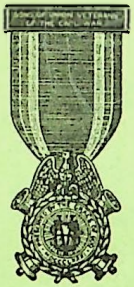
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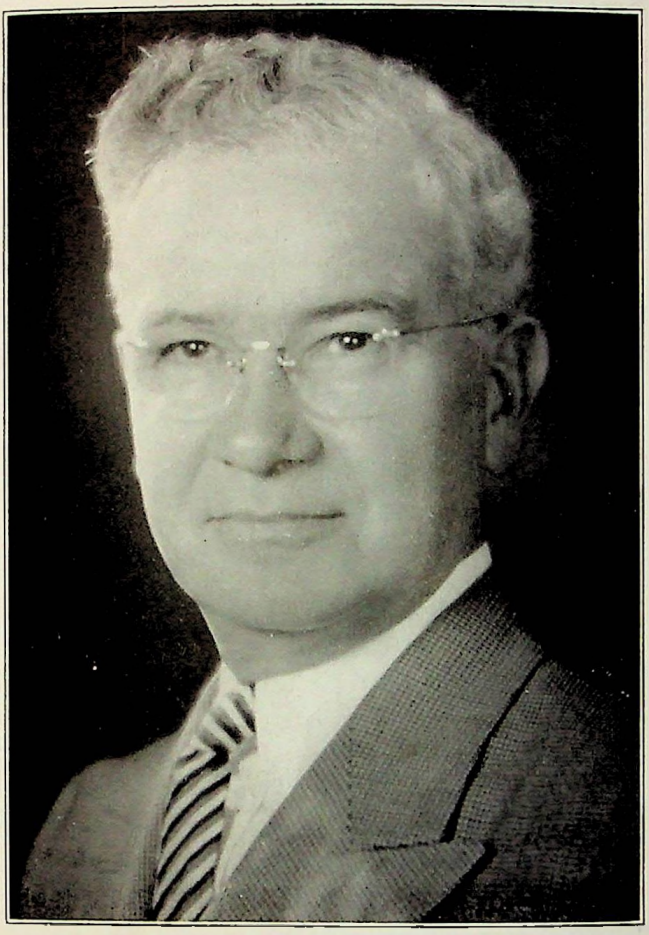
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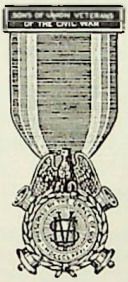
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RADIO BROADCASTS

On Sunday evening Commander-in-Chief Dyer broadcasted from the Des Moines Newspaper Station.

On Monday night Commander-in-Chief Dyer broadcasted from Drake University for the Sons and Mrs. Manning, National President for the Daughters of Union Veterans. This was a half hour program put on by the Student Radio Association of the University, dramatized by them as a story of the Civil War and the formation and present history of these two organizations (the Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans).

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE

Shrine Temple Auditorium
Sunday Evening, September 4, 1938
8:00 o'clock

Presiding, Arthur H. Brayton of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce

Selection...United States Marine Band, Capt. Taylor Branson, Leader

Invocation.....Rev. Wallace Essingham

Anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd".....Shrine Chanters

Placing of Floral Tributes by:

Dr. Overton H. Mennett, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, National President, Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, National President, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Mary M. Manning, National President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mr. William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Music, "Largo" (Handel).....U. S. Marine Band

Memorial Address.....Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Weertz, St. Johns Lutheran Church

Anthem, "Land of Mine".....By the Shrine Chanters
(Encore, "Thanks be to God")

Tribute to Deceased Members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Rev. Martin V. Stone, Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R.: This moment in these Memorial Services brings anew the awakening, not of resolutions alone, but the awakening of the fact that these are meetings having to do with not only a day's interests, but the world's affairs. The year has been perhaps one of the most tragic as relating to our own Organization that we have met. It was tragedy that

brought me to the position I have been pursuing the past year. It was tragedy that took one of the most beloved of our National Officers, Past Commander-in-Chief Oley Nelson. We could name more than twenty instances, every one of which is not only tragic in some measure, but has affected very seriously our national life. I will not detain you for this because I feel there are more vital things before us.

Let us awaken and resolve to make with our lives greater beauty, broader freedom and a happier life for all.

Mrs. Lavina M. Stanley, National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Eunice Rash, National Chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; and Mrs. Lillian Gardiner, National Chaplain, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, also spoke briefly.

Rev. John M. Dunlavy, National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans: To me as a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, one of the men who stood by the men of the great Grand Army, this is not a sad hour for I never think of my father being gone. That stalwart heart who gave me my being walks beside me tonight. I am told that our fathers, not one by one, but in groups of five, each day are marching on and we have but five thousand left. If they march in groups of five, after one thousand days they shall have answered the great Roll Call, but they will be still standing by our sides, their Sons.

They tell us that America is passing through dark hours and trying hours as are the nations of the world, but if we as sons will keep true to the heartbeat of our fathers who marched by our side, America cannot die. So while this sacred hour here tonight is wholly new itself, in that it is set apart only for those who have gone in the last twelve months, I wonder if we are not over-shadowed tonight by the ones who have gone before this year; who are smiling down on us and cheering us and saying that the Constitution that they fought to preserve should be upheld and asking us to carry on for them. So tonight with just a few of our Fathers here by our side, will you carry the news on wherever you go that the Sons will carry on? And we will.

Mrs. Alma Scharr, National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, spoke also.

Music, "The Lost Chord".....U. S. Marine Band
(Encore: "Lest We Forget")

Benediction..Rev. Dr. Fredrick J. Weertz, St. Johns Lutheran Church

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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC SEMI-OFFICIAL MEETING

Shine Temple Auditorium
Monday Evening, September 5, 1938
8:00 o'clock

Presiding.....Gen. Guy E. Logan, Chairman Executive Committee

Music.....United States Marine Band, Capt. Taylor Branson, Leader
"Star Spangled Banner".....United States Marine Band
Invocation.....Rev. Martin V. Stone, Chaplain-in-Chief
Music.....United States Marine Band
Address of Welcome.....Hon. Nelson G. Kraschel, Governor of Iowa
Address of Welcome....Hon. Mark L. Conkling, Mayor of Des Moines
Address of Welcome.....
.....Michael Hawk, Commander, Dept. of Iowa, G. A. R.
Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome.....Boy Scouts of America

Music, "Hail to the Chief".....United States Marine Band
Introduction of Dr. Overton H. Mennet, Commander-in-Chief, Permanent Chairman.
Response to Welcome.....Dr. Overton H. Mennet, Commander-in-Chief
Music.....Police Officers Glee Club
Address...General Frank T. Hines, Veterans Adm., Washington, D. C.
Greetings:
Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, National President.
Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, National President.
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Mary M. Manning, National President.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief.
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, National President.
Response to Greetings..C. H. William Ruhe, Past Commander-in-Chief
Music.....United States Marine Band
"America" ..... Audience
Benediction ..... Chaplain-in-Chief

DEDICATORY SERVICE

At Arlington Hall, Des Moines, Iowa
3:00 P. M.—September 5, 1938
Abbie E. Mulqueen, Rutland, Vermont, in charge.

After a fine thirty minute concert by the United States Marine Band, closing with the "Star Spangled Banner," Reverend John M. Dunlavy, National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans of St. Louis, Missouri, led in the following invocation:

Our gracious Heavenly Father, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, we have gathered here today in this love-nest that these dear folks in this city and the city leaders and those who have great open hearts have seen fit to bring here. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, for these men who have come here and out of their hearts given us this music today. We thank Thee for the hearts that have been melted here today because of what we have seen. Above all, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for these dear boys who are here, who are claiming these men who have played for them belong to them, this is their band, and these boys who are looking into our faces. There is a tie binding here this hour, something new discovered at this time. Some of us with grandchildren have received a new touch of Thy divine love because we have been unselfish, because we have given, because we have gathered things from here and yonder and everywhere and are presenting them to these who work here in this lovely home.

Dear Lord, we pray that Thy blessing be upon us and may the spirit kindled anew in our hearts continue to go with us to our own homes and maybe we can do something there for those who are neglected, who are in need of our help; and O, God, we pray that because of our giving today we will give tomorrow and again and again, and some child shall look up with love in his eyes and shall say to us without a word, "you love me."

We pray for this institution that it may grow and grow and grow until every boy that knocks at the door shall receive a welcome, a

new chance in life of the privilege of going out and facing this world because there are men and women all over America that stand for them and believe in them.

Again we thank Thee for this hour; we ask Thy blessing today. In Jesus name. Amen.

Song—"America." Led by the United States Marine Band.

Willma L. Combs, Past National President of the Auxiliary: Sister National Chaplain, Sister National President, Commander-in-Chief, our National officers and friends: I am very happy today to have the privilege of presenting to you our National President, Sister Margaret C. Brady, of Albany, New York. (Mrs. Brady was escorted to the porch. Applause). (Porch floor gave way just at this moment but no one was hurt in any way).

National President Margaret Brady: Sister Combs, Friends: Perhaps it was a good thing that I stepped on right then or something may have happened.

Commander-in-Chief, members of the Sons of Union Veterans and our organization: As your National President today I am so thrilled and so filled with emotion at the thought of what to me has been the most wonderful thing that our organization has ever done in any particular city. It is true that under the leadership of our National President and Commander during the World War that we were privileged to send thirteen fully equipped ambulances to the war front. That, of course, was in a different time from this year. Many years since it has been our custom to have always left some memorial in the city that was hostess to our National convention, and while it is not my privilege to make the presentation speech of anything that has been done for this room because it has been done through our National Patriotic Instructor, I do want to say to everybody that since I have been a member I have felt privileged and proud to wear the badge of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary. Today I feel we have made the greatest step forward that any organization can make when we dedicate this room to the cause of humanity.

This room has been a beacon for children who otherwise would have had no home. I am proud and happy that this is one of the rays of light that will go out from now on, which will signify the willingness that we had as an organization to lend our bit to make the home-life happier for these children.

I am proud to present to you the National Patriotic Instructor of our order who will make the presentation speech—Sister Abbie Greaves Mulqueen, National Patriotic Instructor, of Rutland, Vermont.

National Patriotic Instructor Mulqueen: National President, Brother Comander-in-Chief, Brothers and Sisters: This is one of the happiest moments of my life and Sister Margaret said that the credit was due me, but I am going to change the order because it was her good will and wishes for humanity that made this project possible. She visited this home, so to her the credit is due for putting this through. I just carried out what she really wanted and what we all wanted to do for humanity instead of leaving dead memorials. (Applause).

An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves. Kinship of soul teaches us to live each day so that other lives may touch our own and be better for it, and more than this, we gain new strength, new courage to our souls, are blessed and broadened out by fellowship, humanity, and sympathy.

And now I would like to present to you our National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans, Rev. John M. Dunlavy.

Rev. Dunlavy: Commander Dyer, friends here today: One's heart is almost too full to really speak the words that should be spoken, but we should not be so overcome that we cannot tell of the work that they have done here in helping others who have been at work for weeks and months and years, when we come here and find not knocking at the door, but already sheltered within this lovely home, these boys who are here—Jim and John and Joe and the others whose names I have forgotten; but those boys will forgive me, the names are all in here on the list, a group of our coming workers in America, boys who already in their lives something has happened, something has saddened. There was a day in which the clouds came over and they went out to find friends and possibly did not find a friend that day and they went elsewhere and did not find a friend that day, and I understand that one went as many as six times and did not find the friend he was looking for until he came here and then he found a hand of welcome; then he found a heart of love; then he found one that understood. He found that in school he could learn and get the grades and there again he found that when he tried something on his own accord those who loved, heard him and then put the arm of love around him and said, "That is fine." And then for the first time maybe love streamed through his eyes to meet eyes of love.

I say to you, my dear ones here today, this is a language that we all speak but is silent, the love that comes out of a heart for someone else when we give and forget the gift and expect it not to return again to us. That is why this home is here today; that is why other hearts have been touched; that is why we are here, and somehow or other I vision tomorrow when this little home that is so delicately arranged, so dangerously set, will be a substantial rockbound home out of which windows these boys shall look as boys today and come back tomorrow as men and help to build our America.

I think the greatest thing we can do is to build ourselves into the hearts and lives of these young boys and girls. We must reach out yonder to the men and women who need help and we are doing it, but we need to reach a hand over here to the boy and girl who looks out and knows nowhere to go, and we direct the way. I believe because of the way this home has been arranged and has come into being, and I am sure it will continue that way, I believe that we who are here from the distance will dream of what is being done here, and I pray we may go and start something like this in our home centers because to bring love into the heart of a boy whose life has already been hurt some way is the greatest work that any of us can do, and I too feel that we have found something new to do. The other work we have been doing is fine. The other work our other allied organizations are doing is fine, but I believe this work of the human touch, this work that touches the lives of boys and girls is the greatest work that you and I can do, and I thank God that he put it into the hearts of our leaders, our National President, our National Commander-in-Chief, to do this thing. I believe today our hearts beat as one because of it. God bless the women who are in charge here and the men and may God's double blessing be upon these boys who are ours today—they belong to us—and may we ever remember them before God's throne as his very ones, and let us ever hold them before him.

And tomorrow we will meet Bill and John and Jim as they march before us as men and I pray God, stand like our fathers did for our great America.

And now I want to introduce to you our Commander-in-Chief, William Allan Dyer, who is to dedicate or give over this building to those who are to receive it and use it, and he will now make a dedicatory service, so I presume we will have to go to the other side for that.

Commander Dyer: Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters: It is almost difficult for me to speak today, without too much emotion, when I realize that we are bringing joy into the hearts of fourteen little boys here who have seen too little of the happiness of life and who look with uncertain eyes on the future. Someone has said, "Make all good men your well-wishers and then, in the world's constant changings, some of them may become friends. Friends are the sunshine of life." I hope we have made fourteen friends here and made it possible for many more than fourteen to be friends of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their National Auxiliary.

If you could have seen this spot when Mrs. Brady and I came out here to see if there was something we could do for humanity here, you could hardly imagine the transformation that has taken place here. This home, this building here, probably hadn't been painted in twenty years. The boys, ten of them, were sleeping in one room. Mrs. Sprague and I both agreed that it wasn't right, but that it was better than they had and all they could get and the place was supported, you might say, on what the Rector of our church once called "chicken feed." These children were practically waifs except for the fine, beautiful, wonderful spirit of the woman who has made this possible, Mrs. Sprague, who stands in front of me.

As we looked this over and were sitting on the porch of the other building thinking what we could do, we decided we would clean out that room and give these children some decent beds and do something worth while. There was a porch on top we were going to close and screen, and Mrs. Brady said, "How much would it cost to screen this porch?" and she pulled out a bill and said "Screen it." That is Mrs. Brady. I am thankful I have had such a wonderful National President with me this year. (Applause).

Now, ladies and gentlemen, this is your home; these boys are your boys; you have made something possible in their lives which would never have been there except for your gift. I said at the time to Mrs. Sprague, "I think, Mrs. Sprague, if we can do something for this home it will induce other people to do for this home," and I want to tell you what has happened. The building in the rear which we are giving was erected partly from lumber which was given from wrecked buildings, wholly by donated labor. The unions of this city, masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians all gave their services. The paint which has painted these buildings was given and when that was done the city said, "We ought to do something," and they put the water main down here and a hydrant for protection. They are going to grade this and fill it in; going to put a brick walk between the two buildings. You see what a kindness does—it starts other streams of kindnesses which go on and on, and I believe when we come again we will find a group of buildings and we will realize we started this wonderful charity on its way rejoicing.

I have gotten a kick out of it every time I came out here and seen these boys. Last Saturday I came out and saw Bill. If I could tell you his story you would all be crying—a wonderful thing, a wonderful boy. And I came out yesterday with Brother Dunlavy and Bill came up and said to me, "Commander, I am going to hear the finest band in all the world, Monday," and I went down where they were dedicating the trees in the park and Captain Branson was play-

ing. I said, "I want to tell you something. We appreciate what you did for us last year and what you are going to do this year, but when you play at Arlington Home, remember you are playing for a boy who is going to hear the finest band in all the world." He said, "I will make him think so." That is the way he is.

When one of the men was laying the linoleum—second-hand—he said, "When I get through tonight I will have done something for this institution." I said, "Listen, you know you are a laboring man, a union man, and we have had some little trouble in the United States, but how does it happen that you and I, an employer, can do a common job and do it joyfully, and as soon as we haven't a common object we begin to fight. I think perhaps we have started something with you, too," and out of all this is coming something that is going to make our own lives immensely sweeter, and if I feel like shedding a tear perhaps you will shed one with me.

Now I want you to meet Mrs. Sprague. Will you please come up here, Mrs. Sprague (Applause as she came forward). This lady, Priscilla Wayne Sprague, is the one whose mind conceived this wonderful charity. She has been perfectly lovely with us and we hope when we leave you will have a kind thought for us, Mrs. Sprague.

Mrs. Sprague: Thank you, Commander. My good friends, Des Moines people, and our distinguished guests: I want you to know that today is a fairy tale come true to me and to the boys and to the women who worked with me on the Arlington Hall Board and who do far more than I do for these boys here. This is really a dream come true, Commander, Margaret, to know that all over the United States distinguished men and women would come to this little spot, and the biggest band in the whole world play for little boys. It all seems to me so beautiful. The lovely packages of towels and wash cloths given and the goodwill that these organizations have started is wonderful. They put their shoulder to the wheel when we were very discouraged. We do have a frail building, but God is with us; he was with us just now, no one was hurt and the porch can be fixed so nicely, and the rain stopped so the band could play, and the Commander is here and Mrs. Brady is here, and all these other distingushed people, and we want you to know we thank you and love you. May God bless you. We will remember you through many days, and sometime in your homes far way, think of little boys safe in white beds at night.

To me there is no greater memorial, no more loving tribute that you Sons and Auxiliary could pay to Des Moines, to our illustrious war, than this that you dedicate to little children, a thing of use and beauty. We will remember you long. (Applause).

After the flag salute we are going to step into the dormitory—Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Mulqueen, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Dunlavy, and myself, just for a formal dedication which will only take two minutes, and offer a prayer of hope for this institution.

Rev. Dunlavy: We will now unite in pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. (Allegiance in unison).

Before we go I want to say we had a flag presented by the Department of Rhode Island in memory of one of their comrades.

IN THE DORMITORY

Commander Dyer: In the spirit of brotherly and sisterly love for the children, all the children of our land, and in the cause of humanity and for the Commandery-in-Chief and the Auxiliary of the

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I dedicate this hall to the cause of humanity.

Rev. Dunlavy: Now, our blessed Heavenly Father, we have said our words; we have shown in a small way the work of our hearts; we ask Thy blessing upon not only what we have done but what others shall do, and O, God, especially may Thy blessing be upon the heads and hearts of all these boys of America and certainly these boys here. In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES
SONS OF UNION VETERANS AND AUXILIARY

Monday Evening, September 5, 1938—7:30 o'clock

Enter Color Guards escorting National Patriotic Instructor Rev. John M. Dunlavy of Sons of Union Veterans, and National Chaplain Alma Scharr of the Auxiliary.

Opening Services, Purpose of Meeting..Alma Scharr, National Chaplain

Invocation.....Rev. John M. Dunlavy, Acting National Chaplain

Organ Solo

Draping of Charters.....Jointly by Auxiliary and Sons

Solo, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere".....Charlotte Turner

Tribute to Past National President Mary Tredo.....
.....By Past National President Molly Hammer

Tribute to Past National Officer Hannah A. Beck.....
.....By Past National President Ida B. Lange

Tribute by Sons for Past National Officers.....
...By Ralph Barrett, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons

Joint Processional of Departments, Auxiliary and Sons of Veterans

Solo, "The Old Rugged Cross".....Charlotte Turner

Tribute to Past Department Presidents..Jointly by Auxiliary and Sons

Tableau

Prayer.....National Chaplain Alma Scharr

TRIBUTE BY SONS FOR PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

Acting Chaplain John M. Dunlavy: We are very sorry indeed that Dr. Dickinson was taken ill just before it was time to come to our Encampment and we are sorry indeed that the mail has not brought us the names of the National Officers who have passed on. We will mention no names this year, but the names will be kept in our National files.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Ralph Barrett: We stand here tonight at the altar where brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans have stood, with one hand upon the Book of Books and the other hand reached out to God. They renewed the thought born within the breast of valiant fathers and mothers that they would be true to the principles for which their mothers and fathers stood and thus a link was made that connected their lives with the lives of those men who died to make our country free.

So tonight what could we say other than "in memory of"? We knew these brothers and the work that has been so well done. It is my duty tonight to place these flowers in loving memory and tribute to the memory of the Brothers out there in God's own home. Blessed

be the name of God who gave us life. Blessed be the name of the Heavenly Father who has taken away these Brothers to his home, which inspired us to live well and do the things that these Brothers would have us carry on. God has called them and blessed be the name of God who taketh away.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY EXEMPLIFICATION

The Junior Auxiliary of Alliance, Ohio, gave a beautiful exemplification of their ritual in Masonic Temple, Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, in the presence of a large assembly. The work was done in a most creditable manner, without use of a Ritual.

The Ritualistic Work of the Auxiliary was beautifully exemplified by the Past National Presidents and a splendid class of candidates were initiated as members of the Organization.

The evening closed with a number of clever and amusing stunts put on by Departments under the direction of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston of Indiana.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS

On Monday evening at 6:30, September 5, the Department Secretaries and Treasurers held a dinner meeting at the Bishop Cafeteria as a get-together and a means of getting better acquainted, and to exchange ideas. The meeting was absolutely informal and was enjoyed by all present. Eleven Departments were represented by their Secretaries and Treasurers and the National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer was present and offered much sound advice to his understudies.

On motion of Department Secretary Benj. G. Haag of Wiconsin, Dewey B. Mead was made Chairman of the Secretaries and instructed to have the meeting of the Secretary-Treasurers made a permanent order for the National Encampments in the future.

Those present at the meeting were: National Secretary-Treasurer H. H. Hammer; Julius Isaacs, New York; C. L. Castell, Iowa; John Reeger, New Jersey; A. D. Rhinesmith and H. T. Wilson, Illinois; Benj. G. Haag, Wisconsin; James W. Lyons, Maryland; Cloy Smith, Michigan; Theodore H. Mohr, Missouri; John H. Liesee, Pennsylvania; A. W. McDaniel, Indiana; and Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota.

DINNER DANCE IN HONOR OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WILLIAM ALLAN DYER AND NATIONAL PRESIDENT MARGARET C. BRADY

The reception to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons and National President of the Auxiliary was in the form of a dinner dance held at the Younker Tea Room at 6:30 p. m., Wednesday, September 7, 1938.

The honored guest was Comamnder-in-Chief Overton H. Mennet, who had the seat of honor at the head table, which was beautifully decorated. Others seated at the head table were Commander-in-Chief Dyer; National President Brady; National Chief-of-Staff Anne Lockyer; Toastmaster William L. Anderson, National Counselor of the Auxiliary; Adjutant General of the Grand Army Colonel Martin of California; National Secretary to the National body of the Grand Army, Katherine Flood; Judge Willett, Past Commander-in-Chief of

the Grand Army; Mrs. Ethel Early of the State Committee in Des Moines; Past National President Willma Combs, and Mrs. Ida Lewis, Past National President.

The affair was under the very able direction of Mrs. Anne Lockyer, National Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary.

The head table was set on the stage at the extreme end of the hall. On the floor to the left of the head table was a long table at which were seated the Past National Presidents and Past Commanders-in-Chief. On the floor to the right were seated at another long table the official family of both the Commander-in-Chief and the National President. Other tables in the hall were arranged according to States.

A feature of the evening was the music of the famous United States Marine Band, which played selections before and during the dinner.

Entertainment between dinner courses by the Anne E. Lockyer Drill Team of Wooster, Ohio, was a most beautiful sight. The women were dressed in various colored pastel evening gowns which added greatly to the beauty of the drill.

Toastmaster Anderson: This occasion is indeed a feature, but the outstanding feature of the evening is the living feature of these jewels of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are indeed honored by the presence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He may speak to us or he may sing to us; he may do both. I have the pleasure now of introducing the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander-in-Chief Mennet. (Applause).

Comander-in-Chief Mennet: Toastmaster William Anderson, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Comrades, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, distinguished guests, Daughters, and Sons: It is certainly a very great privilege for me to be called upon to address you here tonight. The address necessarily will have to be very brief on account of the fact that I am not able to make a speech in any sense of the word; but I am very happy to be with you and should have deplored it very much if I had been unable to meet this engagement.

Your worthy National President has asked me and made me promise from the very first meeting we had that I should be present at her meeting, and I am greatly honored in that respect.

So I am bringing you the greetings of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I want to assure you, our sons and our daughters, that you have a place in our affections that cannot be taken by any other organization. (Applause). We are looking to you to perpetuate through our Sons and the Auxiliary the name of the Grand Army of the Republic in the days when we will not be numbered with you.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I am here tonight. I don't know that I have any song for you. I have been having a very strenuous day. I would like very much to sing for you. If you had been at my Encampment today and heard our own members sing to our comrades you would know just how we feel in regard to that matter, and we were very pleased to have your delegation visit our body, your Sons and their Auxiliary, from your National President and Commander-in-Chief. So I can only say to you, and I say this and I know I am joined by all of my Comrades, present and absent:

(Sang "I Love You Truly"). Applause).

Toastmaster Anderson introduced Adjutant General Martin of the Grand Army; Miss Katherine Flood, National Secretary to the Na-

tional Body of the Grand Army; and Judge Willett of the Grand Army, each of whom spoke briefly.

Mrs. Bessie Herman sang "Absent." This was sung especially for Commander-in-Chief Dyer, it being one of his favorite songs.

Other Comrades of the Grand Army who were present were asked to stand and be recognized. They were Harrison Smith of Minnesota, Thomas H. Stritch of New York, and Comrade Lockwood of California.

Mrs. Ethel Early, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Des Moines: I think I have talked too much now, but I am glad to be with you and I am glad to have you here. I am proud to speak at your party. I think everything that the Auxiliary has done since they have been in Des Moines is outstanding. I am for you all one hundred per cent and I hope I will again have the pleasure of having you in Des Moines, and that I can be on the executive committee. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer: Ladies and gentlemen: I don't know whether you at the end of the hall can hear or not. I went over there to see if I could hear what was said, and I couldn't hear a word, but it is a very lovely occasion tonight. It is nice for us to get together this way in a different way than we have ever done before. I think you will all agree it is one of the most brilliant affairs we have ever had. I want to compliment the Auxiliary and those who had to do with preparing this event, and I want to say here to you that you have had a very wonderful National President this year. (Applause).

National President Margaret C. Brady: Mr. Chairman, my Commander-in-Chief, Brothers and Sisters: The Commander-in-Chief said this was a different affair. To me it was different. I was very proud this evening to walk in behind the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who was kind enough to grace this occasion with his presence. Perhaps many National Presidents have had that privilege, but I don't recall it in my time coming to National conventions.

I think, too, that it was a grand thing to have Judge Willett talk to us as he did. While I have always admired him greatly, I think tonight that his remarks were not only splendid, but amazing that a man of his age could have such a continuity of thought and tell you things that went on year after year.

I am deeply grateful to my Chief-of-Staff, to Sister Combs, and to the sisters who assisted in arranging this splendid dinner, and nice affair for all of us. I am happy to greet you here and I hope that this evening will be one long to be remembered by us all. Thank you. (Applause).

At this period in the evening's exercises the National President was showered with gifts during their "Courtesy Hour."

Mrs. Herman sang "I Love You Truly," dedicating it to National President Brady.

The floor was then cleared and dancing followed which was enjoyed by all present.

Much credit is due Mrs. Anne Lockyer, National Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary, for the success of the dinner dance which was perhaps the outstanding affair of the Convention.

G. A. R. CAMP FIRE

Shrine Temple Auditorium
Wednesday Evening, September 7, 1938
8:00 o'clock

Presiding .....General Guy E. Logan, Chairman

Invocation.....Rev. Martin V. Stone, Chaplain-in-Chief
Music.....United States Marine Band, Capt. Taylor Branson, Leader
Salute to the Flag ..... Audience
"Star Spangled Banner".....United States Marine Band
Address.....Dr. Overton H. Mennet, Commander-in-Chief
Address.....James W. Willett, Past Commander-in-Chief
Address.....Arthur H. Brayton, Secretary, Convention Bureau

Music.....Des Moines Philharmonic Choir; Director, Clifford Bloom
a. Only Begotten Son.....Gretchaninoff
b. Built On a Rock .....Christiansen
c. Cherubic Hymn .....Rachmaninoff

Address—Pictures Shown—The Blue and the Gray at Gettysburg, Pa., June 29, to July 4, 1938.....James D. McConaghie. Supt., Gettysburg National Park

Music.....Des Moines Philharmonic Choir; Director, Clifford Bloom
a. My Heart Doth Beg You'll Not Forget.....di Lasso
b. The Turtle Dove.....English Folk Song
(Baritone Solo by Earl McMahan)
c. Sunrise ..... Taneyef

Benediction ..... Chaplain-in-Chief
Taps
Music.....United States Marine Band

THE PARADE

The Grand Army parade on Wednesday morning was an inspiring sight, with a goodly number of "Boys in Blue" still determined to march, keeping their places in the line. Those unable to march rode in automobiles and all along the route of the parade received the cheers of young and old.

Headed by Commander-in-Chief Dyer, one hundred uniformed members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve acted as official escort to the Grand Army, and were in charge of Col. E. J. Prittie, Chief-of-Staff.

Patriotic, Fraternal and Civic organizations, also the Boy Scouts and school children as well as other bodies, joined in the parade, which with the stirring music of several bands and fife and drum corps thrilled the onlookers.

National officers and members of all the allied patriotic bodies, headed by Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, Overton Mennet, viewed the parade from the reviewing stand, during which the United States Marine Band played several selections.

UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

One of the main attractions in Des Moines during the week of Encampment was the presence of the United States Marine Band, known throughout the United States as "The President's Own." Under the capable leadership of Capt. Taylor Branson, they were overwhelmingly received wherever they played. We are especially grateful to Capt. Branson for his courtesy in allowing his band to play for the Dinner Dance, and also at Arlington Hall.

MEETING OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS AND DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

An innnovation of this Encampment was the meeting of the Department Commanders and Department Secretaries with the Commander-in-Chief Wednesday afternoon. After the adjournment of the Encampment they met with the new Commander-in-Chief.

It is hoped that this will be the beginning of other and better meetings of this kind at future Encampments.

PROCEEDINGS

Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Des Moines, Iowa, September 6, 1938

Joint Opening with Auxiliary

The Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was opened on Tuesday, September 6, at 10:05 a. m., jointly with the Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Anne Lockyer, National Chief-of-Staff, of Girard, Ohio, presided, as sixteen of the New York Department Sisters each carrying a red, white and blue shield with "SERVICE" written thereon, formed an arch through which marched National President Margaret C. Brady and Commander-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer.

Past National President Mayme Dwyer of New York: Sister National Chief-of-Staff, a very unusual honor has come to our Department this year. We have been especially honored to have both national heads members of the New York Department. It is a distinct honor and privilege to present to you our own National President, Margaret C. Brady.

Mrs. Grace G. Sanguinetti, Department President of New York Auxiliary, of Albany, New York: It is my very happy privilege to present to you assembled here our Commander-in-Chief, Wm. Allan Dyer, of Syracuse, N. Y.

National Chief-of-Staff Lockyer: As our National President it is an honor and pleasure, Sister Margaret, to receive you here this morning. Commander Dyer, on behalf of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I extend to you a cordial welcome, wishing for you the happiest and one of the best conventions you have ever had. Sisters, salute.

Mrs. Ethel Early and Mr. Arthur Brayton, of the Convention Bureau, were introduced to the Encampment by Past National Presidents Gertrude Sautter and Mollie Hammer, both of Pennsylvania.

National President Brady: I am indeed glad to welcome you all here this morning and also glad that our Sisters could see the ones who have devoted months of time in preparation for our success and happiness while here.

We will be favored with a solo now by Miss Fauchon Scott of Des Moines. (Sang "The Old Road").

Sister Isaacs of New York: Sister National President, I have a very pleasant duty to perform this morning and an unexpected one. This bouquet is from none other than your loving husband. (Presented a lovely bouquet of red roses). He sent them with his love and best wishes for the convention.

National President Brady: I am certainly delighted that my husband sent these to me, and I thank you for presenting them. Now we don't want to delay these fine folks who have come to us. I feel we have been signally honored because they have come to us first. I am very happy to give to the convention, Mr. Brayton, of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Brayton: National President, Commander Dyer, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a distinct pleasure and privilege to be here this morning. My remarks are going to be brief. I realize that you have much to do and it is going to be warm. We had figured on giving you a warm welcome, but we did not think the weather would be quite so warm.

Des Moines and Iowa are particularly proud to have the honor and privilege of entertaining this group again. Our welcome is a sincere one and we hope that you may always have that golden bridge between the now and then of memories. Memories of the past; happy thoughts while you are here, looking forward to the future. We hope the memories of previous meetings here will help to make the meetings today perfect and that in the future you may again look back with pleasure. May you think of us as always happy to have you as our guests.

Past National President Molly Hammer: We who have attended many National Encampments have come to the conclusion that two of the cardinal virtues are gratitude and appreciation and we are happy that you have come to us this morning to give us an opportunity to speak our gratitude and appreciation to you. We all realize what it means to entertain a National Encampment. We know that it means months of preparation, but we are happy that we have come to partake of your hospitality again. All the honors and courtesies we have received in Iowa we are glad to receive again. Memories are precious things and we shall have happy memories of our happy visits to Iowa. I will speak for our National President and our National Commander and our Encampments that we are grateful for everything that you have done for us to make our stay an enjoyable one again. We hope when we leave that you will have only happy memories of us.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Sisters and Brothers, I have a very short duty but a very pleasant one. When I came to Des Moines I was introduced to Mr. Brayton and General Logan, Adjutant General, and the Mayor of the City and I said "It is all very nice to meet you gentlemen, but what have you got for ladies?" Then they brought out Mrs. Early and from then on things began to break for the Sons. No one could have been more thoughtful or earnest than Mrs. Early since we met here last January. It is my happy privilege now to present to you Mrs. Ethel Early, Assistant Secretary of the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. If Mr. Brayton won't take offense, I'd like to tell him that he was a "wise guy" when he selected her.

Mrs. Ethel Early: I bring to you all the love in my heart for you have done something for me that will make a lasting and a sweet memory. It took your organization to come to Des Moines and do something toward a project that has been so near to my heart that I cannot find words to tell you how appreciative we are. When I talked over this with your Commander and Mrs. Brady—whom I have learned to love—and told them what was nearest my heart, they readily joined in and I took them out to Arlington Hall. I have been so busy that I couldn't get out there and when I went out yesterday I was so overcome with the change brought about by your project. I felt that it cemented a friendship between your organization and Des Moines that will live forever. Des Moines needed something like this. They were

too busy to know what was really there. Many people told me that to think that all these people from all over the United States came here to show us what we have, I can't say how appreciative I am. I can't tell you what a pleasure it has been to work with President Brady and Commander Dyer. Margaret, I love you. Commander Dyer, I love you too. I hope it will be my very great pleasure to welcome you again to Des Moines. I hope you remember us as we remember you.

Commander Dyer: Such a beautiful speech deserves a reply. I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter to reply.

Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter of Pennsylvania: Mrs. Early, and members of the Encampment, there are times when the very air breathes words to us. While I know that we are very eager to have the representatives of the City of Des Moines come to extend to us their words of welcome, it seemed to me that when we reached the outskirts of this city and alighted from the train the other evening, the very atmosphere breathed to us a fourth welcome to the city of Des Moines.

This is rather unusual. I was looking over the place of meetings of the organizations the other day and I found that this is not the fourth time that the Sons have met in Des Moines, but the fifth. We met so far back that I wasn't even old enough to be a member. If there is one city in this great nation of ours that we always leave with pleasant memories and with anticipation of coming again, it is this city of Des Moines. We know that we are always welcome here and I assure these representatives of the city, especially Mrs. Early whom I know has had considerable to do with the preparation of this Encampment, that we are indeed grateful to you for what you have done in the past, what you are doing in the immediate present, and if you want it from me now, we are grateful in advance for what we expect to get four or five years from now when we will come back again.

Past National President Mayme Dwyer of New York: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, naturally I would like to have this presentation made over our altar. We have been taught that one of the most important commandments is "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother." That has been your watchward through life. Your membership has meant something to you because of the honor and respect you have paid to the man who made it possible for you to join this organization. You have brought forth a son who is following in your footsteps. Our Organization wanted you to have this sword crossed over the sword of your father which you have in your home. This is the gift of the Sisters of the National Organization. You have a very busy day before you. If I say much more, you are going to cry and so am I. I am not going to make you cry. This is going to be a very happy day, Commander Dyer and I don't need to tell you how much we think of you. We thought this was a little bit out of the ordinary; please accept it with the love of every member of our organization. I know that you appreciate it. (Presented handsome sabre in a silver scabbard with inscription).

