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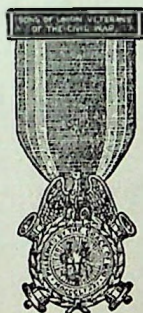
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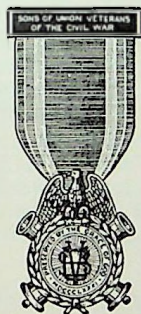
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Pre-Encampment Activities

ENCAMPMENTS—JOINT OPENING, SONS OF UNION VETERANS AND AUXILIARY

Tuesday, September 10, 1940, at 9 a. m. in the Ball Room of St. Nicholas Hotel, ceremonies in charge of Mrs. Rita Angier, Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary. Brief appropriate exercises were conducted. Addresses by Commander-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett and National President Mrs. Eva B. Blackman.

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

The annual meeting of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held September 8, 1940, in the Hotel Abraham Lincoln, with the largest attendance in years. William L. Anderson, Sr., President, and Mrs. Mary J. Love, Secretary.

Reports of officers were presented and matters relating to the respective affiliated Orders discussed.

The Dames of the Loyal Legion, women whose eligibility therein comes from the service of those who served as Officers in the Union Army 1861-'65, and, whose ideals and principles are the same as our Allied Orders, were admitted to membership in and united with the Federated Patriotic Societies. Chapters of the Dames in localities where the Federated Societies are established are to unite and meet with the local Federated Societies of the Allied Orders.

Officers elected: President, Mrs. Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, Pittsburgh, Pa., Past National President, Woman's Relief Corps; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, Past National President, Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, Chicago, Ill.

The annual banquet was a successful and pleasant event and participated in by a large number. Past Commanders-in-Chief Russell C. Martin and Overton C. Mennett and other members of the Grand Army of the Republic, National (and Past) Presidents, Officers and Members of all the Allied Orders were present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY-TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Department Secretary-Treasurers Association was held on Monday evening, September 9, in the Red Goose Room of the Illinois Hotel in Springfield. A sirloin steak dinner was enjoyed.

Important information and details on the status of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was brought out during a round table discussion. Future meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 o'clock. It was voted that the Association request that the notice of such meetings be printed in the official programs of the Encampments.

Julius Isaacs, who has served the New York Department as its Secretary-Treasurer for over twenty years, was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Association for the ensuing year.

Those present: National Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammer;

Department Commanders, Richard D. Fletcher, California & Pacific; Howard P. Sanborn, Connecticut; Parker E. Thornburg, Indiana; George O. Melzard, Maine; Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota; Fred C. McGowan, Missouri; Department Junior Vice Commander, Birt Hammond, Michigan; and Department Secretary-Treasurers, A. W. McDaniel, Indiana; Thayne C. LaBanta, Michigan; Theodore H. Mohr, Missouri; John L. Reeger, New Jersey; Julius Isaacs, New York; R. J. Williams, Ohio; John H. Liesee, Pennsylvania; Clinton J. Smith, Vermont, and Benj. G. Haag, Wisconsin.

THE JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Joint Memorial Service was held at 4:00 o'clock Monday afternoon in the St. Nicholas Hotel in charge of the National Chaplains, Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig and Mrs. Mildred R. Webster.

In the processional were the Color Guards, Katherine F. Voter, Mary E. Dow, Harriet T. Brown and May Bassett, followed by Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief; Mrs. Eva Blackman, National President; Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, Mrs. Nellie DeHaven, Mrs. J. Kirkwood Craig; the quartette from the Junior College of Music of the Illinois Wesleyan University, Miss Arline Adams, Miss Bernaden Linges, Mr. E. Carl Lundgren, Mr. M. O. St. John, with Mrs. Lundgren at the piano, and the National Chaplains.

Following the usual hymns and responses, led by Mrs. Webster, tributes were given for the late Past Commander-in-Chief Pelham A. Barrows by Commander-in-Chief Dr. Barrett; for the late Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. E. H. Homan by Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner. Mrs. Nellie DeHaven paid fitting tribute to the Sisters of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Craig told a beautiful story of a lad who was afraid to die but found out that he had already died and was in a land of sunshine and flowers.

