. R. to be allowed the privilege of meeting with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and we come here as your fathers and bring you our love and greeting, and bring to you—although we are composed of a vanishing army—this contained love and friendship which we have endeavored to in some way get over to you; and in all of these long years since the Civil War as you have grown up many have passed away, yet this younger generation has still continued to act and we are proud of you. As we come here today and look into the faces of these Sons I don't know just what I could say to you only to say everything encouraging; that the opportunities before you are so great to not only increase your membership but to increase your influence and power for good. We are living in an exciting age. We are living on wheels, we hardly stay at home, and whenever the day's work is done, or we have a week end or anything of that kind we are gone, we come back because we are obliged to come back and go to work again. This spirit of

unrest and feeling that somebody is going to take care of you no matter what happens is undermining this whole country. Somebody has got to change this civilization of ours, I don't know as it is possible to do it. The G. A. R. are not able physically to do anything, but the Sons of Union Veterans, as well as all of our other Allied Organizations are alive and have the opportunity to do great things and there seems to be a spirit in the air that one has to do everything that the other does. In the propaganda that has gone all over the country among us and through the newspapers in changing our great electoral votes and changing our whole administration, and changing of the 18th Amendment, and changing all of those great questions that have come to the country within the last three or four years shows an immense change, but just what it is going to amount to you and I don't know unless we are conservative enough not to believe in everything they are trying to do. I am not speaking against the Government because everyone should support it; this is an experiment; they are trying to revolutionize the world and they can't be expected to be successful unless everyone helps, whether right or wrong, it will work out, we believe, to the advantage of our country, but to these Sons of Veterans there is the greatest opportunity now in their deliberations to lay out some fundamental principles for you to follow and carry out—not for one day or one week but for a long time ahead. You know we don't change this world in a minute, but the majority of the people will change it and everyone of us has a duty to perform; when we put the ones together they make the thousands, and this afternoon in bringing our love and friendship to you we look back with a great deal of satisfaction to the fact that this Grand Army of the Republic was established and instituted that we have the work of law and order to maintain, and perhaps you might say individually we made a great many of the laws of the United States through our efforts to enforce them; we settled up this great western country and in fact made its laws and served as officers and enforced those laws too, and today there is the same situation only ten times different—the people, the situation and everything connected with it; and to this Convention as well as its membership—I may say I am too busy to explain many things, but I would like to explain one—there seems to be an apathy of some kind that the Sons of Veterans don't want to join these organizations. I have got a son—one of my sons was very much interested, he was Commander of the Camp twice and Senior Vice Commander of the Department of the Pacific just before he died, he was very, very active. My other son—I only had those two—I couldn't get him interested, he didn't give any particular excuse but he just didn't get interested. So with the great body of them they don't get interested, why?—that is too deep for me. I suppose many of your members feel just as I do in looking at the situation, they don't say it but they would like to see the Sons of Veterans this powerful organization get busy in these United States. I believe it can be done with proper effort, it can't be done in a mniute, it takes a great deal of time, and the G. A. R. will assist you in every way they can to build up this organization and if there is anything we can do we will assist you because we are your friends, we are your fathers and we are interested in you. We have come here this afternoon to visit you and yet you know that we are interested in you. To get this touch and meet you and look into your faces; we want you to understand that we love you.

I want to thank you, Commander, and every Son of a Veteran for being here, and the pleasure of shaking your hand. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: I take pleasure in introducing the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Comrade Jones.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jones: I was bred in old New York and have lived as a public citizen since 1867 in Illinois. I have been in Alabama for the last eighteen years to help out the old Comrades, and when I transferred my residence they made me Commander. Four years ago the Commander of the Spanish War Veterans invited me to lead the G. A. R. parade in my uniform. Not being a public speaker, when they called upon me to talk I played a little trick on them. I told them this was the proper time for naming some of the heroes of the war that had passed and gone, and I said first on the list I will name the heroes of the Confederate Army. I commenced with Robert E. Lee, and they nearly took the roof off with their cheering; I passed down the line and after I got through I said I think it is time to name some of the boys who wore the blue. There were 350 members of the Spanish-American War, and sons of Confederate Veterans, and I said the first in line is the man who didn't know what fear was—that was U. S. Grant—and they cheered; and I named the whole list down and they cheered to the echo, they couldn't do enough for me. I am not like Commander-in-Chief Martin, I have no sons, but I have four granddaughters.

The Southern people are very hospitable. I never could sit down and fight. About three months ago a lady came to me and said, "Mr. Jones, I want you to do me a favor." I said, "Anything I can do I will." She said, "My husband and I are going to celebrate our golden wedding. Will you come as a special guest, wearing your G. A. R. uniform?" I said, "Will it be proper?" She said, "As far as I am concerned, yes; it is my golden wedding and I want you to come." Think of it, an old Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic received in a Southern home as a special guest. I had a royal time.

I am glad to be with you Sons of Union Veterans, and I hope to be with you again . I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: The next Comrade I had the pleasure of meeting quite a few times during the year, and the more I met him the better I liked him. I take pleasure in introducing Adjutant-General of the G. A. R., Calvin Brainard.

Adjutant-General Brainard: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., my Comrades and Brothers. This reminds me of a little story of a colored preacher. I suppose he was a Methodist, anyway, someone one day went to him and found him writing very intently at his desk and said, "What are you doing?" He said, "I am writing my sermon for next Sunday." The visitor said, "Don't you know that the devil is looking over your shoulder and knows every word you are going to say?" The preacher said, "All right, I am not writing down a word, and the devil himself don't know what I am going to say." That is my condition today. I have always built on the Sons of Veterans; I am an optimist; they are the coming men, and where you have a good foundation, and are right on the job everywhere, you will succeed. The word we bring you today is to start something and you will get there. I must confess that I haven't given as much attention to the Sons of Veterans as I would like to have done, for the reason that I was very active in Grand Army work, always, and I couldn't do both as I should. You have a Camp in Buffalo, New York, and they are quite active. I want to assure you boys that you have an opportunity now, and it is a good one; you have got a reason for it, you have got to build things up. You have a delegation here today represented by the whole United States, you might say. You have followers everywhere and all you have got to do is to start something now and you can make it go, I am satisfied. I can't help thinking of

the by-word of our honored Commander, and father of the Secretary, who always said, "Buck up, boys." I will never forget it. All you have got to do is to resolve in your hearts that you will buck up, and you will show the G. A. R. where you stand. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: It is also my great pleasure to present to you Comrade James W. Millan of the G. A. R.

Comrade Millan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. Commander Brainard is so modest; of course, some of you know all about him. If you knew him better you would like him more. He is a Son of a Veteran himself; he and his father served together in the Civil War; that is something that doesn't occur very often. There are very few veterans who are sons of veterans living now, but look at him, he is good for 100 years. I want to say I am very proud to speak of it; it is the only instance of a Civil War Veteran living who served with his father in the Civil War. There are few times when you have the pleasure of meeting a veteran who is also a Son of a Veteran. I thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Judge James W. Willets, of the G. A. R., who had just arrived, was introduced as follows:

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: There are a great many times when you have to see a Judge, when you are not so anxious to see him, but this afternoon we don't care if he is a Judge, because I feel that the charge he is going to give us will be appreciated. I take pleasure in introducing Judge Willets, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

Judge Willets: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and Sons of Union Veterans. The minimum fine is $10.00 and costs. I want to make a play on the word "propaganda," which the Commander-in-Chief used when he was talking to you. Sometimes it is wonderful what a meaning will be given to words. This incident occurred at the second marriage of a negro woman. Her first husband was a laborer but passed away. She got another husband, and at that time she married a college bred negro, who had taken advantage of a Southern education at this special school. He came in to her one day with a newspaper in his hand, and said: "Sally, I want the benefit of your education in regards to the meaning of a certain word." "Well, what is it," she said. "It is the word 'propaganda,' I would like to have you explain it to me." She said, "Huh, big boy, that's easy. You know my first husband, Sam Houston, and I lived together about ten years, and I had seven children. I have lived with you ten years but we have got no children. That shows that I was a 'proper goose but you were not a proper gander.'

I wish I knew what the propaganda is to stir up the Sons of Union Veterans so they would grow, and increase, and take hold of affairs. I have two sons. We tried to organize the Sons of Union Veterans in the County Seat town adjoining the town where I live. I don't know why it was, but it went by the board. They started out with fifty charter members. As a special effort I got my son to try to organize them, but they disintegrated and ceased to meet. I don't know why it was. I talked to him about it seriously several times, and he said, "Father, I can't hold them together, they just don't seem to take any interest." I have come to the conclusion that we will never be able to get enthusiasm into the organization of Sons of Union Veterans until the Grand Army men are all gone. May be that is the propaganda that ought to be exploded now. We are nearly all gone, there are only a few thousands left of the Grand Army of the Republic on the muster roll of the Veterans of the War of the Rebellion;

we will not aggregate more than 22,000 today. If you scatter them broadcast over the land they are few and far between.

Here is another illustration, and others can verify it with their own experience. I belong to a Post which had 150 members; the other town adjoining us had about 200 members. In the old town of 200 members they have all passed to the Great Beyond but three; one of them is in the State of Washington, and two of them still live in our County. In my Post there are but three of us now. We won't be there a great while longer, probably a decade, until every Grand Army man has paid the price.

I will give another illustration of that thought in connection with myself. I am a lonely descendant of Revolutionary Soldiers, on the one side—and I am almost ashamed to tell this in view of the fact that I never made application to become a member of the Sons of the Revolutionary War. I am a lineal descendant of the Clark family, although Willets is my name. My great-grandmother was a sister of Roger Clark of the Revolutionary celebrity and fame; and on my mother's side of the house I believe was the Scotch-Irish family of Dennison, that helped to build the Virginias. In Pennsylvania my great grandfather was in the Revolution. I never joined the organization of the Sons of the American Revolution.

I regret the fact that there are very few organizations outside of the cities. I live in a country town where I stick as a lawyer, but all the time my grandchildren are prodding me and asking why I don't perfect the organization so they can profit by it. That is how I happened to look up the record. I have the record and even at this late date I feel it is my duty to join the Sons of the American Revolution. I am very sorry that I never did. I give this just as an illustration.

Think of the good that we can do if we had every Son of a Veteran in the organization to regulate things. I will appeal to you, as I did ten years ago, when I made a tour with Frank Shellhouse as a Comrade. He was your Commander-in-Chief and he knows I urged them in all of the States, and I went into twenty-six and the District of Columbia, to organize. Only by co-operation can you succeed as you ought to in this day and age; when they make a departure from the good old ideas it may be carried to an unsafe distance. It seems that all they have to do these days is to get an emergency, and they infringe upon state rights.

You ought to be a thinking crowd; you ought to be a combination to study and debate over these questions, and inform yourselves as to what is going on. As one combined organization of the North you would swing the balance of power; that is what you would have to do and what you will have to do in the future. I reiterate, if you please, after we are gone, if our memory is sufficient, if you do not consolidate and co-operate—consolidate the Sons of Union Veterans of the nation—a serious blunder will have been committed unwittingly by those who do not participate. Nor should it be confined only to the community where you reside; why the daughters beat you two to one. You should not permit that; go in tooth and toe nail and work earnestly and fervently for the increase of your organization—this proper central power—so that you might utilize it, when it is necessary, in protecting this Government, if need be. That is my position, and it is what I have to say to you. It is not grandiloqual, it can't be denied. That is the position, that is what you must do, and the sooner you do it in earnestness and with the proper desire to increase your membership, strength and power, it will be better for you and better for the Nation at large.

I will not enlarge on my speech, I will not undertake to talk more. I have urged a persistent system as a sequel to the present situation.

I am not doing this in the way of criticism, it is not my desire to be a critic in any civic, semi-military or other organization, so far as that is concerned, but if you will only heed the thought, and my advice in that regard, it won't be a decade until this organization will have three times the membership it has now and maybe more. See what a power it would be for good citizenship. I live with the hope that before I shall be called hence I shall see the Sons of Union Veterans, not second, but the first organization of a patriotic character in connection with the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Comrades of the G. A. R., we thank you for your visit and for these timely words, and while I pin these badges on you Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, of New York, will respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief Ruch, Commander-in-Chief Martin, Comrades and Brothers: It places me in a most difficult position to be called upon to speak to men of such prominence and high reputation at this time. What can a humble physician say to the members of the G. A. R. and its wonderful work? There is only one other word that supersedes it and that is the word Mother. She went down into the shadows of hell that we Sons might be born, and then it was our Fathers that took care of us, in most cases well. You preserved the Union, you made this a country for us to live in. I feel sometimes that the Sons of Union Veterans are a failure in carrying out what you men did for us. We have a tremendous duty to perform and that is to show these members here—these members of the G. A. R., our fathers, the husbands of our mothers—that we are capable, that we mean to carry on the work that they commenced and are now soon to lay down. If we don't, if we fail in that, Brother Sons of Union Veterans, we are a total failure, and as sons of these men it were better had we not been born. A convention or an Encampment such as ours is not due to the Commander-in-Chief, but you others, who also have paid your respects to us. Gentlemen, we appreciate your coming because we know that you have many duties to perform, but we trust as the sun sets in the Western sky that you will think well of us, that you will go on thinking and dreaming that we your sons, your representatives, your flesh and blood, will go on and on, trying to make this a better country, such as you would have it.

PRESENTATIONS—DELEGATION FROM AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, a Committee from Department of Pennsylvania Auxiliary is at the door.

Commander-in-Chief: Admit them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, one of the ladies isn't telling the truth. I happen to know she is not from Pennsylvania. She is the National President, and now comes from Illinois. We knew her from Ohio, but since she wants to say she comes from Pennsylvania, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, of Illinois, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I also present Mrs. Clara Gallagher, President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Department of Pennsylvania, and other ladies.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Mrs. Thompson has been so long with the Pennsylvania Department during the past year that I honestly believe she thinks she belongs to Pennsylvania. I am very happy that she has come with this Greetings Committee, as one with all of

you Pennsylvania Sisters, and I extend to you a hearty welcome. We would like to have a few words from Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Brothers: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to have been able to come here this afternoon with this Committee, in fact with your Pennsylvania girls. I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed the year together in our work. Of course in a few hours, Commander, you will be a Past Commander-in-Chief, but to your National President you will always be her Commander-in-Chief. In behalf of the National Organization I bring you greetings of love and best wishes from every sister in our Organization. I wish to present to you this clock and I hope as you look into its face, and hear its sweet chimes, that you will always think of your Auxiliary girls. We thought it would be real nice because your good wife, who has worked so hard with you this year, can enjoy it just as well as you.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Sister Thompson and Sisters; I don't know that I could say or express what I feel in my heart when I say thank you, not only to the National President, but to all of the ladies of our Auxiliary. I have made a great many visits, not only with the Auxiliary, but with all the Allied Organizations, and I assure you that if our order is to survive one of the reasons is because it has the support of thousands of splendid women who will not let the Sons of Union Veterans go down, whether they want to or not. I take this opportunity, Mrs. Thompson, to say to you publicly as I have said to you privately, that my appreciation for your help will always remain a pleasant memory and that I will admit that had it not been for you and your organization our success would not have been as it is. I thank you and assure you that Mrs. Ruch and I will treasure this clock as one of the most pleasant remembrances we have. I thank you all again.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: There is one whom I have known many years, who has been a staunch friend not only of her organization in Pennsylvania, but of all the Sons of Union Veterans and all love and think the world of her. I am only sorry that we have to forego the pleasure of having with us what we conveniently in Pennsylvania call the mother of our Organization and of this lady, whom I want to introduce to you—Department President of the Auxiliary Mrs. Clara Gallagher.

Mrs. Clara Gallagher, Department President of the Pennsylvania Auxiliary: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me the greatest pleasure to be here. I don't think our National President could have conferred a greater honor upon me or the Department of Pennsylvania than to make me Chairman of your Greetings Committee. I extend not only the greetings of the National body but of the Department of Pennsylvania, and my own personal greetings. We all love you and your wife and we know you are not going to stop your work here, but will continue. As Department President of Pennsylvania Auxiliary Brother Ruch promised me that any time I was within a radius of fifty miles of his home he would give me his loyal support to make my year a success. If he is going to do that for Pennsylvania he is going to do that for every State in the Order. Commander Ruch, in behalf of your girls, here is a little token Mrs. Ruch can enjoy with you. Think of us once in awhile.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: As I look into your faces memory comes back to me of many wonderful events. I would like to have all of you talk to these men who come from the different Departments.

I want you all to know one more woman who has been instrumental during the past year—possibly more than your Commander-in-Chief —helping in these distressing times, because she has written for me over 5000 letters in the interest of our Organization. She has not only been my wife for a great many years, but my secretary as well. When I came back from Springfield, I said: "Mary, there is only another job added to what you have already." I introduce to you my wife, and my secretary, Mrs. Ruch.

Mrs. Titus M. Ruch: When we came here they said only two of the Committee were to make speeches. I just want to say this much. A year ago when our Commander-in-Chief was elected he wired me that he had been elected. I answered, "All right, best wishes, we will accept it." I had the idea it was like the preacher's wife, when her husband was made a deacon, but I found out it wasn't so. He was Commander-in-Chief. I tried my best to help with the little I could do.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, of Pennsylvania, will respond to the Greetings of these Sisters.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I have been in a pretty tough spot on a number of occasions, but this is pretty nearly the toughest one I have ever had. I don't believe it is necessary for one to add anything to what our Commander-in-Chief has said; I look upon this as Titus M. Ruch's personal party.

It is always a pleasure for us to have the women of the Auxiliary come to see us. I wonder if they appreciate themselves the rare privilege in having these splendid Comrades, with the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., remain while the Auxiliary extended their Greetings to us? We are grateful for your interest, we are grateful for what you have done. I heard this one word uttered by this dear old friend of mine during his talk and that was the word "duty" when he referred to the Auxiliary towards this organization. I echo that word because we cannot and wouldn't want to exist without you.

Mrs. Thompson, National President of Auxiliary: Commander-in-Chief, we certainly appreciate meeting our Comrades here. When we came we looked in the door and asked one of your Sons to please keep the door open. We thought we could take them back home with us. This is a great pleasure and one unexpected. It is the unexpected pleasures that make one so happy.

Russell C. Martin, Commander-in-Chief G. A. R.: We will follow you girls anywhere. If I were to be surrounded now I wouldn't try to get away.

Delegate William M. Houseman, Pennsylvania: When the Comrade spoke of being in the Civil War with his father, it reminded me that we have a son who had the same experience. Father and son enlisted at different times and when they happened to meet unexpectedly, while on duty, either hardly recognized the other.

The Ladies of the Auxiliary withdrew singing "We Are All From Pennsylvania" to the tune of "Glory, Glory Hallelujah." At the same time the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and Comrades retired with a salute, and cheers.

VISIT OF BROTHERS OF INDIAN CAMP.

Delegate William L. Anderson, Jr., Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, there is a delegation of Indians from Wisconsin at the door. They are Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief: Admit them.

Past Department Commander Felix A Kremer, Wisconsin: Com-

mander-in-Chief, Wisconsin had the only Company of Indians in the Civil War, and these are some of their sons.

Louis Warden, Camp 17, Wisconsin: Brothers, we are gathered here today for the purpose of meeting one another and becoming acquainted so that we may all be united as Sons under the same Flag that floats high above us. Our fathers answered the call of Abe Lincoln. They answered with one whole Regiment of Memominee Indians. They went to the battle front of the South and fought the Confederate Army, and we are here in their memory. As they loved us and are now in their Happy Hunting Ground, we are here to take up their task and follow on. When Abe Lincoln called the Indians to arms, as did the White Father in the later years during the World War, they proudly answered the call of the United States, followed the Flag to the front, heard the bullets sing. Today we commemorate and honor our fathers who have given their lives and shed their blood on the battlefields of Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain. A little incident about my Dad. He is dead now. He was going back and forth with a gun on his shoulder; it was at night. Pretty soon he heard something coming forward. My Dad halted the person, but he never stopped, he kept coming. He halted him again but he kept on coming, and just a few feet back of Dad was the Sergeant. The Sergeant said you be ready and when I give the command you take him. That person was still coming forward, and the Sergeant gave the command: Ready! Aim! Fire! After a time there was no further sound. They went back to the picket line and the next morning they thought they would see who it was. What do you suppose they found? A great big pig, and there was a big feed for the soldiers who had been hungry for a long time.

We represent Camp No. 17, Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Brothers of the Indian Camp; I have never been selfish in my life, but this is one time I am not going to ask anyone else to respond, but will do so myself. I am from a section of the country where for many years they have not had Indians. They still hold to that beautiful custom of marking with stones the tracks of the men that traversed the country. My state is the ground of William Penn. We still have in our hearts the love for these men who were the inhabitants there years and years ago. When I am confronted with a Camp composed of the sons of fathers who protected this country in 1861, like yours and mine, I can't refrain from telling you how happy and how honored I am that you people have as much reverence and love for your fathers as we have for ours. It is my prayer and my hope that you work as hard for this organization, which you and I represent—the greatest patriotic organization in the world—and if we do that we then have done our duty to those men who represent your people and my people in our country, that it may remain what it is today and what all of us hope it may remain, the greatest country of the world. Tell your brothers that our love and hope for them will be for your success.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer: The Menominee Camp No. 17 members are sawing about five million feet of wood a year. They have their own council and are ruling themselves, and have one of the cleanest and most beautiful Reservations I have ever visited. We, as a Departent of Wisconsin, are proud of the Indian Camp and proud of its Auxiliary. They are not large in membership but they cling together, and you can always depend upon them. The ancestors of these boys are the only Indians who served in the Civil War.

Louis Warden, Camp 17, Wisconsin: May I add a few words to what has just been said? We are very proud of Past Department Commander Kremer. He has praised our name but not quite enough our industry. We have one of the largest mill industries in Wisconsin. It saws approximately twenty million feet of lumber in a year. He says there is approximately twenty million feet of virgin timber; I will have to extend that a little. We have enough timber to last us for the next fifty years. We have some pretty smart people in our Council. They can go to Washington and face any Congressman, Senator or the President of the United States, talk to them in plain English and tell them what we want. In our last Council meeting we cut down our sawing to only ten million feet of logs, instead of twenty, because it is to give employment to each and every Menominee tribe member enrolled.

In our Division we have 2000 Indian inhabitants on the roll. Our last Council meeting cut down the expense of the Reservation. We sent a delegation to Congress to deal with the Senate Committee, and Congress in general, so that our expenses might be reduced lower. Last year we had a Government school there which cost us approximately $75,000.00 a year to run. Our Reservation is not run by the Government in any way; it has nothing to do with the expenses as far as finances are concerned. We have our own money in the United States Treasury, and we pay our own expenses. We pay our Superintendent and our employes, who are under civil service, and last year we cut down the expenses of the school. This year we handed it over to the Priest or Commissioner, who handles both schools. We pay him $125.00 a year for each child. In that way we save $50,000.00 on just that one school, and on the mills we cut down the expenses from approximately $600,000.00 to $200,000.00 to run that mill for one year. Last month the sale of lumber was $55,000.00, which was given to the United States Treasury, which we call our own.

This part of the program was closed by the Indians giving a short entertainment of music, war whoops, etc.

Recess taken until 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, September 20, 1933.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Encampment was opened at 2:10 o'clock p. m. in ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch presiding.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, the Greetings Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans report having attended to their duty.

Commander-in-Chief: The committee has the thanks of the Encampment and is discharged.

PARADE—ESCORT TO G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief: I ask for a report of the parade.

Delegate C. Leroy Stoudt, of Pennsylvania, who had been delegated to take charge of the Sons of Veterans Escort for the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, by Commander-in-Chief Ruch, reported: Commander-in-Chief, we had a creditable representation of uniformed members of the Sons of Union Veterans in line, heading as escort to the Grand Army of the Republic the parade, and a fine turnout of Comrades—approximately 1,000.

Commander-in-Chief: The report will be put in the record.

FLAGS ON GRAVES.