Commander Dyer: Sisters Mayme and Margaret, I am sure you had something to do with this—you could have given me nothing I would cherish more. I may never wear it, but I hope I may too in the service of our Order. You could have given me nothing that touches me as this does. My father was the first volunteer from my native town. He volunteered just as soon as it was possible. * * * His sword is hung with his sash, cap, and shoulder straps, including the flag which my mother made, in my home. That sword will be given when

I pass away to my son who is named for me. When I was in Des Moines last January my little grandson was born. He is associated in my mind with Des Moines. When the time comes, this sword will be his. I shall cherish it more than I can tell you. It is a lovely gift which came from your hearts to me. I thank you.

Commander Dyer (addressing Mrs. Brady): Will you just let me take a moment before I leave? I think you will bear with me even though it is a little warm here. I was with you, Sister Margaret, in Springfield, Vt., on June 6 when I heard the finest speech any National President or any National Officer ever made. I told you then that I had come to have a deeper respect for you, if that was possible. I want to thank you with a little gift from my own self. You've got to blame my wife if you don't like it, for she picked it out, and I hope you like it. (Presented clock and also a photograph).

National President Brady: I want to say here to you in the presence of your members and ours that there is nothing that gives my husband, James W. Brady, quite the thrill that a visit from you to our home does. My husband said, "The more I see Mr. Dyer the better I like him." When he says anything about anybody it is always after deep consideration. I am very happy to have this picture to hang in my home. As far as not liking the gift that your very busy wife was kind enough to select for me, will you please convey my appreciation to Mrs. Dyer, as I now thank you also for this remembrance.

Now I want to give you a gift which I know you have a great deal of use for. With it goes my love and appreciation of the many memories I have, principally the solicitude that you showed for my welfare and my health. Many times Brother Dyer took me personally from a room when I was exhausted and he thought I needed a rest. I think a Commander-in-Chief that looks after the health of his National President should be commended. I wish for you a grand convention. I hope it will go down as one of the best ever held in the world. (Presented a lovely brief case).

Commander Dyer: Thank you, Sister Margaret. Now as soon as the guests are escorted from the hall, will our sons please retire to the next room. We must begin our meeting promptly.

(Sons adjourned to their meeting place at 10:45).

FIRST SESSION

The first business session of the Fifty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was opened at 11:05 on Tuesday, September 6, 1938, with Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer presiding. Guides took up the password. Roll of officers found all present with the exception of the National Chaplain, Rev. William V. Dickinson, of Connecticut.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The password is in honor of General O. O. Howard, the father of our National Counselor. We should make much of these passwords in our Camps and I hope from now on we shall. I will ask Brother Frank Huston of Indiana to act today as Chaplain in place of our Chaplain, and invoke the divine blessing upon our Encampment.

Gentlemen, I am opening this Encampment with a gavel made from a tree which stood on a battlefield of the Civil War. I shall use during the Encampment a gavel made from the tree planted over the grave of Baron Von Steuben in Utica, N. Y., by General Lafayette. It was presented to me by a very dear friend in New York.

I appoint the following Committee on Credentials:

National Secretary Hammer, Chairman;
Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York;
Delegate Cloy V. Smith, Michigan;
Delegate Gordon G. Cline, Wisconsin;
Delegate W. F. Hathaway, Iowa.

Past Department Commander Chas. L. Miller of Des Moines acted as Guide; Delegate H. H. LeGrand of Monroe, Iowa, acted as Color Bearer; and Past Department Commander F. Aubrey Smith of Marshalltown, Iowa, acted as Inside Guard.

National Secretary Hammer reported for the Credential Committee a preliminary report: Nine Past Commanders-in-Chief, 16 Department Commanders, 48 Past Department Commanders, 103 Delegates, making a total of 176.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barrett took the chair while Commander-in-Chief Dyer read his report.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brothers and Members of this Encampment, I am going to apologize to you first for the length of my report. I couldn't make it any shorter, and say what was necessary.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Another year is almost gone and with it comes stock-taking time for our Order and ourselves.

Making due allowance for lessened business activity during the last nine months, which affected all patriotic and fraternal Orders alike, our year's record is not so bad as to make us cry—though it might have been better had all our members taken their obligations a little more seriously.

Some portion of it deserves special notice and some recommendations will be made to you—one or two of which may be a little disconcerting to some of our more conservative members, but nevertheless are made with the idea solely of ultimate benefit to our Order.

This meeting may be likened to an Annual Stockholders Meeting when we examine the successes and failures of the year, probe the possibilities of the coming year, and lay plans for future operations. Too often stockholders meetings are perfunctory—reports are read, recommendations made, officers are chosen, and the meeting adjourns leaving the officers to their own devices, forgetting that the stockholders, owners of the enterprise, themselves also have responsibilities. When plans are determined upon, it is the joint duty of officers and stockholders to prosecute those plans with all the power each possesses, and this the officers have a right to expect.

Last year at Madison your Delegates, without a dissenting voice, adopted a budget based upon securing one thousand new members. Attention was called to the fact that each one present by his vote pledged his full effort to secure these new members.

The Roll of Honor posted here discloses that of the 196 Madison delegates, only 96, merely one-half, reported they have done any work, and only 69 successfully. The total number thus secured, by giving every possible credit, was 495. This figure should not actually be more than 250 because upward of 230 of these were obtained through the establishment of new Camps and not as a result of individual effort to secure these one thousand members. I leave it to the members of this Encampment to determine whether those who attend Encampments take seriously the pledges they make. There is considerable difference between promise and performance. We may excuse lack of result if an effort is made, but there is no excuse for lack of effort when a promise to make it has been made. We may hope, if any pledges are made this year, that they will be more solemnly given and more seriously redeemed.

To return to the analogy of the stockholder, it would appear that in such a case as we have just cited, the stockholder was not supporting his own concern. How can results be hoped for or attained under such conditions? Are our Annual Encampments business meetings or merely social gatherings, and if the latter, aside from the pleasure we get from them are they worth their cost in time and money? That question is for each of us to answer—but may we not hope that this meeting, at least, shall be considered important, and that its business shall become a serious matter for every one of us here in attendance?

The function of a stockholder is not merely one of criticism—that is but negative help, if help it be at all. It is not one of mere approval. That too is negative unless it is accompanied by active, honest work in the year to follow. Every stockholder is charged with the obligation, when plans are approved and adopted, of definite and sincere support of them.

The Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is attended by but a small handful of its members—200 to 400 at the most—but each represents something. They are appointed delegates. As such they are expected on their return to acquaint their individual Camps and members who cannot attend, with what has occurred and secure their co-operation to the end that every member of our Order shall become an active supporter of its policies and plans. They are true Ambassadors. It is their responsibility whether the Order succeeds or fails. Is it too much, therefore, to ask that each of us assume that responsibility? In no other way can we reach full success.

THE CAMPAIGN

Last year our campaign was directed toward the securing of individual new members and the reinstatement of old ones, and a promise was made not to drop, during the campaign, either members or Camps. I think no one who would assume an agreement of that kind would secure 100 per cent performance. But we must seriously realize that it is impossible to conduct a successful campaign for new members if an equal or any considerable number of members are dropped. And especially is that true in the matter of dropping Camps. It would be a hopeless proposition for anyone to conduct a campaign under such circumstances. If we expect to build up the membership of this or any organization, we must thoroughly get it into our consciousness that we are securing new members—not dropping old ones. Of course there are unavoidable cases where members may properly be dropped if they are financially unable to pay their dues. But here arises a question of our attitude as a fraternity to such members, and that I wish to touch upon later. The only other reason for a member withdrawing from the Order is because of lost interest and the only effectual method of overcoming that is by *personal contact*, and by reselling to the member his interest in the objectives of his own Order. Too little real effort has been directed toward this—that we all know. However, the result of last year's work for at least nine months of the year was highly successful. Such an interest was aroused that for the first time in eighteen years, at the end of nine months, we had shown a gain.

In the months of April, May and June the Department Encampments occur with practically complete change of Department officers. Added to the fact that the summer months are the period of inactivity when many Camps do not hold meetings, and when we suffer our greatest losses, is the further fact that these newly elected officers must give their time to obtaining a knowledge of their duties and their own Departments, and being new to the work and unacquainted with the plans of the Campaign, fail to sustain and follow it up.

This situation may be likened to an impending battle where the General in charge has acquainted his Corps, Brigade, and Regimental officers with the plans of battle, when suddenly all those officers are displaced and he has to go into battle with officers having no knowledge of his plans. No General could successfully hope to win a battle under such circumstances and none ever has. I called this to the attention of the Encampment last year and proposed a remedy which you adopted; and authorized your Commander-in-Chief, in consultation with the National Counselor, to prepare the necessary change in our Regulations to put it into effect. These changes will be presented to you for your acceptance and I hope unanimous approval. But the result so far as the campaign of 1936-37 was concerned was that after the June Quarter it froze tight. The Quarter ending September 30 showed a loss of 455, which, while not as great as the loss of the same quarter of the previous year by some 270, nevertheless affected the result of the campaign. Then followed the Quarter ending December 31 when what is now called "a recession in business" occurred, with the result that that Quarter also showed a loss of approximately 400 members. So we entered this year's campaign thus handicapped.

Relying confidently upon the pledges made last year for the securing of one thousand individual members, we planned this year's campaign with the establishment of new Camps as an additional major objective. It takes time to establish new Camps. Very often several visits have to be made before a Camp is finally established. First, individuals have to be seen and their interest aroused, then a meeting or

several held, and finally if the work is well done, a Camp is established.

Immediately after the adjournment of our Encampment last year, your Commander-in-Chief sent to each Department Commander an analysis of his State giving him a list of every city and town in his Department having a population of 1,000 or more. It went further. It indicated every place in each Department where we already had a Camp. It indicated whether in each town there were or were not Corps, Circles, Tents, or Auxiliaries of our allied orders. In many cases the membership of each of these, together with a list of their Department officers was included. By an average obtained from our records, there was given according to population the relative membership which each Camp ought to have. This was not guess-work but was based on actual figures. This average was made up of poor and good Camps.

Then an average was given of the membership we ought to reasonably expect a live, active Camp to have, so that we had an aim in Camp membership to work to. Comparison particularly was made with the record of the Daughters of Veterans, which has the same eligibility rules as our own Order, and it was disclosed that the Daughters had Tents in many places where the Sons had no Camps. In one State 27 towns and cities were thus indicated, running from 1500 up to 70,000 inhabitants each. In another 41 cities. In every State, without exception, were disclosed opportunities of this kind for the establishment of Camps. Correspondence was had with the heads of allied orders with the view of securing their co-operation in our campaign and that co-operation was freely offered and made available. Other information which would be valuable was ready for use and whenever this analysis was received in a co-operative way by our Department Commanders results were obtained. I am confident no such exhaustive analysis of our Order and its opportunities has ever before been made.

Thus was laid the ground work for our Campaign. It took time and effort to compile it and it deserved at least a study and co-operative effort.

As a result you will be interested to know that work has been done looking toward the establishment of new Camps in considerably over 100 cities and towns. I believe by reason of this work on the part of our various Departments, we have laid the ground work for a good five years of effort which will be resultful sooner or later.

The first new Camp established was in Mill City, Pa. The second was in Springfield, Missouri, where a Camp of 115 members was established through the activity and initiative of our National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. John M. Dunlavy. I call especial attention to this Camp because it is in the nature of a County Camp to which members from various smaller towns were attracted. The Camp meets, let us say, three or four times a year and details to its members resident in those towns which may not be large enough to sustain a Camp, the work of caring for Civil War veterans graves, the celebration of Memorial Day in their localities, etc. This County Camp idea offers to us possibilities for the future. In sections which are sparsely settled, we may attract through it quite a number of eligibles who otherwise would not become members of our Order. We have not a great number, but do have several such Camps, and I recommend this to each Department Commander for earnest study.

Some of the members of our Order who have been giving considerable thought pro and con to our setup of Departments and Camps under which we have operated for the last 57 years, look upon it as out-

moded and not fitted to present day conditions. One suggestion has been made that we reorganize our Departments along the lines of one great State Camp, with County Camps, and abandon the plan of local Camps upon which we have relied for many years. I regret that I am not prepared to agree with such a theory. Each organization, fraternal or patriotic, is founded upon its own peculiar conditions and has been built up under those conditions and inhibitions. Our Order was organized on the lines of the Grand Army of the Republic, as later were the Spanish War Veterans and to a considerable extent still later the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc. There must be merit to this idea to induce so many thousands of members to join it and these other Orders and remain loyal members. It seems to me that it is better to build upon the foundation laid down, altering them only to suit such situations as those which induced the formation of this County Camp at Springfield, Missouri. As it is, we are in a position to use both plans.

The success of any Order like ours, or any business, does not depend primarily upon its plan of organization. It depends in the final analysis upon the enthusiastic belief in it on the part of its members and their willingness to loyally work for it, and it can be built up under *any* form with such interest.

Some of our members claim to have lost interest because they say the Ritual is not well done or is done sloppily. It is not the Ritual that is at fault. Our Ritual is a beautiful one and impressive if properly done. Where it is not properly done, it is largely because those who have been leaders in our organization have left the work to be done by people who do not know how to do it well or who do it indifferently. "The fault, dear Brutus, is in ourselves!" not in the Ritual, and the remedy is a more interested attendance on the part of those who can do it well and ought to. The remedy is not, therefore, the abandonment of the Ritual.

It is probably quite true that a good many people in the hurly-burly of the present time do not have time to give to Camp meetings. But many an Order has been carried on even under such conditions by what we might for lack of other words, call a skeleton organization, has been kept alive to meet peculiar emergencies, has been built up, survived and grown even under such untoward circumstances. Personally, I believe that any man who is interested in our organization and pays his dues and thus enables it to do good work, even if by reason of circumstances he is unable to attend meetings as others might, is a good member and is entitled to our respect as such. But if any cannot or do not want to attend Camp meetings, the opportunity is open to them to support the Order by becoming "Members at Large." It was to meet just that situation that the plan of membership at large was created.

The following Camps have been established:

Mill City, Pa.	20 members	Springfield, Mo.	115 members
Sioux City, Iowa.	25 members	Fairfield, Iowa	18 members
Clinton, Iowa	22 members	Chester, Pa.	33 members
Bayonne, N. J.	37 members	Washington, D. C.	27 members
Bath, N. J.	17 members	Coffeyville, Kan.	17 members
Cherryvalle, Kan.	25 members	Howard, Ohio	23 members
Rensselaer, N. Y.	20 members	Middletown, Conn.	43 members

With a total of 442 charter members.

These Camps were all established in the Quarter ending March 31 and this Quarter showed a net gain in membership.

Since then new Camps have been established in South Bend, Ind.; Kokomo, Ind.; Detroit, Mich.; Vinita, Okla.; North Bend, Neb.; and Newport, Vt., with a total of 194 charter members, and in other places.

Other Camps are in the process of forming, some of which will be instituted in the Quarter ending September 30, in Moberly, Mo.; Cape Girardeau, Mo.; St. Louis, Mo.; Unionville, Mo.; Sedalia, Mo., with expectations of Camps at Oregon, Clayton and Trenton, Missouri; and others at Bennington and Brandon, Vermont; Trinidad, Colorado; Owego, N. Y., and also in Olean, Plattsburgh, and New Rochelle, N. Y. I should characterize these latter three as hopes rather than expectations.

There are also possibilities of new Camps in Saginaw, Niles, Coldwater and Ionia, Michigan; Anna, Ill.; Nashville, Ind.; Franklin, Ind.; Morristown, Roselle Park and Norristown, N. J.; three new Camps in Iowa; Ulysses, Dewitt, North Platte and Lexington, Neb.; in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Alva and Stillwater, Oklahoma; in Salem, Olney, Jacksonville and Pontiac, Illinois, and besides these there are 50 or 60 other localities where work has been done and which offer sure prospects in the coming year or two with anything like normal condition.

No such activity as this has taken place in our Order for years. We started the year in October with 742 Camps and on March 31 we had 762 Camps. The new Camps established as given above do not include a number of reinstated Camps which had been either reinstated or dropped.

During the period under review the following Camps were suspended or dropped:

	Members		
Morrison, Ill.	28	Muskegon, Mich.	5
Manhattan, Kan.	15	East Liverpool, Ohio	18
Chanute, Kan.	10	Covington, Ohio	10
No. 103, Winfield, N. Y.)		Warren, Ohio	12
No. 92, Brooklyn, N. Y.) Total	8	Greenville, Ohio	12
No. 54, Nunda, N. Y.)		New Lexington, Ohio	3
Ypsilanti, Mich.	5	Ashtabula, Ohio	5
		Newcomerstown	3
	66		68

Total of 134 members.

And as of June 30 other Camps in Ohio were suspended as follows:

Elyria	33 members
Xenia	10 members
Seville	17 members
Willoughby	19 members
Marion	45 members
	124 members

A total of dropped or suspended Camps with 258 members of which 187 were in Ohio. We believe seven of these Camps were suspended temporarily and will soon be reinstated—though it does affect the record of the year.

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You have a right to expect a complete report of the year's work together with such recommendations as seems proper to make and I would like to give you such a report, but due to two conditions it cannot be done at this time. First—The early date of this Encampment, nearly a month earlier than that of last year, precludes any possibility of getting any figures for this Quarter and has made it

difficult to complete figures for the Quarter ending June 30. If our Departments were prompt in getting in their reports in time to compile and analyze them, it would be possible in an Encampment held even as early in September as this to give the record up to and including June 30. Unfortunately, at the time of preparing this report (August 15) five Departments—Maryland, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Washington—had not made their returns for the Quarter ending June 30. Two came in while this report was being typed. The others are not yet in so that the best we can do is to give you the record up to and including the March 31 Quarter and later make a supplementary report of the whole year up to September 30 and this will be done and included in the Proceedings which will be printed and published later.

We give you here a tabulation of the work of the Order for the four Quarters from January 1, 1937, to and including December 31, 1937, and also a tabulation for the five Quarters from January 1, 1937, to and including the Quarter ending March 31, 1938. These figures are taken from the records.

One table shows the comparative membership gain or loss of each period, and the other the relative standing in per cent of gains or losses in membership

TABLE I

STANDING BY DEPARTMENTS

GAIN OR LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP IN NUMBERS

4 Quarters from Jan. 1, 1937, to Jan. 1, 1938, inc.	Gain	Loss
1—Nebraska	94	
2—Connecticut	74	
3—Missouri	28	
4—Iowa	28	
5—California	28	
6—Kansas	22	
7—Wisconsin	21	
8—Rhode Island	13	
9—Maryland	4	
10—Minnesota		6
11—Florida-Alabama		7
12—Vermont		11
13—Maine		12
14—Michigan		13
15—Oregon		18
16—Colorado		20
17—Washington		30
18—New Hampshire		37
19—New Jersey		50
20—Ohio		73
21—New York		82
22—Illinois		115
23—Indiana		149
24—Pennsylvania		177
25—Massachusetts		223
Gross Loss		1023
Less Gain		312
Net Loss		711

5 Quarters from Jan. 1, 1937, to March 31, 1938, inc.	Gain	Loss
1—Nebraska	98	
2—Missouri	121*	
3—Iowa	69*	
4—Kansas	62	
5—Connecticut	60	
6—California	38	
7—Rhode Island	25*	
8—Maryland	3*	
8—Maryland	25*	
9—Wisconsin	4*	
11—Minnesota		5†
12—Florida-Alabama		5†
13—Michigan		8*
14—Oregon		14†
15—Vermont		19†
16—Colorado		26
17—Washington		29
18—Maine		35†
19—New Hampshire		41†
20—New York		67†
21—Ohio		66†
22—Illinois		122†
23—Indiana		150
24—Pennsylvania		233†
25—Massachusetts		262†
Gross Loss		1082
Less Gain		470
Net Loss		612

For comparison the record of previous years is here given:

4 Quarters ending:

December 31, 1933..2705 Loss
December 31, 1934..1832 Loss
December 31, 1935..1940 Loss
December 31, 1936..1438 Loss
December 31, 1937.. 711 Loss

5 Quarters ending:

March 31, 1934.....3303 Loss
March 31, 1935.....2190 Loss
March 31, 1936.....2283 Loss
March 31, 1937.....1383 Loss
March 31, 1938..... 613 Loss

Note—A reduction in loss compared with 1933-34 of 2690 members; and as compared with the average loss of the last four years, of 1969 members.

TABLE II

COMPARATIVE SHOWING BY DEPARTMENTS
BY PER CENT IN GAIN AND LOSS IN MEMBERSHIP

4 Quarters from Jan. 1, 1937, to Dec. 31, 1937, inc.	Gain %	Loss %
1—Nebraska	146.5	
2—Missouri	12.24	
3—Iowa	10.48	
4—Kansas	8.07	
5—Connecticut	5.38	
6—California	4.15	
7—Wisconsin	4.12	
8—Rhode Island	3.76	
9—Maryland	1.09	
10—Maine		1.18
11—Vermont		1.82
12—Michigan		2.78
13—Minnesota		2.98
14—Pennsylvania		3.32
15—New York		3.39
16—Ohio		3.42
17—Massachusetts		5.16
18—New Hampshire		5.38
19—New Jersey		6.12
20—Colorado		9.09
21—Oregon		10.46
22—Florida-Alabama		11.66
23—Illinois		14.92
24—Washington		18.87

5 Quarters from Jan. 1, 1937, to March 31, 1938, inc.	Gain %	Loss %
1—Nebraska	156.25	
2—Missouri	52.52*	
3—Iowa	25.84*	
4—Kansas	13.56	
5—Rhode Island	7.21*	
6—California	5.63	
7—Connecticut	4.52	
8—Maryland	0.81*	
9—Wisconsin	0.78*	
10—New Jersey	*	
11—Michigan		1.71*
12—New York		2.32†
13—Minnesota		2.48†
14—Vermont		3.15†
15—Maine		3.49†
16—Ohio		3.57†
17—Pennsylvania		4.04†
18—Massachusetts		6.06†
19—New Hampshire		5.96†
20—Oregon		8.13†
21—Colorado		11.82
22—Florida and Alabama		15. †
23—Illinois		15.82†
24—Washington		15.24
25—Indiana		18.72

For comparison the record of previous years is here given.

Average per cent of loss:

4 Quarters ending:

Dec. 31, 1933.....8.58% Loss
Dec. 31, 1934.....6.35% Loss
Dec. 31, 1935.....6.44% Loss
Dec. 31, 1936.....6.59% Loss
Dec. 31, 1937.....3.01% Loss

5 Quarters ending:

March 31, 1934..10.46% Loss
March 31, 1935.. 7.59% Loss
March 31, 1936.. 8.05% Loss
March 31, 1937.. 5.51% Loss
March 31, 1938.. 2.72% Loss

Note—A reduction of loss in per cent of 7.74% as compared with the period ending March 31, 1934; and of 4.52% as compared with the average loss of the last four years.

These tables are submitted to you without comment further than to say that deaths have not been excluded, assuming this percentage to be the same in each Department, though there may be a variance in this respect and one which it is likely might change slightly the relative positions, especially of the larger Departments. The Departments marked with an * have reported gains in the June Quarter; those marked with a † have reported losses. These reports will result in putting Michigan and New Jersey in the "Gain" column, lowering the positions of Maine and New Hampshire and placing Ohio below Oregon in both tables.

Indiana since June, reports a substantial gain through the establishment of two new Camps, one of which starts with 63 Charter members and another with 38 so that at the end of September it is quite likely that Indiana will be pretty close to, if not in the "Gain" column. This is also true of Minnesota.

FINANCES

For the information of our members a comparison is herewith made of our financial condition as of date of June 30 for the two years.

BALANCE ON HAND

	1937	1938
Permanent Fund	$1098.18	$1878.75
Organization and Historical Marker Fund	492.34	1080.68
General Fund	3096.02	3503.28
	$4686.54*	$6462.71*

* From these figures we will all be pleased to note that our financial condition is improved this year as it was *last* year. It evidences a careful watchfulness of expenditures.

I express the hope that our permanent fund may not only be increased yearly, but that it may also be added to through personal gifts by devoted members to the end that we may eventually be able to establish permanent headquarters.

The Organization and Historical Marker Fund this year will be reduced $150.00 by our humanitarian gift, in conjunction with our Auxiliary, to Arlington Hall, a home for underprivileged boys. We hope that all will approve of this type of gift instead of the customary tablet which we have heretofore erected in the city in which we held our Encampment, for this year's gift will go on continually, year after year, doing good.

THE BANNER

The Banner, as our official organ, has continued to be published bi-monthly. Because of conditions of which we are all aware, we have not been able to resume the publication of this official organ monthly. We all realize that the publication of our official paper at more frequent intervals would contribute to the interest of all the members of our Order and to the Order itself. It is no small job, however, to get the material for the paper together and publish it even bi-monthly. We hope that the messages and information which it has conveyed have been inspiring and have contributed to the good of the Order. That has been the aim of all who have had to do with it. If our finances were such as to warrant it, I would recommend that instead of six issues a year, we have at least one or two more issues a year. More items of news and more up-to-date material could thus be received by our members.

Brother Holbrook, the Editor of The Banner, deserves your approbation and appreciation, as he affectionately has my own.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS AND CHAPLAINS REPORTS

Last year and this we have had much improved Patriotic Instructors' reports. It gives us hope that eventually this report will be of real value. Those of you who have read this report will appreciate the difficulty of compiling them. Last year about 50 per cent of the Departments reported. This year due to the energy and agreeable persistency of our National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. John M. Dunlavy, all but two Departments or 90 per cent, have made reports. Even under this much improved situation, the reports from local Camps and Departments still leave much to be desired and do not tell the full story of the fine work our Organization is doing in the way of patriotic endeavor, especially during the Memorial Day period. Could we have the story once fully told, as I said last year, it would be propaganda of the highest order with prospective members.

In some respects these two reports cover similar ground and I recommend that the Chaplain's Report, so far as compiling data is concerned be abandoned, such of it as is useful be incorporated in the Patriotic Instructor's Report, and that the latter report be revised and simplified. Our Secretary informs me that we have a comparatively small quantity of these reports on hand. If so, it is an opportune time to do this.

Read carefully the very lively and highly interesting report this year of our National Patriotic Instructor.

GRAVE MARKING COMMITTEE

Again under the able leadership of Brother Hale this Committee continues to do an outstanding work. Particularly fine work has been done in Indiana under the Chairmanship of Brother Will H. Ball, and in Illinois, New York, and Iowa. I must not pass this report without giving special commendation for the work done by all the New England Departments. It was my good fortune to travel by automobile through these States attending their Encampments and other functions before and after Memorial Day, and I took particular note of the cemeteries passed and of the work which had been done in them. On these trips I was accompanied by the National President of our Auxiliary and we both commented on the thoroughness with which the work had been done. We counted over 500 cemeteries which we passed, in not one of which were flags missing. All had been carefullly and thoroughly covered. I presume this same condition obtains throughout the whole United States where we have Departments and Camps, and commendation is not only due to New England but to our other Departments for their very fine work, but I do feel that I ought not to omit the commendation which is due to every one of these New England Departments for work which we saw with our eyes.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Nothing further has been accomplished this year in the extension of the naming of this highway west of the Mississippi River. A bill was introduced, at the instance of the Chairman of our Committee, Brother Anderson, in the Congress, with the hope that it would, by Congressional action, be named in the Western States, but the bill fell by the wayside, and the work of naming this highway west of the Mississippi must now be done by local committees of the Western States through which it passes.

Much work remains to be done by the States in which it is already named, in the way of proper marking. The highway is not adequately

marked in any State, unless it be in the small section which traverses New York, and possibly Massachusetts.

ALLIED ORDERS

I am glad to report that our relations with the organizations allied with us and the Grand Army have continued most friendly and cordial throughout the year. Appreciation is due first to the President of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, who has, in her well-known, loyal, enthusiastic manner throughout the whole year, been a tower of strength to our Organization, seeking wherever she went to aid it, and express the loyalty and interest of her Organization toward it. She has appeared before scores of our Camps and Departments and everywhere with the utmost tact and highly inspiring words. We owe her much and I gratefully acknowledge the help that she has been to us throughout the whole year. The thanks of our whole Organization are due to her and she has mine.

We have come in contact more this year with Mrs. Mary Manning, National President of the Daughters, and Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., than with Mrs. Kothe, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. This is not because of any desire on her or our part but because of the very unfortunate accident which compelled Mrs. Kothe to relinquish much of her traveling, and give up a good deal of her personal work throughout the year, which nevertheless would have been given had she been able. I am glad, as we all are, for her recovery and presence here in Des Moines. To all of these fine women we owe a debt of gratitude. It has been the desire of all the heads of various allied organizations to accentuate the spirit of friendliness and co-operation to the end that we may all work cordially and unitedly toward our one common purpose.

INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES—AND DECISIONS

Several requests for interpretations of our Rules and Regulations were asked of the Commander-in-Chief and the interpretations given were sustained by our National Counselor and will appear in the records.

One was in respect to the status of Past Camp Commanders and Past Department Commanders, whose Camps might be in arrears, but who themselves were not.

One was in respect to the suspension of Camps, per capita tax of suspended Camps, and authority for dropping of Camps or forfeiture of Camp Charters.

Also, your Commander-in-Chief requested advice from the National Counselor as to his duties in certain emergencies, and received a carefully rendered opinion, which will also be made record of in our Proceedings.

This latter opinion also, for the first time, indicated the method to be pursued, by which a dishonorably discharged member might be re-instated.

I believe these interpretations of Rules and Regulations—and decisions, which have been made in this and previous years should be codified, for our guidance, and so recommend.

VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

To every living veteran of the Civil War, we owe respectful reverence. They and our fathers, their companions in arms, preserved this Union and gave us this united country. We can never be sufficiently thankful to them for it. Their deeds are ours to recount and remember, their memories are ours always to keep green.

We are their sons; from them we received our life and through us their blood is transmitted. As loyal sons we honor them. There are some duties no decent son can overlook and this is one of them.

We can do much, each son of a veteran individually, to repay the debt we owe them but now when devotion to the country they preserved and gave us is so much needed, we cannot begin to do as much singly, as we can bound together in an organization.

It is my deep conviction, as I know it is yours, that we owe it to these men, to our country which we love, and to our Order, to *seek out* every son and grandson of these men who preserved for us these United States, and induce every one of them to join and strengthen this Organization of ours, which these veterans sanctioned and blessed for the work we have ahead of us these days is important.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The number of men who served in the Union forces during the Civil War was over 2,000,000.

The Grand Army of the Republic (together with the Loyal Legion) which was formed after the Civil War, as an organized body is generally looked upon as the exponent of the ideals of all Civil War veterans. It is estimated that at its peak it had something over 400,000 members; in other words, about one-fourth of those who served in the War.

Our Organization, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which was formed 57 years ago, is an independent, incorporated body. Loosely speaking, it is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic as are the four women's organizations known as the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans, and our own Auxiliary, all of which are of later organization date than our Order. The membership of our Order is composed probably of about the same ratio of descendants of Grand Army men as that Order bore to the total of Civil War veterans, perhaps slightly more. While we are glad and proud to be associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, we must as a separate, self-contained Order at all times retain freedom of action and decision on matters affecting it. This, of course, is fundamental, else our Order would simply be a tail to a falling kite, so to speak.

We are glad to honor all Grand Army of the Republic members in common with all Civil War veterans. To them we owe as to others a common loyalty and support and are, always have been, and always will be glad to give it.

In the days of the strength of the Grand Army of the Republic, their Encampments were notable affairs attended by thousands. The affiliated bodies, such as ours and the others, were a comparatively small part of those Encampments. As time, however, has passed, the number of Grand Army men attending has dwindled, until now it is very small. Proportionately, the five affiliated bodies make up the bulk of those now attending these Annual Encampments and in the same proportion their desires and requirements are fairly entitled to consideration. That those requirements have not always been given that consideration is true, and sometimes Encampments have been held at such times and places as to work more or less of a hardship and have resulted in lessened attendance and enthusiasm. Our Order has sometimes felt the effects of this seriously. It has been the custom for years for the Grand Army of the Republic to set the time and place of Encampments and no suggestions for consideration otherwise have met a favorable response. Even though loath to make a change, most of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic recognize

the need for something to be done. A proposition has been advanced by the Grand Army with the object of at least giving us voice—if it still be a faint one—in this matter and it will be laid before you for your consideration. A resolution was passed by the Grand Army at the Madison Encampment adding Article IV, Section V, to their C. R. & R. as follows:

> "There may be admitted to the meetings of the National Council of Administration, the presiding officer and one delegate elected from the permanent membership of the National organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These representatives may sit in the meetings of the National Council of Administration *but may not have a vote. They may have a voice in the proceedings only by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership of the National Council.*"

While it is very pleasant to be thus invited to sit with the National Council of Administration of the Grand Army, it is not very flattering to be told that "like little children we are to be seen but not heard," and our own respect for the dignity of our Order—to say nothing of the age and standing of its members—might properly lead us to a respectful declination of the invitation to sit on any other than equal terms. But we may properly consider this a little further and bear in mind that one of the rules of their Order has been that no one but a Civil War veteran, a member of the Grand Army, may vote in their meetings. A suggestion might be made that this group ought more properly to be organized as a separate and joint meeting of representatives of all the Orders involved. And I think we will all agree that that should be the proper procedure. But here also we note the plain desire by those responsible for this proposition to retain control in the hands of the Grand Army, or the few now left in it.

The proposition is not a satisfactory one in the form presented. Viewed as a proposal to give a reluctant voice in these affairs with which we are concerned, and as an olive branch, it may as a temporary expedient take on a somewhat different aspect. When the proposition was broached to the allied organizations in January and each of the presiding officials of the allied Orders were asked for his or her opinion, your Commander-in-Chief, representing the Sons, took this position: "We are reluctant to oppose anything the Grand Army offers. We, however, call your attention to the fact that the Sons, like the other Orders, is an independent, incorporated body which, being true, must maintain itself unfettered at all times to act as seems for its best interest. It cannot, therefore, bind itself to a proposition of this kind for any length of time. It does not wish to seem unappreciative of the offer made and desires to be co-operative.

"In this family of patriotic bodies, it has been glad to recognize the G. A. R. as 'head of the family'—the father of it—so to speak. But when the father of the family passes away, then the son naturally succeeds to his place, and this the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expect reasonably to do, and hope for the same loyal support from the other Orders that they have for years given to the Grand Army. So long as the Grand Army continues to function as a national body, our Order desires to go along with it in any reasonable way and while it does not consider this plan a particularly appealing one nor as good a plan as ought to be proposed, it will not oppose its trial—with the understanding, however, that it cannot bind itself

further than to try it out, without being considered a permanent proposition."

Your Commander-in-Chief, therefore, reports to you that he does not consider this proposition is an adequate one, nor is it a proposition which dignifies our standing as an independent Order, and it ought to be rejected for a better plan, but he recommends its trial and that we accept the invitation as a somewhat reluctant and belated concession in the spirit in which it is offered, without prejudice and without binding ourselves to its permanent continuance, and makes ths further recommendation that if the invitation is accepted and approved by this Encampment, the representatives of our Order be the Commander-in-Chief-elect and the outgoing Commander-in-Chief; the first because he will have a definite interest in the question of the next Encampment, and the latter because of his present knowledge of the situation and our needs.



It is unfortunate that our Encampment occurs this year so early in September. The first of the month, and particularly Labor Day week, is not a good time to hold an Encampment for many reasons—which are plainly apparent—and especially an Encampment at a distance such as Des Moines, to reach which, most of our members have to travel some considerable distance through the heavy traffic of the Labor Day period.

I express the hope that the time will come, and be not far off, when we as an Order shall be able to set our own time for holding our Encampment. At present, it is set by a small handful of members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and not always with the consideration which should be given as regards the place and time convenient to the Affiliated Orders.

AMERICANIZATION WORK

The Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has its roots deeply imbedded in a rich heritage of patriotic accomplishment. In these particular times, when the principles of American civilization are being attacked and are seriously threatened, both from within and without, our obligations become intensified. There is no Department and no local Camp in our Order which can be excused from the responsibility of "Keeping America American" or of participating in some way in this work.

It is not a party or a political movement. It is a responsibility which both great parties of our nation and all our people must assume. If our American Democracy is to be preserved with its guarantees of personal rights, the teachings of history must be respected and we must, each one of us, view with an appraising eye what is happening to human rights elsewhere in the world where Democracy is either a hollow sham or in total eclipse, and dictators are in the saddle.

Our school system should be eternally driving against those forces that are endeavoring to undermine our Constitution and form of government, and we should see that they do. If we do not make our schools bulwarks of defense of our institutions—if our Universities do not stand four-square in this respect, and if we do not *all* take our responsibilities seriously—what will happen to us is what has already happened in certain countries over-seas. The most dangerous thing that could take place right now would be for us to become complacent, under the false theory that while this thing can happen elsewhere, "It cannot happen here."

There is no room in America for un-American theories of government, for Fascism, Communism, or any other alien ism.

The Democratic theory of government assured to us under the American Constitution is the only one under which we will consent to live—and that attitude of mind must be somehow transmitted into the consciousness of every school teacher, every college leader, professor or undergraduate, and every citizen. If it is, one great jeopardy to our American principles will be removed.

It is the duty of every Camp, of every member of our Order, to extend his influence, however great or small, to every one with whom he comes in contact, to that purpose. And every one of us should be a *militant* part in some way or another in Americanization activity.