The choir sang "The Long Day Closes" by Sullivan, and "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart" by Jones.

Dr. Craig read a poem, "In My Father's House" and pronounced the benediction. After a moment of silence, program participants formed the processional. Beautiful Easter Church calendars were used. Many favorable comments were heard regarding the service.

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SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,
ORPHEUM THEATRE BUILDING,
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.
SEPTEMBER 9-12, 1940

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 10, 1940

Commander-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett: The Officers and members of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will please come to order. I appoint as Outer Guard Brother Michael J. Burns, Jr., Camp No. 4, Springfield; Assistant, Brother Biggs; Delegate James M. Blackman of Illinois, as Guide; and Delegate James Y. Ledwith, Connecticut, Color Bearer.

The Encampment was opened in Ritual form. National Chaplain Craig offering prayer:

Our Father God, the High and Mighty Ruler of the Universe, who dost from Thy throne look down upon all the doings of Thy children, we thank Thee for all the blessings we receive from Thy bountiful hands.

We have come from our homes to this beautiful city, made sacred by the presence of the spirit of him who was the great Commander-in-Chief of our fathers and their comrades. Grant that his spirit may pervade our gatherings. May each of us seek to carry out the principles and objects of our Order. Keep us clear in mind, fair in our judgments, and generous in our attitudes towards the opinions of others. May harmony prevail, so that what we do will be for the best interests of our organization. For the sake of the "boys in blue" may we dedicate ourselves anew to the work of helping to bring to pass the desire of our Sainted Lincoln, to the end that "this government shall not perish from the earth." All this and more would we ask in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Roll call of Officers showed all present.

Commander-in-Chief: Following Committee on Credentials is appointed:

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary, Chairman.
Albert E. Deems, Past Department Commander, Calif. & Pacific.
Richard S. Widdoes, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
Dewey B. Mead, Department Commander, Minnesota.
Fred C. McGowan, Department Commander, Missouri.

Commander-in-Chief: We will have a report of the Committee on Credentials.

National Secretary: The Credential Committee presents a preliminary report, 195 members enrolled. (Those present accredited).

(The roll was called). I move adoption of this report and that it be official roll call. (Adopted).

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Commander-in-Chief: I appoint the following Encampment Committees:

Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman.
Harvey A. Flock, Senior Vice Department Commander, Illinois.
Richard D. Fletcher, Commander, California & Pacific.
Edmond D. Abbott, Commander, Vermont.

Constitution and Regulations

John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman, Pennsylvania.
William T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.
Theodore H. Mohr, Past Department Commander, Missouri.
Leonard S. Hopfield, Commander, Oregon.
John G. Spielman, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.

Resolutions

Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
Cloy V. Smith, Past Department Commander, Michigan.
William L. Anderson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
Howard P. Sanborn, Department Commander, Connecticut.
Michael Casey, Past Department Commander, Maryland.

Officers' Reports

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
Richard D. Fletcher, Department Commander, California & Pacific.
Charles E. Ross, Department Commander, Iowa.
Elmer Cram, Delegate, Nebraska.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Samuel S. Horn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
William H. Ball, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
William R. Boyce, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
John L. Reeger, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
Walter M. Barnard, Department Commander, New York.

Greetings to Grand Army of the Republic

All Past Commanders-in-Chief, John E. Sautter, Chairman.

Woman's Relief Corps

Parker E. Thornburg, Department Commander, Indiana.
James C. Hayes, Department Commander, Michigan.
Samuel Morrell, Delegate, Connecticut.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Lowell C. Thompson, Department Commander, Ohio.
L. L. Schope, Past Department Commander, Iowa.
John G. Spielman, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Park F. Yengling, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio.
Edward Parker, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans

J. E. Gallagher, Department Commander, Illinois.

James M. Blackman, Delegate, Illinois.