National Patriotic Instructor Park F. Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, there was a discussion yesterday about the position of the Flag for certain purposes. I want to show you what we were contending about. These are put on soldiers' graves (producing exhibits of Flags), taken from the State of Ohio, and that is the condition of the flags when left in the grave markers for any length of time (indicating). That is the reason the discussion was brought up. I don't know whether there has been any legislation to remove them, but in Ohio we are trying to get them off of the graves within thirty to sixty days. We believe the soldier is honored if they are placed there on Memorial Day, but it isn't an honor to let them get in this condition. I don't think there should be any further discussion, but these are evidence in themselves.

Department Commander E. K. Davidson, Colorado & Wyoming: Colorado & Wyoming put their flags up after sunrise and after sundown they take them down. We don't leave them on for more than one day.

Past Department Commander Jackson C. Carr, New Hampshire: New Hampshire passed a resolution to have the Flag up on two days, Memorial Day and Armistice Day.

Past Department Commander F. Aubrey Smith, Iowa: Members of our Camps place the flags after sunrise and take them off after sundown. It has been a little difficult for the smaller organizations, but we found in a large Camp, which has about 400 graves, the expense is so great it called for a solution of this question. We don't leave the

flag on after sundown. In the Arlington Cemetery there are so many they place them a couple of days before Memorial Day and soon after they are taken down. That should be an example to us.

Past Department Commander V. G. Payne, Minnesota: We have ten cemeteries, with a little over 5000 soldiers' graves to look after. Our flags are put out on the 29th and are taken up on the 31st.

VISIT OF W. R. C. DELEGATION.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, there is a Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps at the door. (Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Huston, Indiana; Past Department Commander Albert L. Pauley, Indiana; Department Commander F. S. Phipps, Wisconsin, escorted the Committee into the room).

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Commander-in-Chief, it is always a delight to present a committee from the parent organizatiou, the mother organization, that is the Woman's Relief Corps, and I take pleasure in introducing Mrs. Clara Barton Smith, National Inspector, New Jersey; Mrs. Caroline Wright, Past Department President, New York; Mrs. Florence Dike, Department President, New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief: It is always delightful to have these ladies pay us a visit. I take great pleasure in introducing Mrs. Clara Barton Smith.

Mrs. Clara Barton Smith, National Inspector W. R. C., New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is a great pleasure and privilege to come into this room today. It happens to be my very first visit to the Sons, either a National or a Department body, and frankly I must admit that I am a little nervous. I expected to see around 500 men here. We go to the G. A. R. Encampment and we see a small delegation and the Sons should have a much larger delegation than theirs at present. I bring to you the greetings of the National W. R. C., the mother organization, and I wish you the best of success. We had a very sad experience this morning when we witnessed the parade. It was a beautiful demonstration to see of course. Some of our men were able to walk, but what a reminder that in a few years the last will have passed in review. That is why I am disappointed in coming here and seeing such a small body of men. It remains for the Sons, Mothers, Daughters, Auxiliary, and Ladies of the G. A. R. to increase their membership. We must stand together for all that the Boys in Blue—our fathers—fought for in 1861 to 1865, or it will be forgotten, and if forgotten what use is it? We wish you the best of luck and we hope everything you do here will be for the best in your organization—for every organization connected or affiliated with the G. A. R. We want to work hand in hand, side by side in everything we do.

Commander-in-Chief, our National President wants you to have something in your life that you could look through each day perhaps and read something which will remind you of her and the lovely times you have had together this past year and so with her best wishes I present you with this little gift.

Commander-in-Chief: I next present Mrs. Caroline Wright, Past Department President of the W. R. C. of New York.

Mrs. Caroline Wright: I am proud of what you have done and what you are trying to do, and I know if you have half the pep my good friend back here (indicating Brother Cazeau) has you will do a lot. He is here, there and yonder, but he is always doing something; he is the right man in the right spot.

For nearly 70 years the Comrades of the G. A. R. have been marching—steadily marching down the long, long trail towards home—and you today have had the privilege of seeing the boys, perhaps not your father, your own Dad, but someone else's in the parade. Remember that they stood shoulder to shoulder and drank from the same canteen; they gave everything they had, and everything that could come from the heart of every American soldier to the Flag that waived proudly over everyone in the United States. They left you a heritage of bravery and I know their Sons are men in every sense of the word, are true Americans. I am awfully glad to be here today.

Commander-in-Chief: We thank you, Mrs. Wright. I now introduce Mrs. Florence Dike, Department President of the W. R. C. of New Hampshire.

Mrs. Florence Dike: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, this is my first visit to the Sons, and I want to bring you the greetings of the W. R. C. of New Hampshire. I am glad to see so many but I wish there were more.

Commander-in-Chief: I have in mind a man whom they think so much of they re-elected him as Department Commander. He comes from New York. Department Commander Dyer will respond.

Department Commander William Allan Dyer, New York: Commander-in-Chief, and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps; it is a great pleasure to perform this little act of recognition of the W. R. C., particularly as one of them comes from my State, and one from New England where I was born. The remarks of your National Inspector are well timed in my opinion. When the G. A. R. was strong and had 500,000 members they didn't need the services of the Sons, and as fathers they looked upon us as Sons—as I looked upon my boy for many years. Long after he came to our home first as a little boy I led him around by the hand, and that is the way they looked upon us—as interlopers—so far as taking up their responsibilities is concerned. But now instead of 500,000 in the whole United States there is only about 16,000, practically all over 85 years of age. Although their spirit is still undaunted, they now say to us "Carry on this work;" and from the graves of those gone before is re-echoed "Don't forget us." There is no other organization to succeed to this work but the Sons of Union Veterans.

There are times in the history of every family when father becomes old, it is impossible for him to carry on, and he looks to his son to carry on his ideals. That time has come to us and it is now for the Sons of Union Veterans to assume their place as the head of all patriotic organizations allied with the G. A. R. That is one reason I was so anxious to get the resolution in form which you have just passed, because we need the legal heirship to establish our right to the head-ship of the family. If we have it there is no question about the future of the organization. We have lost too many members, and the time has come to stop it, and say as was said in France, "They shall not pass."

When I was re-elected in the Department of New York I insisted as a pre-requisite that the present membership should be an irreducible minimum. We propose to bring back as many members as we have lost in the last forty years, and that is the best answer I can give. I made the statement that in New York there are at least 60,000 Sons, and our membership is 4,000. It seems to me in the coming year we should effect this, as we would remedy a condition in our business or our homes. We must make our organization successful, we pledge that very thing this year.

Past Commander-inChief E. W. Homan: Commander-in-Chief, may I say a word?

Commander-in-Chief: You may.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: The Chairman of the Committee of the W. R. C. opened her remarks by saying that she was disappointed at the size of our delegation here. I would like to have her understand the form of the organization. It is different from others; our delegates are here at the ratio of one for 500. This is not a meeting of the Sons of Veterans, it is a meeting of the delegates. We are here one for every 500 members.

Mrs. Caroline Wright, Past Department President W. R. C., New York: Our National President surprised me in regard to appropriating all the blessings . Of course, she isn't chaperoned, and she thought with a large delegation she might see someone to take a fancy to, and that it might be mutual.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Commander-in-Chief, she has nothing on me, I am a widower.

Commander-in-Chief: I can certainly give her a wonderful recommendation for anyone of you. She is a splendid woman. I appreciate the gift from her.

Badges were pinned on the ladies from the W. R. C.

CHALLENGES—CAMPS AND MEMBERS.

Past Department Commander M. G. Randolph, Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief, this may be out of order, but I hope you will overlook it. The gentleman from New York made some big talk and I have a proposition for him. We are just starting to boost in Minnesota. I will challenge him to a contest. If he will double his membership before the next Encampment I will double mine; if he loses he must wear a green hat during the sessions of the Encampment. If I lose I will wear it.

Commander-in-Chief: We will all be there and see that one of you wear it.

Department Commander William Allan Dyer, New York: Commander-in-Chief, may I make an observation? The Department of Minnesota has 238 members and the Department of New York has 3,168. I will do this with him, I will challenge him to add 600, and if he loses he will wear the green hat.

Past Department Commander M. G. Randolph, Minnesota: He is giving me a big handicap, he has 3,000 to work on and I have 200.

Department Commander William Allan Dyer: I will double that number and you double yours, put it that way.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, of Massachusetts, as Chairman, reported as follows:

St. Paul, Minn., September 20, 1933.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report.

Resolution No. 1, from Ohio, and a similar one from Oregon:

RESOLVED, That the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now assembled, favors the promulgation by the proper

Department Officers, or an order which will require the removal of such dilapidated flags and memorials from the graves of Civil War Veterans, and that such action be submitted to the National Encampment, asking that similar action be taken to include all of the Departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to investigate the laws of our State pertaining to the care of our cemeteries, with a view of so changing the same by amendment that it will become obligatory upon the persons in charge of such cemeteries to remove such flags and memorials before they become depleted.

Signed by H. B. STEVICK,
CUSTER SNYDER,
Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts: Resolution number two touching the same subject from Oregon is as follows:

WHEREAS, It is called to our attention by an article by the National Patriotic Instructor in the June issue of The Banner that flags placed on Veterans' graves are often left until they become tattered and faded, and that some regulations should be adopted as to the length of time these flags should be retained on the graves,

BE IT RESOLVED, That Oregon Department go on record as favoring legislation by the Commandery-in-Chief, making it the rule that flags must be removed within one week after Decoration Day.

Attest: GLADE A. SANFORD, Department Secretary.
Signed: C. O. GOSNEY, Department Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Your Committee feels that this matter is entirely a local one between Camps, their Posts of the G. A. R., and the Superintendent of Cemeteries. In many places the Superintendent of Cemeteries remove the flag after a crtain period. In other places the Camps remove old flags in November and put on new ones for Winter. Your Committee feels this is not a matter for Commandery legislation and move non-concurrence. I so move.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer of Wisconsin: I move that the report of the Committee be received, and unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee in each case be adopted.

Council-in-Chief Louis H. Knox: I second the motion. (Motion declared unanimously carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Resolution No. 3:

Columbus, Ohio, July 10, 1933.

Resolution from the Ohio Department.

RESOLVED, That the American Creed become a part of the opening ceremonies, and be placed in the Ritual immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance."

(Approved by the Fifty-first Annual Encampment).

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Your Committee feel that our opening exercises are quite simple as they are listed, yet very few Camp Officers memorize them; why add more to those already overworked officers when they do not properly deliver the present service? Your Committee see no reason, however, why a Camp should not use

the American Creed in opening should they wish, and I move non-concurrence in the resolution.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any objections? Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Resolution No. 4, from the Department of Illinois, is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Federal Government recognizes patriotic and charitable organizations as an asset to our country, and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the good accomplished by the patriotic organizations they are exempt from paying Federal taxes upon admissions to entertainments for raising money to carry on the work of these organizations, and

WHEREAS, It has been brought to our attention that this Government does not recognize the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a patriotic organization and auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, State of Illinois, in Convention assembled respectfully request that the Grand Army of the Republic give us proper recognition as an auxiliary unit of the Grand Army of the Republic family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Illinois, in convention assembled, and spread upon the minutes as a part of the proceedings of the Fifty-first Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Illinois, and that this action be carried on to the National Body.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed: C. W. NEELD,
Delegate, Gen. McClernand Camp No. 4,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The above resolution was duly passed at a regular meeting of Gen. John A. McClernand Camp No. 4, June 6, 1933.

FRANCIS A. GIBSON, Secretary.

The above resolution was read upon the floor of the Illinois Department Encampment in session at Jacksonville, Illinois, June, 1933, unanimous favorable action being taken, and the Secretary was requested to present same to the National Encampment at St. Paul, Minnesota, that they may give this resolution their kind consideration.

JAMES M. BLACKMAN,
Illinois Department Secretary.

HARRY W. MORGAN, Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Your Committee is under the impression that we have already been acknowledged by the G. A. R. as an auxiliary and a member of the Allied Orders connected with the G. A. R., and a vote was passed referring this matter to the Committee on Legislation. I so move.

Department Commander William Allan Dyer, New York: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the motion, are there any remarks?

Alternate Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: Several organizations have held different entertainments, in which there were charges for those entertainments, and the Internal Revenue Department said the taxes must be paid. The Springfield Camp took this up with

Washington and they said that we would have to be charged the tax; that is why it was brought before the Illinois Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: May I ask if they found out what was necessary to be recognized?

Alternate Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: You would have to have the G. A. R. sign it too.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: That correspondence should have been presented with the resolution to the Resolution Committee. I suggest that any information of that kind, if taken up with the Commander-in-Chief, might have been straightened out with the Internal Revenue Department. I suggest now that this correspondence be taken up with the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and let him straighten it out.

National Secretary Hammer: Through the Legislative Committee?

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I have always understood that the G. A. R. had but one Auxiliary, the W. R. C., and we are an Allied Organization. Am I correct

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Yes, sir. He says the Government does not recognize us as a Federal Organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: They are recognizing us as an Allied Organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: I move that the matter of our recognition and standing be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Legislative Committee, to take up with the proper authorities in Washington, to see that we are recognized.

Delegate Carl Fuller, Illinois: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

Delegate Carl Fuller, Illinois: I wrote to the Department at Washington, D. C., and they sent me a letter asking what our patriotic duties were; what our income is; what interest in stock and bonds we have, and requested information on various other matters, if we were to be recognized.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: I don't see what interest we would have in stock and bonds to be members of a Patriotic Order.

Delegate Carl Fuller, Illinois: Well, if we had an income outside of what work we could do.

RECOGNITION BY G. A. R.

Delegate Charles H. Hess, New York: Since we are discussing that question, is the order of the Sons of Union Veterans recognized as the "legal heirs" of the G. A. R.?

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Certainly, we had a man come from the G. A. R., who told us a few years ago that we are joint legal heirs with the Daughters.

Department Commander William Allan Dyer, New York: It was passed at the Encampment at Grand Rapids in 1927. I spoke to Judge Willets, Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., in regard to inserting that wording, and lack of that wording has been responsible for the loss of three Camps in a State where the G. A. R. had turned over their property to the American Legion. That does not read "legal heirs." I was about to ask that the Resolutions Committee have it; we want added those three words, and get that inserted in the Grand Army records.

Past Department Commander Smith, Minnesota: I had the pleas-

ure of being present in Des Moines when the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. sent his greetings two years ago, in 1931, and he said: "Boys, we have got news for you, something that you have been waiting for for a long time. We want you to know where you stand with us. You were made our legal heirs, first to take your position in the line of march following us, wear the same kind of uniforms as we wear, take responsibility as the sons of Union Veterans, look as near like them as is possible and represent us on various patriotic occasions, on Memorial Day, at Encampments, etc." Our Auxiliary was taken at the same time into the Grand Army body. That was the first time we were ever recognized officially. That is my clear understanding of that, and as far as being a patriotic organization with them, there is no question.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau, New York: In all my traveling with the Grand Army last year a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic said: "When the Grand Army is dead it is dead, and there are no legal heirs; that we didn't amount to that (snapping finger) but hoped that we would take the initiative."

Delegate C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania: We wrote the same thing down and that is what he told us.

Department Commander Lambert, New Jersey: In the last Department Orders I issued I called attention to an Act passed by the Legislature, an Act making it lawful for any Municipality to make appropriations for the G. A. R. Post and if there be no Post to make it to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to carry on. This Act took effect immediately.

Department Commander Dyer: I have here a resolution passed by the G. A. R. Encampment held in Grand Rapids, the week of September 11, 1927, which I wish to read.

Commander-in-Chief: Commander Dyer will read his resolution and then the matter will be closed.

Department Commander Dyer: This resolution was passed by the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Grand Rapids, week of September 11, 1927, and issued by the Department of New York State as General Orders No. 1, from Albany, July 2, 1927, as follows:

"WHEREAS, Our Sons and Daughters and their children are bound to us by natural ties of love and affection, which lead us to believe that our deeds and our comrades' fame will ever live in their hearts, when we can no longer maintain our annual ceremonies at the graves beloved by the Grand Army of the Republic, and

"WHEREAS, We would have the remembrance of those deeds preserved and the patriotic services and sacrifices of each loyal Soldier, or Sailor of the Civil War, continue to be commemorated, according to the custom established, and as a continued tribute of that personal devotion, love and pride with which we have hallowed those sacrifices and those deeds; therefore be it

"RESOLVED, That it is our wish and request that in these closing years of the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, and after we are no more on earth, our sons, the 'SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,' organized for this purpose shall continue with us, and afterwards, as our representative, to carry on our annual observation of Memorial Day as a day for commemoration of our heroic dead, for loving services at their graves and ours, for a testimonial to future ages of the patriotism by which we have been inspired, and for the rekindling of that patriotism in every American breast. *To the loving memory of those who share our blood, we*

transmit the holy fire of that spirit of devotion in which we preserved our country and theirs. Let them be loyal to this trust, and our sacrifices shall not have been in vain."

I move that we take steps to have that resolution changed by adding the words "legal heirs."

Commander-in-Chief: Is that agreeable to the Legislative Committee?

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: That is agreeable to the Legislative Committee, and I second the motion.

National Secretary Hammer: Is that motion included in the report of the committee?

Commander-in-Chief: Yes. (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Resolution No. 5:

"WHEREAS, Certain organized groups have seized the opportunity, under the guise of economy, to reduce our National Defenses to a dangerous point, and

WHEREAS, The maintenance and support of an adequate National Defense is necessary to our National safety, due to the present disorganized conditions of the world at large; and

WHEREAS, Our present forces for defense are dangerously below the minimum required to actively defend our country;

BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in convention assembled, go on record as being opposed to any reduction whatsoever in either the Army, the Navy, or the Marine Corps of the United States of America, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans, in convention assembled, strongly favor the carrying out of all of the provisions of the National Defense Act and the building of our Navy to the full treaty limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our Department Encampment, held at Jacksonville, Illinois, on June 6, 7 and 8, 1933, and that a copy be sent to the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and each Senator and member of Congress at Washington, D. C., and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the delegates from the Illinois Department be instructed to present a similar resolution to the National Encampment at St. Paul, Minnesota, in September, 1933, with the request that similar action be taken by them.

Signed: T. B. SELDERS, Secretary-Treasurer,
Gen. Orme Camp No. 29, Bloomington.

This resolution has been taken up at the State Encampment at Jacksonville, Illinois, in June, 1933, and duly passed.

JAMES M. BLACKMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer, Illinois Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Your Committee does not concur with the first portion of the resolution. However, we agree to the latter portion and, therefore, offer a substitute resolution, as follows:

RESOLVED, That the National body of Sons of Union Veterans, in session assembled in St. Paul, Minnesota, strongly favor the carrying out of all provisions of the National Defense Act, and the building of our Navy to the full treaty limits, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, and to the Chairman of the Committee on National Defense.

I might add that while your Committee feel that there is no law prohibiting the action of the Illinois Department in sending this resolution to members of Congress, your Committee recommend in future that all matters from Departments, where Congress is to be memorialized for any action whatever, said resolution must first be submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief, or in the interim to the Commander-in-Chief, for approval or rejection, and in case of rejection no further action shall be taken by the Department concerned.

I move the adoption of the substitute resolution.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any objection?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Pennsylvania: I am not entirely clear, and I may be wrong and may not, but I don't know that there is any treaty that affects the strength of our Army and Navy. I don't think we ought to adopt a resolution unless we have positive knowledge that the resolution is correct. That is my objection to it first. I presume that refers to the various conferences that have been held with various foreign governments, and whether or not that at any time includes the Army; I am rather of the opinion it does not include any reference to the Army.

Delegate James M. Blackman, Illinois: When that resolution was brought up it was on what we call the Officers Reserve. The Illinois University, Chicago University and the Northwestern University all had their military branch cut almost in two; that is why that was proposed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I am still of the opinion that we are not involved in any treaty, that is the objection I have to the resolution.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: To save further discussion I move that the resolution be tabled.

Department Commander William L. Dyer, New York: I second the motion.

Motion declared carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Resolution No. 6:

A careful study of the next two resolutions would have disclosed the fact that one was as political as the other, although in the one it was much more obscure than in the other.

This is not offered as a criticism of our Resolution Committee but to call attention to the fact that a resolution which was to have been sent to our Congress and which was of vital importance to the welfare of our counry, and in which we, one and all, heartily concurred, was rejected because of its being somewhat of a political nature.

We are well aware that our brothers, when they wrote Article IV into our C. & R., had in mind the barring of discussion of the two subjects, religious sectarianism and party politics, which so often destroys a beautiful friendship or can so easily disrupt an organization such as ours, and we are in full accord with a provision in our C. & R. which will prohibit such discussions.

On the other hand, we cannot see why the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a patriotic organization, pledged to preserve the Union and protect the Government and Constitution of the United States, for which our fathers gave their lives, should be barred from discussing and expressing an opinion of such political matters as are pertinent to the preservation of that Union and Government, and from

making our ideas and wishes known to both the public and our representatives in government, any more than others of the many patriotic organizations of the country who do not hesitate to do either, by resolution or petition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That ARTICLE IV of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, entitled "Religion and Politics," which now reads: "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-political, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or political topics is strictly prohibited."

Shall be caused to read hereafter as follows:

"The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-partisan politically, the introduction or discussion of sectarial or party political topics is strictly prohibited."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the next National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held at St. Paul, Minn., September 18-21, 1933, for their consideration and concurrence.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT J. HILL, Past Dept. Com.,
Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are primarily a Patriotic Organization, and,

WHEREAS, By the "Sacred Obligation" which we all have subscribed to at the time of our initiation, and the Constitution and Regulations which we have agreed to abide by and sustain, it appears, that in order for us to fully carry out these obligations (See Article II, Sections 4-5-7, of C. & R.) and to lend our power and assistance in preserving the country for the preservation of which our Fathers fought and laid down their lives, it becomes necessary for us as patriotic bodies, to discuss certain matters of a political nature, not only in our Camp rooms but in our Department and National Encampments, in order that suitable action can be taken to combat the evils which are, at this time, threatening to not only destroy that government, which we are pledged to preserve, but take away that liberty for which our Fathers struggled so long, and

WHEREAS, Certain parts of Article IV of our Constitution and Regulations, entitled, "RELIGION AND POLITICS," are inimical to the carrying out of these duties as outlined, and

WHEREAS, Article IV, in part, seems to be inconsistently worded. Probably through no fault of the Brothers who have so carefully compiled and edited our C. & R., but because of an oversight, not having given sufficient consideration to the true meaning and scope of certain words, we wish to call attention to the following. Article IV reads:

'The Order being strictly *non-sectarian* and *non-political*, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or political topics is strictly prohibited." (The italics are ours).

This Article is headed "Religion and Politics" and deals exclusively with our attitude toward these two subjects. In this connection we call particular attention to the italicized words, non-sectarian and non-political.

Our Organization does not openly declare itself as a religious organization but, under Article II it does "Acknowledge a firm trust in God," and in our obligations and ritualistic work we do tacitly acknowledge a religious belief.

The two words, non-sectarian and non-political, are not consistent or synonymous when applied to the two subjects, religion and politi-

cal. To have been consistent and synonymous, they should have read, non-religious and non-political; but as we "Acknowledge a firm trust in God," it is evident that we have a belief in religion, therefore, the word non-religious is inconsistent and the correct wording is non-sectarian as it is written. The inconsistence or fault must lie in the word, non-political.

Many of our brothers believe, and consistently so, that we should live up to the letter of the law as laid down, and it is our belief that this one word, non-political, as written into our C. & R., often bars discussion of subject matter political, which is of vital importance to this as a Patriotic Organization.