But we must not stop there. We must go further than that. In every city in the land, we have so-called Americanization work among the foreign born. To large extent this work is good, but to a very great extent it has been directed toward urging aliens to become American citizens that they may exercise the privileges of citizenship, one of which is to vote. Whether it is not time for a careful appraisal of this kind of Americanization work, I ask you to consider. Has too much stress been placed upon their taking out citizenship papers before they have been properly grounded in the principles of our American Constitution? Has this resulted in *premature* citizenship? Have these people become citizens with too little undertsanding of the duties of citizenship? Have we created hundreds of thousands of voters who have no understanding of this precious right only to see them "take their orders" from some political leader or corrupt boss, himself unmindful of the moral value of the vote, and who by using these people, is able to perpetuate himself in a control, or the wrong control, of politics? Remembering that most of these aliens come from countries where the vote means something entirely different from our conception of it—or nothing at all—are we permitting this privilege to go out of our hands into the hands of those who see nothing precious in our heritage?

We are concerned with these questions—vitally. Our Legislative Committee, under the able leadership of Brother Heintz, has been considering this and other questions affecting our Order, and will present for your consideration a form of alien registration law which we hope can be made one of the objectives of our Order this coming year.

I recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief create a "Committee on Americanization Work" with the ablest men we can find to be put at the head of it, and that similar committees be set up in each Department, and that a man or men be named in every Camp to correspond with this Committee, and with each other, for the purpose of checking this work, and that the work be done consistently and constantly throughout the Order.

If we have faith in the American form of government and in the American way of doing things, we must justify that faith by works.

"We cannot sit silent and simply worship our Constitution. We cannot embalm it and consign it to a mausoleum of patriotic indifference and think it will be preserved." We shall only preserve it by a virile, vocal, and visible resistance to all that is un-American and by a militant challenge to those ideas and principles which are clearly un-American.

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Our Order received a citation for its work in the Sesquecentennial Celebration of the American Constitution, and it also received a cita-

tion for the interest which it took in the Franklin celebration in Pennsylvania.



We have continued our membership in the American Coalition, a group of 120 Patriotic Orders, which has its headquarters in Washington under the Presidency of Hon. John B. Trevor. We are appreciative of the interested work of our own member assigned to represent us in this group in Washington—Brother Charles S. Davis.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Our rules at present permit only descendants of those who were mustered into and served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the Union Army during the Civil War to become members. I know that it will come perhaps as a shock to some of our conservative members when I say that I think these eligibility rules might well be broadened to include, under proper restrictions, others who gave as important service to the Union cause during the Civil War as did many who served in its Federal Forces.

The Loyal Legion permits, in default of direct descent, certain collateral male descendants descending from a brother or sister of such original member. The Sons of the American Revolution admit to membership descendants of those who gave succor or performed outstanding services for the cause of their country during the Revolutionary War.

There were a number of military organizations raised in the Civil War, when emergencies were pressing, which gave as devoted service to the cause of the Union as did many of the units which were regularly mustered into the Federal Service, and many of the men of these units suffered in Libby, Andersonville, and other prisons during the War. These units enlisted for an emergency, performed their duty, and in many cases a vital one, and were mustered out and to an unfortunate degree have been almost forgotten. I recommend that under careful control their descendants, upon proper proof of their descent, be permitted to become members in some form of our Order. A number of these units served most patriotically in Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Pennsylvania, and other States. We might well consider permitting them to become associate or sustaining members, if nothing else.

Another class which it seems should be considered favorably for similar membership in our Order are descendants of War Governors of the loyal States. Many of these Governors performed outstanding, devoted service and some of them were worth in what they did as much as a whole regiment of soldiers; they aided the Union cause unmistakably, and I believe we should, and I recommend that we do, admit their lineal descendants to some form of membership in our Order. What sense is there in a patriotic Order like ours taking in descendants of men who by good fortune were mustered into service, many of whom perhaps never saw fire, and omitting descendants of men who did outstanding and valuable service for the Union during the years 1861-65? Are their descendants any less desirable timber for our Order than many who have joined it?

Another thing which it seems to me we might seriously consider is the question of honorary associate membership. Would it not materially strengthen us if we had a fairly large group of influential men in full sympathy with our cause and its aims, as honorary life members, each of whom would gladly pay say $50 to become such, have the privilege of association with this great patriotic Order of ours and be a real support to it?

Now when we are dropping scores of members who cannot see it worth a mere $2.00 a year to retain their membership and when we find it difficult to attract descendants of Civil War veterans because they are so indifferent to their father's memory as to fail to keep it green through association with a patriotic Order like the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is it not time we laid aside a little some of our precedents and prejudices, and woke up to the idea that there is something we can do, a little different than we have been doing, and attract to our Order a supporting body of fine American citizens sympathetic to our cause?

TERM OF OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

From the experience which I have gained from these two years of intimate contact with our Order nationally, I have become convinced that we shall get nowhere at all as an Organization by electing our Commander-in-Chief for a one-year term. No Commander-in-Chief however able, brilliant, or resourceful he may be, can do anything really constructive in that short period. It is just waste. This plan has been tried and for the last 18 years has been an utter complete failure.

I believe we should find the very ablest man we can—a member of our Order—who knows it, believes in it, and has had some experience in sane and practical organizing, whether it be business or fraternal, and has the time to devote to it; that we should elect him for a period sufficiently long to enable him to accomplish something, pay him enough to secure his services, give him enough to reasonably travel the territory required, and not hamstring him in this latter respect as has been done the last few years. Then we may expect returns and will get them. We will get them in no other way. No paid professional organizer will do.

This is just plain common sense. It has been proven in the case of the National Grange, which found in its present President the right man, and only reached its peak and full influence when they elected him for a period of years, and got the results expected. There should be no question of precedent here for we have precedent enough in the election of our Secretary-Treasurer for a period of five years. If that is wise and practical, there is no reason why the other should not be.

The only other course to pursue would be to make the officer who is paid for his services, the executive officer of the Order, and hold him and not the Commander-in-Chief responsible for its upbuilding and its progress, and then have the Commander-in-Chief merely a "figure head," a sort of Chairman of the Board, or whatever you may call it. But even that gets back to the original proposition, i. e., a man to accomplish something must have a sufficiently long tenure of office, together with the wherewithal with which to work to accomplish anything. We may wish—and hope—and desire—and think—and strive—and believe we can do it otherwise, but the plain facts of the matter are that it simply cannot be done. The only mouse in the meal is the possibility of misjudgment in selecting the right man, and that could be guarded against in our Organization just as easily as in any business.

I recognize that there will be, to use a slang phrase, a howl from office seekers, who wish only the honor of a badge, but can we not afford to ignore them, free the Order from personal ambitions and vanities, and through some such method as this enable it to be put on a sound foundation?

Please do not let me be misunderstood. I am not suggesting a continuance in term for the present Commander-in-Chief, nor for any

particular person. I am simply stating this as a broad business principle, and I believe, a wise proposition, and I commend it to you for your careful consideration.

THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Now that renewed interest is appearing in this branch of our Order, it seems opportune and wise to lay down some general rules for its guidance.

I recommend that a committee of five be created to formulate these, and that there be created from the Commandery-in-Chief, the office of Chief-of-Staff with proper designating military title, who shall be the Commanding officer of the Reserve and correlate the activities of the various Departmental Regiments or Brigades—always with the undertsanding that the Military Division is subservient to the Civic Order. I believe this to be important, as everyone who has had to do with the Reserve likewise believes.

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ADVERTISING AND CIRCULARS

I recommend that our printed publicity be brought up to date, and our folders and circulars be modernized in form and matter, to the end that we may have something distinctive and attractive, which would be fitted for us with prospectives and the public.

At present we have nothing worthy of the name, with the possible exception of the circular, "Information concerning the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

What other circulars we have are too wordy, are unattractive, and should not be used.

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The past year has provided many problems for our Organization to consider. It has been sometimes difficult for a strictly non-partisan organization to decide whether burning questions of the day are strictly partisan and political, or whether they are questions which we as an Order, bound by our Constitution to be watchful of our country's liberties, cannot pass without taking a part in their discussion and determination.

The objects of our Order are expressed in its Constitution. They are definite and unequivocal.

They are these—and the recital of them may serve to more clearly define our course of action.

First—We are pledged "to perpetuate the memories and sacrifices of our fathers and forefathers for the maintenance of the Union."

Second — We are pledged "to commemorate our heroic dead through patriotic and historical services and the proper observance of Memorial Day."

These two objectives, in passing, I wish to say, we have admirably done.

Third—We are pledged "to assist the worthy members of our own Order."

Have we done this adequately? The dropping of members temporarily financially unable to pay dues raises this question for us as brothers to consider.

Fourth—We are pledged "to oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies, and efforts that make for the impairment of our Constitutional Union."

Fifth—We are pledged "to demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism, and require the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard."

Sixth—We are pledged "to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and love and honor of our flag."

Seventh—We are pledged "to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, of universal liberty, and of impartial justice to all."

With these purposes in mind and these pledges as our yardstick, *we are concerned* with making it a strict test of our support of candidates for public office that they agree to support our form of government regardless of party.

We are concerned with and may properly condemn the holding of a dual allegiance by any of our citizens.

We are concerned with and may rightly oppose aliens permanently remaining on our relief rolls, and we are vitally concerned with any changes in our immigration laws relaxing restrictions on aliens entry, and that when aliens are admitted into our border, they shall give sure evidence that they will not become a public charge, and will agree in advance to abide by our Constitution and laws and not seek to subvert them.

We are concerned with any changes in our judiciary, and with its independence of any other branch of our Federal government, and may justly take the attitude of opposing reprisals on any Senators or Representatives for their acts in upholding the independence of the Judiciary.

We are concerned with and may rightfully oppose the so-called "Reorganization" bills which concentrate practically unrestricted power in the hands of one person.

We are concerned with and may justly oppose tendencies toward concentration of power which in the hands of an arrogant or wrongfully ambitious person or persons, might give opportunity for or lead to, the establishment of a dictatorship in contravention of our American form of government.

We are concerned with and may rightfully oppose the forceful taking possession of another's property by sit-down strikes and the like, striking at the very roots of our liberties, and we may justly take executives and leaders to task for failure to protect such rights guaranteed to our people in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

We are concerned with and may properly oppose the action of Legislative Committees in their attempted forcibly taking possession of private correspondence, telegrams, papers, etc., as a direct violation of the guarantees against unlawful seizure and search under the Fourth Amendment to the American Constitution.

We are concerned with and may, in pursuance of our own Order's constitution, to which we are pledged, take the position that the right of an American farmer to raise what he pleases on his farm is an unquestionable and fundamental right, and that any measure denying or abridging that right is a violation of his Constitutional privileges.

We are concerned with and may take the position under the Bill of Rights, that any government activity which prevents employer and employee alike from publicly expressing their opinions on matters with which either is concerned, is not in accordance with but violates the Constitutional right of free speech, a free press, and the right of equal protection under the law.

We may properly express our feeling and belief that the guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights are as important in any and every particular as the Constitution itself, for our Constitution was not ratified until they were included and incorporated in it, and when any of these rights are assailed, or an attempt is made to weaken them, we are vitally concerned, and action by our Order is properly called for.

Finally, we believe it is the solemn duty of our Order because of our own peculiar heritage, to champion and defend all those precious heritages which were established for us by our forefathers and defended for us by our fathers with their lives and blood, the same blood which flows in our veins.

Our Order through your chosen Officers and Legislative Committee has meticulously founded action during the past trying years on these tests of our bounden duty. We have opposed the proposed changes in our Federal Judiciary, we have opposed the iniquitous Reorganization Bill, and whenever and wherever occasion required have faithfully done our rightful duty in upholding the American Constitution and form of Government.

I make no claim for originality of thought or expression in what I have here said. I am rather, summarizing the opinions of many in and outside of our Order, with whom I have come in contact these two years—and with whom I heartily agree.

IN CONCLUSION

I cannot close this report without a word of appreciation to those who have done loyal, continuous and consistent work this year for our Order.

After the Madison Encampment, with a view to giving all our National Officers a part in this year's work, I requested our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Barrett, to take supervision of the West Coast Departments, which he has done. I regret that I have not been able to be in close personal contact with him during the year, except through correspondence, but we have thus kept in touch with each other.

I asked our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Graves, to take under his charge the Departments of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa. He has several times visited each of these Departments and attended with me, as did our National Patriotic Instructor, the Central Regional meeting. It has been a joy to have been associated with him thus more intimately this year and we have had several meetings and earnest conversations regarding our Order. I have come to know and esteem his fine character and to deeply prize his friendship, as well as the loyal work he has done.

In January at Des Moines, I asked our National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Dunlavy, if he would be willing to take over the supervision of the Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma sector, in which we had planned to put special efforts this year, together with his own Department, Missouri. Brother Dunlavy is a native of Nebraska, has lived in both Kansas and Missouri, and is thoroughly familiar with the whole Mid-West section. With prompt and characteristic loyalty he accepted the assignment and went immediately to work. Brother Dunlavy is a natural born organizer. The wonderfully improved showing made in the Mid-West section is largely due to his tactful and persistent efforts and contagious enthusiasm. Establishing a goodly number of new Camps, he has been responsible for a renewed interest among a number of others which were dormant. His response to every request made has been cheerful, immediate, and resultful.

To our National Counselor, Brother Judge Howard, go hearty thanks for appreciative understanding of the perplexities that sometimes beset a Commander-in-Chief.

Possessed to a high degree of that most desirable of qualities—good common sense, well versed in law and in our Constitution, Rules, and Regulations—he has interpreted them with clarity and sound judgment. He is a good son of a grand father. His visits in my home and mine in his are a delightful recollection.

To our genial and ever efficient National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Horace Hammer, I again express appreciation and thanks, both for myself personally and for our Order for constant and loyal service. Please remember what I said last year, Brother Horace, and that goes double this year both for yourself and your good wife.

I am deeply grateful to all our National Officers for their fine cooperation and earnest work this year, and extend that same gratitude to all our Department Commanders and Officers and Camp Officers for their undivided and willing support. Whatever of success our Order has attained this year is due, as it was last year, to them, and I unhesitatingly and cheerfully give it to them.

This report is too long, but there have been so many things to cover, none of which should have been omitted, that I have been unable to condense or shorten it, and because of that I have been obliged to omit appreciative reference to the many, many friendly acts and personal kindnesses shown me throughout the year. They are none of them forgotten. May I express now, though not in the full measure I feel it, to everyone of you, good friends and brothers, my deepest possible appreciation of your friendship so often and so plainly shown. It is full compensation for any effort I may have given. Thank you all, most gratefully. Thus must the record stand!

In F. C. & L.,

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

For the year September 30, 1937, to September 30, 1938, inclusive.

STANDING BY DEPARTMENTS

Membership Gain or Loss in numbers

	Gain	Loss
1—Missouri	112	
2—Nebraska	68	
3—Kansas	67	
4—Iowa	57	
5—New Jersey	40	
6—Michigan	37	
7—Maryland	24	
8—Rhode Island	19	
9—Col. & Wyo.	3	
10—Oregon	2	
11—Alabama & Tennessee		6
12—Connecticut		7
13—New Hampshire		12
14—Wisconsin		17
15—Minnesota		17
16—Indiana		20
17—Maine		42
18—California & Pacific		46
19—Vermont		63
20—New York		69
21—Washington		69
22—Illinois		148
23—Massachusetts		165
24—Ohio		269
25—Pennsylvania		306
Losses		1255
Less Gains	429	429
Net loss for the year		826

Membership Gain or Loss in percentage

	Gain	Loss
1—Nebraska	.54+ %	
2—Missouri	.46—	
3—Kansas	.34+	
4—Iowa	.20—	
5—Michigan	.09—	
6—Maryland	.06+	
7—Rhode Island	.05+	
8—New Jersey	.05—	
9—Col. & Wyo.	.01+	
10—Oregon	.01+	
11—Connecticut		.01— %
12—New Hampshire		.02—
13—New York		.02+
14—Indiana		.03+
15—Wisconsin		.03+
16—Massachusetts		.04—
17—Maine		.04+
18—Pennsylvania		.06+
19—Califronia & Pacific		.07—
20—Minnesota		.08—
21—Vermont		.10+
22—Alabama &Tennessee		.11—
23—Ohio		.14+
24—Illinois		.19—
25—Washington		.42—

Note—Average of all Departments is .031%.

Membership Losses:

Year ending September 30, 1933.....3964
Year ending September 30, 1934.....1646
Year ending September 30, 1935.....2146
Year ending September 30, 1936.....1973

Average loss per year 1933 to 1935 inclusive is.....2432

Year ending September 30, 1937..... 476
Year ending September 30, 1938..... 826

Average loss for six years 1933 to 1938 inclusive is...1838
Average loss per year 1937 to 1938 inclusive is..... 651

Note—Practically all the loss in year ending September 30, 1937, occurred in the September 30 Quarter.

Practically all the loss in year ending September 30, 1938, occurred in the Quarters ending December 31, 1937, and September 30, 1938.

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I am sure that every man assembled in this Encampment is indeed fortunate to have had the privilege of listening to this fine report. Brother Dyer is to be congratulated on setting forth in a straightforward way the objects and needs of our Order. What is your wish with regard to this report of our Commander-in-Chief?

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston of Indiana: I move that the report of our Commander-in-Chief be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, and all other reports take the same course; and that we give a rising vote of thanks for this splendid report. (Carried). (Applause).

National Secretary Hammer: I present the reports of the Senior Vice, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary, Patriotic Instructor, Counselor, various Encampment Committees, and the Chaplain's report is, I believe, on the way. We will refer these to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Brother Sautter is Chairman. (So voted).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Huntington Park, Calif., July 30, 1938.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I have the honor to make the following report as your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I would thank all for the honor conferred upon my Department, California and Pacific, and myself at the Madison Encampment. I have endeavored at all times and on all occasions to fill the office to the very best of my ability, and to emulate the principles and objects of the Order and to obey all orders coming from competent authority. It is needless to say that the office has brought me many opportunities to represent the Commandery-in-Chief. I shall always feel mighty kindly toward all who so graciously made it possible.

I was privileged to go to Ohio, my old home state, and to Mansfield, where I was a member for many years, to be greeted by the Federated Societies there in a splendid reception to Mrs. Barrett and myself—a most happy event. Then to the place of my birth nearby, and to live again in memory with my Father and Mother, who made it possible for me to go forward, to show my appreciation of my birthright.

On my way home I stopped off in Valparaiso, Ind., where a reception was held for Brother A. W. McDaniel, member of Council-in-Chief, and myself, by the Valparaiso folks; and then on our way to California through Canadian Rockies, and down the coast.

Our arrival in California brought many special affairs and we were kept pretty busy attending receptions, meetings and speaking engagements. I have been able to attend nearly all meetings in the southern part of the State, and many in the north, with a special visit to San Francisco Bay District Camps, including a Grand Army meeting in Oakland. Our District meetings have given me opportunity to speak on the condition of our Order, and to relay messages to all from our Commander-in-Chief. A special trip was made to San Diego, speaking before the W. R. C. and contacting Sons.

Attended reception accorded to our Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, Dr. Mennett. It has been a joy to know him so well and to be near him here, and I have attended many functions of the Grand Army Family and have been royally received at all, which I appreciate.

A special trip on invitation to Fresno, California, to address the Federated Patriotic Societies in February. Was asked by Brother Anderson to be Chairman of the Grand Army Highway Committee; contacted Governor Merriam, a Son of a Veteran, who has pledged his help in getting same into and through California.

Was pleased to have the opportunity to visit and be with in many meetings our National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Brady. Her visit here was a real inspiration from a real kindly lady, and one vitally interested in our affairs. Hope she visits us again.

I have observed the real interest shown by the members of all our women's organizations, and many members have been added to our roll through their co-operation, and especially grandsons.

Have attended many Flag presentations and programs. Especially enjoyed the meetings of our own Department, California and Pacific, this year in Santa Monica, where every courtesy was shown me as a representative of the Commandery-in-Chief; and to take special part in Flag affairs, a gift Constitution plaque to the Public Library, dedication of the Roses of Daughters of Union Veterans to Grand Army at Sawtelle, and many others; and especially as chairman of committee to Grand Army in their Encampment, where a large number were present, and it was really a high spot in the convention affairs.

The Encampment this year in California was well attended. There was enthusiasm manifested all the time, and I am sure good will come of it this year during the active months. I appreciate the confidence expressed by all present, and hope for greater accomplishments out on the West coast.

In closing I would thank my Camp, Rosecrans No. 2, Los Angeles, my Department, my many friends in all the orders, and especially members of my family in helping to make it possible for any service I may have rendered to our Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, during these vital days in this our country.

And to you, sir, Commander-in-Chief, I appreciated fully the opportunity to have been on your staff for two years, and to have helped a little perhaps in making your year's work the success that I am sure it has been. May this Encampment be one of special worth to the future of the Sons of Union Veterans, and may you feel it has been a worth while work you were in.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Prairie du Chien, Wis., August 1, 1938.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

When the members of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Madison, Wisconsin, selected me to serve with you as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I realized that it was an honor conferred upon the Department of Wisconsin, rather than one personal to myself. However, it was my determination to do something during the year to justify in part the honor and confidence bestowed, and my keen regret now is that business and professional

commitments have prevented me from devoting as much time and attention to the duties of the office as its honor and dignity entitles it to receive.

It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the regional conference held at Chicago, on October 30, 1937, where plans were laid for organization work in the Central West, and you did me the honor of requesting me to assist in this work in the Departments of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

A conference of several officers of these Departments was held at Prairie du Chien on November 27, 1937, at which a rather detailed consideration was given to the situation in those Departments, with suggestions and plans for meeting the various problems offered by conditions in each of those Departments.

On January 9, 1938, I attended a conference of the officers and workers of the Department of Wisconsin, which was held at Madison. Plans of the Department Commander were discussed, and arrangements made for organization work.

On February 13, 1938, I was present at a largely attended meeting of the Allied Patriotic Orders, held at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in commemoration of Union Defender's Day. This program is sponsored annually by the Camp at that city. After the program a conference was had with the Officers of that Department and others for consideration of questions pertinent to the welfare of that Department.

I attended the Department Encampment of Iowa at Sioux City, June 5th to 8th. The Department of Iowa has displayed a real awakening of interest during the past year, that has resulted in the formation of several new Camps, with more confidently promised during the coming year.

I was present at the Department Encampment of Minnesota, held at Minneapolis, June 12th to 15th. Apparently some conditions that have been unfavorable to the welfare and interest of the Order in that Department have been, at least, partially eliminated, and we are hopeful of increased interest and activity at no far distant future.

I attended the Department Encampment of Wisconsin, held at Milwaukee, June 26th to 29th. One new Camp was organized during the year and it is confidently expected that the work, done during the year, will bear fruit in the coming year.

I am pleased to report that, on the whole, there is more interest and enthusiasm in our Order, and greater optimism among its members, in the Departments of Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, than has been manifest for some time.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to the officers of these Departments for their loyalty in service to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, and for their efforts to assist in bringing about a realization of the aims and purposes of the national organization; and for the many courtesies shown me personally I am deeply grateful.

And to you, Commander-in-Chief Dyer, I express the great pleasure that has been mine in the privilege of personal acquaintance and association with you in the work of the year that is just past. Your zeal and enthusiasms are contagious and spur to added effort those with whom you come in contact. It is my earnest prayer that you may be spared for many years to lend your inspiration in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

W. R. GRAVES,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1938.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Following report term 1937-38 is presented.

It has not occurred since 1885-1888, that a Commander-in-Chief succeeded himself. It impresses that it should fall to me to have the honor of reporting twice to the same Commander-in-Chief—an unusual record.

The transactions are the accumulation and application to the details and duties of the office, correspondence, finances, requisitions for supplies, routine given constant attention.

Finances are well within the budget, receipts in excess and disbursements less. Actual receipts slightly less, and expenditures nearly $400 under last term.

FINANCIAL

	Permanent Fund	Organization Historical Marker Fund	General Fund	
Sept. 9, 1937, To Balance..	$1300.49	$ 686.36	$ 1140.84	
Receipts from Departments.	766.62	766.63	9874.59	
	$2067.11	$1452.99	$11015.43	
Interest	25.04			
	$2092.15			
CR.:				
Expenditures		$ 249.00	$ 7882.36	
Sept. 1, 1938, To Balance..	$2092.15	$1203.99	$ 3133.07	Total $6429.21

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Department:	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	P. O. Cards Leaflets "America"	Returned Banner	Excess Copies Banner	Premium Bonds	Total
Alabama & Tennessee		$ 21.20	$	$ .41	$	$	$	$ 2.50	$ 24.11
California & Pacific	19.00	281.00		74.90		1.58			376.48
Colorado & Wyoming	9.00	80.30		30.69		.44	.58		121.01
Connecticut	20.50	561.50	5.00	96.94		1.36			685.30
Illinois	13.50	270.50		27.36		.82	.37		312.55
Indiana	11.00	270.50		25.54		.50		2.50	310.04
Iowa	12.00	128.40	15.00	72.61		.48		2.50	230.99
Kansas	4.00	119.20	15.00	50.72		.40		2.50	191.82
Maine	20.00	390.50		66.63		.42	.60		478.15
Maryland	7.00	151.20	5.00	51.31	1.00	.34		2.50	218.35
Massachusetts	49.50	1635.50		197.40		2.26			1884.66
Michigan	14.50	183.90		38.14			.68	2.50	239.72
Minnesota	2.50	79.80		12.28		.30			94.88
Missouri	12.50	119.50	5.00	72.16		.38		2.50	212.04
Nebraska	9.00	69.10		18.52		.43	.24	2.50	99.79
New Hampshire	17.50	258.10		69.69		.26	.65		346.20
New Jersey	18.00	317.70	5.00	103.73	3.00	.98		2.50	450.91
New York	46.50	937.90	10.00	146.00		1.50	12.30	2.50	1156.70
Ohio	13.50	701.80	5.00	90.65		1.82	1.63	2.50	816.90
Oregon	6.50	62.40		11.02		.34			80.26
Pennsylvania	57.50	1927.50	10.00	241.85		3.72	2.87		2243.44
Rhode Island	11.50	145.20		35.19		.58			192.47
Vermont	3.50	235.30		39.65		.20	.46	2.50	281.61
Washington	2.00	42.50		1.85		.12		2.50	48.97
Wisconsin	17.00	209.00		62.20		.62	1.17	2.50	292.49
	$397.50	$9199.50	$75.00	$1637.44	$4.00	$19.85	$21.55	$35.00	

Miscellaneous: Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief, Refund Madison, Wis., Encampment, 1937, Committee. 18.00

Total....$11407.84

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND

September 9, 1937, To Balance		$ 686.36
Receipts (from Per Capita Tax), 1937-'38	$766.63	766.63
Total		$1452.99
Disbursements:		
D. B. Bowley, Organization Oregon & Washington	$60.00	
C. L. Kasten, Iowa	50.00	
J. M. Dunlavy, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma	74.00	
Wm. Allan Dyer, Michigan, Oklahoma	65.00	249.00
September 1, 1938, By Balance		$1203.99

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES:		
For Supplies	$ 848.33	
The Banner	2416.34	
Encampment	536.17	
Printing	39.66	
Shipping Supplies	63.34	
Salaries	2200.00	
Premium on Bonds — Department Commanders, National Officers	62.50	
Officers other Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer	17.40	
Miscellaneous	11.00	
Committee on G. A. R. Highway	10.05	
Committee on Marking Graves	55.00	
Organization	249.00	
		$6508.79
OFFICE EXPENSES:		
Wrapping Paper and Twine	$ 2.05	
Postage	90.70	
Express	3.98	
Telegrams	1.77	
Stationery	117.33	
Rent	420.00	
Miscellaneous	6.88	
		$ 642.71
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES:		
Postage	$ 84.32	
Telegrams	9.31	
Traveling	713.73	
Office	3.00	
Stenographer	169.50	
		$ 979.86
		$8131.36

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom: Account:	Amount
1.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, (Maryland Casualty Co.), Bond, Commander-in-Chief	$ 2.50
2.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent, Oct.-Dec., inc.	105.00
3.	The Banner, Subscription, October 23,317 copies, $0.01¾ each, $408.05; P. O. Return Cards, $0.30	408.35
4.	D. B. Bowley, Past Com.-in-Chief, Organization Departments Oregon and Washington	60.00
5.	Charles L. Kasten, Dept. Com., Organization, Iowa	50.00

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Department:	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Leaflets "America"	P. O. Cards Returned Banner	Excess Copies Banner	Premium Bonds	Total
Alabama & Tennessee	$	$ 21.20	$	$ .41	$	$	$	$ 2.50	$ 24.11
California & Pacific	19.00	281.00		74.90		1.58			376.48
Colorado & Wyoming	9.00	80.30		30.69		.44	.58		121.01
Connecticut	20.50	561.50	5.00	96.94		1.36			685.30
Illinois	13.50	270.50		27.36		.82	.37		312.55
Indiana	11.00	270.50		25.54		.50		2.50	310.04
Iowa	12.00	128.40	15.00	72.61		.48		2.50	230.99
Kansas	4.00	119.20	15.00	50.72		.40		2.50	191.82
Maine	20.00	390.50		66.63		.42	.60		478.15
Maryland	7.00	151.20	5.00	51.31	1.00	.34		2.50	218.35
Massachusetts	49.50	1635.50		197.40		2.26			1884.66
Michigan	14.50	183.90		38.14			.68	2.50	239.72
Minnesota	2.50	79.80		12.28		.30			94.88
Missouri	12.50	119.50	5.00	72.16		.38		2.50	212.04
Nebraska	9.00	69.10		18.52		.43	.24	2.50	99.79
New Hampshire	17.50	258.10		69.69		.26	.65		346.20
New Jersey	18.00	317.70	5.00	103.73	3.00	.98		2.50	450.91
New York	46.50	937.90	10.00	146.00		1.50	12.30	2.50	1156.70
Ohio	13.50	701.80	5.00	90.65		1.82	1.63	2.50	816.90
Oregon	6.50	62.40		11.02		.34			80.26
Pennsylvania	57.50	1927.50	10.00	241.85		3.72	2.87		2243.44
Rhode Island	11.50	145.20		35.19		.58			192.47
Vermont	3.50	235.30		39.65		.20	.46	2.50	281.61
Washington	2.00	42.50		1.85		.12		2.50	48.97
Wisconsin	17.00	209.00		62.20		.62	1.17	2.50	292.49
	$397.50	$9199.50	$75.00	$1637.44	$4.00	$19.85	$21.55	$35.00	

Miscellaneous: Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief, Refund Madison, Wis., Encampment, 1937, Committee. 18.00

Total....$11407.84

No.	To Whom: Account:	Amount
6.	Raeyling & Carlino, Floral design, Past Com.-in-Chief Wagner	10.00
7.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Sept.-Oct.	181.59
8.	The Banner, stock, printing	35.75
9.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Nov.-Dec., Enc. Ex.	98.66
10.	The Banner, Subscription, December 22,914 copies, $400.-98; P. O. Return Cards, $6.81	407.79
11.	W. C. Mabie, Stock, Printing, Stationery Nat'l Officers	117.44
12.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent, January-March, inc.	105.00
13.	H. S. Howard, Nat'l Counselor, Exp. a/c	17.40
14.	Edward J. Hughes, Sec. State, Incorporation Fee, Illinois, 1938	1.00
15.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Dec.-Jan.	199.95
16.	The Banner, Subscription, February 22,894 copies, $400.65; P. O. Return Cards, $3.42	404.07
17.	W. C. Mabie, Stationery Nat'l Patriotic Instructor	20.44
18.	The Robbins Co., Badges	409.29
19.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Salary, Aug 21, 1937-Feb. 20, 1938	1100.00
20.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Jan.-Feb.	73.01
21.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Seal Press	4.05
22.	The Banner, Printing, Shipping Proceedings, 56th Madison Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, 1938	352.07
23.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Feb.-March	53.09
24.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Dept. Com. Bond	2.50
25.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent April-June, inc.	105.00
26.	J. M. Dunlavy, Nat. Pat. Inst., Exp. a/c Organization Iowa, Kansas, Missouri	74.00
27.	The Banner, Subscription, April 22,525 copies, $394.19; P. O. Return Cards, $6.76	400.95
28.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds	10.00
29.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March-April	169.15
30.	The Robbins Co., Badges	347.50
31.	W. C. Mabie, Stock, Printing, Stationery	32.38
32.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief., Exp. a/c May	150.00
33.	Metal Marker Co., Seal Presses	8.10
34.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds	15.00
35.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April-May	46.94
36.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Bonds, Dept. Coms.	7.50
37.	The Banner, Subscription, June 22,619 copies, $395.83; Stock, $13.87	409.70
38.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent July-Sept. inc.	105.00
39.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Chairman, Grand Army Republic Highway Committee	5.25
40.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May-July	251.47
41.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Bond Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer	25.00
42.	Charles R. Hale, Chairman, Committee Marking Graves	55.00
43.	The Banner, Subscription, August 22,510 copies, $393.93; P. O. Return Cards, $5.42	399.35
44.	H. H. Hammer, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c Balance Salary, Shipping Supplies, etc.	1295.12
	Total	$8131.36

CONSOLIDATED REPORT—MEMBERS, GAINS, LOSSES, ETC.

Detailed gains and losses, etc., are shown in the following consolidated report in the respective Departments:

Department.	In Good Standing June 30, 1937.		GAIN										LOSS																		In Good Standing June 30, 1938.		Gain.		Loss.		Balance Cash in Department Treasuries.	Cash in Camp Treasuries	Expended for Relief	No. Relieved or Their Families.	
			By Organization and Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		By Hon. Discharge.		By Transfer.		By Suspended.		By Dropped.		By Dishon. Disch.		Total Loss.																	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members			Members	Veterans
Alabama & Tennessee.	4	57	..	....	..	..	....	..	....	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	4	51	..	....	..	6	$ 17.21	$ 2.44	$.....	....	..
California & Pacific...	20	706	..	38	2	..	10	..	50	..	..	19	2	2	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	58	20	698	..	....	..	8	582.97	595.41	53.03	4	10
Colorado & Wyoming.	9	204	..	18	..	..	....	..	18	..	..	....	1	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	17	9	205	..	1	..	....	41.67	.....	.....	....	..
Connecticut	30	1421	1	84	6	..	18	1	108	..	..	43	3	12	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	110	31	1419	1	....	..	2	79.22	3319.96	402.12	....	..
Illinois	27	807	..	27	42	..	24	..	93	1	28	13	10	48	..	..	..	..	174	..	1	273	26	627	..	....	1	180	89.21	394.98	.....	....	..
Indiana	30	804	..	22	..	..	24	..	46	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	179	..	..	185	30	665	..	....	..	139	39.02	381.73	100.00	....	..
Iowa	18	295	3	88	..	..	4	3	92	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	27	21	360	3	65	..	....	16.51	199.55	.....	....	..
Kansas	18	313	2	51	..	1	5	3	56	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	65	..	2	67	19	302	2	....	..	11	15.17	81.91	.....	....	..
Maine	36	1007	..	40	1	..	9	..	50	..	..	13	6	4	..	..	..	..	80	..	..	103	36	954	..	....	..	53	130.53	1243.79	14.29	2	..
Maryland	11	369	1	41	2	..	1	1	44	..	..	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	14	12	399	1	30	..	....	51.69	1116.12	450.00	2	..
Massachusetts	121	4222	..	99	3	..	26	..	128	..	..	90	23	7	..	..	..	..	195	..	..	315	121	4035	..	....	..	187	968.25	25933.73	215.59	....	..
Michigan	13	479	..	29	1	..	7	..	37	1	5	8	1	1	..	..	..	..	35	..	1	50	12	466	..	....	1	13	88.60	27.62	11.25	....	..
Minnesota	10	214	..	5	..	..	....	..	5	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	24	10	195	..	....	..	19	64.19	662.98	.....	....	..
Missouri	10	244	1	117	..	..	3	1	120	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	8	11	356	1	112	..	....	139.48	553.16	.....	....	..
Nebraska	7	122	..	22	..	1	54	1	76	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	5	8	193	1	71	..	....	.....	.....	.....	....	..
New Hampshire	21	668	..	35	4	..	5	..	44	..	..	21	4	4	..	..	..	..	47	..	..	76	21	636	..	....	..	32	194.97	1117.30	13.00	1	..
New Jersey	25	800	1	73	3	..	18	1	94	..	..	16	6	3	..	..	..	..	48	..	..	73	26	821	1	21	..	....	303.61	1664.10	2141.90	....	..
New York	82	2422	2	135	5	..	35	2	175	3	8	49	7	4	..	..	..	..	200	..	3	268	81	2329	..	....	1	93	214.09	1600.15	375.00	32	6
Ohio	72	1885	1	50	3	..	18	1	71	..	..	28	1	1	5	124	7	197	..	12	351	61	1605	..	....	11	280	397.35	.....	12.75	....	..
Oregon	8	154	..	13	..	..	3	..	16	..	..	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	13	8	157	..	3	..	....	54.04	54.39	.....	....	..
Pennsylvania	107	4996	2	168	1	..	56	2	225	..	..	109	5	5	..	..	..	..	399	..	..	519	109	4702	2	....	..	294	499.33	46120.91	7565.77	92	..
Rhode Island	16	359	..	23	2	..	....	..	25	..	..	7	5	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	12	16	372	..	13	..	....	*	857.98	16.98	....	..
Vermont	25	619	..	7	1	..	1	..	9	..	..	14	3	1	..	..	..	..	33	..	..	51	25	577	..	....	..	42	79.84	260.04	.....	....	..
Washington	5	166	..	4	..	..	....	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	..	..	73	5	97	..	....	..	36	.....	.....	.....	....	..
Wisconsin	17	531	..	34	..	..	8	..	42	..	..	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	45	..	..	58	17	515	..	....	..	16	78.88	.....	.....	....	..
TOTAL	742	23864	14	1223	76	2	329	16	1628	5	41	482	89	97	5	124	9	1923	..	19	2756	739	22736	12	316	14	1411	$4144.73	$86188.21	$11571.68	136	16

* Deficit, $101.06

SUPPLIES AND STOCK ACCOUNT

Receipts for Supplies exceeded last year's by over $125.00. This would indicate Camps having done more business and more Camps functioning.