Frank Parker, Department Commander, New Jersey.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief: Senior Vice Commander Lambert, assume this station while I read my report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

My Brothers:

Members of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in this city, Springfield, Illinois, once the home and now the shrine of Abraham Lincoln, a great whole-hearted President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of '61 to '65 when the Civil War was fought. Our Fathers, Grandfathers, and Great- and Great-Great-Grandfathers were soldiers, who later became the Grand Army of the Republic, and in 1879 or there about, thought in terms of their Sons taking part in special Days, should be organized, and to one Major A. P. Davis of Pittsburgh we give our special tribute to for his activities in getting things in shape, looking to a more permanent organization. A patriotic society was founded and organized similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. It exists to hold immortal the services and sacrifices of the men who preserved the Union, honoring their memories, inculcating patriotism and love of country, allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, the perpetuation of its free institutions and the preservation of its constitution, a civic and patriotic organization with trust in God.

With the basic principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, we come here to think on these things. Here, where the Great Leader of all times whose spirit still lives; here where only a few blocks from the modest home of the man our Fathers worshipped and would go all the way to answer his call, we come together. They left their homes and loved ones to serve.

What of his home, Lincoln! He often spoke of its influences. Its influences upon his life had much to do with the successes of his life; modest, beautiful, faithful, noble, tranquil and sublime. A great Humanitarian was made so by a modest home. The old State Capitol, where his greatest political addresses were made; bronze tablets which mark his pathway through this city, and only a little way distant to Oak Ridge Cemetery, where a monument dedicated to everlasting memorial is dear to all America. So in this city of Springfield, Illinois, we here assemble ourselves for the sessions of this Commandery-in-Chief year to hear reports of Officers, Chairmen of Committees; to do, I hope, constructive things, and vote resolutions and recommendations for the furthering of the program of this our honored organization. This city, with its sacred shrines and memories, should make it easy for us to think along lines of patriotic endeavor.

In some ways it is hard to prepare a message to be printed in our annual Officers' Reports, and one which is to be read in four weeks on patriotic activities, when our uppermost thought is influenced by war, rumors and activities of such. Daily papers devote column after column to the changing of Governments, and boundaries of former nations, because of the greed of Dictators, self-styled, with a spirit of revenge. Radios report the destruction of human lives and property, laying waste the armies which should lead to happiness and contentment upon earth, if the principles of Friendship and Loyalty were

being lived. And why not? Men, so called, have gone mad for power. It is a worthy thing to have influence, but when there is no honor, influence is a meaningless element.

With much of the time of our President and Congress devoted to preparedness, our soldiers being called to assemble for special war training, with rumble of many trains, especially here in California and other western States, carrying thousands to Training Camps in preparation for training. And why all this! Well! We are living in a different world.

No matter who wins, England or Germany, living is going to be difficult. We are a great people, we of America. Yes, we have done many foolish things. We realize we make mistakes, but one thing assure, we must prepare to meet destructive elements in the world affairs. Our forefathers started this Democracy. They dared to work and fight, suffered many privations, but found the way to liberties and its blessing to life. Our fathers lived in a difficult period of our American History, and advancement toward a United Union took sacrifice and continual anxiety and united effort to bring us to the peak of existence in world affairs, and give us peace and contentment. Yes, there were later disturbances in behalf of other peoples, misunderstanding and problems to master, but we of the United States of America mastered most of them and it took real love of Country, our Country, with its freedom.

So I say there is need of activity along lines which we as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have stood at the Altar and pledged ourselves to observe certain rules and regulations. We need and should have right away many, many more Camps. We should increase our membership by hundreds instead of one or a few more candidates. Some may say what can we do about it. First, let us fully realize the heritage that is ours. Is it worth while and are we willing to sacrifice for it? Sacrifice what, do I hear some say? Well, Brothers, time, money, effort and our best thought, and to use our influence to uphold the Government we love, and which serves us.

There is an element in our land we can offset in many ways. I refer to those who would destroy our kind of Government, a Democracy, and substitute one from the war lords of other countries. I learned only lately of one of our brothers who reported after making an investigation of individuals who were making preparations to help a foreign country in case of war in this Country. They were taken care of by the Government authorities. So likely there are others and we need to be thoroughly organized and ready to take our part at most any hour now, for our Country is threatened. The warring nations of Europe, the Dictators do not have the same feeling toward us that they once had. They speak of us in rather threatening messages and if they are out because of a grudge, we need to take notice and be ready to meet any invasion in our Land.