We have often noticed this in the Camp room as well as in Department and National Encampments. We have in mind two resolutions presented by the Department of Maryland, at our last National Encampment at Springfield, Ill., for adoption and presentation to Congress. Both of these resolutions were heartily concurred in by our Resolutions Committee but one of them was recommended for adoption and the other rejected because of its political nature.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 10, 1933.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, S. of U. V. of the C. W.,
In session at St. Paul, Minn.
Commandery-in-Chief and Brothers:

This is to certify that the attached resolution pertaining to Article IV of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was submitted to the fifth Department Encampment of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming, S. U. V. of the C. W., held at Manitou, Colo., June 13-14-15, 1933, and was unanimously adopted and is hereby submitted to our Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief and National Encampment in session to be assembled at St. Paul, Minn., September 18-21, 1933 for their consideration and we hope, their concurrence.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,
E. K. DAVIDSON, Commander,
Dept. of Colo. & Wyo., S. U. V. of the C. W.

Attested:
DALE GARRETT, Secretary-Treasurer,
Dept. of Colo. & Wyo., S. U. V. of the C. W.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Your Committee feels that no action is necessary as the Commander-in-Chief or other presiding officer should be able to decide and rule as to whether the matter under discussion comes under the portion political, which is prohibited, as against decisions affecting our National security, which is not prohibited.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: No. 7:

WHEREAS, The criminal records in the United States reveal the alarming fact that crime, of practically every kind and character, is increasing in enormous proportions; the one crime of murder alone showing an increase since 1890 of 350%; and such similar increases are shown in other types of criminal practice involving an annual cost to the citizens of the United States in excess of $13,000,000,000, or more than three times the cost of maintaining the Federal Government, and involving the moral breakdown of over 400,000 of its citizens, and placing more or less in jeopardy the lives of our entire citizenship, and earning for our beloved country the horrible odium of being the most lawless and criminal nation in the world; and

WHEREAS, There has been formulated under the United States Flag Association, a committee known as the "National Council of '76," whose Chairman is Hon. Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War, whose express purpose is a "Crusade against crime," and

WHEREAS, An invitation has been extended to our Body as one of the many patriotic societies in the United States to co-operate in this anti-crime crusade, and to appoint a committee which shall officially represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at an anti-crime conference to be held in Washington, D. C., on the dates of October 12-14, 1933,

BE IT RESOLVED, That this Encampment go on record as being enthusiastically favorable to this crusade against crime; and that this Encampment appoint a committee of one, (or more up to three), which shall represent the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in this anti-crime conference in Washington, D. C., October 12-14, 1933, with instructions to assist in every worthy way possible to bring about the suppression of crime and the restoration of the fair name of our beloved land.

FRANK C. HUSTON.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Your Committee is in hearty sympathy with this resolution, and after conferring with Brother Huston it is his wish that Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Grant, 3rd, be made chairman of said committee; we also feel that with Brother Huston's familiarity with this matter he should be made a member, and that Brother Everett F. Warner of the Legislative Committee be the third member; we feel that our Order should be represented at this meeting on October 12-14, and

We further recommend that the Council-in-Chief be authorized to appropriate $50.00, or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the object of this resolution. I move the adoption of the recommendation.

Department Commander Daniel E. Emery, Connecticut: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any remarks?

Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland: Commander-in-Chief, this appropriation was not suggested by Brother Huston, it was a matter that was suggested in the committee after fair discussion and we thought it was nothing more than right in asking Brother Huston to go to Washington. I asked him about the expense and he thought he could go for that and perhaps less.

Commander-in-Chief: Hearing no objection, the motion is adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: That completes the report of the Committee on Resolutions at the present time.

(The report was signed by the following: Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, Chairman; D. E. Emery, Department Commander of Connecticut; Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland).

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

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Reporting for the Press Committee, I have very little to report at this time; my duties have kept me in the hall and I have had no reporters make any requests for news. It was my understanding that you were to appoint some members of the local Camp on this Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: I will add to the Press Committee Past Department Commander Fred A. Thompson; Past Department Com-

mander E. B. Smith, of Minnesota; Department Commander Harry W. Morgan, Illinois, and M. G. Randolph, Past Department Commander of Minnesota, to get in touch between now and tomorrow morning with Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook and be as helpful as they can.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The Committee on Constitution and Regulations are prepared to make a partial report. There has been submitted to the committee a communication from Abe Lincoln Camp, of the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, requesting the change of the name of the Department from Alabama & Tennessee to the Department of Dixie. There is accompanying this communication an argument in favor of the change; it appears to be simply the reaction of one Camp. Your Committee has conferred with representatives of the Department, but it seems no action has been taken by the Department, nor does there seem to be any other sentiment in favor of it except this one communication. The resolution reads as follows:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Alabama & Tennessee Department
P. O. Box 183
Charles A. Higgins, Patriotic Instructor
Tampa, Florida, June 19, 1933.

Fifty-second Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

In re: Changing name Department of Alabama & Tennessee to Department of Dixie.

Dear Brothers:

The bounds of the Department of Alabama & Tennessee comprise practically the eleven states that seceded from the Union, and are now inhabited by loyal, flag loving citizens, descendants from both sides of the conflict from 1861 to 1865.

We believe that a change of name would work for the betterment of conditions and advance the work of Camps now located in Dixie and help break down the few bars that still exist.

As an example, last Memorial Day the speaker for the G. A. R. Post in Tampa, was a grandson of a Confederate soldier, but his mother's folks were all Unionists. Girl Scouts, Southern, blew taps. On Confederate Memorial Day the G. A. R. and allied orders were invited to attend, and did. And "the enemy" was sent invitations for our day, May 30th.

Such members of our own order not residing in either Alabama or Tennessee, but in one of the other nine states, are often quizzed as to the why and wherefore of the name, and cannot answer it. Old members realize the splendid fight put up for years in Alabama & Tennessee, led by that old war horse, M. D. Friedman, before the other states were overrun with damnyankees. But that day is past, unity is broadcast in Dixie, and with all honor to Alabama & Tennessee, we urge this change be made, that the labor of years may the sooner reach a larger fruition and work for the comity of feeling in our adopted Southland,—yes, native Southland for thousands of great grandsons and their unborn heirs.

Presented and moved for adoption in regular Camp session this

19th day of June, 1933, A. R. Terry Camp No. 14, Department of Alabama & Tennessee.

CHARLES A. HIGGINS,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

Read, approved and unanimously adopted in regular Camp session of A. H. Terry Camp No. 17, Department of Alabama & Tennessee, at Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of June, 1933.

CHARLES A. HIGGINS,
Secretary.

ALLAN D. SMITH, Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The Committee do not concur in the resolution.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report of the Committee, unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee is adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The next is a communication received in the form of a letter from Frank C. Shipley, Los Angeles, California, as follows:

733 W. 47th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
June 15, 1933.

Mr. H. H. Hammer,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have a proposition to place before you to be taken up at the next National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I see in the last Banner where one Camp dropped thirty-four members because of unemployment they could not pay dues.

My proposition is, life Membership, that where a member has been in the order say twenty-five years, or over, and is unable to pay dues on account of unemployment, sickness or old age, that he be given a life membership card and all life members be exempt from per capita tax, then said members would be no expense to Camp, Department or National body.

That the Commandery-in-Chief publish blanks to be filled out by Camp, giving name, age, when he joined the Order and where, offices held, if any, and in fact his history in the Order (say three copies) the Camp to hold one, send second to the Department, with their quarterly report, and the Department send one with their quarterly report to the National, then each would have a copy to be kept on file; and on the quarterly report blanks a place for life members, on which no per capita tax is to be paid.

It is very hard for a member who has been in the Order 25 to 40 years, to be compelled to drop out because he is unable to pay his dues on account of unemployment, sickness or old age.

The Sons of the American Revolution has a provision that when a member is over 70, and has been in the Order 20 years, he gets a life membership. Why not the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have some such provision, as the members are getting older each year and soon the order must drop lots of old men, if something like that is not provided for.

Yours truly,
FRANK C. SHIPLEY.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: This is an act of an individual member. He is entitled to our consideration, but we, your Committee, do not concur and recommend that no action be taken.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Unless there is objection the recommendation will stand adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The National Secretary has submitted some changes to the Regulations. They are all of the same character, affecting the finances of our Order, and are introduced primarily because of the very great falling off that has occurred in our membership and with the hope on his part that by making the proposed changes it will facilitate the securing back into the organization members dropped and new members. They are:

REGULATIONS: Chapter 1, Camps. Article 2, Page 10 (C. & R.): Amend Section 3, by striking out the last sentence which reads: "A dropped member may be admitted into the order in the same manner as a new member" to read:

(Second paragraph): "A dropped member may be admitted into the order by reinstatement at an admission or reinstatement fee as may be provided by Camps; he shall be reported on the prescribed quarterly forms as 'Reinstated' and per capita tax paid for and in the quarter such member is reinstated; no Membership Fee shall be paid on reinstated members."

That until such period or time as the Commandery-in-Chief may determine the words after the word "revenues," in second line of Section 1, Article VI, Page 17 (C. & R.), Chapter 1, be and are hereby suspended, not to be operative or required to conform to—"provided, the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than three ($3.00) dollars; no part of the admission fee to be credited for any other purpose," and that Camps shall have authority if they so decide, to suspend their By-Laws to conform to this provision, (so that minimum admission fee can be fixed by Camps).

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Your Committee concur in the adoption of the first resolution pertaining to Chapter 1, Article 2, Page 10, (C. & R.), and so recommend.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: No objection. It is adopted and the Regulations are so amended.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: On the next proposition, suspend Section 1, Article 6, page 17 (C. & R.), as above set forth, your Committee concurs therewith and recommends its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: No objections. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The next resolution refers to FINANCES, Article 6, Section 3, on page 29, of the Constitution and Regulations, which provides for a fee of 50 cents to be paid by each Department to the Commandery-in-Chief, which is as follows:

That until such period or time as designated by the Commandery-in-Chief, Section 3 (Page 29, C. & R.), of Article 6, Finances, Chapter 2, which reads: "Departments shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief fifty (50) cents for each new member initiated in Camps, other than Charter members in Camps," shall be suspended.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: You have heard Department Commander Dyer of New York say that he intends putting on a campaign for membership, and there are some others also, and in order to facilitate and make an incentive for this proposition to increase our membership, it is recommended that that portion of that paragraph be suspended until July first next year, and that the Commandery-in-Chief do not require payment of this 50 cents per capita for each member initiated during the period. That means if you bring in 100 new members there is $50.00 extra finances to campaign with. Your Committee recommends the suspension of this for the period until June 30, 1934.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: If there are no objections, it will stand adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The next is a resolution presented to the Committee from the Department of Maine, and has to do with the placing of Flags on the graves of our soldier dead, but as it has been disposed of by the action of the Committee on Resolutions—it seems to have been referred to both committees—we recommend no action.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Likewise there was a resolution presented to the Committee in duplicate form having to deal with the Section that relates to non-sectarian and non-political matters. This has already been acted on and your Committee recommends no action.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The next is a proposed amendment to Sections 2 and 3, Article 4, of the Regulations, received from the New Jersey Department, providing for the election of Camp Officers. The present arrangement is that the officers shall be elected at the first meeting in October, and this amendment proposes inserting the words "Or between the first meeting in October and the first meeting in December inclusive;" changing the election of the Camp Officers from the arbitrary date of the first meeting in October, and allowing each Camp—unless contrary to Department Regulations—to elect at any time between October and December; and also changing the provision requiring installation on the first meeting in November to the first meeting of the January following, inclusive. This allows the greatest degree of freedom. We find in some Departments they don't conform to but ignore this regulation.

It is the opinion of your Committee that a greater degree of latitude should be allowed so that there may be a better compliance with the Regulations and your Committee recommends the adoption of the amendment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The proposed amendment is as follows: Strike out Sections 2 and 3, Article 4, and insert in place thereof:

"Section 2. The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commanders, Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between the first meeting in October, and the first meeting in December, inclusive. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except members of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote.

"On assuming office, the Commander shall appoint all other Camp Officers; provided, however, that the Camp may elect its Secretary and Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer) and fix their term of office.

"Section 3. The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting of the Camp to be held between the first meeting in November, and the first meeting in the following January, inclusive, by a person designated by the Department Commander, who shall make report thereof, upon the prescribed blanks furnished to him. Said dates of election and installation to be fixed by each Department, and become part of their Department By-Laws."

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Are there any objections?

Past Deparmtent Commander Fouch, Michigan: In certain Camps

they can adjourn and hold off the election. As I understand it if the members don't want to have an election they can simply put it off; you are giving them a leeway. If there are any brothers who can't get to the Camp meeting let them take their medicine. If you prolong it two months you are allowing politics to enter.

Delegate Newell Austin, Massachusetts: For over forty years the Sons of Union Veterans have always had their election in October, and I have never heard of any Camp, in all the years I have been a member, failing or ignoring that condition in the order. It seems pretty bad when men of intelligence and years fail to observe our Constitution and Regulations. Make it the first of January and everybody will obey the rules of this Order and we will go forward as we ought to.

Department Commander Lambert, New Jersey: This was our proposition—possibly the brother don't understand this resolution—it provides distinctly that the power of setting the date lies with the individual Department and the Camp must act accordingly. If New Jersey sees fit to have their installation on January first they may and other States can work in between January and October.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: I am ready to entertain a motion.

Delegate William L. Houseman, Pennsylvania: I move that the recommendation of the Committee be concurred in.

Council-in-Chief Knox, Rhode Island: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Are there any further remarks?

Delegate J. S. White, Kansas: We have had the October first meeting for years and now you want to change it, and as the brother says to give them leeway from October 1st to December 1st for the election, with no stated time for the installation. It is as he says, you can get into a lot of trouble.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: This remedies the restriction imposed by the Commandery-in-Chief which says it *shall* be held the first meeting in October; it in no way changes the by-laws and the Camps can adopt any date they choose between October and December. The Department can control it, it leaves to the local Camp and the Department the option, and in some places they only meet once in every two or three months. If they have no meeting in October they can't comply with the regulation and your Committee felt they should have a degree of elasticity in our regulations, permitting Camps or Departments to adopt by-laws that fitted the local needs.

Past Department Commander Dexter, Minnesota: Do we understand that if we do not hold that first meeting in October that we can't hold an election the rest of the year?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Oh no, that makes it the first meeting in November if you can't hold it in October.

Past Department Commander Kremer, Wisconsin: There is an ambiguity in that resolution. I think the resolution should provide that the election should be held and if the Camps or Departments should not change that date that means that it will be held as it is now, except each Camp may change it by their by-laws and there will be no ambiguity. I offer that as an amendment.

Past Department Commander Dexter, Minnesota: I move that the resolution be tabled.

Past Department Commander Smith, Minnesota: I second the motion.

Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The next resolution submitted

by Camp 116, at the 51st Annual Encampment of Massachusetts Department, April 11-12, 1933, is as follows:

"Resolved, That the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, use its efforts at the next National Encampment to change the paragraph immediately following Section 13, Article 8, of the Constitution and Regulations, so that the words "election and" be stricken out, thus leaving to each Department the right to name the hour when its election of officers shall take place." Page 30, C. & R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: As the Committee understand it this would permit the election of officers at any time during the progress of the Encampment without objection. The Committee does not concur.

Commander-in-Chief: No objection, it will be adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: This concludes the partial report of the Committee.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Past Department Commander Dyer, New York: May I ask the indulgence of the brothers as I have to go home tomorrow morning? I am very sorry that I can't be here for the whole Encampment.

I came here hoping that something constructive would come out of this conference. I feel there has. I think we have offered to every Department now an opportunity to help finance the putting on of a campaign for members this year, if my friend from Minnesota will add 238 members he has been granted practically $119.00 for this campaign expense and that is one of the most constructive things that has come to our Order from the National Encampment in the last three years. I feel that we have done something to encourage us to go back and put on a campaign for the increase in members. In the state of New York we are securing the co-operation of our Auxiliary and are putting on a campaign; at the same time we are securing the co-operation of the Daughters, W. R .C., and the Ladies of the G. A. R., who are going to put on a campaign at the same time. We know in their localities they will find a good many eligible sons and they will refer them to us; and we will find on the other hand Daughters and other allied eligibles and we will in turn hand their names over to them. The result ought to be ,if we are willing to work, the rejuvination of our Order. The G. A. R. are old men and have set ideas. I think we have done something toward making our order an outstanding Order, with authority—we are not interlopers—to carry on the work and we are ordered by our fathers to do these things, which they now have seen need to be done by their sons. I am satisfied with my visit here and am going back to New York with more enthusiasm than I have ever had, and with an abiding hope that we will do something this year which will dignify and sustain the spirit of our organization.

RESTORATION OF PAST RANK.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: Through an error made by one of the Camp Secretaries in our Department, and certified to the Department as having been dropped from the Camp Rolls, when he should have been transferred to another Camp, I accordingly certified the fact to the Commandery-in-Chief, that this brother had been dropped. I move you, sir, that I be empowered and authorized to restore the brother to membership, and notify the National Secretary of re-

storing on our records the name of Past Department Commander Charles Vetter of New York.

Past Department Commander McElroy, Maryland: I second the motion.

Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS RADIO PROGRAM.

Department Commander Fuller, Massachusetts: For what it may be worth to this Encampment the Massachusetts Department has put a half hour program on the air since June first, with wonderful results to the Department. When we first contacted the radio station to find out what we could do, they asked us who we were. We told them our name and they said they didn't know there was such an organization. Today the program goes on weekly, on Thursday nights, at 8 o'clock. It has a large following and has produced results. We are picking out our speakers from the Sons of Veterans, doing musical programs, small sketches, etc., and believe me if you can hear the Station in your own Department go to it, it is worth your while.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: I extend our thanks to Commander Fuller and I hope every Department will follow, if possible, the same example and bring out the fact that there is an organization like the Sons of Veterans. I think there is no better way than over the radio.

Department Commander Fuller, Massachusetts: We have been putting it out over Station WHDA, Boston. They have been very kind to us, have censored our program a little, as far as advertising was concerned in the beginning, but today we are getting away from that. When we started they said the advertising couldn't go; the programs have been well enough rendered so that now they are not censored.

POLICY, PROGRAM AND ACTION.

National Counselor R. F. Locke: Brothers, that which I have to say to you may be stated in a very few words. I am expressing my own opinion and not necessarily the views of any other member of the Order. That you may have an understanding of the idea which is in my mind I am going to presume to give you in advance a title, which is: "Whither Are We Drifting and Why?"

We have been in existence something over fifty years; some of us have been members during practically all of that time. How far have we progressed? We have come to regard as a loyal Son of a Veteran, as a good worker, as a credit to the organization, that member who is faithful in attendance at the meetings of his Camp, and who, as frequently as he finds possible, attends the Department Encampments, and the Encampmens of the Commandery-in-Chief.

We are organized to perpetuate our father's memory, a most laudable purpose. It seems to me we lose sight of this fact: that we can best perpetuate our father's memory by keeping intact that which we received from their hands, and that which we did receive above everything else, was government by the people. But is it intact? Have not the fruits of our father's service and sacrifices for their country begun to turn to ashes in our hands? Is there not some ground for the statement that today, instead of government by the people, we have government by propaganda?

Let's think about this. How are we going to come back in present day opinions by simply adding numbers to our organization? That has been the policy of this Order from its inception. Its first object is to perpetuate the memory of our fathers, and to get new members. Now let's get at it in a little different manner. As I stated before, we have regarded as a loyal member that individual who is punctual in

attendance at the meetings. We have all of us taken pride, justified in our eligibility rights. We have sometimes striven with great exertion to secure the honors which have been passed out during these years. What have we done? Well, in the annual meeting of our Departments and Commandery-in-Chief we confer an honor, or hand out a lemon, to some member and elect him a Camp Commander, Department Commander or Commander-in-Chief, and we tell him, "You go to work and we will give you our support." He goes to work and works hard and faithfully, gives the best that is in him, and at the end of the year when he has begun to find out something about what ought to be done for the best interests of the Order, we present him with a Past Commander's Jewel, commend him, and elect someone else to go out and do the same things over again. It is true and you know it. Aren't we very much in the same position as a political party which meets in convention, nominated candidates for office, and failed to adopt any platform or statement of policies under which the proposed candidates are to act in the event of their election?

The great trouble with the Sons of Veterans today, as I see it, is the lack of continuity in purpose, object and effort. If we have any sense in our heads isn't it time that this Encampment take some steps to adopt and promulgate a policy setting forth the views of its membership, its ideals and its purposes, and not expect to adopt that program for one brief year, but to make that program extend over a period of five or ten years. I don't know how we are going to go forward unless we do something of that kind. I don't know how you are going to take this suggestion but I submit it for what it is worth. At this time, for the purpose of inviting your objections and criticisms, such as you may have.

I move that a committee, consisting of not less than ten members, be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for the purpose of outlining a definite and continued policy, to be supported and promulgated by this Organization, and that committee be directed to report to the Commander-in-Chief, or the Commandery-in-Chief as soon as may be possible.

Past Department Commander Kremer, Wisconsin: I second that motion.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Are there any remarks?

National Counselor Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I don't want to have a vote taken until it has been discussed at length.

Past Department Commander McElroy, Maryland: Commander-in-Chief, last year I tried to get something done and they said: "McElroy, go to it." The first nine months I thought I was the Commander of an army of goats, except our Treasurer. He was the only man that agreed with me as to what became of the organization. Going back to the Scriptures I call your attention to a certain event that occurred on the road to Damascus. You have heard how a man was brought to his senses by a great Light. He was blind temporarily, and he said: "Lord what wouldst thou have me do?"

We initiate members into our Order; we come to a meeting and we only have that vanishing army that doesn't do anything. We present them with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, which set forth the objects of our Order, and gives the purpose for which we are in existence. I am here to tell you, including myself, none can tell you what it is excepting to strew flowers on the graves of our fathers on Memorial Day. What we are doing outside of that the greater number of us don't care.

It seems to me National Counselor Locke's motion is right along that line. It doesn't matter, but as I look around the Camp I see

Smith, Brown and the rest, come there whether they have the password or not. If I am satisfied that they are members in good standing they are admitted. It isn't as binding on me as some other things whether our Commander reads the ritual or whether he recites it from memory. If he could make a speech off-hand I wouldn't know whether he said anything worth anything or if it was simply nonsense. This resolution of Brother Locke's is in the right direction.

Let us say now that the next year we are going to do thus and so, and carry it down through the different branches of the organization. We say, boys do this, and this, and we come here the next year and nothing done. Here is another game along the line of radio work. We had a Camp that reported they were going to do things along about Memorial Day; they were present without any suggestions. That is the truth all along the line. We are losing by having too much machinery and working in opposite directions. Here we have the G. A. R., the W. R. C., and all the others, and instead of having one service for the members we have five or six. I tried to preach co-operation and I failed. You can't get them all in line; they are like a fractious horse which wants to pull in a different direction.

At my last Encampment a lady of the Maryland Department asked if the Maryland Department was Federated. I asked her what she meant, and she asked if we were organized, had we organized these different branches into a Federation, all following in the same direction and having the same object? All I could tell her was that our Department consisted of the G. A. R., the W. R. C., the Daughters of Union Veterans, and others, and they haven't any use for the Sons. A member of the W. R. C. today was disappointed that there were not more Sons of Union Veterans here. I don't know of a single son who came into our organization in Washington through the W. R. C., but they have sons and grandsons.

Past Department Commander Hickox, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, I think the remarks of Counselor Locke are along the right line. At my last Encampment I recommended that we as Sons get behind some worthy movement; instead of going out and getting members that we get behind some worth-while project in our community and build it up, and then by making our local Camp strong we would let people know that we are doing something worthwhile in trying to advance the interests of the community, and we would attract members to the organization until the outside people would hear about it and we would get favorable comments from the Press. That recommendation was adopted by the Department. The trouble is the Department can adopt but it is hard to get the Camps to put it into effect. That is the trouble with these recommendations here before the Commandery. It is all right to pass them and we ought to resolve when we pass them for the good of and the upbuilding of the Order that we should go to our homes and work for their enactment. We say we have done this and that, and have made our report, but we have not done our full duty. We meet here from all over the United States; we have different ideas and we try to put those ideas together and formulate something and pass some legislation profitable to ourselves, and then stop.

I think Counselor Locke's remarks are in the right direction, and that a committee should be appointed to formulate something. We should not let it die, but should go home and work and come back to the next Encampment with something definite.