It was expected that we could have new Constitution, Rules and Regulations printed and inserts or "stickers" abolished. But previous action prevents until present supply is exhausted. During the term we disposed of approximately 700 more copies than last term (about 1000) leaving on hand 2700.

This applies also to the Ritual, 243 copies disposed of, 100 more than last year. We have 290 on hand.

The demand for these items does not warrant the loss that would result to charge off and invest in new stock of these Forms at this time.

Again we report that few Departments carry anything like a proper amount of supplies. Camp Requisitions are necessarily delayed until filled by the Commandery-in-Chief office. Many requisitions are received for small amounts.

Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1937		$3360.07
Cost of Supplies purchased		848.33
Cost of Supplies to account for		$4208.40
Cost of Supplies on hand, August 20, 1938		3113.11
Cost of Supplies sold		$1096.29
Amount received for Supplies		$1637.44
Cost of Supplies sold	$1096.29	
Cost of Shipping	63.34	
Cost of Wrapping Paper and Twine	2.05	
Cost of Express	3.98	
Cost of Supplies to National Officers	7.60	
Cost, Total, of Supplies Sold		1173.26
Profit		$ 464.18

FIFTY YEARS MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Sixty-nine (69) were furnished to Members Fifty Years continuously members—never dropped. In most instances presentations were special events and proved interesting social and historical functions.

Ninety-two (92) were issued last term.

NEW CAMPS

Following New Camps were instituted and chartered:

Dept:	No. Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Organized	No. Charter Members
Connecticut	1	48	1	43
Iowa	3	55	3	62
Kansas	3	63	2	42
Maryland	1	23	1	27
*Michigan	1	26	1	32
Missouri	1	28	1	115
New Jersey	1	17	1	37
New York	2	36	2	36
Ohio	1	23	1	23
Pennsylvania	2	53	2	53
*Vermont	1	19		
	17	391	15	470

*Fee in Supplementary Report.

IRREGULARITIES—C. & R.

Reports and payment of per capita tax semi-annually or, not as provided by the C. & R.. which specify and require these returns to be Quarterly, were experienced. It was emphasized that the Regulations applicable to these returns must be complied with.

Election of Members of Department Council in several Departments for term of one, two and three years respectively, is reported. It is specified in the law that these Officers with the others "shall be elected at the Annual Encampment."

Other features are the neglect to render reports and pay per capita tax when due, which greatly interferes with the proper and prompt conduct of business.

Response to correspondence is a fault of a number of Department Officers which proves very unsatisfactory to have affairs in the condition and the records as they should be.

DIGEST OF OPINIONS AND DECISIONS

This is greatly needed. It would be very helpful to Department and Camp Officers, and of benefit to National Officers. It is realized that an expense would be involved. But disposing of it to Departments and Camps, it would soon bring in return over the cost. The National Counselor, it is suggested could prepare some outline of this need and report at the next Encampment.

CHAPLAIN - PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS - REPORTS—FORMS.

Complying with the action of the 1937 Encampment, pages 31-32, the Department of Oregon presents a draft of proposed Report covering Chaplain and Patriotic Instructors data. It is submitted for your consideration.

THE BANNER—OFFICIAL ORGAN, MAILING LISTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Editor, and his efficient staff, prove of valuable help in many details and appreciation of their cooperation and assistance is expressed.

Conditions seem to be improved as affecting the mailing lists. Considerable labor was imposed upon the Department Secretaries incident to General Orders No. 6, December, 1937, directing that return cards from Postoffices for undeliverable copies of THE BANNER, were to be charged for and collected from Departments. This was adhered to. Amount charged by THE BANNER was $22.71. Our returns were $19.38. Every Department but one figured in this item (Alabama & Tennessee), due to the fact that no mailing list was furnished, and the members of Camps in that Department not receiving the paper.

Returning the cards to Department Secretaries for their check of mailing lists, and evidence of undelivered papers, was expensive to the Commandery-in-Chief, labor and time consumed, cost of postage, etc. As a stronger objection to abolish this feature and revoke it, is consideration of the number of Department Secretaries who are not compensated and the extra duties imposed, which they object to. It is suggested that some other system or plan be adopted.

OUR AUXILIARY—AFFILIATED ORDERS

The interest and service of the National President of our Auxiliary—Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, is well known to you—and emphasizing it would be superfluous. Leading and having the assistance of many Auxiliaries she has figured most actively in securing returns for us,

helpful to Camps and to our Order. We are obligated to her and the patriotic ladies constituting the Auxiliary—a valuable aid to our Order.

To our affiliated Orders and their National Officers we are indebted for co-operation in many instances and assistance rendered Camps, Department and their willingness to be helpful to us when called upon. They have always responded.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Our services to the Members and Posts are more important and of interest as time goes on. Our assistance is helpful to them, a pleasure to us, and is general on the part of our Camps and members. Our respect for and honor to the National Officers is always evidenced.

CONCLUSION

You brought to the Order influential contacts. You gave it your constant, personal service, spared no effort you could resort to for upbuilding, organization of new and re-organization of former Camps, urging action and by example increase in the membership, to develop a strong, patriotic Order—to accomplish. It was an inspiration to be associated with you in your service. The experiences of our interest and application will be treasured and appreciated. With every good wish for you—health, happiness and many years to enjoy all that you desire, we conclude a very active term.

Courtesies of the respective National and Department Officers are acknowledged with appreciation.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—National Secretary-Treasurer.

	Membership Fees	Per Capita Tax	Charter Fees	Permanent Fund	Org. and His. Marker Fund	Total Receipts	Balance
Sept. 1, '38, To Balance	$397.50	$9199.50	$75.00	$2092.15	$1203.99	$11407.84	$3133.07
Rec'd for		9.70	10.00	.80	.81	19.70	18.09
Total Sept. 8, '38	$397.50	$9209.20	$85.00	$2092.95	$1204.80	$11427.54	$3151.16

EXPENDITURES:

By General Expenses:	The Banner....$	9.78	
	Encampment...	1369.41	
			$1379.19
Office Expenses			7.71
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses			47.22
Total Expenditures			$1434.12
September 8, 1938, Balance.....			$1717.04

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom: Account:	Amount
45.	Mary J. Love, Sec.-Treas., Dues Federated Patriotic Societies	$ 10.00
46.	The Banner, Encampment Roll, Reports of Officers	135.20
47.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Treas., Reserve Appropriation G. A. R. Escort	200.00
48.	The Banner, Postoffice Return Cards	9.78
49.	Ralph R. Barrett, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment Expenses	106.20
50.	W. R. Graves, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Enc, Expenses	10.12
51.	John L. Reeger, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses	120.00
52.	A. W. McDaniel, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses	46.20
53.	Robert T. Alcorn, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses	132.80
54.	J. M. Dunlavy, Nat. Pat. Instructor, Enc. Expenses	9.00
55.	H. S. Howard, Nat. Counselor, Enc. Expenses	93.60
56.	John L. Reeger, Council-in-Chief, Gift to Com.-in-Chief	40.80
57.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, a/c July-Aug. Enc. Exp.	195.67
58.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Office, Enc. Expenses	174.75
59.	Irene N. Fuller, Stenographic Report Encampment	150.00
	Total Vouchers	$1434.12

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND

September 1, 1938, To Balance	$1203.99
Receipts, September 5, 1938	.81
Total	$1204.80
September 8, 1938, By Vouchers:	
J. M. Dunlavy, Nat. Pat. Instructor, Organization Oklahoma	$ 10.12
Lillian S. Ball, Nat. Treas. Auxiliary, Pro-rata equipment Arlington Hall, Boys Dormitory, Des Moines, Iowa	165.45
	175.57
September 8, 1938, Balance	$1029.23

PERMANENT FUND

September 8, 1938, Balance	$2092.95

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

St. Louis, Mo., August 3, 1938.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander:

I have the honor to submit the following report, based upon the material forwarded to me by the Department Patriotic Instructors of your Commandery-in-Chief. I have consolidated the reports, and have given comment.

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE—Alva C. Mellen. These two States by law require displaying of the flag in the school room and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Children take part in Memorial Day programs. Two Sons of Union Veterans gave Memorial Day addresses. Two special meetings were arranged for Grand Army members, open to the public.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC—Jacob U. Romig. Fine report for your schools and churches, showing patriotic activities. Note two discourtesies to Flag. The Flags left to rot by fire department were, by you, properly destroyed, and the party making insulting remarks about the Flag while being carried in parade was rebuked by the President of the Ladies of G. A. R. You have fine showing for Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services, with nine Sons of Union Veterans speaking. Under General No. 3, I believe you are somewhat confused as to the meaning here of Monuments, Tablets, etc.

COLORADO & WYOMING—Geo. G. Hanes. I see you still use Old Form (43) and so your report is limited. You show fine work in the schools, with Flags displayed, proper Memorial and patriotic programs given. You report Twenty (20) Special Programs for the Grand Army Members, which is fine.

CONNECTICUT—M. H. Gibney. You are reaching your Public Schools and all display the Flag, as well as most of your churches. I note you gave Flags to Girl Scouts, schools and to a town, held 15 special programs for Grand Army members. That 29 out of 31 Camps reported. Make this 100% next year.

ILLINOIS—J. E. Gallagher. No special reference to any special programs, yet you state that "all special and legal holidays were observed—many of the Sons addressed the meetings; that Flags are properly displayed in schools and churches.

INDIANA—Robt. M. Duke. Your report shows that all special days were observed, with special programs in schools and churches, and a large number of monuments, Memorial Tablets, etc., attended in the Department, with one hundred and fifty-eight erected. This is a fine service.

IOWA—W. F. Hathaway. Fine showing of patriotic programs in schools and displaying of Flags on all school buildings every day, weather permitting; also in churches. You are doing a fine work in presenting of Flags to schools, churches and other organizations. You were active in Department patriotic programs, and especially active in same were your Camp Patriotic Instructors. We will hear more from you, when we meet with you in Des Moines in September.

KANSAS—L. H. Kendall. Number of schools and churches displaying Flags is fine. The Flags presented to schools and churches shows Department at work. We have promise of Kansas coming back in fine form again. Thank you, Brother Martin, in giving Brother Kendall "a good turn."

MAINE—Arthur J. Hunt. With all schools displaying Flags, and all churches the same—with Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services well attended—with a fine group of Sons making Memorial Day addresses (with 15 school Memorial Day observances with 2437 pupils taking part)—with Camps and Department holding eighty-five patriotic programs, with twelve Special Programs for Grand Army members, and thirty programs to which the public was invited—and the placing of four new memorials—is a fine record indeed.

MASSACHUSETTS—Sidney L. Drown. You report two schools leaving flags up all night and one Boy Scout building the same and

that neglect was reported to proper authorities and corrections gladly made.

Patriotic programs held in many schools, that nine Flags were presented to schools, one to a church and two to other groups. Schools participate in Memorial Day exercises and several thousand attend. The law of the State requires the Flag be displayed in the school and Pledge of Allegiance be given. Department gave one hundred sixty (160) patriotic programs and Camp Patriotic Instructors directed one hundred five (105). Thirty-eight Sons of Union Veterans addressed Memorial Day Services and Memorial Sunday Services with one thousand two hundred seventy-three (1273) attending first services and one thousand six hundred seventy-two (1672) the second. Your churches make a fine showing with most of them displaying Flags, and many providing patriotic programs, at times led by Camp Patriotic Instructors. Twenty special programs were provided for the Grand Army members, with eighty-eight (88) programs open to the public, several thousand attending. Within the Department are one hundred thirty-four Monuments or Tablets, and one new Monument was erected this year. A high average of Camps reported to Brother Drown after all Camps trying for 100%. With thirty-eight Sons speaking throughout the Department Memorial Day is a fine record for your great Department.

MARYLAND—J. T. Bond. I think a Department shows a high regard for leadership and a desire to do the best work possible, when a loyal, well-informed, patriotic Son is kept at the job of Patriotic Instructor, and Maryland, you not only do yourself honor, but the Commandery as well, when you keep John T. Bond as such Instructor. You say you get first hand information as to the work of Congress and try to keep Sons informed as to Supreme Court actions and Re-organization Bills and the like. In your desire to see a united drive, complete and final, on the part of all American Patriotic Orders, as against all Reds, the same is shared with you, by all Sons.

You report 80% of schools holding special patriotic programs on all Patriotic Days—special Flag instruction and Flag-raising programs —joint services in churches and schools, with allied organizations and other National Patriotic Orders, with a large per cent of your Sons active in all these programs. The Grand Army members were in all these public gatherings, and many special programs given for them. You gave Flags to schools and erected eleven memorials during the year. The fact that Camps keep local State as well as National events to which the public is invited, is well for all Departments to note. Thank you, Maryland, for your red-blooded Americanism.

MICHIGAN—Chas. R. Cowdin. You report all schools displaying Flags, and many holding patriotic programs on special days; also most of the churches displaying Flags, Detroit outstanding in this respect. Your Department did fine work in holding twenty programs to which the public was invited, also school Memorial Day Services attended by 5000 pupils. The membership of Camp No. 1 going out twenty-five miles and holding Memorial Service in country cemetery, preceding Memorial Day, is a touching and fine example of true patriotism. How many more could well do this.

MINNESOTA, NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA—Ewing Best. The large number of children reported in Memorial Day observance, 90,000, is worthy of note—the work in Boy Scouts and visits of Camp Patriotic Instructors to schools, in the interest of Americanism is fine. You carried on Memorial Day programs in ten schools this year, and should open the way for many more next year. The holding of some

National Day Programs in co-operation with other National Patriotic Orders, is to be commended.

MISSOURI—Stanley H. Gates. Note the fine record in presenting of Flags to schools and churches—fifty-one in all—and a Storm Service Flag by the Department, for old Fort D at Cape Girardeau. The Camp Patriotic Instructors show fine work in visiting of schools and of the many patriotic programs sponsored in same, with several thousand pupils participating. Several cities report Memorial Sunday Services in churches, under Camp Patriotic Instructors and Chaplains —and Camp No. 36, Kansas City, reports Memorial Day Committee raising $600.00 per year for care of graves, placing of markers and flowers and Flags, and beautifying of cemetery. For twenty-five years Camp No. 36 has had full care of soldiers graves and of Memorial Day Services. Wilson Creek Camp No. 30 held their first Lincoln's Day Program with public invited, Ladies of the G. A. R. co-operating—banquet at hotel, former Lieutenant Governor of the State and Camp Commander, giving the address. At the Camp Jackson Day program, May 10th, held by Mid-Town Business Men of St. Louis, Commander-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer attended, representing the Sons who were at State Encampment. Thank you, Brother Dyer. Thank you, Brother Gates, for a 100% report of all Camps.

NEBRASKA—Frank Gage. No report.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—C. H. Parker. Your work in the schools is certainly fine, with full co-operation on the part of all teachers who were asked to respond. With Flags in all schools and most of the churches, visits made to schools and churches by Camp Patriotic Instructors, we would expect Memorial Day Services to be attended by many thousands of pupils. Then, too, when we note that fifty-nine (59) Flags were presented to schools, we know why New Hampshire youth responds to patriotic instruction. You say Catholic and Protestant churches, alike, keep the Spirit of Memorial Day, by inviting Patriotic Orders to hold services. You also raise your protest against Department Secretaries furnishing Form 50 to Camp Secretaries, and these, in turn, to Camp Patriotic Instructors. I agree with you, and trust we may correct this handicap to work of Department Patriotic Instructors. The Department Patriotic Instructor should be the one to present direct to Camp Patriotic Instructor, Form 50, with any instructions, and with his mild demand that report be filled out in detail and returned in good time. Brother Parker, with the help of Senior Vice Commander Claude E. Rockwood, gave us a 100% report of all Camps. Thank you, Brothers Parker and Rockwood.

NEW JERSEY—Robert Seller. You continue to show a fine interest in patriotic work in the schools by visitation on part of Camp Patriotic Instructors and by number of programs sponsored. This work is reflected in the thousands of pupils (36,415) reported participating in Memorial Exercises. Your churches and schools alike, show the true American spirit by use of the Flag. Again, you record the co-operation of all Patriotic Societies in many National Day activities. five hundred and sixty Sons attending same.

NEW YORK—Walter M. Barnard. To publish the entire report of Department of New York by Brother Barnard, would be a fine news item on Patriotism. With most all churches and all schools displaying Flags; with eighty-three or more special days observed with special programs; with all Camps which reported, reporting special Camp programs; with fourteen Flags presented to schools, together with 2500 parade Flags; six Flags to churches and five Flags to Girl and Boy Scouts and public buildings and Auxiliaries—and thirty-six schools in Memorial Day exercises, a reported attendance of 15,307

pupils taking part; with one hundred and five (105) persons visiting the school, Camp Patriotic Instructors or their representatives; with exercises held in at least one Negro church, you present many and varied programs. The Department held one hundred and eighty-seven (187) patriotic programs, one of which was attended by 10,000 persons. Of course, we could expect four hundred and fifty-eight Sons to attend Memorial Sunday Service and six hundred and sixteen attend Memorial Day Services in New York, and we would know that that noble Grand Army Band would not be overlooked, for in twenty-eight programs, you welcomed them. You serviced eighty-three monuments and erected seventeen (17) and what more shall we report? Rewards for best attendance at school programs, a Flag by Stewart Camp No. 126; at Merriam Camp No. 52, Patriotic Instructor is active in a movement sponsored by several patriotic bodies in the fine work of presenting proper teaching of history in the Public Schools, also same Camp, through Henry C. Dunston, Patriotic Instructor, by visiting forty-one (41) schools, speaking to 34,000 school children, encouraged the pupils in giving close to $400 for flowers for Memorial Day. In Buffalo, Cook Camp No. 223 was happy in the service of nearly seven hundred (700) Boy Scouts who assisted in placing Flags and plants on the graves in twenty-six (26) cemeteries. Further reported that in Rochester every church displays the Flag regularly inside and out, that at Penfield Camp, the daughter of Capt. Jas. A. Penfield, gives an annual dinner to the Camp in honor of her father, for whom the Camp was named. And more of the work of William Daniels Camp No. 225, working all year to raise money for a beautiful Civil War Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated on Memorial Day, and of a new Public Park at Yonkers, in the name of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan —work of Camp No. 74, and much more could be said. Thank you, New York. No wonder you grow men like Wm. Allan Dyer in your State.

OHIO—A. C. Jackson. With Flags in all schools and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag being given—many Camp Patriotic Instructors giving talks in the schools upon meaning of the Flag—five thousand (5000) children participating in Memorial Day Services—six Flags presented to schools besides one to a church, another to Boy Scout Troop, the schools in this great State should not be lacking in patriotism. The Patriotic Instructors providing one hundred and fifty patriotic programs, attended by large numbers of people, besides three hundred seventy-three (373) Sons in Memorial Sunday Services and three hundred eighty-seven (387) in the Memorial Day programs, and with many other such programs held by others, surely Ohio will not be lacking in Americanism of our Union Veteran brand. You report the churches are loyal in the giving the Flag a proper place in the church and presenting of programs, many programs sponsored by Camp Patriotic Instructors. This year sixty-eight (68) special programs were prepared for the Grand Army members and seventy-nine (79) programs were open to the public A fine report from the Camps reporting. What a report, Brother Jackson, you would have compiled and what an uplift this Commandery would have if all your Camps would have obeyed requests.

OREGON—E. W. Madison. Reporting all Camps active in patriotic work. Five schools holding patriotic programs, several hundred attending; twenty-eight (28) Department programs held, eight Sons speaking, seventy-five (75) Sons attending. Sixteen patriotic programs held where public was invited. Four monuments were serviced and one erected. Thank you, Brother Madison, for securing reports of seven Camps out of eight. Make it 100% next year.

PENNSYLVANIA—Geo. F. Roberts. Here we have all schools displaying Flags, with nine hundred and twenty-five (925) churches doing same. All patriotic days observed with three hundred and ten (310) schools reported. Four special Flag presentations—schools 2, church 1, Junior Relief Corps 1, and the Department presented a cemetery with a 38-foot Flag pole and Flag. One hundred and fifty (150) schools and churches visited. One hundred (100) Sons made Memorial Day addresses. Two thousand one hundred and twenty-six (2126) Sons attended, with one thousand nine hundred and five (1905) attending Memorial Sunday Service—with fifty-three thousand two hundred (53,200) pupils in the schools participating in Memorial Day observance.

You provided sixty (60) special programs for the Grand Army men, looked after four thousand four hundred (4400) monuments, etc., and erected ninety-two (92) new memorials. Such programs as you are presenting, especially in the schools, are bound to have good and lasting effects.

RHODE ISLAND—A. Waller Lewis, Jr. No report.

VERMONT—Ned L. Durkee. Report on schools is fine—the giving of a Flag "for school showing largest attendance on Memorial Day observance" is certainly praiseworthy. A Flag salute and pledge of allegiance required, is to the credit of your state leaders, with twenty-six (26) visits made by Patriotic Instructors; forty-six (46) Flags presented to schools; with two thousand and ninety-seven (2097) children participating in Memorial Day observance, is a fine record. Again, for one hundred and fifty-seven (157) Sons attending Memorial Sunday and two hundred and twenty-six (226) Memorial Day services; and eight (8) Sons making Memorial Day addresses, is another fine record. Besides presenting Flags to schools, you report forty-one (41) to churches and one Flag pole. Also Department and Department Auxiliary presented a Flag to Warner School for Girls. Your ten (10) special programs for Grand Army men—the care of two hundred five (205) monuments and erecting of three (3) new memorials—speaks of your good work. Special mention must be made of the work in the churches, where special patriotic programs are given, creating a better understanding between churches and Sons—and of the several patriotic broadcasts sponsored by the Sons, resulting in inquiries concerning the Order. Your work in the interest of the proposed G. A. R. Highway is to be praised, and we trust all Departments will give full co-operation and support to Brother William L. Anderson, Sr., as Chairman of the National Committee directing this great achievement, and work hard for its completion.

WASHINGTON—E. A. Newell. Thank you, Brother Newell, for a 100% Camp report. All schools display Flag and Pledge of Allegiance given by all school children, with all schools holding patriotic programs on special days. Seventy-three Sons were present at Memorial Sunday Services, ninety-seven at Memorial Day program, six Sons making Memorial Day addresses. The G. A. R. Memorial erected by the Department through work of the Lincoln Rock Committee, dedicated on June 14, and this Memorial to later be housed in a Log Cabin, is work well done.

WISCONSIN—Henry W. Siemers. The Sons have been busy in schools and organization work. Five thousand and ninety-five (5095) pupils taking part in Memorial Day observance, forty-five (45 schools and more, with thirty-seven (37) Department patriotic programs held, public invited to four (4) and one special program held for the Garnd Army men. One hundred and thirty (130) Sons attended Memorial Sunday services and one hundred eighty-four (184) Memorial Day pro-

grams. You report one thousand five hundred and fifty-eight (1558) memorial monuments serviced and five hundred eighty-six (586) new monuments placed, and report fifteen Camps out of seventeen reporting. A fine record, indeed. The parade of one hundred (100) automobiles with five hundred (500) free dinners at your Indian Camp No. 17 celebration, is worthy of note.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS AND NOTES

Department Patriotic Instructors: Thank you—all of you—for your fine work. Am sorry that up to last hour of my time to report to my Commander-in-Chief, I am short five Department Reports. I only wish that every member of our great National Order could be privileged to work with this fine lot of men who serve as Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors and to study the reports gathered.

Out of the twenty Departments—468 Camps—368 Camps reported, which is far above the average of last year—almost 79%. But where are the one hundred (100) Camp Patriotic Instructors, and what will the two thousand or more members of these Camps say? We asked for a 100% report from all Camps in all Departments. We had no thought of asking for a 100% report from Departments. The Constitution requires this.

In all, only five discourtesies to the Flag were reported (the two in California have been mentioned), and all corrected. One in Missouri, where some students, thoughtlessly, caused a Flag to hang all night over a mock grave on a college campus. The college officials publicly apologized for this, through the newspapers.

Another in New York—bunting was used by teachers to tie back curtains. Corrected. In one school Flag was raised upside down several times and was corrected by a workman. The greatest problem was presented at Atlanta, Georgia, where a party insisted in flying the Confederate flag. This was referred to the proper authorities at Washington, D. C., and trust it will not occur again.

STORY OF THE FLAG

The Story of the Flag, as reported, shows 2687 churches display Flags, seven Departments reporting all churches displaying Flags. All twenty Departments report all schools display Flags. The Departments presented in all, over three thousand Flags. Over three hundred and three thousand (303,000) pupils participated in patriotic programs. If the facts were known, over a million took part. Nine thousand eighty-six Sons were reported as attending Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day services. Two hundred sixty-seven Sons gave Memorial Day addresses.

Two hundred forty-two special programs were held for Grand Army Veterans.

Four hundred twenty-eight patriotic programs were given, attended by many thousands, one gathering alone, reporting ten thousand.

CORRECTION

In the two following items, I am sure some Camps and a few Department Patriotic Instructors are reporting incorrectly.

See Number three (3) under General—asking for "Number of Monuments, etc."—*does not* refer to number of Flags placed upon graves, nor to other like service—but to monuments, small or large, to bronze tablets or the like—memorial tree or houses, *serviced*, cared for and repaired. And Number "4" under General—is the erecting of such new monuments, etc., which does not mean placing of stakes

for markers—the G. A. R. marker which holds the small Flag, nor placing of flowers.

Most Departments reported correctly on "3" and "4." However, under "3," ten thousand four hundred and forty-five (10,445) monuments, etc., were serviced, which, I believe, is ten thousand over-stated. And under "4," eight hundred and eighty-eight (888) were reported erected new—and here, I think the number is too great by six hundred or more. It would be a grand patriotic service indeed, if the larger numbers in "3" and "4" as reported, were actually done.

The PATRIOTIC PROGRAMS reported were over the twenty thousand mark, and were varied. If a full detail copy could be made of at least one hundred of the outstanding programs and each Camp furnished with a copy of same, much good could come from such information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

MEMORIAL DAY.—Some Departments report "as schools are closed on Memorial Day, we hold no School Programs." Then, why not arrange programs on the Friday preceding, as many Departments do.

FORMS "50" AND "51."—IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ENCAMPMENT, have Department Secretaries place Form 51 and Form 50 in hands of Department Patriotic Instructor, so Department Patriotic Instructor can correspond with his Camp Patriotic Instructors, and give them full instructions as to their reports and insist on a Camp report by not later than July 1st. This will give each Department Patriotic Instructor time to check up on any delinquent Camp Patriotic Instructor, and to make his own report Form 51 to National Patriotic Instructor by July 15th. This will give National Patriotic Instructor time to report to Commander-in-Chief, for his annual report.

I further recommend that all Camp Patriotic Instructor reports received by outgoing Department Patriotic Instructors be turned over to his successor at the Encampment, and all the Camp Patriotic Instructors reports received from his predecessor, be given to the Department Secretary for filing and for future reference. Each Department Patriotic Instructor giving full statement as to what he did to secure reports from Camps not reporting, if any.

RECOGNITIONS

I recommend that the National Patriotic Instructor be permitted to present each Department Patriotic Instructor who turns in a 100% report from his Camp, a Red Ribbon, bearing the letters N. P. I. at the top, Patriotism through the middle, and year 1938, etc., at lower end, in recognition of the Department's loyalty. All these trophies to be kept by the Department Patriotic Instructor, and to be displayed at each Encampment.

What Camp Patriotic Instructor does not want his name in the 100% class and his Department each year claiming the National Patriotic Instructor's reward?

Again thanking all Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors for your fine co-operation, and may you ever carry on.

REV. JOHN M. DUNLAVY,
National Patriotic Instructor.

NAMES OF SONS WHO DELIVERED MEMORIAL ADDRESSES MAY, 1938

ALABAMA & TENNESSEE

W. L. Gray, Jacksonville, Fla.; O. M. Wetherly, St. Cloud, Fla.

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

Senior Vice Commander, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, 7118 Rita St., Huntington Park; Jas. A. B. Young, 1158 Elm Ave., Glendale: Dr. Lee H. Norcross, 527 Bransin Ave., Los Angeles; J. E. Dodd, 937 18th St., San Diego; A. E. Blethen, Chief of Department; J. D. Ewers, Veterans Administration, Los Angeles; R. B. Dennser, 327 Hanover at Berkeley; Roger Darling, 8 Santa Clara St., San Jose.

CONNECTICUT

Harry Vail, Farmington; S. H. Wadhams, Farmington; John Hartman 158 S. Main St., Middleton; Raymond Wamster, 44 Durant Terrace, Middleton.

INDIANA

Judge J. W. Williams, Martinsville; Charles E. Ellis, Martinsville; Gerald E. Hall, Princeton.

MAINE

Arthur Soule, F. H. Berry, Geo. B. Leighton, Harry Towle, Stanley Woodbury, Robert A. Cony, B. R. Lefrenett, Charles C. Webster, Bradford Orebunell.

MARYLAND

A. Van Ness Burt, 1713 Que St. Washington, D. C.; John L. Bateman, 8th and Md. Ave., Washington, D. C.; Frank P. Gentieu, 1411 Riverview Ave., Wilmington, Del.; C. G. Lewis, 411 Taylor St.; Faye E. Palsgrove, 4418 7th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Charles S. Davis, 215 Cedar St., Tacoma Park, Md.; Gen. Amos A. Fries, 3305 Woodley Rd., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Charles Colfax Long, 2558 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.; John T. Bond, Commander Lincoln Camp No. 2, 1011 H St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

MASSACHUSETTS

Rev. C. A. Sellars, 6 Lincoln Drive, Lynn; C. T. H. Woodall, 12 Larch Road, Lynn; Albert S. Hall, Chas. P. Ferguson, F. S. Cleaves, Thos. Goodwin, W. P. Hannen, John Stone, all of Beverly; Louis G. Little, 144 School St., Greenfield; Peter G. Leahy, 1151 Washington St., Brockton; Edward Jordan, G. A. R. Memorial Bldg., Brockton; Geo. Beckman, 51 Market St., Brockton; Chas. Hall, Worcester; Wm. H. Arnold, Bedford; Carl E. Welcome, 29 Linden Ave., Westfield; Horace W. Langley, 208 No. Main St., Natick; Alan B. Howland, 83 Third St., Newport, R. I.; Dr. Wm. Ladd, Salem St., Rockland; Chas. E. H. Moran, Holyoke; Edw. G. Stapleton, Holyoke; Maj. Gen. E. Leroy Sweetser, 82 Hancock St., Everett; Herbert Camp, 87 Linden St., Everett; Thos. H. Buckley, Abington; Paul Gassett, 6 Arthur St., Whitman; Lloyd Smith, Payson Ave., Rockland; Leon Howland, West Shaft Road, North Adams; Rev. Scott C. Siegle, Westminster; Wm. E. Chase, Newbery; Jas. W. Ryan, 178 Water St., Newburyport; Jos. C. Marcoux, 176 State St., Newburyport; Wm. Allen, Fiskdale; Harry Shepard and Allen Shepard, Southbridge; Herbert A. Lincoln, Norwell: Webster D. Loring, Monument Beach; C. W. Crocker, 54 Lassell St., W. Roxbury; Rev. Fred D. Thayer and Rev. Wm. Osborn, of Shrewsbury.

MINNESOTA

Walter S. Barott, Stacy, R. R. No. 1; Franklin F. Elsworth, 1254 McKnight Building.

MISSOURI

E. H. Cullison, 1920 Kensington Ave.; J. A. Greer, Cunningham Bldg.; R. Goodrich, 2117 Main St., Joplin; Rev. F. G. Beardsley, 424 Second St., N. W., Minot, N. D.; Rev. John M. Dunlavy, 1405 Farrar St.; Wm. B. Scharr, 2718 Limit St.; Wm. C. Pfeffer, 4240 Juniata St., St. Louis; D. O. Sherman, 625 S. Hampton Ave., Springfield, Mo.; W. A. Petree, 815 Felix St.; P. A. Brubaker, 2801 N. 4th St., St. Joseph, Mo.; Ed. N. Blumer, 1638 Luce St.; Gust Schultz, 503 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

NEBRASKA

No names reported.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

E. H. Adams, S. E. Rowe, E. F. Nash, all of Portsmouth; W. L. John, Manchester; C. E. Rockwood, Troy; C. E. Heald, Keene; J. C. Carr, Hillsboro W. A. Chase, Nashua; J. W. Field, Hinsdale; S. S. Smith, Exeter; H. W. Buker, New London; H. W. Jacobs, Pittsfield.

NEW JERSEY

H. Haas, New Hope; M. Seiffert and M. H. Ely, 208 Jackson St., Trenton; E. Young and J. L. Reeger, 87 Revere Ave., Trenton; C. Lawrence; R. Black, 1502 Riverside; F. W. Cunningham; H. E. Pennell; W. Barlow; H. Bender, Teaneck, and F. Breitweiser.

NEW YORK

Rev. Wm. Hallock, 48 Austin St., Rochester; Howard W. Bunker, 129, Sheridan Ave.; B. Louis Eyring, 208 Barberry St., Edward E. Cohn, 70 Hill St.; P. J. Walters, 120 Bond St.; L. Flieschman, 1594 E. 96th St.; Isadore Lang, Hotel Charles, N. Y.; Harry J. Keelan, 800 Fairmount Place, Bronx, N. Y.; Bernard McGuire, 338 W. 24th St.; Comrade Orlando Nichols, G. A. R.; Wm. J. Doyle, 22 Sherwood Ave., Yonkers; Robt. W. Doughty, 181 Main St., Beacon; Chas. T. Hauptman, Ogden Ave., Dobbs Ferry; Wm. H. Daniels, Granville; Walter M. Barnard, Granville; Henry L. Redfield, 619 Ave. C.; Clarence A. Maples, 4824 Ave. L.; Franklin B. Harbelt, 901 E. 39th St.; Philip Sattler, 2012 Green Ave.; Winfield Begardus, 645 So. 7th, Fulton; Elmer VanHoesen, 30 Middle St., Waterford; Lour Miller, Cohoes; Edwin C. Smith, 131 Wood Ave., Syracuse; Geo. B. Parsons, Fred Fletcher, Geo. B. Cathers, Rev. G. A. Campbell, Wm. Allan Dyer, all of Syracuse.

OHIO

No names reported.

OREGON

B. A. Bruce, 1163 Taylor Ave., Astoria; H. L. Rushard, 512 N. 5th St., G. P.; H. L. Howe, Hood River; F. K. Davis, 1193 Pearl, Eugene; W. B. Rines, 1749 Franklin, Eugene; Rev. T. L. Cook, 1551 Villard, Eugene.

RHODE ISLAND

No names reported.

VERMONT

John B. Chase, Lyndonville; Wayne Atchison, Morrisville; Edward Hughes, North Calais; Earl Wheeler, Marshfield; M. E. Randlett, Windsor; G. A. Laduke and Judge White, of Burlington.

WASHINGTON

Dr. Frederick M. Lerl, Seattle and Everett; Theo. H. Little, Olympia; Rev. Frank Beatty, Wenatchee; Rev. Nichols, Spokane.

WISCONSIN

Frank Mellen and Wm. Eldridge, of Plymouth; C. A. Hornback and C. D. Donaldson, of Eau Claire; V. C. D. Mayhen, Sheboygan Falls; Edward Gilbertson, Stoughton; W. R. Graves, Prairie du Chien; Roy L. Lewis and Wm. McMahon, of Milwaukee.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Burlington, Vt., August 1, 1938.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Re: Annual Report of the National Counselor.

Dear Sir:

Some important questions were submitted to me by the Commander-in-Chief, and opinions were rendered on rulings as follows:

(1) The Constitution and Regulations make no provision for or against re-instating a member who has been dishonorably discharged from a Camp. It was therefore ruled that a Camp may re-instate such a discharged member provided he voluntarily requests re-instatement and make full and proper restitution before his application is acted upon by the Camp.

(2) A member of any Camp who has paid his dues and is in good standing is entitled to the password and countersign, although his Camp may not have paid its quarterly per capita tax. Such a member is also entitled to attend all Department Encampments and Regional Meetings, and should be admitted as an individual without vote.

(3) A Past Camp Commander in good standing is entitled to participation in Department Encampments because this is an honor bestowed on him personally for past service; and cannot be taken from him even though his Camp is in arrears or not in good standing. This continues until such Past Camp Commander either resigns or is discharged as provided by the Regulations, or his Camp disbands. In the latter case he may retain this individual right either by transfer to another Camps or become a Member-at-Large.