Our Americanization Committees can and must put forth new and vigorous demands that those in this Country who would destroy it—who would bite the hand that feeds it—be dealt with in some manner such as our Government can devise. The best preparation any nation can make for Defense is none too good for America. We should have the strongest, ever, our liberties are at stake. There is no use saying more but you boys face the problems every day and have an opportunity to think the matter over and form your own opinions which I think would be helpful to us all.

Activities of Camps

I was pleased to note the interest of brothers in securing five new members or reinstatements, and claiming as one reward the Com-

mandery-in-Chief Ribbon. The one thing which happened in which we were especially interested was the fact that there was an increased activity in a general way and the Camps felt the influence for a real increase of Service.

I feel that all Camps should have one regular meeting each month. This meeting to be at a general meeting place in the city where the Camp is located, for reason of the publicity and the standing it gives them in the community life.

Public meetings and programs should be arranged and reported in your newspapers.

Be sure to have eligibles invited as often as possible.

Where possible carry announcements in the newspapers of your meetings.

I RECOMMEND that occasionally the Principles and Objects of the order be published in newspapers, prepared under careful supervision.

Always and everywhere help the Grand Army of the Republic members and affiliated orders. Let there be good-will and contentment among us.

One thing I have been sorry to find, difficulties and contentions. Why? Brothers, life is too short, but we all must be careful and guarded in our contentions on some point; careful in expressing our views and thinking only of the common good. These things have nearly broken up Camps and we cannot afford to lose one. If we have internal difficulties let us fix them up, go forward and let it not happen again.

We were glad to place in your Camps the new printed Ritual; I am sure it has been a help; also the new Rules and Regulations of our order; I hope you like them and that they will guide your way.

State Camps

I hear discussions about State Camps through the mail, etc. I am wondering. I do not quite see the need, unless when we get too old to go to a local Camp we feel then we will have our name recorded in a big book in a State Capitol. But that destroys the idea that we look to younger men to carry on. No! I don't see it just yet.

Membership

I had thought of dwelling upon it in this report but I have changed my mind. I only suggest this one point which you all know, "Personal Work."

I was surprised that Departments and Camps did not avail themselves of the opportunity to increase membership and gain for themselves financial benefits by the proposition presented by National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer in his report, which was adopted at the Pittsburgh Encampment, and given publicity in The Banner. I hope the organizations have an opportunity to use it in the next year and that some brothers will accept the challenge. Turn to page 5, December issue, 1939. Perhaps you did not know you missed an opportunity to earn yourself some money.

Departments

There are 25, there should and could be more. I had hoped that Oklahoma might be able to organize this year. It seems as though finances, or the lack of it, has hindered our work. It has been hard for the few Camps to carry on and the Kansas Department, to which they belong, has not been able to help them much. Some brothers in

both states have done some splendid work which I hope will prove a helpful start on this next Commandery-in-Chief year in establishing a Department there. Thanks, Brothers, for your co-operation.

In many Departments there have been difficulties, not too great but that they could be overcome, and have been, and splendid work carried on. I feel that a splendid staff of Officers are in charge and real constructive work will be carried on.

After all, Brothers, don't blame the Department Officers too much. Are you giving them the support you should; do you co-operate in all activities; do you keep your Department Secretary and Treasurer busy filing your reports that are due quarterly, and all special reports and communications? Think it over.

I was quite well satisfied, owing to distances and endeavoring to keep down expenses, to visit all Departments but New Hampshire, Vermont and Alabama and Tennessee.

Sorry I could not attend Department Encampments, other than Washington, Oregon and California. I felt in most cases that the Commandery-in-Chief was well represented. After all I could not do your work, that is your job, but I trust all Departments enjoyed the best ever Encampment and are ready for the fall and winter work, when much of our real work is done.

The splendid receptions accorded me wherever I visited, and your interest shown, made me happy and gave me more or less a feeling that you were all trying to carry on faithfully.