Department Commander Dyer, New York: I would like to call Counselor Locke's attention to the fact that I am heartily in favor of his suggestion; also that on September 11, 1927, at Columbus, there was made a declaration of the purposes and objects of the Sons of

Veterans which has been re-affirmed. Probably the most of us have forgotten some of those things and we ought to restate our purposes from year to year; it does no harm to do that. We are circulating that very statement in our Camps in New York, and I have also circulated it in a folder in which we state the purpose for which this organization was founded, its principal object being to honor the memory of the G. A. R., etc., who served the United States in 1861-1865, caring for their widows, and the perpetuation of their free institutions. That is our declaration of principles, and that is fundamental of the Sons. It does no harm to reaffirm them each year, and the appointment of such a committee would result in calling to our own minds the principles for which we stand. We must remember this in this campaign for members. I don't think you will object to that. The more members we have the stronger our organization is, and not whisper, either, or hold our hands, when we say the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans. It says further in this statement of the declaration of principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans that we hereby pledge an unswerving devotion and express our willingness to co-operate with all other organizations. After all while we lay down certain principles to which we all agree, isn't it, as a matter of fact, the individual effort and work that counts? Not simply the coming here as a body of men from every section of the country, passing resolutions and going back home and putting them into effect, both for our organizations at all times, and by our own example calling attention to the fact that the one who is doing this is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and by that means expect it will attract other people. Isn't individual effort more than anything we can do in the way of passing resolutions or making statements of principles? I am heartily in accord with the re-affirmation of our principles from year to year, and re-publish them so that we can disseminate them. I am for it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It seems to me that if there is any time in the history of this Encampment for serious thought this is the time. I agree with most that has been said by all who have spoken since Counselor Locke expressed his thoughts in such admirable language. The question as to the future of this organization is one that ought to be weighing heavily upon the mind and heart of each one of our members. I sometimes think we develop in these National bodies or organizations a sort of a mutual admiration society, where they come for the sole purpose of saying how do you do and how much we love each other, and then go back home and fail to transmit into action the only thing that counts, a single thought expressed by any brother upon the floor of the Encampment. I don't expect to have these weak words of mine have any real effect. Would to God that I might have words that would, but I can come, just as I have from a session of the Commandery-in-Chief of the G. A. R., with thoughts of what I witnessed there, bringing in my mind—and the minds of the other members of the committee who accompanied me —statements that were there made. I hope that some time, by some means, in some way, it will be possible to bring a vast army of eligibles to our organization, and a sense of their individual responsibility to their fathers. The greatest critics the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans has ever had are the eligibles outside of our organization. There isn't a man in this room at this minute, who is in close touch with our organization who can dispute that assertion —that our worst critics are not those who are not eligible, but those who are eligible and who fail to realize that they owe a responsibility as a son of one who wore the Blue for the memory of his father and his father's comrades, whether he be in this organization or out

of it. What is the difference? The difference is only that I thought enough—and every man who is in the organization of the Sons of Veterans thought enough—to unite with the organization in order that we might by collective action transmit our thoughts, our hopes and our desires. I don't know what is wrong. Would to God that I did.

I dislike a pessimist, yet sometimes as I give serious thought—I do and hope you do—I am not entirely concerned with the members as to the failure of this organization. Brothers, frankly, I sometimes shudder with the feeling that I, individually, have been failing to do my share. I said I wasn't greatly concerned as to the members; I would rather have 25,000 honest-to-God members of this organization—each one of them imbued with the real spirit of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—each one earnestly striving as best he can to carry out these purposes and objects—than 250,000 nominally unthinking members; and there is a thought in that. It is because even in our limited members we have too many unthinking members, thoughtless members.

My purpose when I arose was not to talk as I have but somehow or other I can't help it. I will get beyond that now, and I will ask Brother Locke to qualify to some extent his motion. I am in accord with him, but, as I recall it, he asked for a committee of ten to be named by the Commander-in-Chief; that committee, I presume, is to be given unlimited power to prepare some document that will express the thoughts as we attempted to express it by the declaration referred to by Department Commander Dyer of New York, and which was prepared by one of the ablest members of this organization who came from Illinois. When this document is completed it will be transmitted to the membership immediately. I wonder, Brother Locke, if I properly express your thought?

National Counselor Locke: I think, Brother Sautter, that you have.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I say that I am wondering—as much as I would like to see somethig done that would perhaps get us quick results—I am just wondering if we are ready to place into the hands of any ten men in the organization a responsibility of that kind. I wonder, Brothers, if there are ten men in this organization who would be willing to assume a tremendous responsibility of that kind. It seems to me, Brother Locke and Brothers, that perhaps it would be best to have hope for another year; that it might be the committee might actively work and develop the thought in the mind of the maker of this motion, and it could be done by the maker of the motion himself, and that the committee report at the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief, so that their action might be reviewed, and so that we might not place such unlimited power or expect any ten brothers to assume such a responsibility. I simply offer this as a suggestion to you, with no thought at all of making an amendment to your motion, but it is worth thinking about. I just wondered, Brother Locke and Brothers, if it isn't perhaps too serious a thing to decide now. Can't we think over it until morning? I am not a minister. Frank Huston would say might we not pray over it tonight and defer action on this motion—because I believe it is the most important one that will come before this body—until tomorrow morning, and then come fully prepared to know what we desire to do, because of the tremendous influence it is bound to have upon the future of our organization.

National Counselor Locke: I would like to reply to Brother Sautter. I agree with his statement that 25,000 good men are worth more than 500,000 to the organization who take no interest. I believe if this organization is back of this with its support of the principles for which our fathers fought in 1861-1865, and for which they fought

in all the years following the Civil War; if we will keep in mind the same high purposes and apply it to the conditions which confront us today, we are going to put ourselves in a position that instead of having to go out and beg eligibles to come into the organization, they will come knocking at our door. I think we can go to them when we outline a high-minded policy and have it formally adopted, which would not be done until the next Commandery-in-Chief meets; we can then go to these eligibles outside, who are our strongest critics today, and say to those men this organization and these members are seeking to keep alive the memory of your father and his services and sacrifices for the Union. In that effort we are making to keep alive your father's memory we hope to have your support, and we are going right on with our work whether we have it or not; you can then make that man so ashamed of himself that his criticism will be withdrawn. By referring to the record the motion which I made gave no authority to this proposed committee to promulgate any creed or policy. I am only seeking to get something before this Encampment, so that we could have the combined help of men from different portions of the country in formulating some sort of a creed, or policy, or plan of procedure, so that in the interim between now and the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief we would have what this committee suggested, and if you will remember the motion was to have this committee report as speedily as possible to the Commander-in-Chief, or the Commandery-in-Chief. It is possible that committee might suggest something more or less revolutionary in character; if that is true the membership is entitled to know what it is, and we took occasion by the employment of this language to put it out to the membership that they might discuss it prior to its adoption. What I have in mind is to get something started—a policy adopted and promulgated. I have no objection to this matter going over until tomorrow morning, that is perfectly all right with me. Perhaps some prayer with it would be effective, whether it comes from Brother Huston or some poor sinner like myself.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, it is not in me, I haven't the ability to compete with the beautiful and lofty sentiments of Brother Locke and John Sautter, but I do rise to try in a few words to correct some misapprehension that has been expressed here from the words given to us by the ladies. Personally I think Miss Smith, who criticized our small number, didn't understand; didn't know what she was talking about, and let's give her the benefit of the doubt. She supposed every Camp in the country could send all their members as delegates. No wonder she thought we had a very small representation, until it was explained to her that it was only one delegate for 500 members, and that changes the situation. She is a new member and this is the first time she ever came here so let's forget and forgive anything Miss Smith may have said about that.

I am perfectly in harmony with all that has been said by Counselor Locke, but there is just one other thing and this is criticism of you here. I am one of the older members in the organization, Secretary Hammer and I have worked together and he will tell you the same thing. He is a good politician and I am not, but I am going to tell you what has been the fault of our order and it is this: that you have elected too many Commanders of your Camps, too many Commanders of your Departments and too many Commanders-in-Chief for the reason that they were good fellows. Just because a man is a good go-getter and brings in a lot of business doesn't make him qualified for one moment to be the Commander of a Camp, or a Department or Commander-in-Chief. Do you think for one moment any of the other

allied organizations would elect someone who comes up under such plan five or six years ahead? Or if one whom they plan on doesn't qualify or doesn't come up to the standard which they think they should? They are not elected.

Now I have gone through all of this. I was placed with the best lot of Department Commanders I believe any Commander-in-Chief ever had serve under him. They put in 133 new Camps and over 10,000 new members; they put in more Camps and members than under any other Commander-in-Chief, except when this consolidation movement was taking place. I take no credit for that. It was those men, who in those days were not elected on the spur of the moment, but had done work and had qualified. If you elect a good man and he works hard, whether he is a Camp Commander, a Department Commander or a Commander-in-Chief, and you elect the next year someone who is not qualified, but is a good fellow, your work is all undone and no wonder gentlemen—or Brothers I should say, because a Brother is a gentleman always—your work is of no avail. Just think it over gentlemen.

Delegate E. M. Lowe, Ohio: I was Past Commander of a Camp formed in 1884 which still is the same number and has the same Charter. Concerning the word propaganda used here, I don't know why but there is an underlying propaganda to bring dishonor upon my father, and your father and grandfather. I presume I have read 150 books in the last 18 months and every one of them refer to the "War of the Rebellion" as the "War between the States," and that isn't true. I was a little boy when the Rebellion broke out and it was very distinctly a rebellion. Now I can't go about and say join the Sons of Union Veterans, because there was General Lee and Jeff Davis. Those two men are just exactly on the same level as Benedict Arnold, because they were traitors to their country. You go down in the South and they don't talk about the rebellion; they talk about the war against the Government. My Dad went out in 1861 and never got back until late in the war. One of my boys was in the Spanish-American War and one in the World War.

DELEGATION FROM DAUGTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, a Greeting Committee from the Daughters of Veterans is at the door.

Commander-in-Chief: Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch of Michigan, and Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston will escort them in.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse: Commander-in-Chief, I have the pleasure of introducing Miss Agnes I. McCoy, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Carolyn Reiber, of Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief: I introduce to you Miss Agnes I. McCoy, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Miss Agnes I. McCoy: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers: It is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring to you the greetings from our organization, and the greatest pleasure in my life came to me when our National President asked me to extend our greetings. I really feel it an honor and it made me realize more than ever our work together as sisters and brothers. This morning we watched in the parade the Sons of Union Veterans and your Military Department; Brother Yengling, and with him I understand, the Sons of Veterans Reserve; then, of course, from Massachusetts came Doctor Homan,

Frank L. Kirchgassner, and Billy Anderson. I extend greetings to you from our Massachusetts Department. The greetings we bring are as sincere as a sister can tender. We wish you all success. Our President said, give them all my love and best wishes; I don't know about the love, I hope you will think of her giving it to you and know what she meant to say to you.

Commander-in-Chief: Miss McCoy, I traveled with your National President for a year, and whether she gives me her love or not carry to her the message that she is one of the most pleasant, delightful and interesting workers that I have ever met in any organization. It certainly has been a pleasure and I look forward whenever the opportunity arises to meet with her and be in her company.

Commander-in-Chief: I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Carolyn Reiber, of Michigan.

Mrs. Carolyn Reiber: Commander-in-Chief, I am very happy to serve on this committee. I bring greetings from the Michigan Daughters who are working with you. We enjoyed your visit to our convention last June.

Commander-in-Chief: I enjoyed it just as much as you. You having said that you know Doctor Homan, we also know him and we crowd on him all the work we can. I call on Doctor Homan to respond to your Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: My good sisters, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we your brothers are indeed happy to have you come to us with greetings from your National Organization. We fully realize the duty imposed upon the Daughters of Union Veterans, the principles and ideals for which you work are identical with ours; your fathers and our fathers joined hands together in answering the call of Lincoln in 1861-1865; they went down South and fought together on the fields of battle to perpetuate America and kept green the ideals of American citizenship and we, the flesh and blood of those men in the trying days of the Civil War are banded together to keep alive their memory because of the sacrifices rendered by them.

Say not only to your National President, but to every member of your organization, that we, your brothers, fully realize the duties your organization calls upon you to do, and we trust it—like ours—will live on and on and on, and that you will carry on the great ideals of our fathers.

I saw the parade this morning, as did everybody here. I have seen something similar, in years past, when it was a long, long parade; and today when it was over in just one-half hour. I saw Comrades marching along with trembling forms, some on crutches, some on canes, some partially blind, but still together shoulder to shoulder carrying on the ideals of their organization. Why not we, their flesh and blood carry on the ideals of our organizations so that we may tell the generations to follow what our fathers did for the United States of America. The G. A. R. are fast going to their Great Commander-in-Chief. So my sisters and brothers, just as long as there is one Comrade of the G. A. R. in this country we must go right on with the G. A. R.; and if that be the case then there are years and years of service for the Daughters of Veterans of the Civil War, and for the Sons of Union Veterans, to still carry on the memories of our fathers.

(The Commander-in-Chief pins badges on the Committee and it retires with escort).

COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND PROGRAM.

Commander-in-Chief: You will remember the motion of National Counselor Locke. Are you ready for the question? Question called for. Motion carried.

Commander-in-Chief: I will appoint on that Committee of Policy and Program:

National Counselor Richard F. Locke, Illinois, Chairman.
Department Commander William Allan Dyer, New York.
Past Department Commander Harry W. Marden, Ala. & Tenn.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, Mass.
Past Department Commander William J. Hickox, Cal. & Pac.
Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, Conn.
Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, Mich.
Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, N. Y.
Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, Ind.
Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Md.
Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch, Pa. (Suggested and added by members from the floor).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Chairman: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Fifty-second National Encampment:—The Committee on Officers' Reports submits the following report:

The Committee cannot praise too highly the untiring efforts of Commander-in-Chief Titus Ruch for the unselfish service he has rendered our organization during his term of office. He assumed office at a most trying period. More money, time and effort was required than ever before, and he gave willingly and without restraint, leading us through the dark valley of depression, difficulty and misfortune, to a place where we can see the light, better times, and a prosperous outlook for our Order.

In his report he submits one recommendation and the Committee concurs in this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION.

"Owing to the many Department Encampments held in a period of about three weeks in the month of June, the Commander-in-Chief is not able to meet with more than a few of them, except under a very heavy financial expense, and owing to the wonderful success that the Commander-in-Chief had with a week-end conference with the Department Officers of the New England States, who were all present with one exception, and which has shown such splendid results, I recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he form several Departments into Districts, located within a few hundred miles, and have at least six or eight conferences, beginning with October, so that he might contact the Department Officers who still have the greater part of their time to serve."

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner's report shows successful work in the New England States. His suggestion as to the advisability of Junior Camps, for the purpose of building up the membership of our organization in the near future, successful examples of which may be found in the Department of Maine, is worthy of much consideration. The Committee respectfully requests the Department Commanders pay particular attention to the section of his report pertaining to State Camps and radio broadcasting.

During the past few years it has been suggested, and in the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has been recommended, that

specific duties be assigned to the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief.

The Committee concurs in this recommendation:

"There is much work that can appropriately be assigned to the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief; work that often cannot be accomplished by the Commander-in-Chief on account of lack of time or important engagements elsewhere.

"The Senior Vice Commander in his report to the Commandery-in-Chief last year stated: 'It appears to me that the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief should have some specific work to do.' It is regretted that no action was recommended on this suggestion by the Committee on Officers Reports, or taken by the Commandery-in-Chief, therefore, I wish to again bring this matter to the attention of the members of our National body with the recommendation that specific duties, in addition to those required by the Commander-in-Chief, be allotted to all future Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief of our organization."

To the untiring efforts of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief James W. Lyons in his Department, and in carrying out all duties assigned to him, the organization is grateful and gives its sincere thanks.

The attention of this Encampment is directed to the report of National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer. If ever an organization was blessed with a man of honesty and sincerity it is our Order. The qualifications and long experience of Brother Hammer well fit him to fulfill the position he now holds. It is regrettable to note in his report the loss of 43 Camps and 4597 members. It is to be hoped that the Delegates of this Encampment will go back to their respective Departments, and urge their Brothers to give their best efforts to hold their present membership. The services of our National Secretary-Treasurer are of such a nature that we hope and trust that he will continue in office as long as health will permit.

The detailed report of the National Patriotic Intructor, Park F. Yengling, shows that he has fulfilled the duties of his office with credit to himself and to our Order. He has offered three recommendations:

Recommendation No. 1. That all old Form No. 51—Patriotic Instructors Reports—be ordered destroyed, and that it be made compulsory to use new Form 51.

Recommendation No. 2. That Department Reports be made by Patriotic Instructors having been appointed to office in the year preceding National Encampment, where Department Encampment is held previous to June 1. (Several 1933 Reports were made by Officers appointed at the 1933 Department Encampments who did not have time to make reports they would have made had they been in office a whole year). (See supplementary report of W. L. Weidemer, D. P. I., Missouri).

Recommendation No. 3. Owing to the fact that there seems to be a general misundertsanding of the meaning of many of the questions asked in the Form 50 and 51 of the Patriotic Instructors reports, I would recommend that a committee be appointed to revise these blanks, so that there may be no doubt of what each question means, and to report at the Fifty-second Encampment.

The Committee concurs in these recommendations.

In the report of the National Chaplain, Rev. Homer K. Pitman, sorrow is brought to our hearts in the realization that 21 Past Department Commanders, and 506 other members of our Order have passed away during the year. This startling fact should impress

upon our minds, that soon we will be looking toward the younger element in the Order to carry on our great work. Let us endeavor to swell our ranks with the youth of our country, and prepare those already with us, by example, to lead our future organization to greater success.

The report of National Counselor, Richard F. Locke, indicates that the principles of Fraternity and Charity have been Loyally carried out.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, SR.,
LEON J. COLE,
WILLIAM L. HASCHER.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr.: That is the complete report with the exception of the National Secretary-Treasurer's Report, which we will report on tomorrow morning.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

To Titus M. Ruch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Sir and Brother:

Your Chairman attended several meetings of the Pension Committees of the House and Senate, also two joint meetings of these two bodies with Gen. John R. King, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and their National Legislative Chairman, relative to more favorable pension legislation for the soldiers of the Civil War and their widows.

Gen. King was granted an interview with the President at which time he was given to understand that due to abnormal conditions throughout the country he, The President, would feel in duty bound to oppose any pension legislation now. Gen. King then informed the President that the Grand Army of the Republic would not embarrass his administration by urging action of this character at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch, we deeply appreciate the honor and privilege of serving with you, and we close this report to you with the fondest hope that your work for our Order has brought to you the satisfaction that comes from honest effort. We commend you for your earnest work on behalf of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,
EVERETT F. WARNER, Chairman.
R. J. F. McELROY, Member.
W. C. HILL, Member.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN COALITION OF PATRIOTIC, CIVIC AND FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

A printed folder sent out contained four resolutions adopted by the Advisory Board of the American Coalition, which we are asked to approve or disapprove.

1. PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM:

RESOLVED, That the Advistory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies reaffirm their opposition to the recognition of Soviet Russia and urge all good citizens to join with them in this opposition.

RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Socities urge upon

terested, and will assist them in marking the graves of veterans of all wars.

The Iowa Department is making good progress in marking graves under the leadership of Chairman Hugh M. Stryker of Des Moines. At the last session of the Iowa State Legislature, a Bureau of Grave Registration was created, in charge of a Director. Its object is to collect and compile a record of the location of graves of any men who served in the Military or Naval Forces under the Federal Government, and whose graves are located in that state. Brother Stryker finds this of great assistance in his work.

In the Maine Department many of the Camps are busy getting Government headstones for the Civil War Veterans who are in unmarked graves.

While the Ohio Department does not have a committee, yet in many Camps they are busy marking graves and getting Government stones for those who are in unmarked graves.

In the Department of Indiana most of the work at present seems to center in or near Martinsville. Grubbs Camp No. 40, at Martinsville, is marking the graves and setting headstones at the graves of all Veterans except those of the World War. They plan to carry on the work in all cemeteries in the county in which Martinsville is situated.

The Rhode Island Department is still active in recharting and marking graves. They are making a special drive to identify the few remaining unknown Civil War Veterans' graves in their Department.

Individual Camps in the Massachusetts Department are identifying, locating and marking graves of Veterans of all wars. There is room for a good live Department Committee. With such a committee it would be only a short time before the entire state would be finished.

Excellent work is being done by individual Camps in the Departments of New Hampshire, Vermont and New Jersey.

The center of activity in New York seems to be in the central and western parts. Brothers Cazeau, Abrams and Morey continue their interest. I am quite sure that if the New York Department had a Department Committee, much greater interest would be taken in this work.

The Connecticut Department has a practically complete list, and the location of all Veterans' graves in the state. This covers the veterans of fifteen wars, in which Connecticut, both as a colony and as a state, has participated. During the past year special attention has been given to taking the headstones' inscriptions in the older cemeteries. It is by this method that we find the graves of the Colonial and Revolutionary Veterans. The Department always has had the cooperation of the Connecticut State Librarian, Mr. George S. Godard. We are indeed fortunate in having the aid of Mr. Godard, who is a very active member in many patriotic orders.

Commander Casey, of the Maryland Department, reports there are 23 National Cemeteries in his Department, and a complete record of the Soldiers buried therein is maintained by the War Department, which also attends to the placing of a marker at each grave. Committees are at work on the location and marking of graves in many other cemeteries in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia. While the workers are few they are making creditable headway. Surely this is fine work for a small Department.

I am sorry that more Departments do not take up the work of at least marking the soldiers' graves. The importance of this work is

recognized by the American Legion. In every state they have a Department Grave Committee. They not only locate the graves of World War Veterans, but many Departments are locating the graves of all Veterans. We, as Sons of Union Veterans, cannot afford to have it said that we do not take interest enough to locate the graves of our fathers. The work that has been done in Connecticut has found favorable comment in the press. The largest daily newspaper in the state carried an account of the work which covered parts of three pages, and was recopied by other papers and given editorial space. After the printing of this article, letters were received from as far away as Florida.

During the past year, it has cost the Committee for typewriting, postage, etc., fifty-five dollars. Surely this is a small sum for the advertising our order has received. Your Committee is in favor of the continuance of a Grave Marking Committee, and so recommend.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. R. HALE,
Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any other Committees ready to report?

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: Your Credential Committee has a supplemental report, adding to the roll, making a total of 133 members of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie reported that the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans performed its duty, and moved the committee be discharged. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: If reports of committees are in order I report for the Greetings Committee to the W. R. C. We found a very large attendance and a very enthusiastic Encampment. We carried your greetings to them and they were very graciously received. The President sent back her good wishes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: Continuing reports of committees your Committee of Past Commanders-in-Chief attended the session of the G. A. R., and I wish I had the power to paint the picture of what we witnessed, and some of the things we heard. My mind was carried back to some of the earlier visits to that body of men; one remembrance was the size of the auditorium which was required to hold them and care for them, an auditorium of the size in which they are meeting today. It was unfortunate for these dear old men that they were placed in a hall to accommodate 5000 people when they numbered perhaps a total of but 200. The hall had no amplification and I question whether any of these dear old men heard half that was going on. By agreement there was but one speaker for the G. A. R., of our committee, and that pleasant duty was mine. We attempted to convey to those men in simple language the feeling of the order of the Sons of Union Veterans. My remarks were responded to by a Past Commander-in-Chief, who is also a member of the order of the Sons of Union Veterans, Past Commander-in-Chief Foster, of the Department of Massachusetts, and who responded in words that were really inspiring, and no one can question his interest, or the interest if you please of these dear old men, in our organization.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the report. If there are no objections it will be accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I move that we now recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning and then to remain in session until all of the business of the Commandery-in-Chief is completed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 A. M., September 21, 1933.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch presiding.

COMMITTEE ON FORMS 51 AND 52.

Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Officers' Reports, among other things, reported relative to Form 51, to have a committee appointed to revise the blank, and the following committee is appointed: Department Commander Ralph R. Barrett, California & Pacific; Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, Michigan; Department Commander Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey.

This Committee to report at the pleasure of the Commander-in-Chief. It is understood that this will not require any expense, and it is so ordered.

National Patriotic Instructor Park F. Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, not only as to Form 51, but also Form 52.

Commander-in-Chief: Yes, Forms 51 and 52.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, there is a delegation of Comrades representing the G. A. R. at the door.

Commander-in-Chief: Will Past Commanders-in-Chief Mabie and Grant act as an escort to the Comrades.

DELEGATION OF THE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, I take great pleasure in presenting Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. James C. Jewell.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: Commander-in-Chief, I take pleasure in introducing Department Commander Bishop, of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief: Comrades of the G. A. R., you are welcome and we are honored by your presence.

Past Commander-in-Chief James C. Jewell: Commander-in-Chief, I am here as chairman of a committee from the G. A. R. to bring you the greetings of your fathers, the G. A. R. We are getting along in years and are not as young as we were once; our average age is close to 90; we have some younger and some older. We had a terrible responsibility resting upon us during the years 1861-1865, which we carried through successfully, and sealed forever the Union of the States of the United States of America. Now I want to tell you, my sons, that a greater responsibility rests upon this generation than rested upon the men of 1861-1865. I don't know whether you knew or realized it but the United States of America was closely approaching a bloody revolution last winter and last spring. I think we have tided it over and have started out on a more civil time, but I want to tell you we are not through yet, because there are 50 million people in the United States depending entirely on agriculture, and agricul-

ture today is bankrupt; and other lines of business are bankrupt; our banking institutions have gone all to pieces, 3500 banks of the United States are still closed, our surplus money has been locked up and the farmers can't pay their taxes any longer; they can't pay the interest on what they owe and we have got to work out of this responsibility and this calamity in some way. The President of the United States is on hand with his blue eagle, and I hope and trust he will succeed. If he fails God only knows what the end will be. It is the duty of each of us to stand by the President. You may not endorse everything he does and says, and everything his party does, but the main thing to do is to preserve the United States of America and restore to our Government what we gave to you in 1861-1865.

Commander-in-Chief: I have pleasure in introducing to you Department Commander Bishop of Massachusetts.

Commander Bishop: Commander-in-Chief, there is no question about the plans, that plans have been laid to protect our country. It is a terrific job to undertake, but we are on the right track and the only need is that the Government be fully supported by us. Some of you men here served in the Spanish-American War, and the World War, and we all took part in losing a little stipend we receive monthly. I want to put myself on record as saying that I have not met one G. A. R. Comrade who has protested. We don't know what the outcome will be but knowing that this is a temporary matter I find that they are quite ready to do their part. There are innumerable cases to be cited where people entitled to consideration haven't received it, but the only thing to do is to carry on. Those who do are the ones who will take this load and responsibility. The G. A. R. feel that you will be the ones, the leading element in the future. Especially let me impress upon you the importance of taking the proper care of Memorial Day, that you inherited from us. You must carry on and maintain and pass it on to your sons.

Commander-in-Chief: Comrades, we are indeed glad for these words of encouragement and that we may properly express to you our sentiments Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts, will respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Commander-in-Chief and Comrades of the G. A. R., Past Commander-in-Chief Jewell and my own Commander from Massachusetts, Commander Bishop. It is difficult for us as we see these two splendid Comrades before us and realize that they received the baptism of blood in four years of war and have come down through these years as fine physically as they are. We take a great deal of pleasure in Massachusetts in the condition of our Comrades and their fine physical appearance. The other evening I had the pleasure of introducing Commander Bishop on the air and I described him as the kid of the party, because he was only 84 years old. He was a mere boy when he went to war and after the war, despite the privations, he kept going up and up. The G. A. R. is the finest organization that exists. These Comrades come to us from year to year and they tell us how much they think of us. We have endeavored as the years have gone by to show you by our acts how much we appreciate the things you have done for us, and if I have an education to keep the position I have today it is due to the sacrifices of my father. The fact that you men are in the business life you are today is due to the sacrifices of your father; my father didn't get an education, he sacrificed; these men didn't receive College educations, they sacrificed that in order to save this Union. Brothers, we owe these men as individuals, these Comrades of the G. A. R., an untold gratitude. When they speak to us of the condition of the

country and about the matter of compensation I can hardly retain myself when I think of the compensation of these men after the war. Year after year thousands went to their graves without receiving any compensation; thousands received $12.00 a month; you Comrades never asked our communities for a memorial hall, never asked or expected to be furnished with luxurious quarters. I know of a condition in our own State where there are only two men left. They never had a hall except they raised the money for it themselves. That is the spirit of the G. A. R., and I only wish an endowment of the same spirit might be in the younger generation.

"Every year they are marching slower,
Every year they're bending lower
Every year the sky above them
Seems to bend and bless and love them—
As if waiting for the day
When they'll never march again.

But look! the sky is parted,
I can see beyond the blue,
Where the Grand Old Army's marching
With a step that's firm and true;
I can see Old Glory flying—
I can hear the Drum Corps' din
For the Grand Old Army's marching
Where their ranks will never thin."

Comrades as you come to us year after year we realize that your ranks are growing thinner; we go to your Encampment, as we did yesterday—it was like looking over a blanket of snow. May the benediction of your spirit and the love of our fathers ever remain in the hearts of your loyal Sons.

The Commander-in-Chief pinned badges on the Comrades and they were escorted to the door.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: There being no further resolutions presented to the Resolutions Committee, I move the adoption of the report of the committee as a whole, and that the committee be discharged.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: I move that the Press Committee draw up resolutions for the various parties in the city, thanking them for our entertainment, etc., as usual.

Delegate William L. Anderson, Jr., Massachusetts: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUALS AND CEREMONIES.

Department Commander Harry E. Chadbourne, Vermont: The Ritual and Ceremonies Committee reports that it has nothing to offer and asks that the Committee be discharged.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections the committee report will be received and the committee discharged. So ordered.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: At the conclusion of a partial report of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations yesterday there was tabled a resolution from the Department of New Jersey

in regard to the election of Camp Officers and Installation. I move it be taken from the table.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, Pennsylvania: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: As it was tabled there was an oral motion made of some character and it was suggested there might possibly be an amendment, and I would like to inquire of the Secretary whether there has been any motion or amendment filed?

National Secretary Hammer: No, sir.

Past Departmnt Commander Perle L. Fouch, Michigan: It was my understanding that we voted to kill that.

Commander-in-Chief: They thought there was a possibility of an amendment coming in this morning, but there is none before the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: I feel that I was somewhat at fault in not explaining the terms of the proposed amendment that was offered because of the ambiguity of the resolution they offered. I am sorry for my neglect because there is no ambiguity about what they proposed to do. As I said, they wished the Camp Officers so far as the Commandery-in-Chief is concerned for the election, be from the first meeting in October to the first meeting in December inclusive, and the installation be from the first meeting in November to the first meeting in January, inclusive. Some misapprehension arose whether it might not be possible for the Camps to juggle along. What I failed to call your attention to is the last clause of the resolution offered by the Department of New Jersey, which says the dates of election and installation be fixed by the Department, and become part of the Department By-Laws; in other words the Department then will define whether the election shall be on a different date or not, but it permits a degree of latitude, and they find the present arrangement very inconvenient. Your Committee feel they were entitled to that degree of latitude or home rule. I move the adoption of this amendment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any objection? If not the amendment is declared adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: Your Committee has a communication from the Commander of a Camp in the Department of New Hampshire, which was acted upon by their Department Encampment and forwarded to this body for action, the communication being as follows:

"To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-first Annual Encampment, Department of New Hampshire, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

It is the sense of the members of Gen. S. G. Griffin Camp No. 10 that the Past Commanders badge should have some indication as to what the badge is intended for, therefore we hereby petition the members of the National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that at their Encampment to be held in St. Paul, Minn., the following be added to the By-Laws:

RESOLVED, That a bar be placed at the top of the Past Commander's badge bearing the inscription "PAST CAMP COMMANDER."

GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE,
Camp Commander.

Attest:
CHAS. H. WHEELER,
Secretary.

We also have a communication of a kindred nature from the Department of Connecticut, as follows:

"RESOLVED, That this Department, in Encampment assembled April 27, 1933, respectfully request the Commandery-in-Chief, in their next Encampment, to add to the badges of Past Camp Commanders, Past Department Commanders, and Past Commanders-in-Chief, the same bar as now appears on the membership badge, and to change the photographic reproductions on pages 48, 49 and 50 in the Constitution and Regulations, accordingly."

"The above was the unanimous vote of the Connecticut Department at the Encampment held at New Haven, Conn., on April 26 and 27, 1933.

ISAAC T. JENKS,
Department Secretary-Treasurer."

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: The communication from New Hampshire asks that a bar be placed at the top, marked Past Camp Commander.

The communication from Connecticut asks to add the same bar as now appears on the membership badge, to the badges of Past Camp Commanders, Past Department Commanders and Past Commanders-in-Chief.

The Committee isn't wholly convinced, is not wholly unanimous, and I am giving the majority report, but the feeling of the Committee was just as expressed by the majority. Waiving aside the fact that New Hampshire asks for one thing and Connecticut for another shows on its face there is no very great demand for the same thing regarding how the badges shall be marked. It is difficult to please all of our membership. It was the thought of the majority of the Committee that the badge I wear with pride, and I wear it nowhere except in a body of the order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and every Son of a Veteran knows what that badge is; he knows what the Past Camp Commander's badge is, what the Past Department Commander's badge is, and what the Past Commander-in-Chief's badge is. Why do we need to put a bar across it? It might mean that it would cheapen the badge; should we add a brass or a gold bar? If gold we would have to carry more gold around with us. For that reason the majority of the Committee report unfavorably on both communications.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection the report of the Committee will stand adopted. Hearing none, it is so ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: We also have another comunication from the Connecticut Department reading as follows:

"RESOLVED, That the Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Encampment held at New Haven, Connecticut, April 26 an 27, 1933, request the adoption of the following resolution to be added to Article VIII, Chapter I, Camp Supplies, (Page 19 in the Constitution and Regulations):

"That the Commandery-in-Chief issue three Station Banners and one flag for Commander's Station, as designated on page 5, Article XII, of Ritual and Ceremonies, as no provision is made for the procuring of these Station Banners where new Camps are instituted or old Banners need renewing.

"Funds for the purchase of these supplies to be taken from the budget for supplies for the National Secretary."

The above was the unanimous vote of the Connecticut Department

at the Encampment held at New Haven, Conn., on April 26 and 27, 1933.—Isaac T. Jenks, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee feels that there is no provision made for old banners needing renewing or the purchase of new banners to be taken from the National Secretary's budget. If you will recall the three station Banners and the Flag for the Commander's Station was a part of the Camp budget, and in many Camps no doubt they still display these Camp Banners and the Flag at the Commander's Station; but it was found a matter of expense, and the National Secretary found that these silk banners rapidly deteriorated and it was expensive to keep these things in supply. It was finally abandoned and they have not been in stock for some time. There isn't a great demand for them and it was an expensive proposition to keep a stock for a demand that was so uncertain.

Your Committee feel that the use of the Banners is proper, and if there is a sufficient number of Camps and Departments that want them to justify the Commandery-in-Chief going to the expense of preparing that supply then that demand should be met. Our recommendation is that there be no action at the present time, but to authorize the Commandery-in-Chief and the National Secretary, at any time when the demand is sufficient to justifiy the establishment of a supply of these Banners, that then they be authorized to supervise the getting of the same.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the recommendation of the Committee. If there is no objection the recommendation is adopted. So ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: I have a recommendation from the Department of Massachusetts reading as follows:

Recommendations of Department Commander in his report at Department Convention April 11, 1933:

No. 3. That this Encampment recommend to the next National Encampment that the last sentence in Section 3, Article 5, Chapter I, Page 36, of the Constitution & Regulations be amended, to adjust the salary of the National Secretary to a smaller amount in keeping with the financial situation."

And another one to adjust the salary of the National Treasurer, as follows:

"No. 4. That this Encampment recommend to the next National Encampment to be held at St. Paul, Minn., next September, that the last sentence in Section 4, Article 5, Chapter 1, Page 36 of the Constitution & Regulations be amended, to adjust the salary of the National Treasurer to a smaller amount in keeping with the financial situation."

And another one bearing on the same subject with a somewhat long preamble, which I will not read unless you wish it, but the resolution is as follows:

"WHEREAS, Because of the general curtailment and reduction of expenditures and salaries by our government and industry in general, and the need for retrenchment in our Order,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Fiftieth Annual Encampment, assembled in the city of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, June 12, 13 and 14, 1933, that we hereby petition and recommend to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of our Order that the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer of our Order be

reduced from the now exorbitant salary of $3500.00 per year to a sum not exceeding $1200.00 per year, such sum being in proportion to the amount of time required to be devoted to the duties of the position, and to the finances of the Order; such reduction to be made immediately effective the 1st day of the first month following the next National Encampment at St. Paul, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the savings thus recommended be passed on to the Departments and Camps by the Commandery-in-Chief, by reducing the per capita tax 50%, such reduction to apply on the payment of the per capita tax due for the next quarter following the next National Encampment, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at St. Paul, Minn., this year, and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the delegates and representatives of the Department of Wisconsin at the next annual National Encampment be and they hereby are instructed to support and do all in their power to secure adoption of measures necessary to enact this resolution and its provisional recommendations, by the Commandery-in-Chief."

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,
C. W. DODSON,
HENRY W. SIEMERS,
F. A. KREMER,
Committee on Resolutions."

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: Your Commitete has given a very considerable amount of time to the consideration of these resolutions; we have not only done that but we have consulted with members from all parts of this Order and with practically every Department, and carefully considered what we should do and what we should recommend at this time. We appreciate the sentiment that prompted the passing of these resolutions in Massachusetts and Wisconsin, and that the Wisconsin one prompts the expression of the feeling along the same line in some of our other Departments also; but since the passage of these resolutions in Massachusetts and Wisconsin some things have happened that those who favor the motion could not possibly have anticipated. You have had before you the National Secretary's report and if we will examine it as we ought to you will see that the treasury of the Order in July last was bankrupt —100% bankrupt—every dollar that we had—and that some $4400.00 was tied up by the closing of the Bank in Reading. Even the check sent to our good friend Holbrook for mailing The Banner, he couldn't deposit in time to get it back to Reading and have it cashed; so for two or three months our good Brother printed The Banner wondering if and when he was to be paid; but it came along, it may have stressed his finances to do it but we got The Banner. Bills had to be paid; our Commander-in-Chief had to be paid and no money in the treasury. Our National Treasurer did something that I don't believe has been equaled by any treasurer in any organization. What Horace H. Hammer did was to take $4400.00 of his own money and put it in the National Treasury, and we come here today with the bills paid because Horace Hammer took it out of his own private funds, took 4400 good simoleons and put it in the treasury, and carried on for us. That $4400.00 that would have been wasted is now in the bank tied up. It isn't his fault; we ordered him a few years ago to deposit it in a National Bank, and carrying out those orders he did it. It was his money he used and we are in no difficulty because Horace Hammer used $4400.00 of his own money. If and when we ever get it we can pay him back, but when?

At our National Encampment two years ago we elected Horace Hammer for a term of five years, and there was some discussion, he insisting that we make his salary $2000.00; but the Commandery-in-Chief knowing what he had done and what men of his calibre are worth said his salary shall be and remain at $3000.00 a year, and we practically made an agreement with him by electing him with the salary fixed, that he should receive $3000.00 a year during the term of his office.

Now the effect of these two resolutions is, if we reduce his salary we are paying a man who has come to our rescue to the extent of $4400.00—we are saying we made an agreement with you two years ago but we will now cut you, I for one would be so ashamed after a man had done that—done what he has for the order—I would cut off my little finger before I would break faith with the man and reduce his salary. If we haven't got the money to pay him he can't get it, but so long as it is within our power to pay and keep our agreement, and keep our faith with the man who has done what he has done. I am prepared to believe that is the sentiment of everyone in the room, even those who were instructed to ask for a resolution reducing that salary, and so because we couldn't possibly have contemplated the position in which we are now placed, and the obligation to the National Secretary, your Committee reports non-concurrence and adversely to these resolutions.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch: So far as Michigan is concerned I didn't know that it was here, it must have gotten by me. I want to concur in the recommendation of the Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: I beg your pardon, it is from Wisconsin instead of Michigan.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer: This is the first that I knew that Wisconsin sent in that resolution; evidently it got by when I was out.

Commander-in-Chief: I have been in close touch with Secretary Hammer. We are only 10 miles apart and I am possibly one of the few Commanders-in-Chief to make personal visits to his office as I do. I know his work and interest in the Order and that we may properly show our appreciation of his splendid work, if there is no objection, I want you not only to say that it will be adopted but to show your sentiment on this by a rising vote on the Committee's recommendation.

Commander-in-Chief: A rising vote has been taken and the recommendation of the Committee is adopted unanimously.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: So far as the chairman of this committee is informed there are no other matters referred to this committee and I move that the report be adopted as a whole, and the committee discharged.

Department Commander Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: I feel that the members of the Commandery-in-Chief should give a little thought to this matter that has just been acted upon and passed. We are very fortunate indeed that we had a man such as our Secretary, who had $4400.00. When my bank closed I simply had $8.00 to my name, and I haven't seen the time since that I could have put up $400.00.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr.: The Committee on Officers' Reports having finished its work, I move that

the report of the committee as a whole be adopted, and the committee discharged.

Department Commander Leon J. Cole, Maine: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Commander-in-Chief: Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

Council-in-Chief Charles R. Hale: Your Councilin-Chief submit the following report:

First meeting of the Council-in-Chief, Springfield, Illinois, September 22, 1932.

The members elect of the Council-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Charles R. Hale, Wm. R. McGirr and Louis Knox, met in the Hotel Leland on the above date for the purpose of organization. Charles R. Hale was elected chairman, and Wm. McGirr, secretary.

On motion of Hale the bond of the Commander-in-Chief was fixed at $1000.00, to be taken out in a reliable surety company. The amount of the bond of the Secretary-Treasurer to be $10,000.00, to be secured in the Maryland Surety Company, of Baltimore, Md. The motion was adopted.

On motion it was ordered that the bond of the Secretray-Treasurer be held by the Commander-in-Chief, and that of the Commander-in-Chief by the Chairman of the Council.

The members of the Council, the Commander-in-Chief, and National Secretary discussed the conditions of the Order at some length.

No further business appearing the Council adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

WM. R. McGIRR, Secretary.

The second meeting of the Council-in-Chief was held on Monday, September 18, 1933, in the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, all members being present. The records and the accounts of Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer, were audited and found to be correct.

The balance on hand as of Septembe 14, 1933, as certified by the Farmers National Bank and Trust Company of Reading, Pa., is $2649.84.

BUDGET.

Estimated Receipts 1933-1934.

Per Capita Tax—30,000 members at 36 cents	$10,800.00
Charters (20 at $5.00)	100.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Estimated bank balance	1,200.00
Total	$13,600.00

Estimated Expenses.

Stock supplies	$ 1,000.00
The Banner (28,000 at 18 cents)	5,040.00
Encampment 1934	1,500.00
Printing	300.00
Shipping supplies	100.00
Salaries	3,300.00
Bonds of National Officers	35.00
Marking Graves Committee	55.00
Miscellaneous	125.00

Office Expenses	700.00
Commander-in-Chief	1,000.00
Appropriation (Washington trip—Huston)	50.00
Total	$13,205.00
Unexpended balance	395.00
	$13,600.00

Your Council-in-Chief recommends that the per capita tax remain at 36 cents per member per year.

Attention is called to the fact that the above recommendation as to the per capita tax is made, notwithstanding the decreasing revenues, resulting from losses in our membership. These losses have been occurring since 1918, and in addition to their affecting the usefulness of our Order, threaten to impair seriously our financial welfare. We believe that most serious consideration should be given to the situation resulting from these losses.

We recommend that the National Secretary in General Orders publish each month in The Banner the total receipts and disbursements only.

The sincere thanks of our Order is due to the Commander-in-Chief, Titus M. Ruch, for his untiring efforts in our behalf during these trying times.

Each year you have heard of the work performed by our National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer. We cannot attempt to describe the accuracy, completeness of his work and his promptness in answering correspondence. We are indeed fortunate in having so capable a man for this important position.

CHAS. R. HALE,
WM. R. McGIRR,
LOUIS H. KNOX.

Attached to said report is the following:

September 14, 1933.

Council-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Dear Sir:

The balance to the credit of Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Treasurer, which is frozen at this time due to this bank operating on a restricted basis, is $4408.84.

Very truly yours,
J. H. HASBROUCK,
Assistant Conservator.

I move the adoption of the report.

Past Department Commander Will F. Jenkins, Illinois: I second the motion. (Motion carried unanimously).

COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH G. A. R.—ON "LEGAL HEIRS."

Commander-in-Chief: You will remember that yesterday on a resolution presented by the Resolutions Committee, Department Commander Dyer of New York made a substitute motion with reference to the following taken from his report to the Department of New York:

"It is our wish and request, that in these closing years of the Grand Army of the Republic, and after we are no more on earth, our sons, the 'Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,' organized for this purpose shall continue with us, and afterwards, as our represen-

tative, to carry on our annual observation of Memorial Day as a day for commemoration of our heroic dead, for loving services at their graves and ours, for a testimonial to future ages of the patriotism by which we have been inspired, and for the rekindling of that patriotism in every American breast. To the loving memory of those who share our blood, we transmit the holy fire of that spirit of devotion in which we preserved our country and theirs. Let them be loyal to this trust, and our sacrifices shall not have been in vain."

This was adopted yesterday afternoon with the recommendation that a committee be appointed to properly bring this before the next Encampment, and I appoint as such committee:

Department Commander William Allan Dyer, of New York; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, of Indiana; Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, of Maryland.

ACTION ON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Concerning the report of the Legislative Committee, which requires no action here, there is another report of the American Coalition of Patriotic and Fraternal Societies, of which George Cooley is Chairman. There are several recommendations, we didn't get down to those reports and I move that those recommendations be referred back to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Seconded).

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the motion. Carried and so referred.

PRESS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook, Illinois: The Committee is ready to report and I will ask Brother Warner to read the report.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Doctor Homan and myself were afraid our good Brother Holbrook would act so strenuously that it would come back on us and that is the reason we wrote this report expressing the appreciation of our Organization to the City of St. Paul. It is as follows:

RESOLUTION.

The appreciation of our Organization is expressed to the City of St. Paul, and its Allied Organizations in its endeavors to lavishly entertain the Grand Army of the Republic and its Allied Organizations, especially the Girl and Boy Scouts and also the local Camp of Sons of Union Veterans for their many courtesies; to the American Legion; D. A. V.; V. F. W.; U. S. W. V.; Ct. Paul Association; Hotel Associations; Newspapers; Members of the local Allied Organizations; City and State Officials, and that,

IT BE RESOLVED, By the Fifty-second National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in convention assembled at St. Paul, September 17-21, 1933, that the gratitude and appreciation of its members be extended for the generous hospitality and liberal entertainment of the delegates and visiting members to St. Paul.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook: I second the motion. (Motion carried.)

Commander-in-Chief: It is the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to appoint a member to convey our thanks and I take great pleasure in appointing Brother Warner, of Maryland, as Chairman of that Committee.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: The Credentials Committee is ready to make its final report:

Your Credential Committee respectfully submits final report as follows:

There are present 9 Past Commandersin-Chief; Past Department Commanders, 41; Present Department Commanders, 16; 22 Departments represented out of a possible 25; there are 67 accredited delegates present, making a total of 133.

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

H. H. HAMMER, Chairman,
JULIUS ISAACS,
GEORGE N. BELL,
J. F. LESLIE,
J. C. CUTLER,
Committee on Credentials.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: I move above be declared the official membership of this Encampment.