(4) Past Department Commanders in good standing have the same "honors" and are individual members of the Department Encampments and also the Commandery-in-Chief, and may participate and vote as such member in the National Encampment. Should his Department cease to exist he may retain his honors by transfer or by becoming a Member-at-Large. (See Sec. 6, Art. 2, Chap. 1, page 11).

(5) Credentials for all the above mentioned individual members of Department Encampments, signed by Camp Commanders or Secretaries, and for such members of the National Encampment by the Department Commanders or Department Secretaries, will be recognized by the Committee on Credentials.

(6) Under Chapter 1, Article 1, Section 7, page 9, Department Commanders have the authority to suspend Camps, and during such suspension Departments are not required to pay to the Commandery-in-Chief the per capita tax on the suspended Camp, provided the Commandery-in-Chief has been notified of such Camp's suspension. Upon re-instatement of a Camp all fees for arrearages are due and payable to the Department and to the Commandery-

in-Chief. Under Chapter 1, Article 1 (pages 8 and 9), Camps may be dropped or disbanded by a Department Commander, but only on giving the required notice to members of such Camp, and only with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

(7) It being the rule of the Order to admit as members direct descendants of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I was glad to report that a U. S. Government Pilot, employed by the United States Navy during the Civil War, and who was admitted to membership in the G. A. R., established eligibility to this Order. I would like to recommend that descendants of the Union War Governors, and other loyal state executive officers serving during the period from 1861-65, and also those whose ancestors served in the State military organizations as Home Guards, or other loyal local military service during the same period of war, shall be eligible to our Order, in some form.

I would respectfully propose an amendment to Section 1, Article II, Chapter II, page 22, of the Regulations which might assist Departments in arranging for delegates to Encampments, namely. that the delegates from each Camp *be based on the report for the last quarter preceding the Encampment.*

May I close this report with expressions of appreciation for the privilege of serving as National Counselor, and the pleasure I have had in conference with you during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HOWARD,
National Counselor.

Syracuse, N. Y., January 6, 1938.

Hon. H. S. Howard, National Counselor,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
217 College Street, Burlington, Vt.

My dear Judge Howard:

Will you as National Counselor of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War give me your opinion in answer to the following questions:

1—Is there any provision in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, whereby power is given to a Department Commander to sit in judgment upon a previous Department Commander or his acts?

2—If a charge is preferred by a Department Commander against a Past Department Commander for acts which occurred during the latter's administration, to whom should the charge be made?

3—If at the regular Annual Encampment of a Department, it, by motion duly seconded and passed, approved and ratified the acts of its officers, including its Department Commander, can the succeeding Commander of the Department raise a question of their validity—or re-open them—for action by himself?

4—If a charge is made as indicated in Question 2, or any charge against a member to a Camp, as specified by Article VI, Section 3, Chapter V, p. 54—or by a Camp to a Department,—may a judgment be lawfully entered or declared by a Department Commander, before and until a Trial Commissioner has been appointed, the usual ten days notices sent by registered mail and a hearing held, etc.? (See Section 4, p. 54).

5—Does a Department Commander making a charge against a Past Department Commander—or a member of the Order—have a

right to be both accuser and judge? Or, if he assumes such questionable right, has he the further right—or any right, to declare a judgment, before and until a Trial Commissioner is appointed—a ten days notice is given to the accused to file objections—and the granting of a hearing at which both sides may appear?

6—Assuming a Department Commander has so acted as accuser and judge, and has declared a judgment as suggested above, is that judgment legal? Is it sustainable?

7—If the answers to the above six questions be in the negative—and the accusing Department Commander has so illegally sat in judgment and has declared and published such illegal—or in judgment in such manner, without the appointment of a Trial Commissioner, notice and hearing, and the so-called judgment is not legal or binding:

(a) Has not such action on his part tended to injure a fellow member, and the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—under the terms of Chapter V., Article VI, Section 2, p. 54?

(b) Has the Commander-in-Chief the right to over-rule and set aside such illegally declared judgment? (See Chapter III, Article V, Section 1, pp. 34-35, in which it says: "The Commander-in-Chief shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Order—and shall decide all questions of law and order, subject to—etc.;" and Chapter V, Article VI, Section 1, p. 53—under "Discipine": "The Commander-in-Chief shall have original jurisdiction over charges preferred against Departments of the Order—and also against members and Camps, when Camps or Departments fail or neglect to act upon any *breach of discipline within their jurisdiction*."

(c) Is a case of a charge by a Department Commander against a Past Department Commander, as above—one for jurisdiction of the Department itself? And, assuming there is here a question of the jurisdiction of a Department—through its Department Council, or otherwise, if the Department Council has itself shown bias, and been itself, or tried to be, both accuser and judge in a like previous proceeding against the same Past Department Commander, to whom then should the accused Past Department Commander (presumably innocent until proved guilty) go, to obtain a just and fair hearing? Would it not be to the Commander-in-Chief? (Article VI, Chapter V, Section 1, p. 53—and other references cited above).

(d) Should not, in such a case as cited above, the Commander-in-Chief overrule and set aside this illegal judgment,—and is he not bound to do so?

(e) Is not the accusing Department Commander, who has acted as indicated above, subject to censure and reprimand?

(f) If such censure or reprimand or any like discipline is in order,—is it for the Commander-in-Chief to make—(1) without further action? (2) If not, what action should the Commander-in-Chief take? (See Article V, Section 1, first three lines, pp. 34-35; Article VI, Section 1, pp. 53-54; also Article VI, Section 6, pp. 55).

8—If the Department Commander has not only made and declared such illegal judgment, but has gone further, and publicly had the same printed in his Department Orders and without conforming to the regular rules of such procedure,—has he not committed a further reprehensible act, and one deserving of reprimand or censure, or discipline,—and what form should that discipline take—and by whom be made?

In other words, what are the rights and what is the duty of the Commander-in-Chief, in such a situation,—and how far is he justified

in going in order to maintain proper respect for our Rules,—and to prevent injustice being done?

9—The Bond that is given on a Department Commander runs to the Commander-in-Chief. (See Article I, Chapter V, Section 5, Regulations—pp. 42-43).

(a) If the Bond secured by the Department on its Department Commander does not so run, is the Bond a proper Bond according to our Regulations?

(b) If it does so run to the Commander-in-Chief, it is proper—or proper procedure—for a Department Commander, under a judgment rendered by himself, as indicated above—i. e., without proper hearing, etc., to attempt directly to collect from the Bonding Company an alleged deficit, not proven except as he asserts it is?

(c) Is it proper for him, not having the power to collect under the Bond, to threaten a member with such collection—after proceedings illegally conducted as above?

(d) Is not such procedure on his part improper and subject to censure, reprimand or discipline?

(e) Can the Commander-in-Chief intervene to prevent such claim or threats being made—or publicised and the Order or any of its members be thus brought into disgrace? If he can, is it not his duty to do so?

(f) If such attempts or actions as cited above are made by a Department Commander against a Past Department Commander—or against a member of the Order, what redress has the injured member—and what procedure should he take?

(g) How can the Order protect itself against such illegal acts if the Commander-in-Chief cannot intervene?

10—If a reprimand, censure, or other discipline is in order and should be made,—in what form should it be administered?—and what should be the redress such Department Commander should make to the injured Past Department Commander—or member?

11—If the Department Commander commits the acts above named and renders a judgment illegally as above indicated, has he not by so doing broken his oath of office taken at the time of his installation as such Department Commander? (See Ritual, page 41).

"I, having been regularly chosen as an officer of the ..... Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, hereby renew the sacred obligation made at the time of my initiation and will * * * faithfully, honestly, and impartially perform the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter."

(See Ritual, page 20).

"I in the presence of the Great Creator and witnessing members of this Camp, hereby voluntarily and solemnly pledge myself to * * * obey the Constitution and Regulations of this Order (and actively promote its objects and interests everywhere, so help me God)"

Cordially yours,

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

January 6, 1938.

Mr. William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Sir:

You have submitted to me questions of procedure for Department Commanders under our Constitution and Regulations which I answer in their order, as follows:

1—No.

2—The Commander-in-Chief, who shall decide all questions of law and order, subject to appeal. See Article V, Section 1.

3—No. Can only be raised by charges submitted in regular form to the Commander-in-Chief for a hearing.

4—No, because charges by Departments, which includes Department Commanders, shall be made to the Commander-in-Chief and a Trial Commissioner appointed by the latter. See Chapter V, Article VI, Sections 3 and 4, p. 54 of the Constitution.

5—(a) No, it would be illegal as it is against all rules of justice and against the above provision of the Constitution.

(b) No, it would be illegal and of no force and effect if he should declare a judgment that he has no right to render.

6—No, it should be declared *null* and *void* by the Commander-in-Chief.

7—(a) Yes, like Judge Jeffrey who assumed arbitrary power on the bench in the old British Courts. His acts were highly illegal.

(b) Yes, as stated above under No. 6.

(c) No, because a Department Commander must make his charges to the Commander-in-Chief as a higher tribunal.

(d) Yes, because where a Department Commander's acts are null and void and therefore of no force and effect, the Commander-in-Chief is in duty bound to so declare them.

(e) Yes.

(f) 1. Yes, subject to the Department Commander's right of appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief.

2. No other action. It is like a superior court reversing a lower court's decision for want of jurisdiction.

8—The Commander-in-Chief's rights are clear. He has disciplinary jurisdiction over all Departments and Department Commanders under the Constitution of the Order and my opinion is that the Commander-in-Chief should first declare the acts of such a Department Commander illegal and therefore of no force and effect and, secondly, that the Department Commander should retract the statements published in Orders by a correction equally published in his next printed Orders, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief. This would be a discipline.

9—(a) No.

(b) No, as the Commander-in-Chief to whom the bond runs can alone prove a default and claim indemnity from the Bonding Company.

(c) No.

(d) Yes, very much, for he opens himself to severe punishment in and out of the Order.

(e) Yes, it is the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to intervene

because the bond of the Department Commander runs to the Commander-in-Chief. See Article I, Section 5, pp. 42 and 43.

(f) He can claim a hearing by appeal to the Commander-in-Chief, who appoints a Trial Commissioner to hear the original charges that were brought against him by the Department Commander. See Chapter V, Article VI, page 53, etc.

(g) It cannot, and moreover the Camps and Departments are component parts of a single organization with supreme power vested in the Commandery-in-Chief through the Commander-in-Chief, its executive officer.

10—If facts warrant a severe reprimand of a Department Commander, there might well be embodied in such a reprimand the suggestion that the officer do all in his power to right any wrong done to a fellow Department Commander.

11—Yes, because the Ritual provides that he is handed, when installed into office, a copy of the Ritual, Constitution, and Regulations, and advised to study them with care, and ignorance of them will not excuse the officer for breach of their provisions, thus breaking his oath to obey the Constitution and Regulations of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. S. HOWARD,
National Counselor.

January 6, 1938.

Mr. William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Commander:

You have submitted the following questions in regard to the reinstatement of dishonorably discharged members and I have stated my opinion in the answers herewith.

Q. 1—If a member of a Camp—for instance its Secretary-Treasurer, does not properly account for the funds of the Camp—and upon request to so account refuses to do so, refuses to turn over the books and papers in his possession belonging to the Camp and he is accused of appropriating to his own use some of its funds or of not properly accounting for the same and has charges brought against him and in accordance with the rules and regulations is given a trial before a Trial Commissioner, duly appointed and with due notice of said hearing given him as required by the regulations, and is represented by attorney or attorneys and is found guilty by the Trial Commissioner upon and after such trial, etc., and is given six months to make restitution upon pain of dishonorable discharge, and refuses to make such restitution or does not make it, and not having made atonement or restitution is so dishonorably discharged, can he be restored to honorable membership in the Order and how?

A. 1—There is no provision in the Constitution for restoring a dishonorably discharged member so it is permissible for the Commander-in-Chief to rule that a Camp may restore such discharged member to honorable membership provided he voluntarily requests reinstatement and makes full and proper restitution before his application is acted on by the Camp.

Q. 2—If in addition to the above, said dishonorably discharged member, endeavors to disrupt the Camp of which he was a former

member, seeks to and does solicit its members to give up their membership in the Camp either directly or indirectly, speaks ill of some of its members, and commits other like acts tending to injure the membership of the Camp and thus the Order itself and still holds in his possession books and papers of the Camp, should he be restored to membership: (a) in the Camp; (b) in the Order?

A. 2. (a) Yes, he may be under the conditions stated above.

(b) Yes, he may be under the conditions stated above.

The facts in this question are merely an aggravation of those in Question 1. Under the Commander-in-Chief's ruling, it would be for the Camp to decide if they wanted the former member reinstated.

Q. 3—If some of his friends, former members, seek to establish another Camp in the town in which this Camp is located and to do so solicit members of said Camp to leave it and join the proposed new Camp, and if in order to force or induce the Camp to receive themselves and him again into membership they offer to make good his deficit and as a condition of such reinstatement, they make offer to return the books and papers belonging to said Camp, should he or they be restored to membership?

A. 3—No. They must abandon all bargaining for reinstatement and apply to the Camp with clean hands; and also as the books and papers belong to the Camp, they or the holder of them must surrender the books and papers in any event or be compelled by law to do so.

Q. 4—If in addition to the above, a majority of these secessioners from the Camp are members who were dropped by the Camp for nonpayment of dues, should that fact have weight in consideration of their proposition and should his reinstatment and theirs be brought about in this manner as a proper procedure?

A. 4—Yes, it has a decided bearing on the matter of restitution of a dishonorably discharged member, which restitution is only permissible as indicated above. So, there must be no collusion with officers of the Camp or Department, such conduct being contrary to the high character, principles, and spirit of the Order.

It would be an improper procedure to reinstate any member in the manner proposed by those asking to be taken back into the Order.

Q. 5—If this is improper procedure and the Department Commander aids and abets such above plans and procedure on the part of the dishonorably discharged member and these other members, is he, the Department Commander, following a right procedure as the executive officer of his Department?

A. 5—No. His oath requires that the Department Commander shall follow the Constitution which stresses loyalty and impartial justice to all, and as the executive officer, the Department Commander is in duty bound to carry out these principles, and should act impartially towards all Brothers and act only for the good of the Order.

Q. 6—If he as a Department Commander appoints a former member of the Order to organize such proposed Camp hostile to the Camp already there established and located in this town and seeks himself to establish such proposed Camp, is he properly conducting the duties of his office?

A. 6—No, this would be a high-handed proceeding, injurious to a well-organized Camp in good standing, and contrary to his duties as Department Commander to administer the affairs of the Department, which means in a fair and impartial manner.

Such conduct as outlined in your questions might cause the Department Commander to be impeached and removed from office in violation of his oath of office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) H. S. HOWARD,
National Counselor.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

(A) Referring to Chapter II, Article II, Section I, page 21 of the C. & R., which specifies the "Membership" and to the succeeding sections on page 22, it is granted that *Camps* failing to pay their indebtedness are not entitled to representation at the Department Encampment.

(B) However, in the second paragraph of Section 1, it clearly specifies that Past Camp Commanders, Past Department Commanders, etc., *in good standing* are entitled to membership in the Department Encampment. Are all such past officers *in good standing* in their own Camp, entitled to participate in the Department Encampment if their particular Camp *is not in good standing?*

(C) Likewise can Past Department Commanders who are themselves in good standing in their own Camp, participate in the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief if their own Camp is not in good standing in the Department?

(D) In view of the fact that *all credentials* emanating from a Camp, including that for Past Camp Commanders and Past Department Commanders, must be signed by the sitting Camp Commander and recognized by the Committee on Credentials at the Department Encampment, it is assumed that *all credentials* from Camps not in good standing in the Department will not be recognized. Is this correct?

(E) Likewise Credentials for recognition at the Commandery-in-Chief must be signed by the Department Commander and the Department Secretary and will not be issued to those brothers who may be entitled to participate in the Commandery-in-Chief, if their Camp is not in good standing in the Department. Is this correct?

(F) At the top of page 22, regarding delegates, is the statement "based upon the report for the quarter ending September 30th (next preceding the Encampment"). To what representation then would such Camps organized after the September 30th report was submitted, be entitled to?

A—Camps failing to pay their dues or make reports according to rules are not entitled to representation in the Department Encampment.

B—Past Camp and Past Department Commanders in good standing are entitled to membership in the Department Encampment and to participation in it if their particular Camp is not in good standing.

Past Commanders receive what are called "honors"—one of which is membership in the Department Encampment. This is a personal honor or privilege granted because of service.

It does not carry with it the right to represent any Camp, he represents himself only and his Camp cannot control his vote by any actions of theirs.

The privilege being personal cannot be taken from him by reason

of the condition of the Camp. It can be taken from him only in one or two ways:

(a) By his resignation or honorable discharge from the Order.

(b) By his dishonorable discharge after charges have been preferred against him and sustained by trial, etc., according to regulations.

(c) By the disbandment of his Camp or the forfeiture of its charter in which case he may protect his honors by transfer to another Camp or by becoming a member-at-large.

C—The same rule as above applies to Past Department Commanders with relation to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment.

He is a member of the Department Encampment and the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment by virtue of his past office and honors. It is a personal privilege and is not affected by the Camp not being in good standing.

His membership in the Commandery-in-Chief is retained so long as his Department exists, his dues are paid, and he lives up to the rules of the Order.

Moreover, his Department cannot by any action on its part control his vote in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment or govern his actions. His representation in it is personal—not representation of his Department.

D—In the case of a Past Camp Commander who is himself in good standing, his Camp Commander or Secretary may sign his credentials though not as representing the Camp—and if either of these do not do so, the Department Secretary may certify his credentials.

E—A Past Department Commander, himself in good standing, is entitled to attend the Annual Encampment and has the privileges that go with such membership, and the Department Commander or Department Secretary may certify him. It makes no difference whether his Camp is in good standing or not so long as it exists. His representation in the Commandery, personal to him, is his so long as he himself is in good standing.

If the Camp is not in good standing, it may not be represented in the Department Encampment. It does not as a Camp have representation in the National Encampment.

F—This rule applies to Camps already established. Camps established after September 30 of course have right of representation in the Department Encampment proportionate to their membership. This may or may not bear as a hardship on Camps established before September 30, as they have an increased or decreased membership *after* September 30th.

Personally, I think Camp representation should be based on the report of the Quarter next preceding the holding of the Department Encampment, and this rule probably would not be enforced literally unless the question came up in the Encampment whereupon the rule would have to hold.

Of course, we will understand that as long as a Camp continues in existence, whether in arrears or not, its Past Camp Commanders hold their honors. If a Camp goes out of existence, those honors may be lost unless the Past Camp Commander protects them by transferring to another Camp or becoming a member-at-large.

(Signed) WILLIAM ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Approved:
H. S. HOWARD,
National Counselor.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Question 1—Does a Department Commander have the authority to suspend a Camp?

Answer—Yes (See comments below).

Question 2—While a Camp is under suspension, is the Department required to pay per capita tax on the Camp to the Commandery-in-Chief?

Answer—No—while it is under suspension provided the Commandery-in-Chief has been notified of the Camp's suspension.

A Camp being denied, by reason of its suspension, the privileges of the Order, would not, as a corollary, pay per capita taxes, nor the Department on that Camp's membership to the Commandery-in-Chief during the period of suspension.

It is the honorable duty of a Camp to pay its dues and make its proper reports. Suspension is in the nature of a penalty imposed for non-performance of a Camp's duty, when other means of inducing it to do so have failed—and its purpose is to induce the Camp to reinstate itself in good standing. It is an extreme measure and should only be resorted to when other means—and especially personal contacts, have been unsuccessful.

Since, to be reinstated, the Camp is required to pay all arrearages of per capita tax, it follows that upon its reinstatement, that the Department receiving such arrearages, must pay to the Commandery-in-Chief, if it has not already done so, the proportion of the per capita tax that should or has accrued to the Commandery-in-Chief, before and after the suspension of the Camp.

The only gain through suspension of a Camp it would seem, is that the Camp and Department have secured for each a "breathing spell"—to enable each to catch up on their finances.

If a Camp because it is in financial difficulties is unable to pay to the Department its full per capita tax, an effort should be made to compromise by securing from the Camp as much as it is able to pay—and enough at least to reimburse the Department for what it is "out of pocket" by reason of what the Department has had to pay to the Commandery-in-Chief—and it is always better to do this than to resort to suspension.

Of course, a Department must keep itself in good standing—and it does so just as a Camp does, by payment of its per capita tax—and the prompt making of its required reports, etc.

Question 3—How and by what authority may a Camp be dropped?

Answer—A Camp is formed and a Charter is issued. This Charter is signed by the Department Commander (signature attested by the Department Secretary) but the Camp may not be instituted nor is its Charter valid, until it is approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

Moreover, the Application for the establishment of a Camp (Application Form 26) with the signature and records of the applicants must receive the approval of the Commander-in-Chief. See Regulations Chapter I, Article II, Sections 2-3-4-5-6, pp. 8 and 9. Unless all these things are done a Camp is not legally instituted nor in existence.

Sec. 3 says: "No Charter shall be surrendered by a Camp so long as 10 members in good standing demand its continuance—and the Department Commander and each and every member shall receive at least 20 days notice—of the intention to surrender the Charter."

Sec. 4 says: "On surrender or *forfeiture* of the Charter, all Camp property—shall be turned over to the Department Commander, or, etc."

Sec. 5 says: "A Camp one year or more in arrears in payment of per capita tax or failing or neglecting to make reports, may be disbanded and the Charter thereof revoked."

Sec. 6 says: "Camps having been dropped for one year may be reinstated upon payment of required fee, to be determined by the Department and may retain their original Charter."

Since for a Camp to be instituted it is required that its Application and Charter must be signed by the Department Commander and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, it follows that the same process in reverse should be followed upon the dropping of a Camp—and further, in accordance with Section 2, notice should be sent to each and every member of the Camp by the Department Commander of the intention to drop such Camp (20 days notice) and forfeit its charter —and a Camp, therefore, is not legally dropped from the Rolls until each of these acts has been performed.

Since the Commandery-in-Chief issues the Charters for Camps and is the final creating body in their establishment, it has a right to be a party to the abandonment of them.

(Signed) WILLIAM ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Approved:
H. S. HOWARD,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

West Roxbury, Mass., June 16, 1938.

Mr. William Allan Dyer,
Commander-in-Chief, S. U. V.,
995 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Having been re-appointed National Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, I immediately communicated with the local chairmen of the Departments of Iowa, Nebraska, and Colorado, asking them to prepare a bill for the continuation of U. S. Route No. 6 through their state.

Owing to the fact that in these states the Legislative Bodies held sessions every two years, which meant that during the year 1938 there would be no action taken, this prompted me to have a bill drawn up by Congressman McCormack of Massachusetts asking Congress to continue this highway from Iowa to California. At my request U. S. Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts presented a companion bill in the Senate. These bills are House Bill No. 8887 and Senate Bill No. 3279.

At the writing of this report these bills are in the hands of the Committee on Roads and every effort is being made to have this Committee render a report. Letters have been sent to all Departments and many individuals urging them to contact their local Representative and U. S. Senator requesting their support on these bills. In the event that Congress does not act, I feel sure that Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, and California will have bills passed in their own state

naming their portion of U. S. Route No. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Since our Encampment at Madison I am glad to report that U. S. Route No. 6 has been extended from Greeley, Colorado, to Los Angeles, California, whereas heretofore Route No. 6 ended at Greeley, Colorado. This completion of Route No. 6 by number was done by the Committee of Highway Commissioners.

I recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief continue this committee so that they may have the opportunity to complete this highway by name from Iowa to California. The Highway is completed from Massachusetts to Iowa. I also recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint another chairman more centrally located to carry out the activities of this committee.

I sincerely thank the members of the national committee for their splendid co-operation in this fine memorial to the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON,
National Chairman.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

August 3, 1938.

To the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

Legislation, both Federal and State, has never been so prolific and varied as at present. Of course, it is impossible for a committee, such as ours, to keep track of proposed legislation in Congress and in the forty-eight states.

Several bills were introduced in the present Congress, pertaining to the erection of markers and monuments commemorating Confederate events, but none of them was passed, so far as we know.

The appropriation of funds from the Federal treasury to aid in the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, which was held at Gettysburg on July 1, 2 and 3, 1938, and the 75th anniversary of the battles of Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, which will be held at Chattanooga on September 19 and 20, 1938, is fitting and merits our approval.

Some proposed legislation of a political or controversial nature was called to our attention on which some of the members on your committee and many of the members of our organization took action as individuals, rather than as representatives of the order.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. BLAKELEY,
EDWIN C. IRELAN,
WILLARD R. MATHENY,
GEORGE B. PARSONS,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford, Conn., July 30, 1938.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I herewith submit to you the report of the Grave Marking Committee for the past year.

In the work of locating, identifying and marking veterans' graves, many of our Departments show the same great interest in this class of work as they have in the past. It is a pleasure to report that

MICHIGAN—Francis E. Hall, Chairman, reports fifteen cemeteries, and 1045 soldiers' graves have been added, making their total graves located

Revolutionary	32 graves
War of 1812	88
Mexican	37
Civil	12,069
Civil (Confederate)	5
Indian	6
Spanish-American	725
World	1,908
Total	14,870 graves

The work completed has been almost entirely by Brother Hall. he is a wonderful worker, but this committee should be enlarged at once if the entire state is to be completed, as the state covers a large territory.

INDIANA—Under the direction of Brother Will H. Ball, this Department has made great progress during the past year in the marking of veterans' graves. His committee has been successful in getting live committees at work in South Bend, Martinsville, Largus, Morocco, Gosport, Bloomington, Nashville, Marion, Danville, Westfield, Indianapolis, LaFayette, Rushville, Richmond, Swazee, and other cities and towns. They also received the co-operation of many patriotic orders; in addition to this they have ordered about 500 stones to mark unmarked graves, and have interested town officials in cleaning up cemeteries.

MASSACHUSETTS—Brother Roger W. Hanners, of Marblehead, has been made Department Chairman. For many years he has taken great interest in the marking of soldiers' graves in or near Marblehead. As many of the Camps in this Department do this class of work, I believe Brother Hanner is the right man to get them to consolidate their work and each Camp go into the next town and in the end a complete list of all veterans buried in the state will be on file.

ILLINOIS—Brother Francis A. Gibson, of Springfield, is Chairman. He reports that he has placed stones at unmarked graves as follows: Revolutionary, 1; War of 1812, 1; Black Hawk War, 1; Mexican War, 14; Civil War, 90; Spanish-American War, 2, and World War, 2; total, 111, and has ordered many more. This is good work. If these had not been marked, in a short while they would go into the unknown class. He is receiving fine co-operation from the Daughters of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps. He should receive greater support from the Sons.

IOWA—Continues the work by the Adjutant General under the supervision of Brother W. F. Hathaway of Des Moines. Brother Hath-

away met with a severe accident last winter, and has not been able to accomplish all the work he had planned. It is a pleasure to know that Brother Hathaway is recovering his health.

NEW YORK—The work still centers around the central and western part of the state. It is a very large state, and there is room for many of the Camps in this Department to get busy. Brother George A. Smith, of Syracuse, knows how it should be done, and would be glad to forward his plans to any Camp interested.

In the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New Jersey the work continues to be done by Camps, Department Committees should be appointed.

OHIO—The United States government has made an appropriation of a half million dollars, and the State of Ohio has added twenty-five thousand dollars to make a complete survey of the graves of all soldiers buried in Ohio. The work will be done under the American Legion. Here is an excellent opportunity for the Sons to assist them in order that Civil War veterans' graves are not overlooked.

CONNECTICUT—The typing and indexing of all inscription in the 2,267 cemeteries or burial plots in the state are completed. This Department locates soldiers' graves back to the Pequot War, 1637. Very few of the old stones carry any information of military service. In many of the death notices in our old newspapers, the notice will read "At blank town on such a date, George Doe, a Revolutionary soldier." Therefore, it was thought advisable to copy all death notices in the eighty-four old newspapers which we are now doing. When completed it will add many soldiers' burial places to our list.

Such is a brief summary of the work of marking soldiers' graves throughout the several Departments of our Order. Your committee hopes that more Departments will become interested in grave marking and recommends that the committee be continued.

The cost has been for typing, postage, etc., $55.00.

Among the distinguished visitors that have visited our office during the past year was Commander-in-Chief Dyer who spent several hours among our records. It was a pleasure to greet him.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES R. HALE, Chairman,

Committee on Marking Graves.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: It has been very hot and you have been very patient with me. I thank you. With your permission I suggest that we adjourn and meet downstairs in the ball room this afternoon.

Past Department Commander Howard Michael of Maryland made the motion that the meeting adjourn until 2:00 p. m. Seconded by several. Adjourned at 12:50 p. m.

SECOND SESSION

September 6, 1938.

The second session was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Dyer at 2:20 p. m. in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will announce at this time the following committee appointments:

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman, John Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Wm. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.
Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.
Cleon E. Heald, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.
Parker B. Chandler, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Chairman, Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
H. S. Howard, National Counselor, Vermont.
John M. Dunlavy, National Patriotic Instructor, Missouri.
W. R. Graves, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Wisconsin.
Fred Barnard, Past Department Commander, New York.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman, Frank Huston, Past Comander-in-Chief, Indiana.
Samuel S. Horn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Charles S. Kasten, Department Commander, Iowa.
W. R. Boyce, Department Commander, Minnesota.
Phil Byron, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Chairman, Titus Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Walter Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Henry Towle, Department Commander, Maine.
W. R. Herrlein, Delegate, Pennsylvania.
W. F. Hathaway, Delegate, Iowa.

S. V. RESERVE

Chairman, Edwin J. Prittie, Delegate, Pennsylvania.
Robert E. Leslie, Department Commander, Connecticut.
John L. Reeger, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
Zoa A. Williams, Delegate, New York.
E. C. Skinner, Delegate, Illinois.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

To Auxiliary:

Chairman, John Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Fred C. Barnard, Past Department Commander, New York.
Fred J. Kurtz, Department Commander, New Jersey.

To Grand Army of the Republic:

Chairman, Titus M. Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Cleon Heald, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.
George Cathers, Delegate from New York.

(Any others who may wish to go. I hope it might be possible for us all to go in a body).

To Ladies of the G. A. R.:

Chairman, Maurice H. Ely, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
E. J. Parker, Past Department Commander, California.
Charles Martin, Past Department Commander, Kansas.

To Woman's Relief Corps:

Chairman, Howard Michael, Past Department Commander, Maryland.
Albert E. Deems, Past Department Commander, California.
Perle Fouch, Past Department Commander, Michigan.

To Daughters of Union Veterans:

Chairman, W. R. Boyce, Department Commander, Minnesota.
Gordon Ryan, Department Commander, Ohio.
C. W. Jackman, Department Commander, Florida.

Resolutions from the different Departments were read as National Secretary Hammer called the Roll of States and they were referred to their respective committees.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I want to make an announcement about the dinner dance tomorrow night at the Younkers' Tea Room. Everyone should be there at six o'clock. No one can get in after the dinner starts. Do all you can to encourage your friends to go and go yourself and support the Auxiliary. The only way to get in is to buy a ticket for the dinner.

Chairman of the Council-in-Chief, John L. Reeger, read the preliminary report of the Council-in-Chief.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Des Moines, Iowa, September 6, 1938.

To the Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

The Council-in-Chief beg leave to report that it has carefully examined the records of the National Secretary-Treasurer, and found them correct and complete in every detail. We also submit a statement from the Reading Trust Company as to the balance on hand September 1st to the credit of the National Organization.

JOHN L. REEGER,
A. W. McDANIEL,
ROBERT T. ALCORN,
Council-in-Chief.

READING TRUST COMPANY
Reading, Pa.

September 1, 1938.

To the Council-in-Chief,
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Gentlemen:

There is to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, as of the close of business September 1, 1938, a balance of:

Checking Account	$3,133.07
Organization Fund	1,203.99
Savings Account*	2,092.15

Very truly yours,
E. P. SCHAEFFER,
Assistant Treasurer.

*Permanent Fund.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Howard, our National Counselor, is the son of Major General O. O. Howard who was one of the Corps Commanders in the Civil War. He has done a very fine job for us as National Counselor. I saw in his home a wonderful collection of his father's Commissions. Brother Howard, I am glad that you are here. The password which we are using is out of respect to Brother Howard's father. Is there any unfinished business?

National Secretary Hammer: Nothing unfinished on the desk.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I am going to read the changes necessary in the regulations to bring about uniform terms of office, which you ordered done at the Madison Encampment. They have been prepared according to your instructions by National Counselor Howard.

After reading, this was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Those of you here who are bound to the past and see no improvement in what has been, will perhaps find objections to anything that changes things of the past.

This plan was approved unanimously at the Encampment last year in Madison—and your Commander-in-Chief was ordered, in connection with our National Counselor, to prepare the necessary changes to put it in effect. In brief, the plan provides for election of all officers, Camp, Department and National, practically as at present, and that all Officers shall assume their offices as of October 1st and thus work together for a full year. Its purpose is to obviate changes in officers in the middle of the year or during the year as now happens—and it will make for more successful results. There is ample precedent for it. For instance, the President of the United States is elected early in November and takes office now, in January. (He used to do this March 4th). The Veterans of Foreign Wars in Massachusetts elected in February and installed in June. In our own Order our Camps elect in October and November and install in January.

It gives Commanders a chance to study their work and opportunity to find the right men to fill offices to which they appoint.

This method will give us an opportunity to have public installations of our Officers and make such a feature of it as to let the public know what the Sons of Veterans Organization is and what we stand for.

But, best of all is the advantage that will come to us as an Organization from National Commanders, Department Commanders and Camp Commanders all working together for a whole year without changes or interruptions of any kind in our work.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Am I in order? I would like to ask if we could have these proposed changes mimeographed so that we could all have copies and know what we are doing, without simply having it read to us. This is a vital change in our method of procedure, and I think we should all have a chance to study it over. I move that the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations have copies made of this resolution and distribute them among the Encampment, before action is taken. (So voted).

Drum Corps of Porter Camp, Valparaiso, Indiana, was admitted and played two selections, followed by a Drum Corps of Camp 8, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Inside Guard announced a delegation of Greetings Committee from the Daughters, and Commander-in-Chief Dyer appointed Department Commander Parker Chandler of Massachusetts, Department Commander James Ellsworth of New Hampshire, Past Department Commander Byron of Illinois, and the Guide, to escort them into the Encampment Room.

Guide: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, it is my pleasure to present to you the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans: Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, Past National President; Roma Kendall of Colorado & Wyoming; Emily Chase of New Hampshire, and Ethel Burns of Oregon.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Ladies, we are very glad indeed to see you here. We had planned to have our greetings tomorrow afternoon; but perhaps it is in order that our Sisters, the Daughters, should come here with us today. Brothers, salute!

I have the pleasure of presenting to you Past National President of the Daughters of Kansas, Mrs. Dorothy Houghton.

Mrs. Dorothy Hughton: Commander-in-Chief and our Brothers, I was very happy when our National President, Mrs. Manning, asked me to come to bring greetings to you. Sister Clara Yengling was supposed to perform this pleasure, but could not be with us at this time. Our National President sent to you her best wishes for the best and most profitable Encampment, and for my organization, I want you brothers to know that your sisters will stand by you all the way. Most of you have sisters in your home and you know what a sister is. You can just pretend to ignore her and sometimes she just wonders if her brother thinks anything at all of her or not. That is the way it is with us, but when you come right down to it, we know that you brothers are with us and we want you to know that we will be with you too.

I have one bit of sorrow to communicate to you. Brother Sam White of Kansas, Past Department Commander, is lying at death's door. I expect every hour to get word that he is gone. Last Saturday evening he had been in a coma for four days. I am sure you are interested in Brother Sam's condition.

Commander-in-Chief, our National President sent this token to you in appreciation of the co-operation you have shown her during the time you have worked together and it carries with it her best wishes and the best wishes of our organization. She also sends this badge and we would like to have you pin it on beside your own. Wear them side by side.

Mrs. Roma Kendall of Colorado & Wyoming: Brother Commander-in-Chief, and the Sons of our Fathers, which makes us all children together, the Girls and Boys. As my part of National Greetings, I want to bring a welcome from Colorado & Wyoming. Our Camps out there are very few. I am sure they could take a lesson from coming into the Middle States. I have attended conventions in my own state, but at this, my first National Convention, it is my privilege to be sent to the Sons. I am not going to wish that you have a good convention-I know that you are having a good one and I sincerely appreciate coming here and saying a word to you.

Mrs. Ethel Burns of Oregon: I am very happy to represent the Department of Oregon. This is my first National Convention. I was thrilled when I saw my name on the list. I have a letter from Brother Buchanan, our State Commander, and he wanted me to extend greetings to you and to say that he was very sorry that he could not be here. I bring greetings from him as well as our Department. I would like to present you with one of our badges.

Mrs. Chase of New Hampshire: It certainly is a great honor and privilege to bring greetings of the State of New Hampshire, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Delegate Evans of Ohio responded: I am sure we are very glad to have the ladies come with these greetings and I am sure they are appreciated by every one of us. This Encampment is the first one that I have attended for a good many years and I am getting a great thrill out of it. Sort of a growing thrill every hour that it takes place and I hope that everyone is having that same experience. It surely is a great pleasure to greet you ladies here and I think that we all enjoy these little recesses when the ladies come, and the Drum Corps.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Will you please take back to your President, Mrs. Manning, the greetings of our convention and my thanks and good wishes?