I especially enjoyed the Lincoln Birthday programs. "A real live inspiration" were they. Brothers, as we go home from this Encampment let us feel we have a worthy work and we will carry on and overcome any and all difficulties.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

I compliment them upon their interest in the Military representation in our order, and the pains taken to make our Official Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic a most worthy and presentable one, that attracts attention, arouses a question in minds of spectators, and when informed, I am sure is an element to arouse appreciation. If there is an eligible in the crowds that views the Parade, he is proud of his heritage and will want to join with us. I was glad for an opportunity to visit in one gathering of Reserve in Connecticut, during my travels, and I was impressed with the nature of their meeting. I want to commend the organization and recommend wherever possible and advisable, that Reserve Companies be organized. It might help to stimulate much activity locally.

The Banner

To our official National paper I am grateful for the co-operation of its managers, especially Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook.

The messages that have been prepared and arranged, I hope have attracted your attention and been enjoyed, and that a copy has been ever before you on your reading matter. I am surprised that in many instances something in The Banner, when referred to, has not been read as yet. Brothers, you should be looking for it. You know it is the only way to carry the General Orders of the Commandery-in-Chief to you. That is the way your National Officers have of talking with you on matters pertaining to our work. I only wish it might come to us more often. Every month would not be too often. Expense and lack of funds prevent this. Also I wish there were more space for reports of doings in Departments and Camps, in fact a larger maga-

zine. We get too little publicity. We are grateful to its managers for the fine publication which we have.

Again, I thank them.

Brothers, do you read the General Orders in The Banner? You should.

Grand Army Highway

While not so much to announce at this time—no further extension—members of the committee have been studying conditions and difficulties met in some of our Western States. We feel that plans are being developed that will be of help when the next sessions of our Legislatures are held.

The financial difficulties in many states have stood in the way of getting legislation through. We have encountered opposition from other organizations who have other ideas as to where the Highway should go. Others are desirous of having it named otherwise, that is Highway No. 6 all the way through to the Coast. I have understood that some local work in some cities has been done in having certain streets through the city named for "Grand Army of the Republic" honor. Brother Hathaway of Iowa, as Chairman, is on the job.

I was glad in my travels to go over Highway No. 6 in Ohio, my native State, and see the Highway Markers there. May I say to Department Commanders, be sure and get the Markers up soon, if there are any States where it has been dedicated and no markers have been placed. My attention has been called to this.

This work is going on and I wish the new officers success, for it should be finished, even though we may need to find another route in order to get it from Davenport, Iowa, to the-Pacific Ocean.

Grand Army of the Republic

The story of its call to duty through the years in our country's life, through storm and night in National Affairs, the Grand Army of the Republic still carries on their interest in the Nation's life as keen today as ever. Always contending for the best things for its citizens, their everlasting grit and determination to carry on to the last Veteran of the Civil War should inspire us Sons of Union Veterans to be more determined in our efforts to emulate their deeds, to inculcate into our work that determined element of thought to carry on, and not to be influenced by a depressed spirit, and give up our memberships and Camps so easily and thoughtlessly. I have been inspired by their many fine thoughts and courtesies shown. In my travels in the different Departments it has been encouraging to have some of them present in the gatherings held, when it was a difficult task for them to be there.

An element of sadness enters here. So many of them are passing on daily. It grieves us and as we think some day when Taps are sounded, what then! But memory steps in and helps us to carry on.

Greatly do we miss our late Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, John Andrew. Yes, a brave boy, and a Courageous Soldier, a splendid citizen, a man with a real life story depicting a heroic typical American, a historian. To sit at his side and listen to interesting bits of American History was a privilege I shall never forget. Especially shall I remember his narratives of the life of Abraham Lincoln. I am favored to have a copy of a favorite poem of his about Lincoln. Commander-in-Chief Andrew's splendid messages of hope and concern for all of us in a splendid handwriting, I prize among my gifts in the collection of this year's experiences. Yes, we were shocked. But he lived well, served ever, and we are glad to

have been counted among his friends. It seems a little strange that it was his call for a meeting of National Heads in Springfield that afforded me my first opportunity to visit this city, where his Headquarters were located.

Necrology

Yes, death has entered our ranks and removed two out-standing brothers.