Past Department Commander George N. Bell, New Jersey: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief: I want you to bear with me a few minutes longer. I am going to talk to the Commander-in-Chief, whoever he may be. I am so interested in the organization, my brothers, that I promise you I will go back working just as hard the next year as I did this last year. I have always had a love for the organization and I am coming, I hope, to the next Encampment with one promise fulfilled for my own Camp. We have little opportunity for new Camps because we are located in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania, but I am coming to you with a report that four of my grandsons are to be members of the organization. I might have come reporting three of them this year but the other one will be old enough next Spring, and I want to bring the four in at one time—I want my father honored by those four boys. It is is an immense pleasure to know that I am the father of four sons who will have reached the age of 16 by next Spring.

To the Department Commanders here, I want you on your feet and say that you will give the next Commander-in-Chief one Camp in your Department. Are there any that will make that promise?

PLEDGES FOR NEW CAMPS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, New York: Commander-in-Chief, I will stand up, if there is any Department Commander that will do his work and get new Camps. I want to say how pleased the Commander-in-Chief must be to present four grandsons of a Veteran. I have been a member of this organization for forty years and in that forty years I have never found out how they even got four sons or four daughters, I never had any.

Commander-in-Chief: Dynamite always comes in small packages.

National Patriotic Instructor Park F. Yengling, Ohio: I am going to try to duplicate what you said about the four boys, my youngest boy is 15. I have five boys.

Commander-in-Chief: I joined in 1888 when I was 18 years of age, and my grandson joined a few years ago when he was 18. I want to thank you for myself, and go back home and remember what you saw yesterday on the streets of this city. Remember that it is a high privilege and that it is the duty of every son and grandson to bring

before the American people to keep alive the memory of those men whom we honor to the end.

The Secretary now wants the names of you people to go in the record.

Secretary Hammer called the roll of Departments and those responding, pledging to organize one or more Camps, were as follows:

California & Pacific: Dept. Com. Ralph R. Barrett..... 1 Camp
Colorado & Wyoming: Dept. Com. E. K. Davidson..... 1 Camp
Connecticut: Dept. Com. Daniel E. Emery ..... 1 Camp
Illinois: Dept. Com. Harry W. Morgan..... 2 Camps
Indiana: Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston..... 1 Camp
Iowa: Dept. Com. Charles L. Miller..... 1 Camp
Kansas: Dept. Com. M. J. Sweet..... 1 Camp
Maine: Dept. Com. Leon J. Cole ..... 1 Camp

Maryland: Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner:

Some years ago Pennsylvania got tired of West Virginia and wished them on to Maryland. Since the depression is over we hope to have another Camp in West Virginia. We put one in last year and probably will have another one pretty soon, and we hope to have a Department before long. I have been asked to come to a community where there is only one Comrade left and I am going to try to organize a Camp there. Since this came up there are two Brothers on each side of me who said we will get a Camp so the pledge for

Maryland .... 3 Camps
Massachusetts: Dept. Com. William O. Fuller..... 1 Camp
Michigan: Past Dept. Com. Perle L. Fouch..... 1 Camp
Minnesota: Dept. Com. L. L. Foss..... 1 Camp
Nebraska: Dept. Com. Minor S. Bacon ..... 1 Camp
New Hampshire: Past Dept. Com. Jackson C. Carr..... 1 Camp
New Jersey: Dept. Com. Albert C. Lambert..... 1 or more
New York: Delegate Julius Isaacs ..... 1 Camp
Ohio: Dept. Com. William Thompson ..... 1 Camp
Pennsylvania: Dept. Com. William Hascher ..... 1 Camp
Vermont: Dept. Com. Harry E. Chadbourne (we waive).
Wisconsin: Dept. Com. F. S. Phipps ..... 1 Camp
(I promise personally to organize one new Camp).

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Why not call the roll again and see how many Departments are going to drop Camps, if any?

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania: Following the thought of Brother Warner we have just been indicating progress in our organization. Next year there will be another side of this picture that we ought to present, which, to my mind, is far more important than the question of getting new Camps. Look at the report of the Secretary for this year and see where we would have landed this year after getting what is promised for the next year. The record of the Secretary shows in the past year we lost 43 Camps; we gain only 4 Camps with a net loss of 39; just 39 more headstones planted over this Union where we had Camps of Sons of Veterans. Even though we are successful for the next year there would still have been a decrease of 23 Camps. It don't take a mathematician to point out to you that if we continue that way it is going to be a long time. It reminds me of the frog jumping up out of a hole, jumping up one step and falling back two steps. It is a far more important question of keeping what we have than getting new Camps. I don't

ask for a roll call on that, it is a difficult proposition and one of the staggering suprises in my experience in this organization is the loss of Camps reported just recently by the National Secretary-Treasurer, each with a membership of 25, 30 or 35. There is something wrong when that condition obtains. I don't know what it is; I don't hold any person responsible. It is far more important to hold the present Camps than to gain new Camps, as much as I would like to see new Camps secured to carry on the work; but for goodness sakes don't let us come to the place where we meet next year, whether it is Rochester or Grand Rapids, and call the roll of every Department that has promised a Camp without carrying out their pledge, and have to put them on the other side of the ledger. Perhaps some that didn't pledge will have 20 Camps.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS—COALITION REPORT.

Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Officers' Reports has something additional to report.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts: I submit the report of the Coalition Committee at this time as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN COALITION OF PATRIOTIC, CIVIC AND FRATERNAL SOCIETIES.

A printed folder sent out contained four resolutions adopted by the Advisory Board of the American Coalition, which we are asked to approve or disapprove.

"1. PROBLEMS OF COMMUNISM:

"RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies reaffirm their opposition to the recognition of Soviet Russia and urge all good citizens to join with them in this opposition.

"RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies urge upon Congress that the entry, directly or indirectly, of all products of the U. S. S. R. be prohibited; and, be it further

"RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies regards the extension of any aid by individuals, associations, financial institutions, manufacturing companies, or any organization whatsoever, directly or indirectly, to the U. S. S. R., either through personal service or by the exportation of materials, as detrimental to the National interest."

A resolution on this subject was presented to our last National Encampment by the Maryland Department, and on the ground that it was a political proposition it was disapproved. Notwithstanding this action a majority of your committee feel that the question of Communism and its attendant evils is one of widespread importance, and we feel that the resolutions proposed by the Advisory Board of the American Coalition are meritorious in character, and we, therefore, recommend their approval.

Commander-in-Chief: Are there any objections? If not, the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted. It is so ordered.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr.: (continued reading report as follows:)

"2. IMMIGRATION.

"WHEREAS, All Comunists, foreign and domestic, are implacable enemies of our Government, be it

"RESOLVED, That all patriotic citizens call upon their Senators to exert all the influence in their power to bring up the Dies Bill, which has already passed the House, providing for the exclusion and expulsion of alien communists for consideration in the next session of Congress and take all appropriate steps to secure its prompt passage.

"RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies oppose any fundamental change in the Immigration Act of 1924, other than the numerical reduction of present quotas, and the extension of quota restriction to countries not now under quota, including all countries of the Western Hemisphere."

Due to the abnormal conditions of unemployment and the competition of foreign labor, with its low standards of living with which our citizens are compelled to compete, this resolution is approved by a majority of this committee and we recommend its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections the report will stand adopted. So ordered.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr.: (Continued with report as follows:)

3. FOREIGN DEBTS.

"RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies urge upon the President and Congress of the United States that in any financial operations or negotiations with foreign nations, it be stipulated that any obligations due from foreign nations, or property or funds belonging to the United States, shall not directly or indirectly, be loaned to, or otherwise be permitted to accrue to the benefit of Russian Soviet Government."

This resolution meets with the approval of your Committee and we recommend its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief: Adopted.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr.: (Reading report)

"4. NATIONAL DEFENSE.

"RESOLVED, That the Advisory Board of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies oppose without qualifications any legislation seeking to prevent the War Department, or the authorities in any public school, college or university, from requiring students to take training in the Reserve Officers Training Corps."

This resolution meets with the approval of a majority of your Committee and we recommend its adoption.

Rspectfully submitted,

EVERETT F. WARNER, Chairman,
R. J. F. McELROY, Member,
W. C. HILL, Member.

Commander-in-Chief: Adopted.

Delegate Charles H. Hess, New York: Personally I know very little about the conditions in Russia, and I would like to know the truth, and in view of the fact that there is an apparent move by our Administration for the recognition of Russia, in order to bring about

a re-habilitation of some of the industries in our country, I wonder whether this resolution is not going directly counter to what we heard from one of the G. A. R. Veterans this morning when he said that we should support the President and the Government in every way we possibly could, because I can't vote on this question intelligently.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts: As I said, this resolution is opposed to Communists, and I think we ought to oppose them.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: In answer to the brother I would like to say that the Government has not recognized Soviet Russia as yet, and nobody knows except those in the inner circle; but we do know that communism is against all forms of Government not controlled by themselves; it is detrimental to our own Government and all others that look to the welfare of the human race. In my opinion we can't do anything less than concur in this resolution, which is a resolution following the report of the Committee on American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies, and that is the organization which you appointed me a member of last year. As chairman this is their report and so much of it as we, for the Sons of Veterans, endorse is endorsed here.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts: I move that we adopt these resolutions as the complete report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, and that the Committee be discharged.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: I second the motion. (Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief: That finishes all committee reports.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: On the platform are some sheets of music and I would like to have Delegate Stoudt, of Pennsylvania, explain what the music is.

Delegate C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania: It is called the Sons of Veterans Reserve March. The words were written by myself, and the music by Fred Garren, an American Indian. As soon as we can we are going to ask the United States Band to play it over the radio.

MEMBERSHIP FEE.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, Pennsylvania: Somebody asked me about the discontinuance of payment of the 50 cents on a new member to the Commandery-in-Chief. I don't know anything about it to tell the truth. It seems if we had a little explanation on the floor it would be better for all concerned. The law now reads $1.00 must be paid, 50 cents of which shall go to the Commandery-in-Chief. That means the other 50 cents goes to the Department. The question is asked must Camps still continue to charge $1.00, and keep the entire dollar. I don't know, and I thought it would be a good thing to have it explained here.

Commander-in-Chief: The 50 cents is not to be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief. Departments are to have that $1.00 to be used for organization work and expenses in that connection.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Is there anything in our Regulations that prevents a Department from turning half of this fee over to the Commandery-in-Chief if they so desire?

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: If this was struck out for nine months there wouldn't be a dollar in there at all. There is no reference to a dollar. It only says you don't have to send the 50 cents to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: On page 17 it says the Camp shall pay the Department $1.00.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: The one you are talking about is on page 17 under Section 6; but this is Section 3, Article VI. on page 29.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I move that for a period of nine months Chapter II, Article VI, Section 3, Finances, be suspended.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer, Wisconsin: I second the motion of Brother Sautter. I am heartily in favor of that, but I don't believe we should limit it to nine months. I believe we should keep it as long as possible; let's make it for one year. Take it right out and if we want put it back one year from now. Brother Sautter, are you in favor of the motion that way?

National Counselor R. F. Locke, Illinois: I think the motion of Brother Sautter should prevail for this reason: the suspension of the provisions of the Regulations are to be effective to and including the second quarter of the calendar year of 1934; that will cover the entire period of time upon which reports will be made by Camps and Departments until the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. At that time we will be enabled to determine as to how the suspension of this provision has worked out, and whether or not it has been effective. We are not by this action amending the Regulations. We are simply suspending that portion of those provisions until that time; after a year's experience we will be able to determine with better judgment perhaps, and then we can act as to whether or not it should be made permanent.

Department Commander Ralph R. Barrett, California & Pacific: If this motion prevails the Department Commanders will have more or less opportunity to exercise home rule judgment in determining as to the advisability of certain things along this line. For instance: in the re-instatement of a Camp. I have that matter before me in California, the possibility of soon reinstating some Camps and returning their Charters, etc. What shall we do, and also as to the amount of the initiation fee, etc.? The Constitution & Regulations say $5.00. May we have a distinct understanding that the Department Commanders may use their judgment, which will be for the best interests of the organization?

Past Department Commander Robert J. F. McElroy, Maryland: Article VI, Section 2, in the second clause says each Department shall pay $5.00 for each Camp Charter.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania: This is too important a question for us to leave with any misunderstanding. Article VI, Finances, at the bottom of page 28, Section 1, says: Each Department shall regulate its dues and revenues, and is in no sense changed by my motion. The Camp taking in a new member, whether it be for the taking in of a new member, or for one who had formerly been a member of the organization, doesn't pay any fee to the Department, nor does the Department pay any fee to the Commandery-in-Chief on that member.

National Secretary Hammer: Yesterday Department Commander Dyer of New York, and the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, distinctly said and reported that the amount of money from new members, that is Membership Fee, to Departments will give them the benefit of the dollar. The Commandery-in-Chief is not to receive the 50 cents. The statement was that if you got 100 new members you will have $50.00 towards paying the expenses for organizing Camps, and securing new members.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: That is perfectly plain, only my motion goes one step further, and that is that the Camp shall not pay to Departments the dollar.

National Secretary Hammer: Yesterday you passed that dollar to be paid by Camps to Departments but not pay the 50 cents to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: Do you want to pay anything on the reinstated member?

National Secretary Hammer: That is another proposition, and has been decided. No, not a membership fee. Only per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: I suggest if Brother Sautter would stop in his motion with this dollar from the Camps, and that be left up to the respective Departments, they can settle that through their Department Council.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: You are taking further action, you are going a step further.

Delegate Charles H. Hess, New York: After this matter has been cleared up, and we want to go further, can't we do it without reconsidering our action of yesterday? Is a reconsideration of yesterday's action necessary?

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief: State it.

National Secretary Hammer: Yesterday this matter was passed and settled to the effect that Departments were and are to receive $1.00 from Camps on new members; the Commandery-in-Chief not to receive the fifty cents. It was the recommendation from the Committee on Constitution & Regulations, approving and reporting favorably on my proposition to suspend until such time as the Commandery-in-Chief may determine, Section 3, Page 29, of the C. & R., Article 6. It was unanimously accepted and voted to put into force and effect for nine months—October 1st, 1933 - June 30th, 1934—on Department Commander Dyer's (N. Y.) motion.

Commander-in-Chief: Your point of order is sustained.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I withdraw my motion. I only do that on request.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: Rochester has been selected by the Grand Army for the meeting place of the next Encampment, and I want to assure you, knowing Brother Theodore Cazeau, knowing the membership of the Camps in Rochester as well as I do and have known them for many years as individual members and as Camps, I can assure you, my dear brothers, that next year you will have had one Encampment that you will leave and go to your homes feeling proud and well satisfied that everything has been done for your comfort and pleasure. I live in just a suburban town but I invite you all to come and have a good time.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there any further new business?

NATIONAL COUNSELOR—DIGEST OF ATTITUDE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania: This seems to be a game in which we are trying to clarify some misunderstandings. Those present in the meeting yesterday heard divers statements with reference to the action or attitude of the G. A. R. towards this organization. I want to call your attention to the fact that in some of the statements reference was made so and so. I shall men-

tion no names, but they said they came to the Encampment and said so and so; that isn't the official action of the National G. A. R. The records of the G. A. R. are always very clear, and any action that they might have taken with reference to this organization is covered in the proceedings of the G. A. R. I question whether there are very many brothers in the hall—and I am one of them—who has an absolute knowledge of the official action taken by the G. A. R. with reference to this organization. It is most important in view of the resolution presented by Department Commander Dyer of New York, which provides for a committee to take such action, and I want to offer this motion:

"That the incoming National Counselor be instructed to prepare from the official records of the G. A. R. a digest of the action of that body with reference to its attitude towards our organization."

Past Department Commander Will F. Jenkins, Illinois: I second that motion. (The motion was carried).

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: This nullifies that resolution of Department Commander Dyer of New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: No, Department Commander Dyer's resolution is specific, which provides for the insertion of only two words on what he understands as being the official action of the G. A. R. The only thing I ask is that we get something that will tell us if we may go to the G. A. R. with a request that they change, amend or add to something that we assume was their action.

Past Department Commander E. B. Smith, Minnesota: In taking care of the Camps so they can have a little money for additional work we haven't mentioned dropped Camps. We have two Camps in our Department that have been dropped from three to five years and the membership of those Camps is still intact. We are trying to get the most of them back in the little town of Midget. The Regulations provides they may be reinstated, within one year after being dropped, upon the payment of $5.00. I want to know if we can't get a little more for them than that. I would like to hear some discussion on that matter.

Commander-in-Chief: That is a matter of the Regulations and can't be acted on now.

Past Department Commander E. B. Smith, Minnesota: Then we have to take them back upon payment of $5.00?

National Secretary Hammer: You should have offered an amendment to the Regulations for the Committee on C. & R. to act upon.

National Counselor R. F. Locke: I believe if a Department Commander would reinstate a dropped Camp and would send the $5.00 for reinstatement to Horace Hammer he would get a receipt in full. Often a Camp may be dilatory in sending in their reports to the Department Officers.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP—AVOID LOSSES.

Past Department Commander Felix A Kremer, Wisconsin: Yesterday we listened to a splendid address by National Counselor Locke, in which he discussed a proposition of a program for the future. I have been thinking of that great problem. Nearly 150,000 men have taken the obligation at the altar of the Sons of Veterans. Where are those men today?

It has occurred to me that if those who took that obligation were members today; if each of those men had paid, say, the sum of $10.00 at the time of initiation, it might have been placed in a trust

fund and we would today have more than a million dollars upon which the interest would pay the running expenses of this Commandery-in-Chief. I believe we should make a provision whereby we could have life members. I believe that one of the troubles of the Sons of Veterans is that we are not sufficiently fortified. We are in competition with other organizations. Men join the Masons, the Odd Fellows, etc., for certain benefits. We don't join this organization for any personal benefit, but for the purpose of promulgating the principles of the heritage we received from our fathers. If we would adopt a plan where the Sons of Veterans were to pay $10.00 or $15.00 for a life memberhsip, that to be placed in a trust fund, the interest thereon would pay the running expenses; and with a provision that at the end of the life membership it should be sent to his own son. We wouldn't lose all the members, we would keep all the members we have. It isn't a proposition of how many men send in a small check. I think one of the worst things that can happen is to take a prominent man into a little Camp of 10 or 12 fellows; good men, but in receiving the obligation he doesn't receive the right sort of inspiration.

Now I believe we should divorce ourselves from the old idea that every man must belong to some little Camp. They should get the idea that they belong to some great organization; 2000 years ago the man of Gallilee spoke of that, all of those who belonged to that organization should be saved. I believe as Sons of Veterans we should adopt those same principles, and that it is not for a month or a year, but for life, and hand that life membership down to our oldest son. If we do that the people of this Nation will be awakened to the fact that we stand for great principles. I would like to have that proposition incorporated in Brother Locke's motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I move that we proceed to the nomination, election and installation of officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Indiana: I thank the brothers for the action taken here yesterday. I didn't know anything about the action coming at the time, regarding my appointment to represent the Sons of Veterans at this anti-crime meeting in Washington. I believe that is a very important matter and I wish to inform myself so as to represent the Sons of Veterans the very best that I may be able to. I think that we as an Order ought all of us to open our eyes and see what kind of a menace is surrounding us in America, almost before we have known it. The racketeering game today is larger than the three largest industries in America. We realize that is costing such a tremendous amount of money, and the Brothers should acquaint themselves of the fact, and lend their assistance in stopping it. We should take our place in this united crime crusade. I shall do my best.

Commander-in-Chief: There is a motion that we now proceed to the nomination, election and installation of officers.

Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minnesota: Before you start with that there is one explanation I wish to make in regard to some correspondence with National Secretary Hammer. Brother Fouch and I have tried to straighten it out. We have one Camp, Owatonna, where we found the charter fee had been collected. We found the record of it in the Camp books. We wrote to the Secretary and wanted to know if we could reinstate the Camp. The fees were placed in other hands but the book we had showed they were paid for. We have a couple of other Camps. This is one case where we never worked for lack of proper supplies. It was through the neglect of one who has now passed away and it was something that we knew nothing about. We

feel that if they had already paid their fees for supplies and didn't receive them we ought to make some adjustment.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania: I call for the question on the motion before the house.

National Secretary Hammer: I might answer the brother, what can I do?

Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minnesota: I would say that it is for the Encampment to take some action that will receipt that Camp for the $5.00; they collected the full fee.

Secretary Hammer: You don't have to reinstate after it was instituted.

Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minnesota: Yes, six years ago.

Secretary Hammer: I haven't the authority to deal out supplies. Why don't your Department furnish that Camp with supplies? You received the $25.00 charter fee and the Commandery-in-Chief $5.00. Your Department should adjust that matter.

Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minnesota: The charter was suspended.

National Secretary Hammer: Your Department suspended it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Sister Margaret Anderson, of Massachusetts, was just elected National President of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief: The motion has been made that we proceed with the nomination, election and installation of officers. Objection? The motion carried.

NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

National Secretary called the roll of Departments.

Past Department Commander William J. Hickox: California & Pacific gives way to Ohio.

Department Commander William Thompson, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, we have sat through a very pleasant session. We have in mind one who was brought up in the manner in which the Sons of Union Veterans should serve the Comrades of the Civil War, that he might be fitted for the position of Commander-in-Chief this year. Take our physicians, they were allowed to practice medicine after they had prepared themselves; take the man as a foreman in any bunch of men, before he can handle these men he must get down to the bottom and come up to the top. Back in 1901 in the northern part of Ohio, at Salem, there was instituted a Camp in which the man whom I will present to you, was a charter member. That Camp has functioned unto this day and has met every Friday night, without fail, in that length of time. This man of whom I speak was elected the first Commander of that Camp; later on in the next year or two I had the opportunity of meeting this brother of ours, at the Department Encampment, and since that time he has missed but two Encampments of the Ohio Department. I think that is a good record. He has held practically all of the offices in the Ohio Department with the exception of Secretary and Treasurer; he has served this body as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, as National Counselor, and now is serving as National Patriotic Instructor. I think in my own mind —and I believe you here today think—that a man who has had that experience and who has attended practically all of the Department Encampments since he has been a member; has never been suspended, but has paid his dues all these years; and since 1905 has missed but two National Encampments, is entitled to consideration. In 1906, as I remember, when this Brother was elected Department Commander, he served Ohio well. I would like you to honor and support the man

whose name I take pleasure in placing before this body as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief; his name is Park F. Yengling, of Ohio.

National Secretary Hammer proceeds with the roll call to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: The members of the Pennsylvania Department have known Park Yengling for years; have watched him in his work and know how capable he is, and I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Park F. Yengling.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Maryland most heartily seconds the nomination of Park F. Yengling.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, Michigan: Michigan seconds the nomination of Park F. Yengling.

Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minnesota: Minnesota seconds the nomination.

Past Department Commander Minor S. Bacon, Nebraska: Nebraska seconds the nomination.

Past Department Commander Jackson C. Carr, New Hampshire: New Hampshire seconds the nomination.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer, Wisconsin: Wisconsin seconds the nomination, and moves that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Park F. Yengling for Commander-in-Chief.

Motion unanimously carried.

Commander-in-Chief: I appoint Past Commander-in-Chief Huston and Past Department Commander Kremer, of Wisconsin, as tellers.

National Secretary Hammer cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Park F. Yengling for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, your tellers find the unanimous ballot cast for Park F. Yengling for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Yengling, do you accept?

Commander-inChief Elect Park F. Yengling, Ohio: Since the Secretary and the Tellers have straightened it out I most heartily accept.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare you duly elected Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: The next is Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary will call the roll.

National Secretary Hammer starts to call the roll of Departments.