The Guide reported a Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. in waiting. Past Commander Maurice Ely of New Jersey, Department Commander John H. Runkle of Pennsylvania and the Guide escorted Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Department President of Massachusetts, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Bessie Day, of Utah; and Emma F. Haywood, of Department of the Potomac.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Ladies, we are very glad indeed to welcome you here. You will escort the Ladies to the seats on my left.

Mrs. Taylor: Commander Dyer, and members of this convention, we were told to sit here so that you could hear us better. This is my first National Convention, but I want you to know that I feel right at home. The first person I met was Brother Anderson. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring you the greetings of the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. This is my very first National Convention and I am indeed honored to bring you her greetings. To Commander Dyer I want to present this little gift. Brother Louis Winchell said if I saw any of the Sons from Massachusetts to extend his greetings. I am tickled pink to see Brother Chandler over there. He is sort of a moral support. I would now like to pin this badge on Brother Dyer and present this little personal gift from our National President.

Mrs. Bessie Day of Utah: I am very happy to be here. It is a pleasure that I have looked forward to. I feel very much at home

with these sons. I feel that they are interested in all the Grand Army work. I thank you.

Mrs. Emma F. Haywood: Brother Dyer, it gave me great pleasure to know that I was selected to represent part of the Ladies of the Grand Army at your convention. I am very much at home with the Sons of Veterans. I am a Daughter of a Veteran. I see several brothers whom I know. I am not going to take any more of your time, but just say that I was very glad that I could come.

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perle Fouch of Michigan: We are very happy on this occasion to receive your greetings; also your greetings from the Bay State. We are very happy in our hope of perpetuating the American form of government and the ideals of our Fathers. We are happy that you have come to us. We hope that in the next hundred years you will come to us at least once a year. We hope you will be happy in your coming and I am sure we will all be here to greet you and meet you every year.

The Guide announced a second Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, comprised of the following Past National Presidents: Frances M. Kuhns of Pennsylvania, Clara Sawyer of California, Carrie Sherriff of California, and Marion Crawker of Florida.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are very happy to welcome these Past National Presidents here this afternoon. This committee is headed by one wonderul lady. Last year Mrs. Kuhns served with me as National President. She was our show piece if you will allow me to so express myself. When we wanted to make a wonderful impression we always asked her along. Now Mrs. Kuhns, we have a particular spot here which is very interesting. It is like the Blarney Stone.

Mrs. Kuhns: Knowing the danger spot I will stay right here. Commander-in-Chief Dyer, possibly I shouldn't have been so interested in coming here. I understand that we are one day ahead of ourselves. We should not have come until tomorrow. Due to the fact that last year I wasn't able to visit your convention I made up my mind that I would do so this year. I was very happy to be National President the same year as your Commander-in-Chief last year. All over the United States I met Sons of whom we of the Ladies of the Grand Army may well be proud. As I look around I see the faces of some of our Pennsylvania boys. I do bring you the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as I have said before, no one should carry on for the Grand Army of the Republic but the Sons of Union Veterans. Who have a better right than the Sons of the Boys who fought, died and bled for the United States of America? They are the ones who have learned from them the sacrifices that were made for our beloved country.

I hope new Camps may be formed and we may look forward to just what our dreams have been—that we can look to the Sons of Union Veterans when the Grand Army of the Republic is no more.

I have been elected to the high office of National President of the Federated Patriotic Societies. I am looking into the face of the Senior Vice President of that organization and I trust we may be this year united in that organization as we have never been before. I am expecting a great deal of help from the Sons.

Today I have a great honor, Commander-in-Chief Dyer, in having with me our oldest living Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and also the second oldest, and that I can almost say can never happen again. Carrie Sherriff of California is the old-

est—living in California, but she belongs in Pennsylvania—and Sister Sawyer, second oldest from California, and Past Department President of Florida.

Mrs. Sherriff: To the Sons of the Veterans who wore the Blue. Your fathers were boys when President Lincoln called for 90,000 men, and they were boys sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen years old. They marched to the front under those Stars and Stripes. They saved our country and our homes and now we are going to depend on the Sons of Veterans, our brave heroes; and we are relatives too of the Boys in Blue. God bless you all. Stand by one another. We'll stand by you if you stand by us. We want our Organizations to live forever if they can.

Mrs. Sawyer: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, Sons of Union Veterans, there is but one greater honor that our National President has bestowed on us and that is to serve as her committee to the Grand Army. Second to that is to come to the Sons of Union Veterans. Happy indeed am I to be one of that committee and I am going to warn you at the start that when I begin to talk to Sons of Veterans, I hardly know when to stop. . . .

We, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, were the first of the organizations to take the Sons into our order as honorary members and we have never regretted it. In California we have a wonderful group of Sons of Veterans and I am wondering if any of California's Sons are here. Brother Dodd of California is very close to me. Only recently I was in the hospital in San Diego. I had to miss my convention. As soon as Brother Dodd returned, he was the first to call on me.

Now, Sons of Veterans, what a name! You are as proud of that as we are of ours. We have for many years depended upon the Sons of Union Veterans and we have never found you wanting. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are happy to present their greetings to you at this National Convention and I assure you it will always be a bright spot for me to come and greet you. There is much before us. Look at the country of today. It is up to you and me to see that Old Glory floats as it does today. . . . This splendid Commander-in-Chief of yours, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic not only salute you, but take off their hat to you! Such words as you uttered last night should be a burning lesson to the men and women of this country. As long as you carry that out, America is safe.

Now it certainly is a pleasure to come to you and bring you the greetings of our National Body. Sister Sherriff and myself, like the Veterans, are joining the vanishing ranks. We depend upon the Sons of Veterans to carry ont the work which we have stood for, shoulder to shoulder with the Veterans for more than fifty years. Here now in Des Moines I am glad to meet Brother Dodd again, and to you Boys of the Sons of Union Veterans, your heritage like ours cannot be purchased. You will be an insurance in the world second alone to the Boys in Blue. We hope you have a splendid convention and will come to visit the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Mrs. Crawker: Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, National Officers and Brothers, as a Sister of two Sons of Union Veterans, I too am hoping that you sons will take the rightful place of your Fathers and our Fathers, when their work is done. I think these Ladies have told you my sentiments. I am very glad to be here with this committee.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Last year Sister Kuhns was National head of the Ladies of the Grand Army and no one supported our organization more loyally than did she and all the ladies under her leadership. She thinks as we think. The Ladies of the Grand Army have sons of their own and they naturally want them to follow in the footsteps of their Fathers. That is the reason, the great reason, why they are such great supporters of the Sons. We are very proud to have that support. Last year Sister Kuhns sent two Past National Presidents and we showed them what we thought of her. I want you to stand now and show her what we thought of her last year and what we think of her this year. (Applause).

Past Commander Phil Byron of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, Greetings Committee from our Mother organization, I don't believe our Commander-in-Chief realizes what honor he is bestowing upon me to respond to you. It is true that you made a mistake in coming today, but I am glad because we certainly appreciate the advice you gave us. I know I speak the sentiments of this Encampment when I say that I hope we will follow your advice. Your organization has come to us every year and we have heard the same advice. You have been the biggest help to us of any organization. We don't dispute that. I tell you that this Encampment will try to carry out what you have told us. It gives me great pleasure to present these badges to you. Thank you very much for coming.

Past Commander Hiland of Minnesota: I would like to introduce to you the oldest living Past Department Commander in the United States, Comrade Becker of Minneapolis.

The Logan Fife & Drum Corps of Rockford, Illinois, was admitted and played several selections.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We have here a man who has been fifty years in our order and is a Veteran and a Son of a Veteran. Comrade Becker of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Comrade Becker: One of the greatest thrills of my life was in 1862 when we got permission to go to Washington and look over the town. As we came near the White House, whom should we see but Abraham Lincoln. As he got near us we stepped back and saluted him and he put his hand on each one and said to us: "Aren't you young to be soldiers?" We were only 15 or 16. We said, "No, Sir," and he saluted us and shook our hands and walked off. I think more of it now at my age. As a Son of a Veteran I want to say to you that you are our rightful followers and there are thousands and thousands of young men today of your ages that should belong to this Organization, but they don't, and you are the ones to carry on our work when we are gone, which will be only a few years hence. There are only a few years left for us. When I was Department Commander there were about seven or eight thousand men and now we have about eighty-four left, so you can see that it won't be much longer before we will all be gone. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are pleased to know that you want us to grow and we would like to grow in Minnesota. We seem almost powerless to get any action out there, except in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The State of Minnesota has been at a standstill for a great many years, but I feel that under Commander Boyce it will grow. Outside of Minneapolis and St. Paul, we have been asleep at the switch In a section where we ought to have wonderful Camps. . . . I think you are going to wake up in Minnesota.

The Guide announced a Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps and Commander-in-Chief Dyer appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Walter Mabie of Pennsylvania and Department Commander Kasten of Iowa to assist in escorting them. (Past Department President Eleanora Foster of Illinois, Annie Atwood, Past Department President of New Hampshire, and Lena Burke of Colorado).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are very happy to have here a delegation from the Relief Corps. We have here three fine ladies. When I attended a convention or at least called on the Woman's Relief Corps I was always told that they were our mothers. In May they told us that story about being our Mothers and they were all young women! You are celebrating your 56th birthday, the Auxiliary their 52nd, the Daughters their 48th, and the Sons their 57th, so we are really the oldest of these Orders. I think it must have been "immaculate conception." (Laughter).

Mrs. Foster of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Sons of Veterans, I bring to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps. I am not 56, but nevertheless I am a mother. We bring to you the greetings of your Mother Organization, not of your mothers. We are very proud of your Organization and we wish that you would call on us more than you do because we realize you need us more than you ask of us. You know the Good Book says "Ask and you shall receive," but you haven't asked enough. I am expressing the sentiments of our entire membership that you would ask of us more. Last night your Commander-in-Chief told us of your various hopes and what you stood for. I think that was a very fine thing because all of us did not know what you stood for. We know very well that you can't get along without a woman. You've got to have help. There are many boys that ought to be members of your organization, but are not. I have a husband who ought to be and he has never been asked. It has been very hard to get in touch with any organization because he works nights. His grandfather came from Kentucky and was a War Veteran there. I am sure that if you put your shoulder to the wheel you can increase your membership and I hope you will have a most wonderful program arranged for the coming year and years. We need just such men as you to put things over for us at the present time, and we need all the shoulders to the wheel that we can get. I just hope that you will ask more of us.

I hope you will have a harmonious convention and we, the Woman's Relief Corps, hope that you will have a fine selection of officers to lead you and men who can give their entire time to the organization and make it something very worthwhile.

We hope this convention will mean much to you and when you go back that you will go with an inspiration and enthusiasm such as you never have had before.

To you, Commander Dyer, our National President asked me to extend her personal greetings and she sent this badge to you. I wish for you a very, very successful convention.

Mrs. Atwood of New Hampshire: It is a pleasure for me to visit your convention this afternoon as a representative from the National Woman's Relief Corps. During the convention in New Hampshire it was my pleasure to present your Commander-in-Chief to my convention and I hope you will have a most pleasant one.

Mrs. Burke of Colorado: I don't think I can add anything to what has already been said, but I hope you will have a lovely convention.

Department Commander Stephan of New York: Brother Commander-in-Chief and our dear ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps, we are very, very happy to have you with us today. We appreciate your coming here. We know very well that no Encampment would be complete without a visitation from your fine Order. Perhaps we haven't come to you as often as we should. It is perhaps when sons get along in years they get an idea they do not need the guiding hand of the older women. We guarantee you in the ftuure we will look to you more than we have in the past. It is my pleasure and privilege to present to each of you ladies a badge of our Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer. The parade starts tomorrow morning at exactly ten o'clock. We must be there at least half an hour before the parade starts. We will now ajourn until 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Adjourned at 5:00 p. m.

THIRD SESSION

September 7, 1938.

The third session was called to order at 1:55 p. m. Guides and Color Bearer took up password.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Gentlemen, this afternoon we will have to push our work through quickly, and because of the bad acoustics of this room, I will ask that everyone keep as quiet as possible. Brother Dunlavy, I would like you to offer a short prayer. (Prayer).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are under the head of Committees.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee presents a supplementary report:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	10
Department Commanders	17
Past Department Commanders	47
Delegates	106
Total	180

The report of the Committee on Program and Policy was read by National Secretary Hammer, and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

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

Your Committee on Program and Policy beg leave to submit the following brief report:

We wish to congratulate Commander-in-Chief Dyer for his untiring efforts in behalf of our Order, especially along the lines of extension. We feel that his second term has brought results that indicate our leader should have more than one year in office, and feel that if and when we get the right man, he should hold office for a five year term.

We heartily agree with the proposed change in Constitution and By-Laws necessary to make it possible for all Officers to assume Office on October first.

We also recommend that the name and purpose of this Committee be changed. We believe that the name now used by our Auxiliary, "Survey and Planning Board," is more in keeping with what we want.

This Board to have charge of, and arrange meetings, round table discussions, etc., at which time plans can be made for, and suggestions offered for the good of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

DR. ERNEST W. HOMAN.

National Secretary Hammer read telegrams and greetings from several.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6, 1938.

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

Extremely sorry that I am unable to attend Encampment. Just recuperating from severe illness. Your record is such that I sincerely hope the Encampment will choose a leader that will carry on the fine work that you have done. Best wishes from Mrs. Coen and myself.

HARRY M. COEN, Past Commander,
Department of Illinois.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 4, 1938.

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

Sorry to report to you my inability to attend Encampment. Brother Huston will explain to you in detail.

Sincerely,
FRANK SHELLHOUSE.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1938.

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

Regret indeed my inability to be with you this year that I might in person commend your outstanding efforts and congratulate Sons of Union Veterans upon having had your leadership the past two years. My sincere wishes to all for happy and successful Encampment and continuance of good work.

W. M. COFFIN.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 6, 1938.

Commander Dyer,
Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Illness of my brother's widow prevents me coming to Encampment. Very sorry not to see you. Please take Mohr or Dunlavy. Congratulations on your administration and success to this meeting.

H. H. CRITTENDEN.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 6, 1938.

William Allan Dyer,
Care Chamberlain Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa.

Unable to attend. Best wishes for a successful and harmonious Encampment.

J. E. GALLAGHER.

Cherryvale, Kan., Sept. 6, 1938.

William Allan Dyer:

Because of sickness am unable to attend Commandery. Very sorry. Please express my regards to the Encampment.

SULLIVAN LOMAX,
Department Commander.

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1938.

William Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa.

Regret that I am unable personally to visit your meeting, but am sending greetings and sincerest wishes for a very happy and successful convention.

DR. OVERTON MENNET,
Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 5, 1938.

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

Regret sincerely my inability to attend Encampment. Congratulate Commander-in-Chief Dyer on successful administration. May Encampment enact such legislation as shall be a lasting benefit to the order and continue the good work already accomplished. Remember me to friends.

EDWIN C. IRELAN.

W. A. Dyer, Commander-in-Chief.
Des Moines, Iowa.

It is now evident that I shall not be able to attend the annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans, beginning September 4, 1938. I need not tell you what a disappointment this is to me. Please give my best regards to my brother members who are more fortunate and can attend and tell them my heart and spirit are with you all.

U. S. GRANT, 3RD.

Barnstead, N. H., August 31, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Mr. H. H. Hammer I am sending you two hundred leaflets (a copy enclosed) relating to the Origin of the Pledge to the Flag. These leaflets we are endeavoring to place in the hands of the officers of the important patriotic organizations of the United States, and Mr. Hammer thought it might be possible for you to have this number of copies distributed to the members or Delegates attending your National Encampment next week. We should be very grateful for this courtesy.

With cordial thanks, I am

Very truly yours,
GENEVA ASH UPHAM.
(Mrs. Henry P. Upham).

Cincinnati, Ohio, August 31, 1938.

Mr. Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
995 James Street, Syracuse, New York.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Your kind letter makes it more difficult for me to write you that I shall not be able to go to Des Moines. I appreciate your great

kindness to me during the two years you have served as Commander-in-Chief. Your reference to the important "Terrace Committee" at Madison last year makes me wish I were on the campus terrace right now. It is a beautiful spot, and your arrangements last year were perfect indeed, Professor Leach of the Harvard Law School notwithstanding.

Last year we had between forty and fifty from this city in attendance on the various organizations. This year there will be not more than one-third that number. I do not know what the reason is unless it is attributable to bad business and hard times. I trust that the poor attendance will be made up from delegates west of the Mississippi River and that you will have a good Encampment. I am sure you will make a fine report of your stewardship. I anticipate reading the proceedings of the Encampment and am today forwarding my subscription to the Des Moines Daily Register for the duration of the Encampment.

Hoping to meet you again in the future and with best wishes, I am

Yours fraternally,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1938.

Mr. Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

My dear Commander:

Kindly accept my heartiest congratulations on a most successful year. It has been most encouraging to see the progress made under your efficient guidance. Sorry I cannot be with you. I sincerely hope you have a successful and profitable Encampment. Kindest regards to all my brothers.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
WILLIAM H. KLEIN,
Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

West Lynn, Mass., Sept. 3, 1938.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary:

After a perfect record of twenty-three years, it is not easy to stay away from a National Encampment. I shall miss the uusal festivities, but most of all the fellowship of meeting with old friends.

With all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
DR. E. W. HOMAN.

Wichita, Kan., Sept. 4, 1938.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Sorry unable to attend the Encampment at Des Moines this time as that is a fine place, been there twice before.

Just a few words to a brother during last Decoration Day here. I got a Camp started at Vinita, Okla., and an A. S. U. V. also. I find there is lots one can do if we get busy at the job.

Wishing you all the best of luck and big time.

Best regards to all, and as ever

CHARLES E. KATTERMAN, JR.,
D. S. V. of S. U. V.

Springfield, Ill., September 5, 1938.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Des Moines, Iowa.

My Dear Commander:

On account of my recent illness, I will be unable to attend the Convention, which is a great disappointment to me.

I wish you a most successful and harmonious Convention.

Would it be asking too much of you to send me one of your Convention badges, as I will appreciate this favor very much.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
FRANCIS A. GIBSON,
Department Junior Vice Commander.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: There is a matter that I would like to bring to the attention of the Encampment. Brother Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief has been desperately ill for five months. He has had five transfusions and is now unable to get out of his home. It seems to me it would be nice to send a word of friendship and encouragement to him.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York: I move that we send our good wishes and the hope for a speedy recovery. (Seconded by several).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook of Illinois: I move that a letter be sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse as well. (So voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter of Pennsylvania read the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: If the members of the Encampment have copies of the Reports of Officers, it will assist them in following the report of the Committee on Officers' Report. I move that where there is no objection the recommendations of the Committee on Officers' Reports be considered approved without further action. (So voted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Your committee has carefully reviewed the reports of all officers as submitted by them and beg to report as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The report of Commander-in-Chief Dyer is a comprehensive one and is indicative of much study and thought in its preparation. Having served for two years, he is enabled by this experience to pass on to us observations that are of vital import and worthy of the careful thought and consideration of our membership.

He has served us faithfully and well and is deserving of the everlasting gratitude of the membership of our order. This report contains the following recommendations upon which your committee report as follows:

On page 11 of the Officers' Reports, the paragraph relative to Chaplain's and Patriotic Instructor's reports. We recommend that a committee of three, one of which shall be the National Secretary, be appointed to revise said blanks and further suggest that in the re-

vision, careful consideration be given; first, to the entire elimination of duplicate questions in the two reports, and second, a condensation of the information called for so that it embrace only such matters as are vital in the observance of our declared principles and objects.

On page 14, the paragraph referring to the invitation of the Grand Army of the Republic covering their action at the Madison Encampment with reference to including representatives of the Allied Orders in the meetings of their National Council of Administration. Your committee does not concur as expressed in this paragraph. We recommend that the resolution of the Grand Army of the Republic be complied with.

Page 16—the paragraph relating to the Committee on Americanization work. Your committee concurs.

Page 17—the recommendations relative to changes in eligibility. The committee recommends that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee on Constitution and Regulations and that these recommendations be referred to that committee.

Page 18—Sons of Veterans Reserve. Your committee approves and recommends that this matter be referred to the new Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

The report of the Commander-in-Chief as read by him contains a reference under the heading "Advertising and Circulars" to the pamphlets now available. It is not contained in the printed report. Your committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Committee on Program and Policy with power to revise and issue such new circular or circulars as in their judgment are justified.

On page 19 after stating the objects of our order the report of the Commander-in-Chief contains a number of paragraphs, all of them beginning with the words "We are concerned." Your committee approves the statements of the Commander-in-Chief as representing the thought and policy of our order with the further suggestions that the Committee on Resolutions, using the report of the Commander-in-Chief as a basis, prepare for adoption by this Encampment such resolution or resolutions as in their judgment are necessary to more definitely indicate the position of our order on these vital questions.

REPORTS OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

These reports contain no recommendations, but do indicate activity upon the part of these two officers that are worthy of our commendation.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

One can well wonder at the versatility of our National Secretary in preparing over a period of more than thirty years an annual report that always reflects not only a review in total of his duties, but contains information of vital interest to our membership. We need not express our warmest commendation, because it is simply a repetition of the feeling of our organization toward Brother Hammer. His report should receive more than a cursory review by our membership.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Brother Dunlavy has presented a report that is to some extent unique in its character, containing information not heretofore included in the report of the National Patriotic Instructor, but of interest. It contains two recommendations as follows:

See page 39 of the Officers' Reports. First, referring to Memorial Day. We agree with the thought expressed by the National Patriotic

Instructor. His second recommendation which largely deals with the handling of Camp and Department Patriotic Instructors' reports is one which we feel is a departmental function and should be handled by each Department as they believe best. Under the heading of "recognition" he provides in effect for a new ribbon or new badge. Your committee does not concur.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COUNSELOR

We have carefully reviewed the seven decisions rendered by the National Counselor. The first six the committee approve. The 7th possibly indicates the need of a clearer definition of eligibility than that contained in our present constitution and your committee therefore recommends the reference of it to the proposed Committee on Constitution and Regulations. As covered by the present constitution, membership of the Father or Grandfather in the Grand Army of the Republic does not necessarily in itself prove the right of membership of the descendant in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The report of the NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAND ARMY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE indicates a continued interest in this important task which we have assumed. It should not be permitted to lapse until we have obtained the full objective, and therefore concur in the recommendation of the chairman of this committee as shown in his report.

The report of the NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE is brief and indicates the work which they were called upon to perform.

The report of the COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES. Its chairman, Brother Hale, again submits an interesting report. We recommend his continuance in this important work of our order.

JOHN E. SAUTTER,
RALPH SHELDON,
WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
CLEON E. HEALD,
PARKER B. CHANDLER,
Committee on Officers' Reports.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

The report of the Committee on Program and Policy submitted by Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan was, as far as we can ascertain, not submitted to that committee for approval, and therefore can be considered only as his individual view and should be accepted as such.

Your committee return it without action.

(Report accepted as a whole).

(Discussion re Changes in Eligibility).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: We could not act definitely upon these recommendations today even though we desired to do so as they require changes in the Constitution, submission to the various Department Commanders for their approval before it could be made the law of the Order.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: May I ask a question? Isn't that rather side-stepping the issue? Ought we not—being representative of all our Departments—to discuss fully the principles involved in these matters, and after our opinions are expressed, if we so desire then refer the matters to the Committee on C. R. & R. for such further action as is necessary? As it stands now, if the report of the Com-

mittee on Officers Reports is adopted without full discussion, it will result in postponing the matter or side-stepping the issue, and that, while it may be the easy way, does not appear to me to be the right way.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The Committee is not side-stepping it in their judgment. Their action is the only logical action that can be taken by this Encampment. I don't think that it is desired that the principle be definitely acted upon by this Encampment today.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Barrett, will you take the Chair for a moment? (Addressing the Chair). I had hoped, Brother Chairman, that the Committee on Officers' Reports would consider the principles involved in the recommendations made in my Annual Report, and not dwell too much on the details which later could be considered, if any of the recommendations were approved, and I hoped also that the Committee would request a full discussion of them by this Encampment, to the end that all might thus be more fully acquainted with them and the effect of them on our Order.

This is the place and this the time for such discussion—and my feeling is, Brother Chairman, that this Encampment ought to express its opinion as to whether these propositions, in principle, are desirable or not for our Order to consider.

When that is done, if any are desired, then such changes in our Constitution as may be required would naturally come to the Committee on the C. R. & R. for action, but if we make no recommendation whatever or decide nothing at all here, any reference to any incoming Committee is simply postponing conisderation of all these matters for another year, and this has seemed to become a habit with us. So, I plead for full discussion and for some positive action at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move you that the action of the Committee on Officers' Reports be concurred with. (Seconded by Delegate Fowler of Missouri).

Past Commander Martin of Kansas: It seems to me that if we are going to consider changing the eligibility, it should be discussed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It seems to me if we are to consider taking in descendants of these various Civil War Military Units, as members, the Units should be specifically named.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: In making the recommendation I did on that particular matter, the names of any and all Units were purposely omitted. It was a question of principle, not of individual Organizations. If the principle was thought desirable and was accepted, the various Units could be considered each on its merits. There were many of them—some worthy—some less so—that is a detail.

It is the principle which should be considered, it seems to me—and of course, no final action could be taken here which would require changes in our Constitution.

We are here to discuss matters like these which are vital to our Order, and I hope no action will be taken to prevent or abridge it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: It is a question whether we should sustain the Committee or not.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The motion before the Encampment, duly seconded, is that the Committee's action be sustained. Its recommendation is that this matter be referred to a Committee named by

the incoming Commander-in-Chief on Constitutions, Rules and Regulations. Are there any remarks? Is there any objection? Hearing none, the action of the Committee is sustained.

National Secretary Hammer: As I take it, that would abolish these particular subjects.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The thought of the Committee is that this will be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. It could certainly be broadened by the Committee in their report to the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief, offering at the same time any other resolution they feel advisable.

(Discussion re Sons of Veterans Reserve).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: My recommendation was: "Now that renewed interest is appearing in this branch of our Order, it seems opportune and wise to lay down some general rules for its guidance.

"I recommend that a Committee of five be created to formulate these, and that there be created from the Commandery-in-Chief, the office of Chief-of-Staff with proper designating military title, who shall be the Commanding Officer of the Reserve and correlate the activities of the various Departmental Regiments or Brigades, always with the understanding that the Militray Division is subservient to the Civic Order. I believe this to be important, as everyone who has had to do with the Reserve likewise believes."

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Naturally I take it that the Committee be named, and they refer it to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: If there is no objection, the recommendation of the Committee will be sustained. Hearing none, it is so sustained.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports be accepted as a whole. (Past Commander Ream of Illinois seconded the motion). (Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brothers, while sitting on the reviewing stand with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, I was requested by Commander-in-Chief Mennet to say to you that he was delighted and pleased with the turnout of the Sons in the parade this morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner, of Massachusetts, read the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

No. 1.—Resolution from Department of Connecticut.

Milford, Conn., August 14, 1938.

RESOLVED, That the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be petitioned to amend the C. & R., Chapter 3, Article VI, FINANCES—page 38—by adding the words

"OTHER THAN CHARTER MEMBERS IN CAMPS."

Thus the section would read:

"The Commandery-in-Chief shall assess a per capita tax on each member reported in good standing at the end of each quarter, OTHER

THAN CHARTER MEMBERS IN CAMPS. Such tax shall be payable . . . (etc.)

Signed: Lyman B. Gregory, P. D. C.,
F. W. Reinmann,
Bertrand O. DeForest,
Department Council,
Connecticut Department.

Approved: Robert E. Leslie, Department Commander.
Attest: Isaac T. Jenks, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

We recommend that this ought not to pass. If some think there might be something good about this, it might be referred to the standing committee on Constitution. However, your committee feels it should not pass. (So voted).

No. 2. The next matter is a resolution from the Illinois Department relative to subject matter of the Constitution and Regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Encampment assembled at Aurora, Illinois, this eighth day of June, A. D. 1938, that the following proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be submitted to the 57th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

That Article 2, of Chapter 1 of the Regulations, be amended by adding thereto the following sections:

SECTION 6. That a new class of members, not heretofore recognized by our organization, shall be entitled to join our said organization and to be known as Class "B" Members. A Class "B" member is any persons who is unable to pay membership fees or dues, and who has no voice in the Camp proceedings, nor any voting power, but who is amendable to all the rules and regulations of the order. Any person eligible to join the order may become a Class "B" member upon filing an application on regular form, and who is recommended by a member in good standing; which application shall take the same procedure as for regular members.

SECTION 7. Class "B" members may make contributions of cash from time to time, as they may feel able to do so, and fifty percent of such contribution shall be retained by the local Camp of such member and the balance forwarded to Department Treasurer with quarterly report, as contributions.

SECTION 8. A Class "B" member may become a regular member at any time by paying the regular membership or reinstatment fee, as the case may be, and thereafter paying all dues and assessments required of a regular member.

SECTION 9. Any regular member who is in arrears for dues or assessments for one year or more may be reduced to Class "B" membership at any regular meeting of the local Camp, to which he belongs, upon a majority vote of all voting members present.

SECTION 10. All articles herein referring to membership fees, dues and assessments or per capita tax shall not apply to or be obligatory upon Class "B" members.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was regularly adopted by the 56th Annual Encampment of the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their regular Encampment held

at Aurora, Illinois, and that said resolution was adopted on the eighth day of June, A. D. 1938.

A. D. RHINESMITH,
Illinois Department Secretary.

The committee have discussed this and it may be possible there is some merit to some part of it, but we can't see it. I am afraid we would all become Class B members. We want Class A members. We recommend that this does not pass. We can give this further thought and refer it to the standing committee on Constitution and Laws.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Hearing no objection, the action of the committee is sustained.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I would like to ask all the members here if they understand what these resolutions or propositions are or if we are willing to just sit here and pass them on to an incoming committee without discussion. This is the place where these questions should be discussed. When they are referred to a committee, they are referred to a small group of men. We are, or should be like stockholders. We should know and carefully consider these questions —and we should not be dummies and refer everything to committees until we know all about them. They may come up later and we shall wish we had discussed them. Excuse me, please, if I seem to be saying what we should do, but we are here representing a great Order and are expected to give thees matters our thought, and we are not giving these matters the careful thought we should. Let's study these questions and see how they fit and if any alterations are desirable, let's make them.

No. 3. Recommendations of Oregon Department, in re combining Patriotic Instructor's Report and Chaplain's report. Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, The 1936 Encampment of the Oregon Department sent a resolution to the National Encampment urging that the separate annual reports of Chaplains and Patriotic Instructors be combined into one report, and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Constitution and Regulations of the 55th National Encampment concurred in this (p. 59, 55th Proceedings) and directed the matter be referred to the National Secretary "looking towards the adoption of one report to care for the essential data or other information now covered by the separate reports of Chaplains and Patriotic Instructors," and

WHEREAS, At the 56th National Encampment the National Secretary (p. 31-32, 56th Proceedings) recommended that Oregon Department be requested to furnish a sample of such a combined form for consideration at the 57th National Encampment, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the sample combined form attached hereto be approved subject to further revision and forwarded to the 57th National Encampment for consideration, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if this new Form be adopted that it be designated by a new number to avoid confusion with discarded forms and that the National Secretary make the alterations needed to make it suitable for Camp reports and the signature of Camp Patriotic Instructors and Commanders by printing a separate form for Camps and dropping Questions A and B, changing the "must" date to June 15, and modifying questions 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 and 20 so as to apply properly to Camps.

Adopted by the Annual Encampment, Department of Oregon, held at Portland June 21-22, 1938.

W. E. Buchanan, Department Commander.
Attest: E. W. Madison, Department Secretary.

Your committee recommend that the changes suggested be made. (So voted).

No. 4. Resolution re changes in the Regulations in respect to terms of officers.

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the vote taken September 3, 1937, by the Annual Encampment held at Madison, Wisconsin, that the Commander-in-Chief instruct the National Counselor to prepare necessary changes in the Regulations in respect to the terms of officers, herewith is submitted the following amendments to the Regulations prepared by the National Counselor for your consideration and action at this Encampment:

The first section of Article III, Meetings, should read (page 23):

ARTICLE III

Meetings

Section 1. Departments shall meet in Annual Encampment. Said Encampment shall be held on a day or days between the first day of April and the first day of August.

Paragraph (a) and Section 2 remain the same as now.

Section 2, Article IV, page 13, should read:

"The Camp Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Camp Commander, Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates shall be elected at a regular meeting of the Camp between the last meeting in May and the last meeting in August following, both inclusive. A majority vote shall be required to elect all elective officers, except such members of the Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates, who shall be elected by a plurality vote."

(The next paragraph follows without change).

Section 3 of the same Article should read:

"The officers of Camps shall be installed at a regular meeting in September next following, both 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." "They shall assume office as of date of October 1, next following their election.

Section 2, Article IV, Chapter II, page 24, after present Section 2, the following should be added, and designated as Section 2-A:

"The Department Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice Department Commanders and Department Council having been duly elected at the Annual Encampment, shall assume office as of date of October 1 next following their election."

Section 5, Article II, page 25—The words "at the Encampment" should be omitted.

Section 2, Article IV, Chapter III, page 34—after present Section 2, the following should be added and designated as Section 2-A:

"The Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and other Commandery-in-Chief officers shall assume office as of date of October 1 next following their election."

After some discussion it was moved that this be laid on the table until the next session. (So voted).

Chairman Frank L. Kirchgassner: The committee have discussed this and feel that it is a pretty deep subject. We haven't had time to consider it very much, by just having these copies presented to us. We think it is something which should come up for the good of our Organization, but inasmuch as we are sending quite a few things to the Standing Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, perhaps this might take the same course. Consideration has been given to it by some Departments and in the meeting of the New England Regional Association it was brought up, and the principle of it approved, but with regard to installing Camp Officers in August we think possibly they should be elected in October and installed in November—then they are only one month away from the Department and National Officers. That gives the officers all practically the same time. We believe it should be referred to the Standing Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

You might take these home and if you have anything to say about it, write to your committee. The committee feels that it would be better to refer it to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations and we therefore recommend reference to that committee.

Past Commander Fred Ernst of Missouri: Why should we refer this to some other committee? We come to this Encampment for action and I think we ought to act.

Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel Horn of Pennsylvania: I move that this be referred to the proposed incoming Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Barrett, will you please take the Chair again?

Mr. Chairman, I have as your Commander-in-Chief, for the last two years actually suffered under the present conditions. There is no use asking a Commander-in-Chief to conduct a campaign with changes of officers occurring in the middle of his year. Immediately after the election of new Department Officers our Membership campaign drops competely out of sight and out of the picture. It is absolutely impossible to do anything worthwhile under present conditions. The past years have proved this, if we will only open our eyes.

We have 22,000 or 23,000 members with probably not much over one thousand really working. We have got to depend upon our Department and Camp Commanders to stimulate our members. If we spend the first three months of a year and our time and energy getting them into a working mood, we then have only three months to work with them before the change in Department officers occurs. Then if we want to do anything, we have got to train another group of officers.

It is too much to ask anyone to do. This matter was brought up at last year's Encampment, approved and referred to this Encampment for definite action—and again we are side-stepping it as we have been side-stepping all along the years.

It is a matter we should decide one way or the other this year.

Past Commander Fred Ernst of Missouri: I just want to say this word. We have had a Commander-in-Chief for two years who has been studying this question from every angle. I move we adopt his recommendation.

National Counselor H. S. Howard of Vermont: Seconding the motion just made, I would like to say that this question was referred to me and after careful thought I could see it was the only course

and understood this was to come up for final action at this Encampment and I think it is the time to make the change.

It is always hard to make a vital change in any organization, but if this Organization is going to follow military procedure, we have got to have all officers working together as nearly as possible. The only objection made was that August is a bad time. After consulting the Vermont brothers, it was decided that election could be made a little earlier and it was a good plan to have all committees and officers work together like a good army of patriotic soldiers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. T. Church of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, may I have the floor? After a brief observation it seems that the proposed amendments here set forth in various sections of our Constitution and Regulations ought to have careful consideration. There is found here no provision as to the time when the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment would be held. If we would follow the custom of former years and hold the Encampment the same time as the Grand Army, annual reports cannot well be received at an annual meeting of the Commandery unless the term of office has been completed. The officers under the provisions as worded here would hold over beyond the date of the annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. No final business could be transacted at that meeting. The work wouldn't be completed. We should very carefully consider these provisions.

It seems to me that there will be no finality as to the work of the Order. If we hold our Annual Encampment always in September and the officers do not retire from office until the first of October, they can't complete their reports in time. At least so it appears to me. Suppose we hold our Encampment the first week of September, then the year's work is not finished.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I am glad Brother Church agrees this matter should have careful consideration. That is what I have been pleading for. What he says about the time of holding Commandery Encampments and the work of the year not being finished is true. And it would be true under any conditions. It is true under present conditions. We cannot at the Annual Encampment get our reports up to the very minute of holding the Encampment—that is plain. The reports are held up every year a full quarter waiting for the Department reports to come in. This year they haven't yet come in for the Quarter ending June 30—because five Departments were delinquent in sending them in time to include them for this meeting—so that the best we could do as I said in my annual report was to give figures for the Quarter ending March 31. There is nothing new to this, it has always so happened. But eventually the reports can be included for the full year in time to make them for our printed Proceedings —so that that question has nothing to do with the time of assuming office by the officers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Is it your understanding that our Annual Encampment should be held as heretofore and they all make reports as best they can? The Departments in this portion of the country usually have their Encampments in the springtime. The only thing I have in mind is whether these provisions would perform a workable plan. If they do, they involve quite a change. If they have been sufficiently considered so that the members of the Encampment are now prepared to act upon them, they ought to do it today.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We believed if the Camp Officers were to be elected in May, it would result in getting more men out for the doings at Memorial Day time. The time of Installation is of minor

importance—and is almost not necessary to consider. Officers could be installed any time between the time of their election and the time of taking up their duties the first of October—or indeed at the first meeting in October, if desired. All officers then—National, Department and Camp would be set and ready to act a full year together. May I make a suggestion to the brothers. Brother Howard, our National Counselor, drew these recommendations and changes. Would you be willing to talk with Brother Church about them Would the members be willing to wait and discuss this tomorrow?

Commander M. T. Harned of Colorado: I move the matter be referred to tomorrow. (Seconded by several).

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: I don't expect to be here in the morning. I think it should come up for consideration now.

Past Commander Miller of Iowa: I move as a substitute that the recommendations be laid on the table until tomorrow morning.

Commander-in-Chief: That motion has been made and seconded. Are you ready for the question? (It was so voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: That closes our report unless there are some other communications that haven't been turned over to us.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania read the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

No. 1—

Missouri Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1938.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

We herewith submit a copy of Form 38, with several items added which we believe would make the Form more complete.

We recommend that this revised Form be adopted.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

Rev. John M. Dunlavy, Department Commander.

Attest: Theo. H. Mohr, Department Secretary.

The committee recommends that this be left to the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer.

No. 2—Letter from Missouri Department:

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

In order to eliminate the use of old Forms, we, the Missouri Department, in regular session recommend that all future Forms printed should have on them the Form number and the year of adoption.

These resolutions were adopted at the 54th Annual Encampment of the Missouri Department, held at St. Joseph, Missouri, May 11, 1938.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Rev. John M. Dunlavy, Department Commander.

Attest: Theo. H. Mohr, Department Secretary.

Your committee recommends that this change also be left to the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer. (Approved).

No. 3—From the Missouri Department:

Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1938.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

At one of our previous meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief, revisions in our Ritual were made with provisions that printing be postponed until the supply on hand is exhausted.

We are still being supplied with obsolete copies of the Rituals which we believe shows a lack of progress.

We are now in the midst of a membership campaign, getting many new members and Camps. What impressions do you think are made upon members of a new Camp when we furnish them with old Rituals, poorly brought up-to-date with stickers?

We, in Missouri, think it would be money well-spent to have *new* Rituals printed.

We, therefore, recommend that the 57th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief instruct the National Secretary to have new Rituals printed at once.

These resolutions were adopted at the 54th Annual Encampment of the Missouri Department, held at St. Joseph, Missouri, May 11, 1938.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

Rev. John M. Dunlavy, Department Commander.

Attest: Theo. H. Mohr, Department Secretary.

Encampment suggestions from Vermont:

1. Vermont believes that something should be done now regarding a united action in protest of the several un-American Organizations which have and are doing their work unafraid and boldly towards the end that they may destroy our highest Ideals and Principles. This work is constantly being carried on by means of the Press, Radio and Public and Secret meetings. I would suggest that a move be taken at this Encampment whereby our members may receive by proper authority a written voice and system so all will understand alike what we should be doing along this line of Patriotic Service.

2. Will some action be taken in regard to some of the old Ritualistic work which was at one time our regular form of initiation. Many are forever talking on this matter and all agree that something should be done along this line to pep up our membership, etc. There are several who would favor a short test of a candidate, say along an Historical line such as a brief Question box test on the Civil War or some other appropriate topic. A committee might be appointed to formulate and prepare for approval a suggested form, etc.

Action on No. 3 (Missouri Department) covers the above also.

In lieu of the proposition in reference to our Ritual the following has been proposed by Past Commander-in-Chief Horn, which this committee approves and presents for action:

In view of the fact that the Ritual of the Order, with its numerous minor amendments furnished for insert from time to time makes it much of a patch-work; with many Camps failing to properly place the inserts, the ritual does not fully serve its purpose.

The fact that headquarters stock on hand will probably be entirely depleted in another year, it is recommended that no immediate minor changes be made, and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of five to revise and edit the Ritual, and that such revision be presented at the next annual Encampment for appropriate action.

Further, that any proposed changes offered or approved by Departments be forwarded to such committee for action.

Past Commander Fred Ernst of Missouri. I move that this Encampment non concur in this recommendation. I think the Ritual is all right the way it stands.

Delegate Herrlein, Pennsylvania: Our Ritual at the present time puts you in mind of a mail order catalog. Lots of inserts in it. Half of the Camps don't have the inserts in the same way. Someone has slipped on the job when the inserts were made. I think the time is opportune to get all of these things into a new Ritual when we have it re-edited.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: I think that we should at this time get new Rituals. There are so many different kinds of initiation in the Sons of Veterans. Let us get down to something and settle down to it. That is what the committee asked for in this report.

Department Commander Leslie of Connecticut: I move that the recommendation of the Commander be concurred with.

Commanedr-in-Chief Dyer: There is a motion before the house that the committee be non-concurred with.

Past Commander Ernst of Missouri: It doesn't mean any more than re-printing the Ritual of today. The only thing necessary is to have a Ritual printed and all the amendments put in, but to formulate a new Ritual is what we are talking about now. That is the reason I made the motion that we not concur with the committee. I am in favor of reprinting the Ritual, but not revising it.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The motion is that we do not concur with the recommendation of the committee. Those who wish the Ritual revised will vote no. (Voted no).

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pensylvania: I make a motion that the action of the committee be concurred in. (Seconded by several. Voted).

Past Department Commander Martin of Kansas: I would like to know what you have done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: The idea as presented is to have the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of five and that that committee will make its report and recommendations as to the Ritual. If the committee finds the amendments are enough, all right. If they come with a better recommendation, it will come up at the next Encampment for appropriate action.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I think we shall have to adopt the report of the committee as a whole.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: I move the report be adopted as a whole.

Seconded by W. F. Hathaway, Delegate of Des Moines, Iowa. Voted.

TITUS M. RUCH, Pennsylvania,
WALTER MABIE, Pennsylvania,
HENRY TOWLE, Maine,
W. R. HERRLEIN, Pennsylvania,
W. T. HATHAWAY, Iowa.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Huston of Indiana read report of the Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

No. 1. The first resolution comes from the Department of Minnesota:

WHEREAS, The Social Security Act is the law of the land which provides for governmental assistance to various groups of our citizens who are in need, and

WHEREAS, The Social Security Act does not provide any assistance whatever for that group of our citizens who are known as permanently incapacitated adults, and

WHEREAS, We feel that these citizens are as much entitled to consideration and assistance as any other group of our needy citizens. and

WHEREAS, There is now pending in Congress, an amendment to the Social Security Act known as the Thomas Bill, H. R. 4797 in the House (and S. 2880 in the Senate) which provides for $17.50 per month to each qualifying individual on condition that the States provide an amount equal or more, these amounts to be used exclusively for each permanently incapacitated individual who is not an inmate of a public institution, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in National Encampment assembled in Des Moines, Iowa, September 4-9, 1938, go on record as approving the Thomas Bill, H. R. 4797 (and S. 2880) providing such assistance to needy, permanently incapacitated adults, and be it further

RESOLVED, That we memorialize Congress urging passage of this measure, and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the various newspapers for publication.

This resolution is submitted by the Minnesota Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and was adopted at the Department Encampment on June 14, 1938.

(Signed) W. R. Boyce, Department Commander.

Attest: Dewey B. Mead, Department Secretary.

This has to do with the Security Act and your committee recommends that we go on record approving the Thomas Bill, H. R. 4797 (and S. 2880) amending the Social Security Act.

Delegate from Oklahoma: I object, I think this is a political move. I move it be struck from the record.

Delegate Dewey B. Mead of Minnesota: In presenting this resolution, the Minnesota Department felt that the Albert Thomas Bill, H. R. 4797, is a most humanitarian measure that was sorely needed. It is not politics to seek to alleviate the suffering of our handicapped citizens. The Thomas Bill seeks to aid these people who through no fault of their own, are confined for life to beds of pain, to cruel steel braces, to wheeled chairs, and other forms of misery. It is stated in the Purposes and Objects of our Order . . . "To inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, of universal liberty, and of impartial justice to all." We are trying to insure those rights for the benefit of those who cannot help themselves. It is only right and proper for our Order to support this bill, it is in line with the keystone principle of the Order which is

Charity, "Our Charity—should be as broad as the blue vault of heaven itself and as vast as mankind can conceive."

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Are you ready for the question?

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: I move that the report of the committee be concurred in. (Seconded by several. So voted).

No. 2. From the Ohio Department:

Be it Resolved, That the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War provide in the Constitution and Regulations for the appointing of a National Americanization Committee: a like committee for each Department, responsible to the National Committee, and a like committee in each Camp, responsible to the Department Committee, all of these committees to seek to co-operate with the Americanization Committee of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish War Veterans, and all other patriotic organizations in the seeking of information regarding activities of such un-American groups as Communists, Fascists, Nazi, etc., in their respective localities and to report the same to the committee to whom they are responsible.

And be it further Resolved, That we urge all of the patriotic orders, not only those of the Grand Army family, but all patriotic orders to provide for and appoint a like group of committees to act for the same cause.

Be it further Resolved, That the National Americanization Committee of our Order appeal to the legislative bodies of these United States to enact laws to prohibit the meetings and activities of these un-American groups; to make the sending of any literature of any un-American nature through the United States mail a felony; to prohibit the use of any flag of any un-American Order and prohibit the teaching of un-American principles in any school.

Be it further Resolved, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, pledge ourselves to support these resolutions, that we bend every effort to teach Americanization in our schools, to teach Americanization to all aliens, and to those Americans who are so easily swayed to the principles of Radicalism.

Be it further Resolved, That we believe that all Radicals, un-Americans, and those teaching any radical changes in the government of these United States should be deported at once.

And be it further Resolved, That we ask the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to pass these resolutions and forward to the Commandery-in-Chief for the approval of that Body.

June 23, 1938.—Approved by Encampment.

Committee: R. H. Stevens,
Geo. L. Pfeifer.

W. Gordan Ryan, Department Commander.

Attest: Ed. S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

The recommendation is approved and such parts requiring constitutional provisions be referred to the proposed committee on Constitutional revisions.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer stated that this has already been acted upon in the report of the Commander-in-Chief.

No. 3. From the State of Missouri:

To the Fifty-seventh National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Des Moines, Iowa.

Inasmuch as the Batile of Wilson Creek which was fought on the 10th of August, 1861, in the State of Missouri, the result of that Battle being that Missouri was preserved to the Union, be it therefore

Resolved, That we ask Congress to set aside the Battle Creek grounds as a National Park."

John M. Dunlavy, Department Commander.
Attest: Theo. H. Mohr, Department Secretary.

The committee approves the resolution. (Action of committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I want to say that I personally went out to this battlefield escorted by members of the new Springfield, Missouri, Camp. It is the battlefield on which General Lyon lost his life. Union and Confederate soldiers lay there side by side. Our Camp in Springfield decorates all these graves every year. The Wilson Creek Camp has brought here a number of these booklets which tell of their recent celebration. I am glad myself that the committee concur. If there is no objection, the action of the committee is sustained.

The report of the Resolution Committee was interrupted by a delegation from the Des Moines Council, American Legion Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I have been requested to announce that all attending the banquet tonight must be seated at 5:45. This is going to be held at the Younkers' Tea Room.

Delegates Ball of Connecticut and Frane of Iowa escorted Mrs. Earl Fessler and Mrs. Belle Turner of the Des Moines Council of American Legion Auxiliaries.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Ladies, we are highly honored by your presence here today. It is very pleasing indeed to have someone from the American Legion Auxiliary come to us. If you will be willing to come up here to headquarters I would be glad to have you. We are highly honored to have here Mrs. Earl Fessler and Mrs. Belle Turner.

Mrs. Earl Fessler: Brother Commander, and members, it is indeed a pleasure to come here this afternoon and present to you these flowers and we bring a message and a greeting with the wish for a wonderful convention, from your Brother Organization's Auxiliary, the Auxiliary to the American Legion.

Mrs. Belle Turner: Mr. Commander, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; I like to say those words because I like to be known as a Daughter of the Union Veterans. My father told me about Sherman's march to the sea when I was a little girl. I also extend my greetings as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and I hope you have a wonderful time while you are in our city.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Department Commander Kasten of Iowa, will you respond to these ladies' greetings, please?

Department Commander Kasten of Iowa: Brother Commander, and ladies of my community, it certainly gives me great pleasure and it is an honor for me to respond to you ladies. Our Fathers fought in the Great War when Lincoln called for an army. Your husbands and sons fought in the Great World War. We are all working for the one great cause for our homes and our country. We certainly are glad

that you came to us today and we appreciate it. We hope that you will take back a greeting to your Organization.

(Commander-in-Chief Dyer presented badges of the Encampment to the Legion Auxiliary Committee).

The Guide announced a committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Will Brother Barrett, Brother Dunlavy, and Brother Graves please escort our guests to the Encampment room? As soon as they are through, our Encampment will adjourn so that there can be a meeting of the Department Commanders—and also the Department Secretaries and Treasurers if they wish to remain.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Miss Dwyer, Past National President; my blonde President (Ida L. Lewis); my brunette President (Margaret C. Brady); Mrs. Ida Lange, Past National President; Mrs. Grace Sanguinetti, Department President of New York; Mrs. Hazel Hartmann, Mrs. Mary Stapleton, Past Department Presidents of New York; Sisters Edith Paulding, Lucy Barnard, Mary Mandeville and Anna Stewart; all members from New York; you are all very welcome here. Before you come up, I must warn you that there is a particular spot right here where a particular lady came and kissed me, and if you should stray there you may possibly get into the same trouble.

Miss Dwyer, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Brady, to pay you special honor, I have depleted our officers' stations and sent you our Senior Vice, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and our National Patriotic Instructor to escort you. Miss Dwyer, I recognize you with pleasure.

Miss Mayme Dwyer, Past National President of New York: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, again it is my privilege to come as the Chairman of the Greetings Committee from our National Organization to bring you our greetings, especially to you from our National President and from our National Organization. I am very, very happy that I have this privilege this year. There is a special reason why I am happy. After all I have said many times that it is a pleasure and privilege to come and bring greetings to our Sons. I have also said that sometimes they do not do the things we expect them to do. This year they have taken a step forward and I am sure it is a beginning of a new era in the prosperity of your Organization and that possibly we have had a small part in it.

My special reason for bringing a special greeting to you is because this year you took upon yourself an added duty. We always address you as Brother and such you have been for many, many years, but there was a time during our National President's reign when she needed more than brotherly love—this fraternal brotherly love—when she needed a helping hand, wise counsel, good advice to carry on and a stalwart arm to lean upon if necessary. She has told us many times that she found it in you. When it was God's will to take away her father you sat with her in her home and consoled her and sympathized with her and you were there when she needed a friend most, and if you never did another thing for our National Organization than that, we humbly thank you. No deed performed for our National President is overlooked by our Organization. Such things stand out. There is a time when friends are needed and when you have done as you have done, you have exemplified the true definition of friend and Brother.

I bring to you the greetings of our National President, but I bring also thanks from the hearts of every member of our Organization for your kindnesses to her when she needed you most.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Sister Dwyer, I would rather have an expression of appreciation for anything that I might do, from you, than from anyone I know. You have been a fine friend. You have been vitally interested in what I might or might not do and if I could measure up to any standard that you in your heart may have set, I am happy, and I am frank to say that you have helped me more than I can say these last two years.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Now, my little "blonde" President.

Ida L. Lewis, of Wisconsin, Past National President: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, my Brothers, and Sons of Veterans, I think Mayme has extended our greetings very graciously. I might apologize for our shining noses and disheveled looks. I will say again that I am very happy to be here.

When my husband was elected Department Commander of the Wisconsin Department this year, I was supposed to submerge my personality. I have a little incident to relate. Most of you heard last year of my going down to Stillwater, Oklahoma, getting my hat ruined and my shoes muddy. I had the pleasure of meeting with the Oklahoma women this morning. I asked how the Camp in Stillwater was coming along. They told me that they thought if I could go down and do something I might help to pull the Camp together. I think I will try to go down for a couple of days and if I can do this I really believe that I will be serving the State of Wisconsin as a true wife of the Department Commander of Wisconsin. I am sure that anything I can do this year to help the Sons of Veterans I will be only too happy to do.

National President Margaret Brady of New York: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers of the National Organization, I hope you will pardon your National President. I just thought I'd save the Commander-in-Chief a little time. I realize that you are near the close of a long, long day. I suppose you have had problems to wrestle with, as well as the heat and one thing and another. I must hurry back—I really am not going to keep you but I have been feeling in all seriousness that I wanted to come and bring my message of good will to your Commander-in-Chief and to say in the presence of your boys and in the presence of Ida, that no National President ever worked with a more considerate Commander-in-Chief. It was a pleasure to have a Brother in my own Department who was close enough so that I could get in touch with him by phone. There was no time all during his year's service to you that he was taking any trip of any kind that he didn't invite me to go with him. That is the kind of a National Commander that the National President likes to have with her. The only way that our Organizations can amount to anything of National prominence is to work together. That is our one salvation. It seems to me that we have been very lax for a great many years. I had no chance to scold this year. The time is really past for us to go on in a slipshod way in our organizations. We have allowed too much wonderful material to fall by the wayside. Too many like to boast of association in the National Body, but what do they do to keep their organization alive? I hope that some day I can say that I am proud to be proud of both the Sons and the Auxiliary. I want to be prouder for different reasons. I am proud today because of the heritage I have, but I want to be proud of the fact sometime that the Sons will be one of the greatest men's organizations in the United States of America. That is what I want for you and want to tell you the Auxiliary is not going to be satisfied with you until then.

Now let me say how deeply I love your organization. Some of the best friends I have are in your organization. The sisters of the

Auxiliary are safe at all times in the company of our Brothers. They have always respected their Sisters. Perhaps you aren't as large in numbers as some Organizations, but you are a fine bunch of fellows and I am glad to be a member of your Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Now Brothers, the Department of New York President, Mrs. Grace Sanguinetti. For many years she has taken the minutes of our Department Encampments.

Mrs. Grace Sanguinetti, Department President of New York: Brother Dyer, I want to say this is my very first visit to any men's encampment. I am very happy to be here. We decided when we came in to conserve your time. I'll just extend my hearty wishes for a very harmonious convention.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, will you respond to our Auxiliary?

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon of New York: Brother Commander-in-Chief, Sisters, as you notice I have kept away from that "particular spot." Brothers, you can realize or appreciate possibly my feeling and condition having to face such beauty and grace as I am facing at this moment. I am in the same condition as the ladies who were riding in an automobile with a very reckless driver. He had been chasing around corners on two wheels and finally he checked up on his car. He said, "I think we will have to stop as something is the trouble with the carburetor." "Oh, no," the ladies said, "there is nothing knocking in the engine, it is our knees."

As I saw Sister Dwyer being led to the altar for a kiss, it took me back to the first time she kissed me. One of my friends said to me, "How did Mayme kiss?" "When I asked her when I could come again, she said, 'Friday night, that is amateur night'."

Void indeed would be our Encampment if it were not for you sweet ladies' visits. There would be a void that could not be filled. We love you, we admire you, and we like to have you come.

Brothers, I don't know—possibly you do—I don't, what Miss Dwyer had reference to when she spoke of the wonderful things our Commander-in-Chief had done. We know our Commander-in-Chief. We know he wouldn't be different if he could, and he couldn't if he would. We are delighted that your organization appreciates him as our organization has and does. I liken your organization to a portion of the Book of Ruth: "Your country will be my country, your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." We know that those words spoken by Ruth could be spoken by each and every one of you and you would believe them just as we do. We need your Organization; we trust that you will always treat us as has been spoken by your committee today. God forbid that any of our members shall do one thing that will belittle us in your high estimation as expressed here today. We have a wonderul organization. It is a pity that we do not grow and take the place we should in our country. It is my prayer and hope that some day, some place, somewhere we shall place ourselves in the position we should be in.

Ladies—but still more than that—Sisters, each and everyone of us is getting along. I appreciate the friendship and respect of each and everyone of you. My sister was taken away early in life so it is up to you to go forth from here today as a Sister, not only to me, but to every member present. Give that love, sympathy and respect which we all need and require. God bless everyone of you, every member of your Organization as well. Will you tell every member of your organization that we appreciate their helpfulness and their

love and we are sorry that they could not all be with us today. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I want to say something before the Sisters go. No one has had two better National Presidents than I have had. It has been my luck to have had two wonderful ones. Margaret has done some remarkable work this year and when I was in Springfield, Vermont, on June 6, I never heard a better address than the one made by Margaret—it was to the point, it was beautifully done and you deserve to know that we feel that way all through the Organization.

We will adjourn now until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. I would like to meet the Department Commanders—and the Department Secretaries if they wish—also.

Adjourned at 4:40 p. m.

FOURTH SESSION

The fourth session was called to order on Thursday, September 8, at 9:30 a. m.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: While the password is being taken, I wish to announce that Comrade Singleton of Connecticut has passed away. He is said to have been one hundred and four years old. His body will be taken home tomorrow at 12:15. I have arranged for an escort of our Reserve. Brother Dunlavy has kindly offered to officiate or at least offer a prayer, at the Lily Funeral Parlor, corner of High and 15th Streets, this evening. I would like two men in uniform to volunteer to act as a Guard of Honor and go there this morning. Colonel Prittie, if you will have two men from the Reserve at the bier of Comrade Singleton, we will appreciate it very much.

Colonel Prittie: We have made arrangements to turn out this afternoon with Drum Corps from Ohio and the other organizations will be there today.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Exercises under charge of Brother Dunlavy will be held this evening and it is suggested that we send two men down there this evening also to act as a Guard of Honor. This will not be a funeral service, but will be done as a mark of our respect to a Grand Army Comrade.

There is another Comrade who is very critically ill. Department Commander McCoy of New Jersey. I have arranged that proper attention and respect be shown him. We will stand for a moment of silent prayer for our departed Comrade Singleton.

I wish to announce that Mr. James D. McConaghie, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Park, is here today for initiation into our Order.

National Secretary Hammer reported a total of 184 credentials.

National Secretary Hammer: You might call for a report of the Committee on Essay for Public School Children which was brought up last year.

Member of the Committee Cleon E. Heald of N. H.: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers in regard to the committee appointed at the National Encampment last year relative to the prize essay contest, Judge Kremer was appointed Chairman of that Committee. Following the appointment of the committee, Judge Kremer had a meeting and the committee agreed each member should formulate their own plans and send them to him and he would put the thing in shape and would present it at this Encampment. I did my part and received no reply to several letters I sent to him. Finally I received a letter from the National Secretary asking for information in regard to this committee and I wrote our National Secretary stating in substance what I have just said this morning. I received no reply from Judge Kremer and consequently I do not know what has been done.

National Secretary Hammer: I move, Commander-in-Chief, that the Committee be discharged. (Seconded by John Reeger of New Jersey. Voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter of Pennsylvania: I want to state that as Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary the Committee visited the Auxiliary on Tuesday afternoon, found in the room more than 200 voting members. We were received as befitting a Committee of Greetings from the Sons to their Auxiliary.

Past Commander Fred C. Barnard of New York: In regard to the unfinished business of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, Brother Kirchgassner wanted me to make this final report relative to the recommendation in regard to violation of the Rules in electing members of the Department Councils for more than one year. It seems that some Departments have been electing their Council members for two or three years which is violating our Rules. We recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief notify the Departments that they have the right to elect Council members for one year only. They may be re-elected, but only elected for one year.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Hearing no objection, the Report of the Committee is sustained.

Past Commander Barnard of New York: We also recommend that the name of the Program and Policy Committee be changed to Survey and Planning, to correspond with the Auxiliary's Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Hearing no objection, the recommendation of the committee is sustained.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania read report of the Program and Policy Committee.

Delegate Hohe of Pennsylvania moved that the report be adopted; seconded by Past Commander Ream of Illinois. (Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will now administer the oath to Mr. McConaghie. (The oath was administered at the Altar). . . . I want to present to you Brother James D. McConaghie, Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Park.

Mr. McConaghie: I am glad to have had this opportunity. I have been interested for many years both in the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons. I firmly believe in them and their objectives. I always enjoy meeting with the old veterans and members of the Allied Orders. My job is one which brings me into contact with many, many people. I am very glad that I could be here today.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I would like Brother Graves of Wisconsin to respond to the new Brother.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. R. Graves: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, Brothers, I have attended a great many meetings, but this is one of the most inspiring moments of my experience, to have a man who has been associated with a large undertaking willing to come into our meeting, take the obligation of our Order. This is certainly an example which should be followed by many.

My Brother, we appreciate your association with the Organization and we trust that your association may be truly pleasant and profitable to yourself and our Organization. I suggest that you carry back the inspiration of this meeting to your own Camp. I believe you will find many men in business who will be willing to take the oath given this afternoon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston of Indiana: The Resolution Committee is ready to make its final report. We had several matters which were handed in; some which contain considerable merit, but did not come in proper form. One from Brother Felix Kremer regarding an essay contest which we believe has some merit. We have

dealt with that sort of thing in the past. We thought it wise not to pass on the resolution, however, as it does not come in proper form.

Commander-in-Cihef Dyer: Mr. Heald, I think this is the report of the Committee on Essay, is it not? Will you look it over and if you agree and approve, read it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: It seems that this does have the earmarks of a Committee Report. Another member of the Committee who is here will read it over. We will give attention to that a little bit later.

(Re "Star Spangled Banner"). Those of you who are familiar with music will know that there has been an effort made to try and lower some of the tones of the "Star Spangled Banner." That is a slander, my friends. The "Star Spangled Banner" reaches no higher in its pitch than the Marseillaise. If Frenchmen can sing that song as it is written. I believe that the Americans can sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

National Secretary Hammer: What is the recommendation?

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: The recommendation is that we oppose any movement which shall be made to change any notes of the "Star Spangled Banner."

Delegate Fuller of Illinois: There have also been attempts made to change it into a swing song. I move that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. (So voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: With reference to the recommendation of our Commander-in-Chief in his report on pages 19 and 20, starting "We are concerned," this has been referred to us. We move the adoption of this resolution.

No. 4. In the report of the Commander-in-Chief as to those precepts in which we are concerned, and in the expressions of this Encampment during its sessions, we believe our organization has sensed in a greater measure than ever the dangers confronting our American People.

We cannot, by our own efforts, stress too strongly the militant action necessary to stem and turn the tide to a greater surge for purer Americanism.

In another return of our convention to Des Moines, we have found an even more hearty welcome than before; to the State Officials and retinue at the Capitol, the Officials in the Court House, the citizens of Des Moines and its Officials and Departments, and Mr. Brayton, President, and Mrs. Early, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the Press, the Civic Organizations, the Local Committee of Arrangements, and to the Local Kindred Organizations, we owe and tender gratitude and thanks. Special thanks are due to the Masonic bodies for the use of their beautiful temple for our sessions, and for their every courtesy.

And that there may be no omission of acknowledgment, our thanks extend to every organization and individual who may have assisted in the success of this convention and made our stay most pleasant.

That the latch-string is still on the outside that we may return at any time in the future, is an evidence of the kind hospitality extended to us.

No. 5. We are grateful for the courageous reaffirmtion upon the part of our Commander-in-Chief in his report on pages 19 and 20 of the principles upon which our form of government is established, and upon which have been and are still the basic and cardinal principles

of our order and pledge ourselves, anew, to a careful vigilance that these principles be safeguarded against any and all subversive groups or individuals of any kind or character whatsoever.

Therefore, be it Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment, that we emphatically assert our attitude upon public affairs be as follows:

With these purposes in our minds and these pledges as our yardstick, we are concerned with making it a strict test of our support of candidates for public office that they agree to support our form of government regardless of party.

We are concerned with and may properly condemn the holding of a dual allegiance by any of our citizens.

We are concerned with and may rightly oppose aliens permanently remaining on our relief rolls, and we are vitally concerned with any changes in our immigration laws relaxing restrictions on aliens entry, and that when aliens are admited into our border, they shall give sure evidence that they will not become a public charge, and will agree in advance to abide by our Constitution and laws and not seek to subvert them.

We are concerned with any changes in our judiciary, and its independence of any other branch of our Federal government, and may justly take the attitude of opposing reprisals on any Senators or Representatives for their acts in upholding the independence of the Judiciary.

We are concerned with and may rightfully oppose the so-called "Re-organization" bills which concentrate practically unrestricted power in the hands of one person.

We are concerned with and may justly oppose tendencies toward concentration of power which in the hands of an arrogant or wrongfully ambitious person or persons, might give opportunity for or lead to, the establishment of a dictatorship in contravention of our American form of government.

We are concerned with and may rightfully oppose the forceful taking possession of another's property by sit-down strikes and the like, striking at the very roots of our liberties, and we may justly take executives and leader to task for failure to protect such rights guaranteed to our people in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

We are concerned with and may properly oppose the action of Legislative Committees in their attempted forcibly taking possession of private correspondence, telegrams, papers, etc., as a direct violation of the guarantees against unlawful seizure and search under the Fourth Amendment to the American Constitution.

We are concerned with and may, in pursuance of our own Order's Constitution, to which we are pledged, take the position that the right of an American farmer to raise what he pleases on his farm is an unquestionable and fundamental right, and that any measure denying or abridging that right is a violation of his Constitutional privileges.

We are concerned with and may take the position under the Bill of Rights, that any government activity which prevents employer and employee alike from publicly expressing their opinions on matters with which either is concerned, is not in accordance with but violates the Constitutional right of free speech, a free press, and the right of equal protection under the law.

We may properly express our feeling and belief that the guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights are as important in any and every

particular as the Constitution itself, for our Constitution was not ratified until they were included and incorporated in it, and when any of these rights are assailed, or an attempt is made to weaken them, we are vitally concerned, and action by our Order is properly called for.

Finally, we believe it is the solemn duty of our Order because of our own peculiar heritage, to champion and defend all those precious heritages which were established for us by our forefathers and defended for us by our fathers with their lives and blood, the same blood which flows in our veins.

No. 6. Whereas, a movement is being fostered for the mutilation of the melody of the "Star Spangled Banner," our National Anthem, and

Whereas, We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, believe this anthem has done more to raise the Standard of Patriotism than any other song ever written, and

Whereas, this anthem is recognized all over the World as the greatest inspiration to all Citizens of every clime; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by this National Convention assembled that we go on record as being unalterably opposed to any movement which shall be for the changing or multilation of the "Star Spangled Banner" as the National Anthem of the United States of America.

No. 7. Report of Felix A. Kremer, Essay Contest.

After much discussion on the subject, we the committee feel that the report should be referred to a new Committee on Essay and Contest to be appointed by the next Commander-in-Chief and that action be deferred due to lack of resources.

Report was accepted and concurred in as a whole.

FRANK C. HUSTON, Chairman,
S. S. HORN,
CHARLES L. KASTEN,
W. R. BOYCE,
PHIL BYRON,
Resolutions Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Heald, are you ready to report as a member of the Essay Committee?

Past Comander Heald of New Hampshire: The material in this report looks very familiar to me and I concur with the report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: We will present it then as the Report of the Committee on Essay Contest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ESSAY CONTEST
(As amended)

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly assembled in annual National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief; having a sincere desire to promote the best interests of our Order; and believing that such object can best be obtained by a definite program of education and publicity; and

Whereas, We believe that such education should begin in our schools at a time when the minds of the students are still in a formative and unbiased period; and at a time when impressions become life habits; and

Whereas, We believe that any plan of patriotic education which will secure the combined attention and co-operation of the students, teachers and parents, will result in the development of a greater love of country and a realization of the price our fathers paid to keep our Flag intact on the map of the world, and that in so doing, we have been able to maintain our wonderful system of schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the National Patriotic Instructor, with the advice and counsel of Committee of three members of our Order, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, shall prepare, organize and direct the following plan:

1. The plan shall be designated and known as the "Sons of Union Veterans National School Award."

2. Pupils, both boys and girls, in grade 8 of any school in the United States, shall be eligible to compete for this award.

3. In January of each year, the National Patriotic Instructor shall announce a subject on which students may submit essays. We recommend for the first subject: "The Battle of Gettysburg."

4. Each Department Commander, upon receipt of the subject, from the National Patriotic Instructor, shall forward to the Camp Commander of each Camp the subject, together with the directions for conducting the contest.

5. Camp Commanders shall contact the Superintendents or Supervisors of Schools in each community and with their co-operation, shall organize and conduct same. In communities where no Camps exist, the Department Commander shall be charged with the duty of contacting the local Superintendents or Supervisors of Schools and arranging plans for said contests.

6. A suitable certificate, bearing the signature of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Patriotic Instructor and the Department Commander shall be presented to the pupil who shall be declared winner of the contest in the area prescribed by the rules adopted by the above named committee.

7. The rules, regulations and details, incident to the execution of this project shall be formulated by the above named committee, and

8. Be it further Resolved, that a sum of money, not to exceed $200.00 shall be appropriated for the use of the National Patriotic Instructor for carrying out the provisions of this resolution, and

9. Be it further Resolved, That this plan shall become effective on passage of the resolution by this Encampment.

10. All members of this committee shall serve without compensation and there shall be no expense allowance whatsoever.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX A. KREMER,
CLEON E. HEALD,
Committee.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves of Wisconsin: We should not neglect the Parochial Schools. We had an essay contest like this and it worked very well and just as much interest was displayed in the Parochial and Private Schools as in the Public Schools. I believe it should be amended to include all schools.

Past Commander Heald of New Hampshire: In last year's report that was brought up and it said any eighth grade pupil.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves of Wisconsin: You've got to contact the heads of the Private Schools.

Past Commander Heald of New Hampshire: I know that in New Hampshire the Superintendent of Schools has jurisdiction over both public and private schools.

Senior Vice Commander Barrett of California: That varies in different states. All of our states in the west do not have that same system. In California our private schools are not recognized the same as the public schools, but there is a method of reaching the head of the private schools.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Graves, in the case of the Parochial Schools, do they not have a Superintendent?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves: The Parochial Schools operate through the church organizations.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Could we not put in a clause to the effect that this plan may include private and parochial schools through their heads? Brother Graves, would you be willing to talk with Brother Heald and amend this report? With the permission of the Encampment, we will defer this question. With your permission I will ask Brother Graves, Huston and Heald to confer on this question.

We will now give attention to the Council-in-Chief relative to proposed budget for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF
(As Amended)

Des Moines, Iowa, September 8, 1938.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1938-1939

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax—23,000 members at $.40	$ 9,200.00
Less one-sixth for Permanent Fund and Historical Marker Fund	1,533.33
	$ 7,666.67
Membership Fees—1,000 new members at $.50	500.00
Charter Fees—10 new Camps at $5.00	50.00
Supplies	1,400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Organization and Historical Fund available for appropriation —one-half of $1,533.33	766.66
Total	$10,433.33

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

General Expenses:	
Organization under direction of Commander-in-Chief	$ 300.00
To National Patriotic Instructor for Historical Marker	200.00
Supplies	900.00
The Banner—six issues	2,760.00
Encampment	1,200.00
Printing	150.00
Shipping Supplies	85.00
Salaries	2,200.00
Bonds of National Officers	27.50
Miscellanous	150.00
Officers, except Commander-in-Chief	100.00
Committee for Marking Graves	55.00
Reserve, G. A. R. Escort	200.00
Total	$ 8,327.50

Office Expenses:		
Wrapping Paper and Twine		$ 6.00
Postage		120.00
Express		10.00
Telegrams		15.00
Stationery—National Officers		100.00
Rent		420.00
Miscellaneous		50.00
		$ 721.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses		$ 1,200.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts	$10,433.33
Estimated Disbursements	10,248.50
	$ 184.83
Less balance earmarked for organization expenses	100.00
Balance	$ 84.83

.. With respect to further allotment of funds for use of S. V. Reserve Escort, we recommend that the incoming Council be empowered to allocate funds for this purpose, but not to exceed $200.00.

The contract for The Banner having expired, we suggest that the Encampment authorize the incoming Council-in-Chief to negotiate a new contract with The Banner; that they be authorized to increase the amount to be paid to The Banner in excess of the estimated number of 23,000 at a rate of 2 cents per copy—and that payment by The Banner for returned post cards as to improper address, be assumed by the publishers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. REEGER,
A. W. McDANIEL,
ROBERT T. ALCORN,
Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The Commander-in-Chief cannot travel this country and do what you expect of him on one thousand dollars. I have traveled by coaches and in my car and in many other ways have done all that could be done to keep the expense within one thousand dollars. I think it should be at least twelve hundred dollars. I hope you will amend that.