Past Department Commander William J. Hickox: California gives way to Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook: Illinois gives way to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, New York: Brothers of the Encampment; I have in my many years of membership received many honors, but none that I appreciate more than the one that is given me today. It is also the first time in my long years of service that I have ever been asked to nominate someone out of my own Department. I am particularly delighted today to accept that appointment because of the character and ability of the man whom I am about to place in nomination before you for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. You know him, you know his ability and it carries out the thought I presented to you yesterday that we must—if we expect to succeed—give some thought to the picture and expect to honor by work only those men who have the ability, men that we can look up to, men who go out and represent us, as we expect and want them

to do. Richard F. Locke doesn't need any praise of mine. A man capable of filling any position in the Commandery-in-Chief, a loyal Son of a Veteran for many years, and a loyal member of the Commandery-in-Chief. When he has spoken to you he has always uttered words of wisdom, ideas that we can accept and know that they are for the benefit of our beloved organization.

I want at this time to thank Illinois for asking me to now present the name of Richard F. Locke for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander M. J. Sweet, Kansas: I second the nomination.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner Maryland; I second the nomination.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, Massachusetts: I second the nomination. As one who has served with and known him way back in Boston, where we served together on a Greetings Committee. We were close friends and it gives me pleasure on behalf of the Massachusetts delegation to second the nomination. I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Locke for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: If I were to attempt to make a speech now I would like to have the Secretary read the nominating speech of Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon and I would say amen to it.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer, Wisconsin: I second the nomination with great pleasure and move that nominations be closed, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for R. F. Locke for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: I second the motion.

National Secretary Hammer cast the unanimous ballot.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: Commander-in-Chief, the Secretary has cast the unanimous vote for Brother Locke as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare Brother Locke duly elected. Brother Locke, do you accept?

National Counselor R. F. Locke, Illinois: I do.

Commander-in-Chief: The next is Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander E. H. Milham, Minnesota: Minnesota is quite modest. She got hold of that modesty during the Civil War. We have a favorite son and it has been customary to allow the place where the Encampment was held to have one of the National officers in the Commandery-in-Chief. We ask that we may have the same privilege of placing in nomination one of our Past Department Commanders. He was also an assistant chairman of the committee on entertainment at this Encampment. This brother comes to us with the unanimous consent of Minnesota Department and we modestly ask that you kindly vote for this brother for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I refer to our Past Department Commander M. G. Randolph. I move that the other Departments give way to Minnesota.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer, Wisconsin: I second the nomination and move that nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Randolph as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer cast the unanimous ballot.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: The Secretary has

cast the unanimous ballot for Brother M. G. Randolph for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief: I declare Brother Randolph duly elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Randolph, do you accept?

Past Department Commander M. G. Randolph, Minnesota: After the expression of some of the delegations I certainly will accept. I will try to gain your approbation.

Commander-in-Chief: The next is the Council-in-Chief; there are three to elect.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: Last year I was asked to do what I have been asked to do again today. I didn't do it last year. In making this nomination I feel that we need in the Council-in-Chief men who are familiar with figures. One man has been busy for a number of years looking over the figures and statistics of the membership of the Organization, a man whom we know in his Department as having every Camp statistic at his fingers tips, a man who not only sleeps and lives with figures but who should have been honored with a position on the Council-in-Chief years ago, I don't know whether it would have given him as much honor as he would have given you service. I know this man, not only through the Commandery-in-Chief, but his Department and in another organization that possibly some don't know so much about, which seems to be our salvation; that is the Death Benefit Association of the Sons of Union Veterans. Our Brother is active in all three of those and has always been a man that could be depended upon, because he always seemed to be looking ahead to make these figures come out right at the bottom. I wouldn't say whether they come in the red or the black. I won't say that he will guarantee there won't be any red, but you can tell at a glance what those figures are; just as you look at everything he has on his report. You need a man of this kind for a couple of years that will be able to—as the saying now is—balance the budget. There have been men working for the last three or four days you haven't seen and you wondered where they were. Three men were pretty much worried. You might think that the Commander-in-Chief and the Secretary have a big job, but this job of the Council-in-Chief is *some* job. This brother is capable of holding this position. I place in nomination as a member of the Council-in-Chief Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary of New York.

Past Department Commander Fred O. Arnold, Rhode Island: We are now to nominate men for the position of Council-in-Chief. We have our Commander-in-Chief, our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, but to my mind the Council-in-Chief is the most important position in our Commandery-in-Chief. It is up to the Council-in-Chief to make up the budget, and it is up to them to see so far as is possible that the figures they set up are left up to the satisfaction of our organization. Just about the time a man gets well set in the office, out he goes. I feel that it is necessary that at least one member of our Council-in-Chief should be a man who has been in that position at least one year. I take great pleasure in presenting Louis H. Knox, of Rhode Island, who has served you so well during the past year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: What Horace H. Hammer is to the Commandery-in-Chief Julius Isaacs is to the Department of New York. He was for more than ten years Department Secretary, and during the later years Department Treasurer. He has been a model of efficiency in business. I claim it a very great privilege in seconding the nomination of Julius Isaacs for a member of the Council-in-Chief, on behalf of the Department of New York.

Department Commander Albert C. Lambert New Jersey: We have a man whom we hope and aspire will become a member of the Council-in-Chief. He joined the order 42 years ago and is known in his State and in his city as one of the outstanding Sons of Veterans. He is affiliated with all Sons of Veterans as well as civic movements; he has done much to elevate and bring progress to his Camp and his Department; he served as Camp Commander 26 years ago, and for the past 14 years has been a member of its Building Association; he has made good, he is entrusted with the Camp funds, that is the Building funds; he is a Past Department Commander. We humbly submit his name and trust you will consider him for a member of the Council-in-Chief. I refer to Past Departent Commander George N. Bell.

Delegate Charles R. Hale, Connecticut: Connecticut seconds the nomination of Past Department Commander George N. Bell of New Jersey.

Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: Massachusetts seconds all three nominations.

Delegate J. C. Cutler, Minnesota: Minnesota seconds all three nominations.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Maryland seconds all three nominations.

National Patriotic Instructor Park F. Yengling, Ohio: Ohio seconds all three nominations.

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer, Wisconsin: Wisconsin seconds all three nominations, and moves that nominations close, and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Brothers Knox, Isaacs and Bell as members of the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer cast the unanimous ballot.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: Your tellers find that Brothers Knox, Isaacs and Bell have been unanimously elected.

Commander-in-Chief: I hereby declare them elected, after each responded and accepted.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that all the committees be discharged with the usual thanks; that the usual number of the proceedings of this Encampment be printed and promulgated; that the report of the stenographer be accepted as the official minutes and record of this Encampment and that after the installation we adjourn to meet with the G. A. R. at Rochester, next year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, Pennsylvania: I second the motion. (Motion unanimously carried).

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Yengling, who is to be your Installing Officer?

Commander-in-Chief Elect Park F. Yengling, Ohio: Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief: Will Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan assume the chair and conduct the installation ceremonies.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, Massachusetts, assumed the chair as Installing Officer. I will ask Delegate C. LeRoy Stoudt of Pennsylvania to act as Installing Guide. National Secretary, call the roll of the officers- elect, and as their names are called will the Guide place them at the Altar.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll of newly elected officers as follows:

Commander-in-Chief—Park F. Yengling, of Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Richard F. Locke, Illinois.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—M. G. Randolph, Minnesota.

Members of the Council-in-Chief—Louis H. Knox, Rhode Island, Julius Isaacs, New York; George N. Bell, New Jersey.

Installing Guide C. LeRoy Stoudt: I present the newly elected officers of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, Massachusetts, Installing Officer, installed the officers-elect and Perle L. Fouch, Michigan, as National Counselor, having been appointed by Commander-in-Chief Yengling.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: After having acted as Installing Officer the next step would be the introduction of the new officers, which would relieve the Installing Officer from his duties and place the responsibilities upon the shoulders of the other fellow. One of the first men I met was Park Yengling. I can assure you that Park Yengling will be the Commander-in-Chief, he has had the interest of the organization at heart for many years, and I take great pleasure in introducing to you your new Commander-in-Chief, Park Yengling.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania: Perhaps it has seldom fallen to the lot of one individual to perform a service that I am about to perform at this time. A man has just been relieved as your Commander-in-Chief. Almost 20 years ago that same man was relieved as Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, and at that time as your then Commander-in-Chief, it was my very great pleasure to present to him on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania, his badge as a Past Department Commander. Brother Ruch, will you please stand for a moment. Now Brother Ruch, it becomes my extreme pleasure to perform a similar ceremony, except at this time to present you with a badge which makes you a Past Commander-in-Chief.

I made certain statements one year ago in Springfield, when nominating this man for the office of Commander-in-Chief, and I believe every statement I made at that time has been lived up to during this year in the life of that man, so that when I say now that as a Past Commander-in-Chief he will continue to render service to this organization, I am making a statement with some knowledge of the man and that he will do it.

Brother Ruch, you have given for one year to this organization the very best that you had—more you cannot give, more we have not the right to ask. You have reached the end of the year and you have been relieved from office; you are now a Past Commander-in-Chief, and on behalf of this Commandery-in-Chief it gives me very great pleasure, and it is an honor, to pin upon your breast this badge, indicating your rank in this organization. As one who is privileged to wear it I welcome you into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, who are interested in the welfare of this organization. I only hope, Brother Ruch, if you haven't discovered the fountain of youth, you will go to the new Commander-in-Chief and get it, in order that you may give to this organization many more years of service.

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have never had time in my life, and particularly during the past twenty years, to think anything about the fountain of youth. I have been so active in different things that I have just kept on going and it is my hope that I may be active as

long as I live—and that it may be a long time. I offer my thanks to all of you who so splendidly helped to make this Encampment a success, and I certainly cannot go without saying to you that this has been the most pleasant year and office I have ever presided over in all my life. Just a word about my good friend, John Sautter. How well do I remember back in 1914, at Sunbury, Pa., when John made a speech similar to this and when I felt that the Sons of Veterans had amply paid me for what I did and I was satisfied to go back into the ranks and work on and on as we did and have done since 1914. In 1931 the boys in Pennsylvania had an idea that I was material for Commander-in-Chief, and so adopted a resolution by unanimous vote. I thought it was then just a matter of courtesy, then in 1932 when they not only passed a resolution unanimously, and made the time and place at Springfield, I felt there was no other way than to make a try for it, and was fortunate enough to be elected. Now the records show you I did the best I could. May I hope for the new Commander-in-Chief, who has become more than a freind to me, a most successful year. I thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, a few moments ago I made a very fine introduction, expecting the Commander-in-Chief to make his inaugural address. I now introduce the new Commander-in-Chief, Park F. Yengling.

Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling, of Ohio: It is not for me to tell you that you have not elected an orator as your standard bearer. You who know me know that I very seldom make any very extended remarks. I hope during this next year my actions rather than words will convince you that you have not misplaced your confidence when you have unanimously placed me at your head. I feel it a high honor, one of the highest honors anyone can have conferred upon him, to be elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I don't take a back seat even for the President of the United States.

What appointments in my power to make will be announced through the columns of The Banner, for public information and to the individuals for their own personal use. I shall expect from the Department Commanders and the representatives of the Departments who have heard this long pledged list to secure new Camps for the ensuing year. Don't lose track of the men who have already been members of our organization. I think it is better for us to get back into the fold the old members than to take in the new ones; those who have gone through the work, or at least should have, and come back in, you don't have to teach them something new. Be charitable with those boys you are trying to get back; if necessary just take them in and wipe the slate clean. I would even suggest that you take a Camp back and wipe the slate clean, with enough to satisfy the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commandery-in-Chief. I want the Brothers of this Commandery-in-Chief—and that goes to the Departments and Camps —to feel that there should be no hesitation in writing to me concerning these matters. I thank you all.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: Some of you may have seen me strolling up and down and wondered what it was all about, when the ladies of the Pennsylvania Department wished to present Brother Ruch with a package. They said it should have been our place to jump in and finish the presentation with a little remembrance. It is the custom of Pennsylvania to present to the outgoing Commander-in-Chief a remembrance from the friends of the Commander-in-Chief in that state. When you were looked upon by the Pennsylvania Department as a man who could fill the shoes of the

Commander-in-Chief, there was one brother back in the East who had that same aspiration for that whole time when you went out as Department Commander 20 years ago, up until the time you were elected Commander-in-Chief. He worked on that and remembered a whole lot of things that you had done for the organization. That man was Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn. You were rather close together and it was his hope that you might be Commander-in-Chief. He wanted to show what the Lehigh Valley could do for this Order, the kind of work a man was willing to put into it. Unfortunately conditions were so that Sam could not get to Springfield to handle your campaign. I know his feelings when he finally saw you in the position he had wanted you to occupy all these years; and then we hoped that Sam would be able to make this trip and be here today to make this presentation. Getting your friends together and arranging for this presentation, has all been in the hands of Samuel S. Horn. It seems that I can see Sam standing here and using language that Sam would to express his thoughts. He raised all the funds, he picked out this handsome present, he arranged it to take care of so many children and grandchildren, that you are going to have, so that when they all sat at the table each one would have some part of the silver service; none would have to eat soup with an ice cream spoon. Sam arranged for all and designed and selected it. We are happy to present it to you now with all the love and affection from those kind, dear friends, who through Samuel S. Horn makes this gift possible. May you and Mrs. Ruch live many years and when at the table have something to remember them by.

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch: Brothers, there are no words to express what is in my heart. Every word that Brother Mabie said is true. For 40 years and more there hasn't been a better friend in this world to me than Samuel S. Horn. We have not only been closely allied in Sons of Veterans work but in many other matters. It happened to be my privilege to help Sam politically, when elected Mayor of the city, and for a number of terms as a Representative in the House in Pennsylvania. So with all that I still owe Sam Horn for many kindnesses. Brother Mabie, I thank you and the Pennsylvania Department for the many kind things you have extended to me through such men as yourself and Secretary Hammer. I assure you that as long as God lets me live my interest in the Pennsylvania Department I renew now for the entire organization.

National Secretary Hammer presented a personal token to Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch. (Past Commander-in-Chief's solid gold lapel button).

Past Department Commander Harry W. Marden, Alabama & Tennessee: I would like to find out how many sons and grandsons are here? (A number of members responded).

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: We have today elected a very capable Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, whom we want to hear from.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief R. F. Locke, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief. I had assumed that position which I now occupy was one of that quiet type where silence would be expected and appreciated. I am disappointed. No true Son of a Veteran would be other than deeply appreciative of the great honor which comes to him from the Sons of his father's Comrades. That is the way I feel about it, I don't think I need to say anything more of the kindly feelings which I have towards you in regard to our organization. If it may not be out of place may I in the closing moments of this Encampment just add this: that the condition in which our country finds itself today, and the condition in which our organization finds itself, gives us an

opportunity to come to a full test of our loyal Dead, to the principles for which our fathers fought, and to our loyalty to this organization. If we ever had an excuse, if we ever needed an incentive, for fighting for the Sons of Veterans, with the conditions and needs of today, let us go home with a full determination that we are going to do more than we ever have done before for the Sons of Veterans. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Let us hear from the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief M. G. Randolph, Minnesota: A chronologist told me about 40 years ago that I would be a very good man to do what I was told. Very excellent at that, but not so much of a leader. If I do everything I can think of, together with what the Commander-in-Chief tells me to do, I ought to be pretty good.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Since you have so ably forecast it I may test the knowledge of the man who tested your head.

Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Have the members of the Council-in-Chief anything to say?

Louis H. Knox, Rhode Island: I appreciate my election to this position and I will endeavor to do the best I can in our work in all financial matters of the Commandery.

George N. Bell, New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, I am sure that New Jersey will appreciate the honor bestowed upon it. I will serve in every way possible. I was just wondering during the discussions about the why and wherefore, if the question had been asked how many attended their own home Camp meetings—every meeting that the Camp holds in a year? If a Past Department Commander drops his associations, as we know a great many do, or else sit by in their meetings and take no active part, they are not much use to the Sons of Veterans. I can conscientiously say that year in and year out—except for sickness or when I am compelled to go out of town—my place is in my Camp. It has always been when I was able to go. I have served 42 years, and that is the only way we can hope, regardless of resolutions, committees and everything else, to serve our Camps. It is a great honor being a member of a Camp of Sons of Veterans, and the work we are in is a far greater honor than holding office. I implore all of you to stand back of your Camp; go to the meetings regardless of whether you are a Past Commander or what you are. I know some of you are busy but go just as often as you can. Commander-in-Chief, I extend to you an invitation to attend our Encampment. Your presence will help us, the same as Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch did. He may claim Pennsylvania as his state but he represents the New Jersey Camps just as well. He was very close and we appreciated deeply the visitations he made to us and the help by his presence. We have in our Department Commander one of the finest we have ever had, whether he be in his or my town, where we own a wonderful building on the principal street.

Julius Isaacs, New York: I express my thanks for the confidence and trust you have placed in me; when my term of office is over I hope I will take with me the esteem and respect of this Commandery-in-Chief. I thank you.

National Counselor Perle L. Fouch, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, just like every other Son of a Veteran I am perfectly willing to do anything I can. As a matter of fact I would rather have the people of my Department tell you of my loyalty. You, like myself, are anxious to get home and take up our duties where we left off. For the last few years I have enjoyed the Commandery-in-Chief meet-

ings, and I only hope I may be permitted to be with you for many years to come.

Commander-in-Chief: Is there anything further before the Encampment? I want to thank the Brothers personally who remained to witness this installation; it is an inspiration to know that you are interested.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, there is nothing on the desk. I move that we adjourn Sine Die.

Council-in-Chief Louis H. Knox: I second the motion. (Carried).

Commander-in-Chief: I declare the Encampment adjourned Sine Die.

A delegation from the National Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R., to officially visit the Sons of Union Veterans Encampment, reported having arrived after adjournment. Regrets were expressed and record ordered to be made accordingly.

The foregoing is a corerct transcript of the action and proceedings of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, St. Paul, Minnesota.

TITUS M. RUCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

ST. PAUL HOTEL

4:00 P. M. Tuesday, September 19, 1933.

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and its National Auxiliary was conducted in the Palm Room of the St. Paul Hotel, with National Cahplain, Rev. Homer K. Pitman of the Sons, and Florence Lufkin, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, jointly presiding.

Quiet music with Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston at the piano.

Hymn—Abide With Me.

Past National President of the Auxiliary Willma L. Combs draped the Charter with the words:

"I drape the Charter in loving memory of the Sisters who have passed away."

Invocation—Florence Lufkin, National Chaplain.

Solo—"Dry Those Tears," James Hiland.

Responsive reading from Apochryphal Book of Ecclesiastics, (Assembly standing).

Chaplain: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Assembly: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Chaplain: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Assembly: My help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and Earth.

Chaplain: If a man die, shall he live again?

Assembly: I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Chaplain: Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Assembly: In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Chaplain: I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

Assembly: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Twenty-three sisters in white, bearing lighted candles and white carnations, formed a cross and as each Department of the Auxiliary was called each sister extinguished or blew out her candle and approached the wreath of green beside the Draped Charter, and deposited a white flower upon the wreath with appropriate words, in memory of the departed sisters in her Department. Eleven Past National

Presidents carrying a broken silver cord formed a circle around the altar.

During this ceremony Past Commander-in-Chief Huston quietly played "Abide With Me."

Solo—"Some Day the Silver Cord will Break" by Mrs. A. L. Jones.

National Chaplain Florence Lufkin presented Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ernest W. Homan, of Massachusetts, who paid the following tribute to the memory of Past National President Mary L. Wright Warren:

It is a beautiful custom we have adopted, of holding this service in memory of our departed ones. This broken circle of Past National Presidents, with the broken silver cord, brings forcibly to our minds the uncertainty of life, and the serious break that occurs when one like Sister Mary L. Warren passes away.

In the early days of our Organization, Mary L. Warren became a charter member of Auxiliary No. 13 in Wakefield, Massachusetts. She soon gained recognition as a worker and was elected President of what was then called the Ladies Aid Society. Her ability and forceful personality soon brought about her selection as President of the State Organization, serving in that capacity in 1896. In 1889-1890 she served the National body as its President.

We all know the service she has rendered, not to the Auxiliary alone, but to all the Allied Patriotic Orders. It may be said of her that she was faithful unto the end, for she literally died in harness, serving her Auxiliary as President at the time of her death. One of the joys of her life were these Encampments and in these latter years she just lived from one Encampment to the next.

It seems that we have but to turn our head and see Sister Mary, sitting among the sisters on the platform at Des Moines, as the tears coursed down her cheeks when Rev. Allan A. Bronsden paid her a well deserved tribute for her worth to our Order. Last year she was compelled to remain at home by order of her physician, but she found great joy in the cards and letters she received. Only a short time before her death Sister Mary said to me, "Doc, they can take away everything I've got, but they can never erase the happy memories of the times I've had with the Sisters and Brothers at our Encampments."

If I were an artist I'd paint a picture, a mural, if you please, depicting the Boys in Blue as they enlisted in 61-65; across the top of the canvas a portrayal of their deeds and sacrifices; in the upper corner I'd picture them as we saw them today, aged and bent with the weight of years; in the lower corner I'd paint a group of children, as we saw them on the street looking at these old comrades with wonder and admiration written on their faces; in between the two groups I'd paint in heroic size the figure of a patriotic American woman, such as our Sister Mary L., her right hand reaching up to the G. A. R. Comrades and her left hand reaching down to the youth of our land, as she taught them love of country and respect for those who saved our Nation.

In the State House here in St. Paul, I read today this inscription, and it semed to express something of what I would like to say for Sister Warren:

"May her remembrance save us all from unworthy ambitions, of narrowness of mind. As there was never any slackness in her work, no weariness on her brow, no wavering in her loyalty, so may there be none in those of us who loved her. As she fought without hatred, for the cause she loved, so may we who survive her, fight for the

principles and objects of our Order, made sacred by the devotion and sacrifices of those who have gone before."

I am sure there are many here who share with me the thought that from the heavenly realm above, Sister Mary, along with others of sainted memory, look down upon us at this hour and rejoice that their names have not been forgotten.

May we who remain behind to carry on, when we shall receive our final summons to the Grand Encampment above, be as worthy of those words of our Master, as was our Sister Mary L. Warren: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hymn, (Assembly standing)—"Lead Kindly Light."

Reverend Homer K. Pitman, National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans: The significance of such services as these or any similar services will depend upon the attitude we have. If the lessons of some of these voices speaking to us today in smart catching phrases were false, such services would have no meaning at all.

Life is purely material. If we were to listen to some we might believe that matter of force and thought and purpose and plan of spiritual existence of any kind that you find in the world just happens by chance to develop into this complex entrance as we know it. Neither is the life of a man to extend and endure for a brief time and then be lost forever. There would be no such idea, no purpose back of it; no great being of wisdom and direction of affairs, and the entrance there could be nothing but the unavoidable and total loss of the life. If that were true it would be of little value. Let's strive to make it a better world, and put a little meaning in it, and try to win those who have tried to promote our welfare. We know there are great things that we just give names to: sense of honor, high ideals, noble purposes, lofty ambitions, influence, duty, love and sacrifice; these are the qualities of personality; these are the expressions of spirit, because we are conscious of spiritual life in ourselves; so are we sure that we have come from a greater spirit than ours, and we renew our faith in God, and that sure faith is given to humanity, for from the beginning of time we find that men lifted their hands in prayer seeking that great spirit who somehow we believe to have deepened the source of life and writteen it down in the history of the human race. My brothers and sisters, that faith is tried and tested in every language on the globe. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside still waters; I will fear no evil for thou art with me." And because we believe in God, and because we catch some glimpses of their greatness in the human life, as his living plan, we come to such a service as this with a new meaning; we come to remember those whom we love, and not to think of them as dead, but as alive. And catching the phrase given us may we say we are not here to mourn at the gates of death, but to sing at the gates of life; to express our faith, hope and belief that in the great plan of God life goes on. As we think of our Fathers, as they passed on to that mysterious life beyond the grave; and as we think of our own brothers, so then can we say there is no death.

Victor Hugo has given us in a few sentences one of the greatest and truest expressions in words, when in speaking he says:

"WE SHALL LIVE AGAIN.
"By Victor Hugo.

"I feel in myself the future life, I am like a forest once cut down; the new shoots are stronger and livilier than ever. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is on ahead. The earth gives

me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds.