Chairman John L. Reeger of New Jersey: If the membership will increase the way we look forward to having it, it would not be any trouble to increase the allotment for expenses of the Commander-in-Chief, but we don't see that the membership will increase.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: As I understand this, it is an estimated budget. It is not necessary to keep within it if you have enough funds. We should at least give the incoming Commander-in-Chief $1200.00. It costs a Commander-in-Chief too much. We certainly can afford to give our Commander-in-Chief $200.00 more. It is absolutely impossible to do it on $1000.00.

Chairman Reeger: I move the adoption of the budget.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The report of the Committee on the budget is before you for discussion. Are there any changes that anyone wishes to offer?

Chairman Reeger: If we only had lots of money, we could do lots of things.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Senior Vice Commander Barrett will assume the chair. Speaking on the budget, our resources were very much depleted when I assumed the office of Commander-in-Chief. It was necessary to make an unusual effort. When we started our campaign in 1936 we had $300.00 in our organization fund. $300.00 is a very small amount with which to conduct a campaign even in a single city. When we consider we were conducting a nationwide campaign, it is like a penny. We conducted our campaign and we came out at the end with an increased amount on hand. This year we have done the same thing. Our organization fund is now approximately $1000.00; by conserving every possible way we could, we have this amount. That we ought to consider something achieved and take it into account in making our Budget. I am not asking credit for it. It is unfair to ask a Commander-in-Chief to take money out of his own pocket for expenses, and we might elect a Commander-in-Chief who could not afford to do it. I make a motion to amend the report and that the allowance for the Commander-in-Chief be increased to $1200.00. (Seconded by Past Commander Byron of Illinois). (So voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter Mabie of Pennsylvania: I have a letter here, but I don't know why it was sent to me.

239 Depot Street, Bennington, Vt.
September 1, 1938.

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Last year I had intended to send a flower for the Memorial Services, but it was too early for some and too late for others, so I let it go.

This year I am sending a Bennington-Fillmore Flag that I want you to give to the Commandery-in-Chief at the opening session and have it hung in the Encampment room. This Flag is in memory of Brother Wm. R. McGirr of the Pennsylvania Department.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
HENRY DIETEL.

(The Bennington-Fillmore Flag is accepted by many as the oldest Stars and Stripes Flag known to exist, and the earliest flown of which there is postive historical knowledge).

I move that the flag be accepted and a letter of appreciation be sent to this brother. (Seconded by Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania). (So voted).

Past Commander Cleon Heald of New Hampshire: As a member of the Essay Committee I'd like to say that this proposition as outlined here is a tremendous job. I should dislike very much to see it adopted and put into force unless we can carry it through properly. As a member of this committee I recommend that action on this be referred to next year . . . that a committee be appointed for next year. I would rather see it killed than have it adopted and not properly carried out.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The recommendation of the Committee is that this report be referred to a new Committee on Essay Contests to be appointed by the next Commander-in-Chief and that action be deferred due to lack of resources.

Council Member John Reeger of New Jersey: I move that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. (So voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is our final report on resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: I move the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted as a whole and the Committee discharged with thanks. (So voted).

Past Commander Heald of New Hampshire: May I have the floor? The Superintendent of the Gettysburg National Park has come fifteen hundred miles to this convention to show some very beautiful pictures at the Grand Army Campfire last evening. I was fortunate to be there last evening. They are pictures of the battlefield and of the reunion last July. I asked him if he would show one reel of that film to us. I am sure the brothers would like to see one reel of colored pictures. It will take twelve minutes to show it, if we could find some time today.

Past Commander Phil Byron of Illinois: I move that these pictures if they are to be shown, be shown after the election of officers. (Seconded by several. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: That involves our staying and seeing them as a matter of courtesy.

National Secretary Hammer: The budget of the Council-in-Chief is closed, but I would like to say that we have been using the typewriter at Headquarters since 1923. We had the authorization of the Council-in-Chief once, but didn't have the money; we also have one now, but the Council-in-Chief forgot to include that in the budget. If we can find the money, I would like to hear a motion that we be permitted to buy a new typewriter.

Past Commander Rhinesmith of Illinois: I move that the Secretary be authorized to buy a new typewriter. (Seconded by several. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: There was laid on the table yesterday for consideration today a resolution re officers terms. Brother Barrett, will you take the Chair? Addressing the Chair—Brother Chairman: The subject on which I am speaking is a proposition to change our By-Laws in reference to the time of assuming office on the part of our National, Department and Camp officers.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment at the session held in Madison, Wisconsin, last year approved this change and authorized the Commander-in-Chief to "instruct the National Counselor to prepare necessary changes in our By-Laws to carry out the provision of this recommendation so that they may be acted upon at this or the next Annual Encampment"—which is this present session. I have quoted the above Order, which was unanimously adopted last year, from the official Proceedings pp. 83-84 and the Recommendation which I have also quoted will be found in the same Publication on pages 19 and 20.

The question, in view of this, therefore, is not as to the principle of the change, nor the time of taking office, since both were approved last year and ordered, but one of the detailed plan prepared by our National Counselor, which is before you.

Nevertheless, while the principle and time is not involved here, I would like to speak on the merits of the whole matter.

This is an important matter and one which if acted upon favorably, will enable our Order to conduct its affairs in a continuous manner for the full year without the handicap of hurtful changes in officers.

We have been handicapped seriously by these changes—and the hurt has not been confined to the last few years alone, but has existed for a long period of years.

It is too much of a strain for your Commander-in-Chief to get our Organization working, for instance, on a membership campaign, and suddenly in the middle of the year to have its officers completely changed just when they have gotten to working understandingly together. And this applies equally to the Department Commanders in their relation to their Camp Commanders.

This subject has been a matter of consideration for years. A change was recommended by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse in his term in 1922-3. His recommendation was that Department Commanders be elected and installed at the usual Department Encampments in the Spring and begin their terms the first of January—following their election. Since Camp Commanders were then supposed to take office January first the purpose was to make the terms of the National and Department officers co-incident with that of the Camp officers. This made a hiatus between election and time of taking office of from six to nine months. The present plan is a compromise—it is for all officers to take office on October First—a much shorter interval between election and assuming office—and it insures a full year of continuous effort without disturbing changes.

I earnestly urge the adoption of the plan prepared by our National Counselor Howard—in accordance with the action of last year's Encampment or any modification of it which will produce the improvement so much needed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: I do not disagree with the Commander-in-Chief in much that he says. If I were a doctor I would agree with the diagnosis, but I am not prepared to say that a surgical operation should be necessary, to cut off both arms and legs. I do not propose to argue this question. Rather am I desirous of having this thoroughly understood so that we may have a full knowledge of just what this means to us. Let me put it to you first in this way. This provides as it refers to Camp officers, that they shall be elected during the prescribed period. In my judgment too long a period and an unnecessary period, and that they shall not become officers of the Camp until the elapsed time between the election and October 1st. But I am not so much concerned with the Camp officers. I think that that should be met as it pertains to Camp and Department officers and have them run concurrently. I want to refer to this as applying to the Department officers.

Our Constitution over a considerable period of time has provided that the Department Encampments may be held between the months of January and July. This changes it, I believe for a period from April to August. I don't see that this is of a particular importance except that it would not permit one or two Department to hold Encampments as they are holding them now.

Now let's follow this in an actual illustration. I will use the Massachusetts Department simply as an illustration, because I believe their Encampment usually meets the first of April. If they were to continue meeting in April, they would elect a Department Commander in April. He would be Department Commander in name, but not in effect until October 1st. He would take his office October 1st. He would preside at the Department Encampment the following April. That Department Commander will actually be Department Commander for one-half of his term and you can't change the Calendar if you want to . . . Brothers, I have given this more thought perhaps than I have given anything over a long period of time. I

can see some value in having officers run concurrently, but it seems to me that the effect as I have illustrated it to you nullifies and really makes worse instead of better the conditions if this is put into effect.

I am Department Commander of a Department that elected me last May. I assume if this is adopted, next May my Encampment will elect a Department Commander. He would not assume control until October 1st. What am I? I suggest to the Commander-in-Chief that the possible effect of this is altogether too serious to have it finally adopted by this Encampment. We have been going along under a fair condition over a long period of years. My suggestion would be that this might be made up as a referendum to be acted upon by the Departments and if the majority felt that it was a good thing, I would not have any objections to it. I am convinced, however, that it would be inadvisable to adopt this resolution for the reasons that I have brought before you. I am very much afraid that with the long elapsed period between the time the Department Commander is elected and the time he takes office, it would not work out satisfactorily. I hope I am wrong in my surmises. . . .

Several years ago I offered this thought—that Camp Commanders be elected the month preceding the date of the Department Encampment, and the Camp Commanders assume office the date the Department Commander is installed. Then we would have Department and Camp Commanders working together for the twelve months of the year. However, according to this resolution there would be a complete revision of what has been done in the past. All in all, Brothers, I am not convinced in my mind that this is advisable. I am fearful of what might happen. We must begin the work of the Order in the Camps and through the Departments, if we are to have the results we desire.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I have a very great deal of respect for my Brother Sautter—even if I now, as I believe properly, differ from him both in his reasoning and his conclusions.

Referring first to the Department Encampments now supposed to be held between the months of January to July inclusive—and under this proposed plan to be held between April and August also inclusive—there is practically no change whatever here. Brother Sautter says the change would not permit one or two Departments to hold Encampments as they are now holding them. There is no Department in full standing in our Order now holding its Encampment prior to April. This plan extends the time one month.

Under this plan the newly elected Department Commander would assume office October 1st and serve a whole year; i. e., to the following October—or until his elected successor assumes office. Meanwhile the present Commander would serve as he had been doing, until October 1st. There would be no serving one-half a year—and no changes in the Calendar. I fear Brother Sautter is conjuring up troubles that do not exist. Wherein is there any more damage to the welfare of our Order in electing Camp Commander, for instance—the last of May and taking office October 1st—than in electing them as many of our Camps now do, in October and having them take office in January?

Regarding the Massachusetts Department, which Brother Sautter uses as an illustration (and this would include New Hampshire and Connecticut, for they also hold their Department Encampments in April)—at the New England Regional meeting held at The Weirs in New Hampshire on July 23rd last, this matter was presented and discussed at length and was unanimously approved by the delegates representing the six New England Departments—so that the very

Departments you have mentioned, Brother Sautter, have approved the plan.

In Indiana, where it was discussed last January at their Mid-winter meeting in Indianapolis, and approved, Brother Department Commander Hawkins told me had he had more time between his election as Department Commander and his taking office, he would have been able to make much wiser choice of his Department Aides; and Brother Shellhouse with whom I personally canvassed this matter said: "It is apparent that no set of Division officers have the ability to get acquainted and co-operate with two sets of Camp officers—and likewise no set of National officers have the ability to know well and co-operate with two sets of Camp and Division officers."

There are three or four distinct advantages in this plan:

First—and most important—it gives the Order a complete set of officers—National, Department and Camp, to work a full year together without interruption. It enables the Commander-in-Chief to work with one set of Department and Camp officers and the Department Commanders to work with one set of Camp officers, a full year.

Second—The terms of officers start at the beginning of a Quarter, not in the middle of a month or in a partly completed term as at present. This is highly desirable.

Third—It tends to efficiency in the conduct of the business of our Order.

Fourth—It gives a newly elected Depatrment Commander an interval between his election and assuming office in which to study his work, the needs of the Department and make plans for the good of the Order.

Fifth—The plan contemplates choosing Camp officers at the last meeting in May, when it was thought it would be possible to have a larger attendance at Camp meetings because of the Memorial Day period—and therefore a wider interest. This may or may not be important. If, as suggested yesterday by Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, the Camp officers could be elected and installed at the first meeting in October, that might be equally acceptable—for it would insure practically a full year of continuity of effort on the part of all officers. This would involve no lapse of time between the election of Camp officers and their taking office.

Plainly, with National officers elected as now, in September—with Department officers in the months of April, May and June—and Camp officers in October and November and taking office in January, some adjustment must somehow be made to bring their terms coincident—and this detailed plan—or a modification of it as suggested—which has been submitted to us by National Counselor Howard, seems to me most sensible and easiest to effect. Conditions are very different than when you (to Brother Sautter) were Commander-in-Chief. We need all the help we can get. It has been said and rightly that July and August are months of inactivity, but they are also the period when the greatest number of members are dropped. Our greatest loss last year was in July and August—435 members—and it was due to a complete change in officers.

If there is no further discussion the question is on the adoption of the plan submitted by our National Counselor Howard.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: I'd like to second the original motion of Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Kirchgassner that the matter be referred to the new Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. (Motion defeated).

Colonel Edwin J. Prittie of Pennsylvania read the report of the Committee on Sons of Union Veterans Reserve.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESERVE

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

Sir:

The Committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief in re the Sons of Veterans Reserve wish to make the following report.

The Committee being composed of active officers in the Reserve from the Departments of New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania are voicing the opinion of the membership of the Reserve of the above Departments, also the opinion of the Department of Illinois and Ohio which have Reserve.

We approve and urge the carrying out of the recommendations of Commander-in-Chief Dyer. We are convinced that it will encourage the formation of the Reserve in all the Departments. We know that the Reserve is to be one of the best recruiting assets of our Order.

We wish to suggest that the committee to be appointed by the incoming administration be authorized to formulate such rules and regulations as will be necessary to make the Reserve function uniformly as far as possible in all the Departments. To adopt an official uniform, etc.

We suggest that the Chief-of-Staff from the Commandery-in-Chief be of the rank of Colonel; that the Department Chiefs-of-Staff be Lieutenant Colonels.

We urge the adoption of a National Organization for the Reserve.

Signed: EDWIN JOHN PRITTIE,
Col. S. V. R. Commanding, Pa. Brigade.
ROBERT E. LESLIE,
Capt. Conn. S. V. R.
JOHN L. REEGER,
Capt. S. V. R., N. J.
ZOA A. WILLIAMS,
Col. Commanding, 1st Regt. Dept. New York.

Colonel Prittie: Just a word in regard to formation of the National Organization. I can't refrain from trying to sell the Reserve. We find in Pennsylvania that it is one of our best recruiting assets. We have found that through our Reserve we are not only invited, but we are urged to participate in all parades. I believe if the Sons are to have a place in public observances, it will be through the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

I hope those who are here will do their best in their Departments to make this a National movement.

Department Commander Stephan of New York: I move that the report as submitted be adopted. (Seconded by several). (So voted).

National Secretary Hammer read the final report of the Credential Committee:

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

The Committee reported summary as follows:

	Present	Absent
Encampment Roll: *Officers	9	1
Past Commanders-in-Chief (11)	10	13
Past Department Commanders	38	
Department Commanders	17	8
Delegates, Elected	59	
Alternates, Elected	2	
Substitutes (for Delegates and Alternates)	51	
Total Members Encampment	186	

* Includes one Past Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania that the Credentials Committee be discharged. (Seconded by Delegate Knouff of Pennsylvania). (So voted).

Delegate Isaacs of New York: I move you that we recess for ten minutes. (Seconded by several).

Recessed at 11:45 a. m.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Encampment was called to order at 12:00 o'clock.

Delegate Evans of Ohio: I move you that we limit all nomination speeches to five minutes. (Seconded by Department Commander Lewis of Wisconsin).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will appoint Delegate Dodd of California, Department Commander Parker Chandler of Massachusetts, and Past Commander Mohr of Missouri to act as Tellers.

Nominations are now in order for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. (National Secretary Hammer called the Roll of Departments. Alabama gave way to Massachusetts).

Past Commander Charles Moran of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, many honors have come to me during my membership in our Order but no honor has come to me to equal the one I have today in presenting Massachusetts' choice for Commander-in-Chief. The brother whose name we present for your consideration has been a member for thirty-one years and during all those years he has been one of the hardest working members that our Organization has had. He has served his Camp as Commander and various offices in the Department which won for him the office of Department Commander. In the Commandery-in-Chief he has served you as Counselor, National Patriotic Instructor, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and during the past two years he has served you as Chairman of the Grand Army Highway Committee. Most of the work has been done by Brother Anderson and he has been ably assisted by the members of the Committee. The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army has told us that the Organization needs leadership that can lead us from the red into the black. Brother Anderson is that type of leader. He has shown it to you in the past. You of the Commandery-in-Chief who have seen Brother Anderson for the past twenty-two years know the work he has done. You will select a Commander who has earned it by hard work in the organization for thirty-one years and Brothers, it gives me the greatest pleasure, and by instruction from the Massachusetts Department, I present the name of William L. Anderson for Commander-in-Chief of this Organization.

Department Commander Laughlin of California: Commander-in-Chief, the Department of California & Pacific have given this matter considerable thought. We realize that in choosing a man to head our Organization he must have various qualifications. In his character he should be morally clean, and physically able to get around and tend to his duties; also his past record of work in the organization should be considered as well as his interest in the coming generation which is going to take our places. The Department of California & Pacific would like to present a brother who has been active in civic and fraternal organizations for years, our present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Past Camp Commander, Past Department Commander, Member of the Department Council, and Past National Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett.

(National Secretary continued to call the roll to Kansas, which gave way to Missouri)

Past Department Commander Brubaker of St. Joseph, Missouri: I come from the land of corn and mules; and the land where it takes effort to do anything to carry on for the Sons of Union Veterans. I come from this place on a glad mission. I was born in the grand state of Iowa. Its sentiments are in my blood and bones for my father lived at its doorsteps. I come to you as a member of this convention to plead with you to turn away from what you have done in the past. I have been a member of the Sons when they went to Boston in 1924, Des Moines in 1926, Denver in 1928 and I have been to other places attending these conventions. You men of the East have the majority of members and can do anything you please. But you want to remember that there are many Sons in this part of the Country. Other States of this great nation are populated with the Sons of Veterans, but you have never heard the voice of the Middle West. You have never come to us like you have gone to New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. You have gone to Illinois, but you have not come on further to us. We come with a live, human candidate. He has been a member since 1910. We need a man who can speak on the floor, one who is honored in his community. We need not only a man who in every way has led a revered life, but who is willing to sacrifice his time to be out doing a work that is needed. We plead with you to turn from what you have been doing. Give this man a chance who got a new Camp and put on a program that has never been equalled.

I come to present the name of Department Commander John M. Dunlavy, the man who has been endorsed by every Past Department Commander in Missouri. If they had the money and the opportunity I believe they would all be here speaking in his behalf, urging you to cast your vote for our candidate, John M. Dunlavy. I thank you.

(Delegate Meade of Minnesota seconded the nomination of Dr. Barrett).

(Department Commander Ryan of Ohio seconded the nomination of Wm. L. Anderson).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, no ties of personal friendship—and I am thankful within this Organization, that I have many—nor the regard which I have for a certain Department would permit my conscience to favor a man for the office of Commander-in-Chief if in my judgment he were not capable by services performed over a period of many years of continuing that service.

I do not disagree in any respect to the qualifications pointed out by those who have preceded me as to the proper make-up for the

leader of this Organization. It is not often that I read what I say, but part of my remarks were pointed out by someone else, and although I have not had permission, I would like to read the following: "If the progressive pace of the last several years is to be continued, the incoming Commander-in-Chief must be an organizer with a proven background of accomplishments, possessed of outstanding executive ability, tact, personality, and magnetism to attract and hold the attention of individuals and organizations whose co-operation is essential to the objects and aims of our Order. He must have the time available for wide contacts and personal stamina to keep going when the road ahead is rough."

Because, Brothers, I honestly, sincerely believe that William L. Anderson meets the requirements that I have just read, on behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania and myself, I second his nomination.

Nominations closed.

Before the votes were cast Commander-in-Chief Dyer requested the candidates for Commander-in-Chief to come to his Station and he presented them to the Encampment. (Applause).

The Tellers reported that a majority of the votes of the brothers present had been cast for William L. Anderson of Massachusetts.

Past Commander Brubaker of Missouri: I move that as Missouri is a good loser, the vote of the whole convention be cast unanimously for Brother Anderson.

Senior Vice Commander Barrett of California: Commander-in-Chief, I second the motion.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The motion has been made that the vote be cast unanimously for Brother Anderson. (So voted).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I wish to announce that Mrs. Anne Lockyer of Ohio has been elected unanimously National President of the Auxiliary.

Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander Michael of Maryland: At this time Maryland has a man who has gone through every office in Department and Camp. He has been in the Order for twenty-five years. He also was in the World War and one of the best workers in the Maryland Department. Maryland would like to nominate Past Commander Michael Casey of Washington, D. C.

Past Commander Sweet of Massachusetts: Massachusetts would like to second the nomination of Brother Casey.

Past Commander Shrieve of Ohio: As a former member of the Maryland Department I want to personally second the nomination of Brother Casey.

Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania: I move that the Secretary cast one ballot for Brother Casey of Maryland for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, if there is no opposition.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the unanimous vote.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate LeGrand of Iowa: Through a long period of years it has been the custom that the State in which the Commandery-in-Chief meets shall be given as a sort of recognition a position of honor on the list of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. This is the position of Junior Vice Commander. On behalf of the Iowa Delegation who went on record in their Department Encampment, and on behalf of the regularly elected and constituted delegation of the Iowa Depart-

ment, it is my pleasure to place in nomination for this position a man who has been many years in the service of the Sons. He has worked diligently in season and out of season in every place where there was work to be done. Perhaps some of you gentlemen who were here in 1926 and 1931 will remember the activities of this man in the interest of the Commandery-in-Chief. In 1931 because of the great service that he rendered it was unanimously agreed among the membership that this honor should go to this man. Since that time this brother has continued just as faithfully and effectively his work for the organization as he has done in prior years. He has been very active in the preparation of this Encampment and is on the floor today and right now doing active service. Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I take pleasure in nominating Dr. L. L. Shope of Des Moines.

Past Commander Byron of Illinois: If there is no other nomination, I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous vote for this brother. (Seconded by Commander Harned of Colorado).

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: Next to the Commander-in-Chief, the Council-in-Chief is the most important office in the Commandery-in-Chief. I present to you the name of one who has been Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and who conducts all the work of the G. A. R. in the State of New Hampshire. You will make no mistake if you have Brother Cleon E. Heald of New Hampshire for one of the new members of the Council-in-Chief.

Delegate Hale of Connecticut: I rise to nominate a brother who has been very active in our Organization, Brother Robert T. Alcorn of Connecticut.

Department Commander Ellsworth of New Hampshire: I second the nomination of Brother Heald.

Commander Ryan of Ohio: I wish to place in nomination for the Council a man who is well known. He has attended each and every one of our National Conventions for the past two decades. He was Commander of his Department nineteen years ago. He is a man who always attends to his duties. I present the name of Jonas P. Shrieve of Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: I move the nominations close and a unanimous ballot be cast for these nominees for the Council. (Vote cast).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brothers, please don't go. Come and stand by these officers while they are installed.

In response to query by the Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander Anderson of Massachusetts said: I would like Past Commander-in-Chief John Sautter of Pensylvania for my installing officer and Past Commander Sweet of Massachusetts for Installing Guide.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York: It is the custom of the Commandery-in-Chief to present a badge to the retiring Commander-in-Chief. This year the Commandery and Council-in-Chief were in a quandary as to what to do as he received his badge last year. After much thought I feel they have decided wisely. Just why they should have asked me to make the presentation of this gift, I don't know. There are so many others in this room who could have done much better than I. Yet I was asked and I am delighted that I have been honored in being permitted to present this gift of so much importance and of such beauty, to my good friend of long standing, Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer. It is not necessary for me to tell you all the qualities of this brother. That was done two years ago and you know as well as I do that he has fulfilled everything that he pledged at that time. I wish that every member present could know

William Allan Dyer as I do, as a friend and as a counselor, who has been willing to give his best in every way. They say time waits for no man. Of course I appreciate the fact that your time of catching trains is past as far as our Order is concerned. I know that you are going to work just the same for the Order as you have these many years and in order that you may keep your appointments, and that you may catch your trains, the Council-in-Chief decided upon this Hamilton watch which I now present to you as a Past Commander-in-Chief and to one of the best friends that Dr. Sheldon ever had.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Ralph, I didn't expect anything of this sort. My badge last year was enough. I gave this year —I hope you will believe me—unselfishly. All I want in return is your good will.

I have known Ralph for many years. We have visited each other in our homes. No one could have come closer to me. I feel honored by his friendship as I am for many more in this organization. Please believe that all during this year I have tried to be square, fair and honest in my efforts for the upbuilding of this Order. I wish for those whom you have elected the same measure of support, even better, than I received and I wish for them every possible success; and as my interests are wrapped up in this Order I shall give them all the support possible in my power. I thank you for the gift, for your thought and I thank you, Ralph, for presenting it.

Department Commander Stephan of New York: May the New York delegation have the floor? (Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, Past Commanders Barnard, Neil D. Cranmer; and Delegates Zoa A. Williams, Robert Palmatier and Julius Isaacs).

Brother Commander-in-Chief, we of the New York Department have seen you as Commander-in-Chief for the past two years and no members of any organization of any Department know what you have done any better than we of your own state. We feel highly pleased that you have had this office for two years. We know you have done a splendid job. We know you are going out with regrets that you couldn't finish everything you have started. As a little token of our esteem for you, the Brothers of New York wish to present you with this little gift. We feel that perhaps the bag you carry is worn out and we are presenting you with a new one.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I suppose under the circumstances I shall have to use this bag traveling around the state of New York. Thank you so much for your friendly thought and words.

Department Commander Towle of Maine: May I just say a word? I have been a member of the Sons for many years and I think I can safely say that in that forty-five years no one has come into the hearts of the people of Maine as our present Commander-in-Chief. We have a great deal of love and affection for him.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I have an affection for the state of Maine and its people also. My father, grandfather and great-grandfather were born in the State of Maine. While in Maine last summer I met a Grand Army man who knew my father.

The new officers were installed in ritualistic form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: You have placed as Commander-in-Chief a man who has given unusual service to this organization. I sincerely trust that as a successor to one who has done so faithfully, you will assist him to complete the unfinished work which has been so well started by Past Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer.

Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson of Massachusetts (to Mr. Sautter): Please accept my sincere thanks for your part in this installation. My Brothers, I am indeed grateful for the honor you have conferred on me this afternoon and I pledge my best to you this coming year, and in return I expect the same from you. A while back we heard a great deal about the continunity of effort. To have this we must first have the effort. If all that we have read in The Banner in the past two years is true, and if what we have heard in this Encampment is true, relative to the increase in membership, and I know it is true, an effort is exemplified and I am now going to ask for a continuity of that effort.

We must build up the membership of this Organization if we desire to live as on organization. We must build with new Camps, new life, new blood, new hope in order to carry on the ideals of our fathers, the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. In Lincoln's Gettysburg address he said "it is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us." There is a great task remaining before you Brothers, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am now going to place in your lap this Organization, and I am going to ask you to take it back home to your respective Departments and put on the overalls and jumper of service and make your Organization what it should be, a living memorial to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. When you come back here, or to your next National Encampment, be prepared to answer this question: Who will tell the world the story when the Boys in Blue are gone? I thank you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Will you allow me to inject a word or two? Here is the Command which has been in my charge for the past two years. It is now in your charge.

I have asked the Department Commanders and Department Secretaries to remain with you today after the Encampment to confer with you. Perhaps you will outline some plans you may have for them. I cannot, however, pass by without thanking the members of my staff last year for their fine loyalty. Brother Barrett, Brother Graves, Brother Dunlavy, Brother Howard and Members of the Council, Brother Holbrook and Brother Hammer. They worked together with me and I am sure your staff will work with you. If there is anything I can do in the coming year, all you have to do, Bill, is ask me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: I move you that the minutes of the Encampment as taken by the stenographer, and approved by the National Secretary, be printed and the regular number distributed to the members of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Seconded. So voted).

Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barrett of California: I wish to say to the men here assembled and to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, that the opportunity offered me in serving the Commandery-in-Chief has afforded me the opportunity to speak in many instances in behalf of the membership on the Pacific Coast. I am happy that it was possible for me to reach out into groups and speak a word in behalf of our American Government and the fact that the Sons are standing for the principles of our government.

Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Graves: I desire to express to the members my appreciation of the co-operation I have received this past year. Commander-in-Chief, I desire to take this opportunity to pledge to you my best endeavors in the interest of our Organization.

Past National Patriotic Instructor Dunlavy: It would not be for me to fail to express my appreciation for one of the most important

offices in the Commandery. The real work however must be found in the Camps. While we were able to increase some, I do hope the incoming National Patriotic Instructor will report 100% from each Department.

I want to say, Commander-in-Chief Dyer, I certainly appreciate the opportunity of working with you; I am greatly interested in this work and I think I owe much to you for your co-operation.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson, as Department Commander of Missouri, I pledge you my constant support. We have agreed that each Camp should sponsor a Camp this year. Missouri will do its best.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania: I think it should go in the records that we go to Pittsburgh next year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: As a sort of representative of Pittsburgh, I would like to say that the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army has not been in the city of Pittsburgh since 1894 and I was a member of the Committee to prepare for that Encampment. There is now in the city of Pittsburgh a great university and from the surplus funds—the unexpended funds—there are two scholarships in the University of Pittsburgh that can only be given to a descendant of a Grand Army Veteran.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: There being no further business to come before the Encampment I will ask Brother Dunlavy to offer a prayer of benediction.

Encampment closed at 1:20 p. m.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Des Moines, Iowa.

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

National Federated Patriotic Societies
Annual Meeting

Des Moines, Iowa, September 4, 1938.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held in the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, on Sunday, September 4, 1938, at 2:30 p. m., with Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, Past National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, presiding. It was one of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings held for some time, more than 250 were in attendance.

The National President gave a cordial welcome to all present after which the colors were advanced and pledge of allegiance to the Flag was led by the Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Ida Heacock Baker, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, followed by the Invocation by the Chaplain, Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Roll Call of Officers found all present but Vice President Park F. Yengling whose letter of regret at his absence from the Convention City was read.

The National President presented several distinguished guests, among whom were the National Presidents of the allied groups, also several Past National Presidents of the Federation.

Minutes of the 1937 meeting, held in Madison, Wisconsin, were read by the Secretary-Treasurer, and approved as read, also the report of finances for 1937-1938 was accepted.

Officers' reports were read and accepted.

Under New Business a Committee, appointed last year with Ida Heacock Baker as Chairman, reported that relative to renaming the Federation, the Committee, after much discussion, had decided to suggest that we use the name National Federated Patriotic Societies. Motion was made and seconded that we accept this report and the name. Motion carried, after discussion by members present.

Several spoke on the Youth Congress and also on some of the subversive movements in our country. It was suggested that Federated Units take this matter up and use their influence in their various communities.

Nominations were then in order for President and as it was the turn of the Sons of Veterans for that office, the name of Park F. Yengling was suggested, but he so emphatically declined the office last year that it was thought best, as he was not present, to ask for other nominations. Brother Theodore Hagen was nominated, also Brother Barrett, but Kate G. Raynor, Past National President, brought to the attention of the chair that only Past National Presidents or Past Commanders-in-Chief were eligible for the office of President. The suggestion was made that the Sons be offered the Presidency next year. Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, National President of the Ladies

of the Grand Army, was nominated by Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrman and declined, then in turn nominated Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns as President. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Ralph R. Barrett, was nominated for Vice President and was elected. Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, was nominated for Chaplain and elected. Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, was nominated for Patriotic Instructor and elected. The office of Secretary-Treasurer being for a term of three years, Mrs. Mary J. Love was named for that office. The new officers were presented and spoke briefly asking for co-operation.

There being no further business the meeting closed with singing of the National Anthem, retirement of Colors and Benediction by the Chaplain.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet was held in the South Ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, at 5:30 p. m., and was a most gala affair. The tables were beautifully decorated and 125 guests were served. Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, shared his honors with the Commander-in-Chief of Sons of Veterans, Wm. Allan Dyer, also with Elizabeth L. Kothe, Opha M. Whitaker and Margaret C. Brady. Among the other distinguished guests were Past Commanders-in-Chief Judge James E. Willett and Russell C. Martin.

Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, National President, welcomed all present and in turn, presented the guests, all of whom expressed their pleasure at the fine gathering.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe gave a toast to the Grand Army of the Republic which you will find on another page and Mrs. Margaret C. Brady gave a toast to the Federation.

In celebration of the Constitution Sesquicentennial which closes April, 1939, a short program followed after which all adjourned to attend the Memorial Services.

Toast at the Annual Banquet "To the Grand Army of the Republic," given by Elizabeth L. Kothe seated beside "The Commander-in-Chief:"

Madam President, distinguished guests, our Commander-in-Chief, members of the Grand Army family and friends:

To the Grand Army of the Republic, our brave and noble pioneer soldiers of the Civil War, we pay tribute tonight as we gather to honor them during their 72nd Encampment.

They are the men who cemented the Union of States with their privations and their blood kept this nation entire on the world's map by thwarting the attempted dividing line that would have built a boundary from Chesapeake Bay across the Mississippi. They finished what the Soldiers of the Revolution commenced, by taking the clay of human slavery used in the foundation stones of this Nation and remixed the mortar in their own blood and so rebuilding this Temple of Liberty to abide for all generations.

They turned gun-powder into good government and the blood of sacrifice into the bread of immortal freedom. Their patriotism was

tried where heroism saluted death in the name of liberty and humanity. They ratified with their muskets and swords the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln in his Emancipation Proclamation.

They marched and camped, fought and conquered, lived or died as Heaven decreed, during those four years of cruel war—those Boys in Blue—who were citizens before they were soldiers, they confirmed the prophecy "that a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

But after viewing the war from this side, viewing the exigencies with anger cooled and quiet pulse, we see only a conflict where brave men answered their Country's call. Some one has said: "A Nation is a contract in which three parties are involved, past, present and future;" and on this occasion let us pause to reverence as we think of the noble deeds that yesterday gave today.

The Veterans of the Civil War who are with us, lived for their Country and have held high the principles for which they fought and those for which they were organized as the Grand Army of the Republic. They have founded Soldiers' Homes, Soldiers' Orphans' Homes and Hospitals and have always stood foremost in the ranks of exalted citizenship, living in service for human needs.

The issues which threaten the world peace today are so vast, so vitally important, touching every phase of our lives that we are bewildered and almost overwhelmed. The brave men who made the supreme sacrifice will be at the Peace table, in spirit or in person, watching what we do and we must not betray them, for Americanism is the crying need of the hour and we must hold together to promote adequate National Defense for the preservation of the peace of our nation.

The organizations allied with the Grand Army of the Republic may well review their labors and achievements with pride. They have represented the women from every section of the United States, who for more than a half a century, accepted with gratitfication every opportunity to aid those Comrades of ours and soldiers of all wars, who have sacrificed and suffered in service to their country. The noble workers of the past have handed down a charge to us to join hands and contribute our portion to the welfare and happiness of his and future generations.

The Allied Orders remind me of a lovely garden wherein has been planted, by our Comrades, the beautiful flowers of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The Grand Army is now making it easy for us to join hands in our great Patriotic program, a vital unity of purpose and sentiment and the spirit of Fraternity should abide with us more than ever in the future, for other days, other wars, other heroes of wars have come, while we honor them all, we can never forget that the Union Veteran of the Civil War has given us a noble heritage with sacred memories and our first thought will ever be of them. These Comrades, who once more in 1938 met the men in Gray on the Battlefields of Gettysburg, 75 years after steel met steel in a mighty tumult of battle and now a quiet, peaceful green park where gleams the Eternal Light of Peace.

Our Commander-in-Chief says: "There is no North, there is no South, we are all Americans," so we go forth as a Federation banded together by these memories, to further salute and honor them, to fight for the things they fought for, true ideals and American prinicples

and we bow our heads in gratitude for the lives of these once youthful soldiers whom we hold so dear.

We pray that when the autumn comes another year
No drums will throb on fields of distant battle
But skies of all the world will still be clear.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Many Departments have active Federations and are building for the future. Monthly programs are given and a united interest by all the allied groups have been responsible for much patriotic fervor. In the State of Washington the Department Commander of the G. A. R. is the Federation President and works all year in outlining their activities, this in itself means much to the National Federation.

Reports were received from California, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Kansas, Colorado & Wyoming, Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Iowa, New York, Rhode Island, Oregon, Washington & Alaska.

It is hoped that these Departments as well as the others that have Federations will send the name and address of their President to the Secretary, Mary J. Love, 2206 Alta Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, that things of interest pertaining to the Federation can be sent them.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Des Moines, Iowa, September 5-8, 1938

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*Commander-in-Chief, Wm. Allan Dyer, 995 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.
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Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations: "* * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof * * *"

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1938 Membership.	Delegates
Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	51	2
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	698	8
Colorado & Wyoming	25	Mar. 22, 1929	205	3
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	1419	15
Illinois	10	July 1883	627	7
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	665	8
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	360	5
Kansas	9	June 1883	302	4
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	954	11
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	399	5
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	4035	41
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	466	6
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	195	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	356	5
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	193	3
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	636	7
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	821	9
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	2329	24
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1605	17
Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	157	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	4702	48
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	372	5
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	577	7
Washington	23	Jan. 1, 1890		
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	515	6

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1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
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1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
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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	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 S. Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	2057 The Field Building, 120 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	5515 Corona Ave., Maywood, Calif.
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park 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. Mable	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	Knightstown, Ind.
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	314 North Jefferson Street, 610 Main St., Hellertown, Pa.
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	548 Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	20 Burr St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936 1937	Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	995 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

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	
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

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O. B. Brown.....312 Harries Bldg., Dayton, Ohio

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*Deceased.

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
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa

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