"You say the soul is nothing but the resultant of the bodily powers; why, then, is my soul more luminous when my bodily powers begin to fail? Winter is on my head, but the eternal spring is in my heart. I breathe at this hour the fragrance of the lilies, the violets and the roses as at twenty years. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is marvelous, yet simple. It is a fairy tale, and it is history.

"For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and in verse; history, philosophy, drama, romance. tradition, satire, ode, and song. I have tried all. But I feel I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave I can say, like many others, 'I have finished my day's work.' But I cannot say, 'I have finished my life.' My day's work will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight, opens on the dawn."

And in that faith and in that trust we have gathered today for this sacred service and memorial.

Without further ceremony the mere placing of the white flower will memorialize the members of the Sons of Veterans who have passed from the various Departments during the year. As the names of the Departments are called if there is anyone representing the Department they will approach the front and deposit the flower upon the Memorial Wreath. I am very sorry to report that we have twenty-one names to present to you, representing Past Department Commanders of our Order; remarks must necessarily be brief.

I will call the roll by Departments, and as the roll is called the representatives of the various Departments will respond.

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE—

Flowers were deposited in memory of

Alex R. McAdam, Past Department Commander.
Frederick M. Norcross, Past Department Commander.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC—

Francis C. Hawthorne, Past Department Commander, and eight members of the Department.

Department Commander Ralph R. Barrett, California & Pacific: On behalf of Francis C. Hawthorne, for us who knew him and are here in the Convention at this time, that because of his devotion to his God, to his family, and to his girls and boys, we are here determined and satisfied in our minds, I will place this flower and in placing it I will visualize this: knowing this splendid man when his soul went forth to meet its God, as he approached the Eternal City I want to believe that there stood welcoming him his glorious father, who was laid aside with fitting robe of blue, and who received a robe of gold, who said to him "Francis, you have been a loyal and true son, come into the house prepared for you." So this flower is placed in his memory.

COLORADO & WYOMING—

Samuel J. Clements, Past Patriotic Instructor.

Department Commander E. K. Davidson, Colorado: On behalf of Samuel J. Clements, and twenty-six members, I place this flower in their memory.

CONNECTICUT—

Department Commander Daniel E. Emery: In behalf of the Connecticut Department I place this flower in memory of its departed members.

ILLINOIS—

W. C. Gullett, Past Department Commander.

Past Department Commander Will F. Jenkins, Illinois: On behalf of the Department of Illinois I place this flower in memory of Past Department Commander W. C. Gullett.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I want at this time to say a few words in memory of Past Department Commander Wesley C. Gullett. Having served his Camp in many capacities, and having been for many years one of the most active members in Camp 10, Canton, he was elected Department Commander at the Encampment in Rockford, June 1929. He served with distinction during the ensuing year, giving of his time and talents, and retired with the love and respect of every member.

His activities in the Department continued, following his retirement as Commander, his work as Chairman of the Grave Marking Committee being of an outstanding nature. Throughout his membership in the Order he was ever ready to advance its interests, and to perform any task or duty for the Comrades of his father. Always ready with words of wisdom from his experiences, his counsel was sought and respected.

Brother Gullett will be missed by the members of the Illinois Department, and with all sincerity I want to acclaim the earnestness of purpose of this brother as a true Son of a Union Veteran. The sympathy of the entire membership is extended to the bereaved family. May his services be an example of worthy emulation to us all.

INDIANA—

Thomas W. Blair, Past Department Commander.

Frank E. Watson, Past Department Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Two of Indiana's Past Department Commanders closed their life's work with us last year. The first of these was Brother T. W. Blair, of Fort Wayne. He was one of the older group of our Sons, past his three score and ten, and nearing his four score years. Tom, as he was called by his friends, was a loyal Son, and ever gave largely of his time, talents and money to further the interests of the order. No service, no matter how hard, was too great for Tom to do for the Grand Army, although on account of ill health these last few years he was compelled to relinquish his personal activities. He will be greatly missed by his own Camp, and in the councils of the Department.

Only since coming to this Encampment did I learn of the passing of our farmer friend, Frank E. Watson, who was Department Commander but two years following the term of Brother Tom Blair. He was one of the boys who ever held a sustained interest in the order, and no call for co-operation nor assistance in any line ever went without a generous response. With his good wife he reared a family of three fine boys, all of whom were volunteer defenders of their Country's Flag. One of these, Herbert, became International Seed Corn King, in 1931. Frank was a farmer, and a large farmer, at that; he liked to hunt and fish and was champion rifle shot. It was he who often provided our Indiana Mid-Winter Meeting with venison. Since his boys grew up, married and went into their own homes, and on account of the uncertain health of his good wife, and the care and oversight of live stock, and such demands as are incident to running

600 acres or more of land, Frank has not been able to be with us as formerly, but he never lost his interest. One of the last things we recall of his activities for the order was to engage a speaker for the Memorial Day Address for next year. He was one of the group of "The Four Franks," of our Past Department Commanders, Watson, Shellhouse, Richart and your speaker.

This particular group feels its loss keenly, which is true with every member of the Department. We extend to these bereft loved ones our sincerest sympathies. That this may become a part of the record, I wish to close these memorials to our departed brothers with these original lines, after which Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse will deposit flowers in memory of these, our brothers.

THE BOATMAN

The Boatman comes, and comes again,
And brothers, one by one,
He bears away, far o'er the tide,
Beyond the setting sun.

No more their kindly hand clasp here,
No more their cheery smile;
They've gone before, while we remain
For just a little while.

"Farewell," we say; again, "Farewell,"
While drops the burning tear,
But thank the God above us all,
We knew such friendships here.
—Frank C. Huston.

IOWA—

Department Commander Charles L. Miller, Iowa: I place this flower on behalf of thirteen members from the Iowa Department who have passed away.

KANSAS—

Clay H. Newton, Past National Chaplain.

M. J. Sweet, Department Commander, Kansas: Six members have passed away during the year and to their memory I deposit this flower, on behalf of the Department of Kansas.

MAINE—

Department Commander Leon J. Cole, Maine: On behalf of twenty-nine members who have passed away during the year I place this flower in their memory.

MARYLAND—

Edward K. DePuy, Past Department Commander, Maryland.

Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, Maryland: In memory of Edward K. DePuy and four other members I deposit this flower. Brother DePuy was a member of Lincoln Camp No. 2, Washington, D. C., the Camp of which I am a member. He was a friend of mine and has always felt kindly towards the Maryland Department. In later years he moved to Buffalo, New York. The New York Department, on behalf of the Maryland Department, and especially the Department Chaplain and Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau, assisted in officiating at the funeral services.

MASSACHUSETTS—

Fred E. Upham, Past Department Commander.
Charles N. Appleton, Past Department Commander.

Department Commander Charles O. Fuller, Massachusetts: In memory of Fred E. Upham, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, and Charles N. Appleton, also a Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, and sixty-seven members, I wish to say to those who knew them not you must be led by those of us who knew them. It is more precious than anything else we do that I place this flower in their memory.

MICHIGAN—

Seven members are reported to have passed away in Michigan during the past year.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, Michigan: I deposit this flower in memory of the Brothers who have passed away during the year.

MINNESOTA—

Department Commander L. L. Foss, Minnesota: In memory of George D. Bentley, Past Department Commander and seven members of this Department who have passed on during the year. It was my pleasure to know Comrade Bentley personally for some thirty-five years he had been a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was a great friend and a great patriot, "We shall meet, but we shall miss him."

National Chaplain Homer K. Pitman: We have two names from Missouri, William G. Helm, Past Department Commander, Leon L. Roberts, Past Department Commander. (Flowers were deposited).

NEBRASKA—

National Chaplain Homer K. Pitman: We have one very great blessing to record, Nebraska is the only Department, so far as any record shows, which has lost none of their members through the year. Through the providence of God no deaths have been reported from Nebraska.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—

Past Department Commander Jackson C. Carr, New Hampshire: We had ten deaths during the year and in memory of those Brothers I place this flower.

NEW JERSEY—

Ernest W. McCann, Past Department Commander.
William J. Lenox, Past Department Commander.

Department Commander Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey: To the memory of Ernest W. McCann, Past Department Commander, and William L. Lenox, Past Department Commander, and twenty-nine members I place this flower in their memory.

NEW YORK—

James G. Goldthrite, Past Department Commander.

Department Commander William Allan Dyer, New York: I place this flower in memory of James G. Goldthrite and sixty-four members, who have passed into the Great Beyond.

OHIO—

F. W. Hendrix, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Department Commander William Thompson, Ohio: On behalf of the Department of Ohio I place this flower in memory of F. W. Hendrix, and thirty members who have passed away during the past year.

OREGON—

National Chaplain Homer K. Pitman: Oregon is not represented today but we have the name of Charles H. Fessenden, Past Department Commander of Oregon, and three members who have passed away during the year. (Flowers were deposited).

PENNSYLVANIA—

Daniel D. Hammelbaugh, Past Department Commander.

Department Commander William L. Hascher, Pennsylvania: In memory of Daniel D. Hammelbaugh, and one hundred twenty-one members, I place this flower. "Danny" was one of our best workers and we shall miss him.

VERMONT—

H. S. Foster, Past Department Commander.

Department Commander Harry E. Chadbourne, Vermont: I place this flower in memory of Past Department Commander H. S. Foster, and eleven members.

WISCONSIN—

Thomas Lien, Past Department Commander.

Department Commander F. S. Phipps, Wisconsin: I place this flower in memory of Thomas Lien, Past Department Commander, and the other brothers who have passed on.

National Chaplain Homer K. Pitman: Now may we rise and sing our closing hymn, "Lead Kindly Light."

At the close of this hymn National Chaplain Pitman pronounced the benediction, and asked the members to stand for one minute in silent prayer.

Taps were then sounded and the service closed.

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

Official Minutes—Fourteenth Annual Conference St. Paul, Minnesota, September 17, 1933

The Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies was called to order by the President, Miss Kate G. Raynor, in the Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minnesota, Sunday afternoon, September 17, at 2:35 o'clock. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Frank C. Huston, followed by singing of "America." The pledge of allegiance was given while the Vice President, Mrs. Willma Combs, presented the flag. President Raynor greeted the delegates and stated that the Federated Societies of Indiana had adopted a song and obligation which their President, Mrs. A. E. Pauley, wished to present to the Conference. Chaplain Huston led the singing of "The Tie that Binds"—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our orders into one;
To serve our dear old G. A. R.,
Until they all are gone.

And when at last each one
Is laid away to rest;
To keep their memory fresh and green,
We all will do our best.

We'll carry on the work,
They planned for us to do;
We'll answer pa-triot-ism's call
And to F. C. L. be true.

The words of the song were by Lulu Hartzog, Past President of Indianapolis Federated Patriotic Society. Mrs. Pauley then read the obligation which was repeated by those present as follows:

"I ....., do solemnly promise on my honor as a woman that I will strive to strengthen and uphold the principles and ideals established by our forefathers, in appreciation of the heritage which came to me through the sacrifice and service they so willingly gave.

"That I will endeavor to perpetuate the precious memory of those who gave their all on the altar of patriotic devotion that we might enjoy the pleasures of a free people and live in a united republic, whose government is of the people, by the people and for the people.

"That I will do all in my power to teach the lessons of Patriotism to the present generation, that it may be an example of loyal devotion to other generations yet unborn.

"That I will teach by example and precept, loyalty to our country, respect and reverence for its flag.

"That I will ever and always defend our government, support its

institutions of learning, including military training, support our national defense of our rights and liberties as American citizens.

All this I promise in the name of and reverence to the Grand Army of the Republic, and may God keep me true and faithful in its performance."

President Raynor then presented the Past Commanders-in-Chief who were present—Honorary Presidents of the Federated Societies, Louis F. Arensberg of Pennsylvania, Judge J. W. Willett of Iowa, Samuel P. Town of Pennsylvania, and John Reese of Nebraska.

Roll call showed voting members present—

Grand Army of the Republic	7
Woman's Relief Corps	9
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	9
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War	8
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	6
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	7

Vice President Combs presided while the President presented greetings and a report of the year's activities. Mrs. Bennett moved, seconded by Commander Griffith, that the report be accepted with a rising vote of thanks to our President. Unanimously adopted.

The Secretary's report was adopted as read.

Report of the financial condition of the Federation was presented by Mrs. Tompkins, Secretary-Treasurer, which follows:

September 17, 1933.

Brought Forward—Balance as of September, 1932:		
Held by Commercial Bank of Toledo	$145.23	
Held by Treasurer	145.32	
		$290.55
Receipts:		
Dues from Woman's Relief Corps	$10.00	
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	10.00	
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War	10.00	
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	10.00	
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the C. W.	10.00	
		$ 50.00
		$340.55
Disbursements:		
Printing letterheads, envelopes and leaflets	$23.31	
Printing letters, furnishing and printing U. S. Postal Cards	8.10	
Postage and telegrams	6.50	
		$ 37.91
Balance on hand		$302.64
In Commercial Bank of Toledo	$124.48	
In hands of Treasurer	178.16	
		$302.64

Note: The amount held by Commercial Bank of Toledo has been reduced from $145.23 to 124.48

by reason of payment of $ 20.75 received from the bank during the year.

Upon motion by Mrs. Pauley, seconded by Mrs. Michener, the Financial Statement was accepted The minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Conference were read by the Secretary and adopted. The President reported that California had federated during the year, with Mrs. Grace Willard as President. Connecticut reported a splendid Lincoln Day celebration in that Department and other patriotic activities made possible by the Federation.

Indiana reported that unit had been formed in Fort Wayne, and Col. Foster, the honorary president, was presented as one whose interest in the merits of the Federation had brought about the formation of this unit. Col. Foster stated that it was a very difficult problem to get the members of the organizations to realize the importance of the Federation.

Brother Barrett stated for California that they were now prepared to carry on and hoped to be able to present a worthwhile report next year.

Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin of the G. A. R. was escorted to the platform by Chaplain Huston, who also presented at this time Past Commander-in-Chief Jewell and National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Josephine Mahar.

The report of the Legislative Committee was called for. Miss Grace Hurd, Chairman, was introduced by President Raynor. Miss Hurd reported that a meeting of the Committee had been held and after careful reading and study of the present By-Laws it was found that they seemed to be quite adequate for the present needs of the Federation, with a few exceptions, which were made necessary by reason of recent action of the Federation affecting Article V—Officers. The two officers of Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor, having been added to the official staff, necessitated a change in this law and the following was presented:

"The Presiding Officers of the Society shall be chosen from the sitting or past national chiefs of the Allied Orders who are present at the conference; other officers from the voting membership; not more than one officer from any of the Orders, and who may be subject to re-election as follows—

President—For a term of one year.
Vice President—For a term of one year.
Secretary-Treasurer—For a term of three years.
Patriotic Instructor—For a term of one year.
Chaplain—For a term of one year.
Honorary President—Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic—For a term of one year.

The office of Honorary President was created at the Thirteen Annual Conference at Springfield, Ill.

Upon motion by Mrs. Pauley of Indiana, seconded by Mrs. Hansen of New Jersey, this change was adopted.

The following change in Article VI—Dues—was then presented:

"The dues of the Society shall be a subscription of $15.00 a year from each National Body allied with Grand Army of the Republic—upon call—but not more than once annually."

A motion was made by Mrs. Michener of Pennsylvania, seconded by Mrs. Combs, that this change be made. Chaplain Huston requested more information on the question of dues. President Raynor explained that the dues were in the form of a subscription toward the necessary expenses of the Federation, which the organization might be

called upon to make but not more than once a year and amount had heretofore been $25.00. It was now decided to reduce this amount to $15.00. to be paid yearly by each National organization. Brother Yengling of Ohio stated that he felt the organizations should not be required in these times to contribute more than $10.00 annually and offered a substitute motion to this effect. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Yengling and carried. Motion of Brother Yengling of Ohio, seconded by Mrs. Goetz of New York, that the report of the Legislative Committee be accepted and the Committee discharged with thanks. Carried.

Communications—A letter was read from Brother Barrows of California, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, in which he again brought to the attention of the Conference the question of changing the name of the Federated to "Grand Army of the Republic Federation." President Raynor stated she thought this would have to be referred to the Grand Army of the Republic for approval as it involved the use of their name. Judge Willett spoke on this question as not personally objecting to the change of the name but stated that the Grand Army of the Republic would challenge the use of that name by any organization during the lives of its members and until the last member had answered the roll call. He stated that the only organization which had been granted the privilege of using the name of the Grand Army of the Republic was the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, which organization had been in existence for a great many years and whose membership was derived through blood kin relationship to the Union Veterans of the Civil War. He further stated that one other organization had been denied recognition by the Grand Army of the Republic—the Daughters of the Grand Army, because it was the belief of the veterans that this organization was a break from the Daughters of Union Veterans, and inasmuch as it had been the rule, that a question of this nature should be governed by decision of the National Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, he suggested that a committee be appointed by the Federated Societies to confer with a similar committee or whatever action the Grand Army of the Republic desired to take in connection with this matter in order that we might have a conference at this National Convention and determine whether or not it would be to the best interest of the organization to make the change or to choose some other name than that suggested by Brother Barrows. Chaplain Huston stated that this matter should not again be placed on the table, that the time had come for some action to be taken definitely and favored that idea that a committee be appointed. A motion was made by Mrs. Willard of California, seconded by Chaplain Huston, that a committee of one member from each organization be appointed to confer with the Grand Army of the Republic committee that might be appointed for that purpose, and that the committee report one year from this meeting, when action should be taken. Carried. Chaplain Huston was appointed chairman of this committee. Mrs. Ehrmann suggested that this committee report to the President at this convention so that the organizations might know what decision had been arrived at by the Grand Army of the Republic regarding the matter. Sister Ehrmann also requested that a letter be sent to Brother Pratt, whose message had been read to the conference. President Raynor stated that she felt the plan for a committee to confer with the Grand Army of the Republic and to report one year from now was the only action that could be taken at this time.

Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood asked that she be granted the privilege of presenting a resolution—she stated that the Government was going to try to bring about a change in this country from the very trying

conditions which had existed for the past few years, and she felt that this society should place on record its approval of the NRA movement; she accordingly presented the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed in the various sections of the country to ascertain the relative value of vocations and report to the President so that a resolution may be presented at the National Conference of Defense, to help in the NRA code."

Motion by Mrs. Atwood, seconded by Brother Cazeau of New York, that this resolution be adopted. Carried.

President Raynor stated that she had received a letter from the Spanish War Veterans asking that the Federated Societies recommend the election of Senators and Congressmen who would be favorable to pensions for widows and veterans of service record. Motion by Judge Willett, seconded by Mrs. Goetz, that this matter be laid on the table. Carried.

Mrs. Kurtz, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps of Ohio, reported that the membership of the Ohio Federation was increasing and they would be very glad to do anything that would advance the interests of the National Federation.

Mrs. Bennett reported that in Pennsylvania meetings had been held for some time in the hope that they might be able to federate, but little co-operation was given; with the assistance of Dr. Arensberg, however, a unit was formed. She said that she had tried since 1929 to accomplish this and was glad to be elected President, and would make every effort to organize new units and to help the National Federated in every way.

Moved by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Ehrmann, that the Federated Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic notify the President of the United States that we stand united with him in this NRA which has been proclaimed. Carried.

Rhode Island reported through the President of the W. R. C. that she was sorry there was no representative of the Federated present, but she could report that for the past two years the organizations in Rhode Island had become united and were prepared to go ahead and do some intensive work.

President Raynor introduced the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Miss Tyson.

Mrs. Margaret Riggs of Missouri Federated reported that her Department had three units, all of which carried out special programs in their respective localities. She further stated that invitations were extended through General Orders for the organizations to communicate with headquarters, with reference to forming units, and had prospects of forming two new units in the near future.

No reports were received from Michigan and Minnesota.

Mrs. Bernice Lidwitch, Department President of Kansas, reported they had very interesting and enjoyable meetings every year and were successfully carrying on their work.

Maine reported that they had a very small delegation and it really depends upon two of the organizations to keep up the regular patriotic work.

The question was asked if three or four organizations could federate or would it require the co-operation of all. This question was referred to the Legislative Committee to report on later.

New York reported through Mrs. Marie J. Buhler, Past Department President, that a meeting of the Federated was held at the annual Department Convention in June, and very interesting reports

were received from units in different parts of the state. Election of officers was held and Brother Barnard of the Sons of Veterans was elected President. She reported that the New York Federated seemed to be growing in membership as well as in enthusiasm for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Jewell reported that Colorado had an organization and a report would be submitted next year.

Dr. Barrett reported that California had a preliminary meeting in February and at the convention in May a unit was formed. National President Merryman of the Daughters of Veterans reported that she was present in California when the first meeting was held and that they did everything there in a big way.

Motion by Mrs. Atwood, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, that we adopt the obligation as given to us by Indiana Department. Carried. President read invitation to golden wedding anniversary of Brother Barrows and Mrs. Barrows of California. Brother Barrett stated that he had attended this celebration of the Barrows and assured the members of the Conference of the intense interest and earnestness of the Brother in the welfare of the Federated. He was requested to convey to the Brother and his wife the best wishes of the National Federated.

Motion by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Brady, that the address of the President be sent to each organization. Carried.

Nominations being in order for President, Mrs. Tompkins presented the name of Brother Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, for that office. A motion was made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Combs, that when there was no competition for office the President instruct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the nominee. Carried. There being no further nominees for President, Mrs. Raynor instructed the Secretary to cast the ballot for Brother Huston, who was duly elected. The Brother accepted and pledged his best for the interest of the Federated.

Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, of the Woman's Relief Corps, was nominated for Vice President by Miss Tyson, seconded by Mrs. Parker. Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Atwood was declared elected.

Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Russell C. Martin, was nominated as Honorary President by Mrs. Grace Willard, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and he was declared elected.

Mrs. Doris B. Merryman, of Ohio, was nominated for Chaplain by Mrs. Yengling, and seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Jean Thompson of Illinois was nominated for Patriotic Instructor by Mrs. Lange of New York, seconded by Mrs. Ball of Indiana, and Mrs. Merryman of Ohio. Ballots were cast for both of these officers and they were declared elected by the President.

President Raynor stated that the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Tompkins, would continue in this office for another year, having been elected for a three year term.

President Raynor then declared the meeting closed. The annual banquet was held with 169 guests at beautifully decorated tables. The guests were entertained by a very novel program arranged by President Raynor, each National Executive representing a different stage of progress through the garden of patriotism; from the preparation of the soil by the Grand Army of the Republic, to the planting of the seed by the Woman's Relief Corps; the culture and growth of the flower by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; its development by the Daughters of Union Veterans; and the reaping and binding of the sheaf by the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary. Beautiful solos were rendered during the evening and the program

closed with a tableau of the American Wars, and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." During the evening the Legislative Committee reported that the By-Laws did not prohibit the formation of units in localities where all organizations were not represented. Upon motion this report was accepted by the Conference.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance on hand as of September 17, 1933:		
In Commercial Bank of Toledo		$124.48
Cash on hand		178.16
		$302.64
Disbursements:		
Miss Kate G. Raynor, Postage	$7.50	
Typing Reports	5.00	
		$ 12.50
Balance		$290.14
In Commercial Bank of Toledo, Ohio	$124.48	
Held by Secretary-Treasurer	165.66	
		$290.14

The foregoing Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic are approved as the official records of said Conference.

EMILY J. TOMKINS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

KATE G. RAYNOR,
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
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota

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	30 Elm St., Takoma Park, D. C.
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	730 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	22 East First St., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	231 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	5515 Corona Ave., Maywood, Calif.
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	3060 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Oakley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
1925	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. Mabie	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
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	Knightstown, Ind.
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	314 North Jefferson Street, 210 Main St., Hellertown, Pa.

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.....65 South High St., Columbus, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown.....312 Harries Bldg., Dayton, Ohio
*Charles A. Bookwalter ..... Indianapolis, Ind.

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‡Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.
*Deceased.

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