Pelham A. Barrows, Nebraska, was elected Commander-in-Chief at the Encampment at Indianapolis, Ind., in 1920. He was a member of Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Los Angeles, Cal. He died in Maywood, California, December 1, 1939. Buried at Rosedale Cemetery on Sons plot, Los Angeles.

Ernest W. Homan, Massachusetts, was elected Commander-in-Chief at the Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1926. He died July 3, 1940, and was buried in his home town of Saugus, Massachusetts.

To our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Albert C. Lambert and family, we of this Encampment extend our sympathy, on the death of his father, a member of our order.

Many other true and faithful brothers have answered the last call. We miss them in the Roll Call here, and just now we recall them and their activities, and memory once again comes to our aid and helps us do them honor. We bow our heads in silence for a moment and express to their families our sincerest sympathy and join with them in feeling a great loss has come to all. At this time may we bow our heads in silent prayer, and express to them our sincere sympathy and share with them in the great loss that has come to all.

Allied Orders

Many happy moments have been enjoyed in the group of the National Presidents and Officers, as we come in contact under the leadership of our late Commander-in-Chief, John Andrew, and by letter and messages of concern, for all our groups allied with the Grand Army of the Republic have brought us closer together. I am sure this has brought each one of us to more fully realize the responsibilities resting upon us in upholding principles of Americanism.

I am glad to have had the opportunity to know Mrs. Effie F. Carroll, of North Dakota, National President Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Frances M. Haskell, of Washington, National President Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Bertha M. Droz, of Ohio, National President Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, of Illinois, National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Each of you have been a help to me and a friendship new and lasting has been made. May life be good to you as you journey on, and occasionally as you turn the pages back have pleasant thoughts of this year's honors and a duty performed.

Now, in the closing hours of our year's work, we come to meet our new Commander-in-Chief, Commander Anderson, and we are sure that the short time we are privileged to be together in this Encampment will be a helpful and inspiring one, and that we will carry with us his blessing and feel we have been in company with one of God's noblemen, a defender of our Union. God bless you and keep you all.

Our Auxiliary

What can I say more than that I don't see how Camps get along without an Auxiliary. So many ways they can assist us. I have proven the fact in this my year as your Commander-in-Chief. Our

National President, Mrs. Eva Blackman, and her Staff, have been ever on the job to assist me and encourage me. She has been a real aide and honest worker in our behalf, always speaking an encouraging word for the Sons, and the Department Presidents and Auxiliary Presidents have been courteous and ready to help.

Brothers, if you do not have an Auxiliary, I recommend that you organize one as soon as possible, and then you will be surprised that you did not do it before.

I wish for our Auxiliary the best, and that many good things will come of your devoted labors. May your numbers increase, and may you prosper and your splendid influence go out to many, especially to the homes of America. We were fortunate this year in the splendid type of women, in leadership, and I was fortunate to have a lovely and earnest National President, Eva Blackman.

National Federated Patriotic Societies

Greetings! I have always been a believer in the idea and hope for its continuance, for in Union there is strength. I think it is one idea among us that can be the instrument in bringing us all together in comparing our work. With suggestions of a united effort on the part of all members of the Grand Army Family, so that in all special legislative acts and in drives for furthering Americanism, we have a larger group to present our cause than if we endeavored to do it singly. Thus we are better assured of successes. Why not!

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson has been the President for this year, and I congratulate him upon successes attained as such.

Brothers, whenever possible attend meetings of the National Federated Patriotic Societies. I am sure you will profit by the same.

Grave Marker Committee

The Grave Marker Committee is a most worthy one, I am sure, and worthy of our deepest and sincerest co-operation, and hope for its continuance. We will be pleased to hear of their work in their report and know that a worth-while duty has been well performed by its Chairman, Charles R. Hale, and Committee.

As I have traveled through the country I have been impressed by monuments, the story they tell and the influence they must have on all who travel that way. They are silent sentinels in many cases of the struggle for "the American way." We appreciate all efforts along this line and hope for the continuance.

Officers Report

It has been my good fortune to have on my Staff a splendid group of devoted men, determined to carry out to the best of their ability and opportunity, the duties of the Order, and to co-operate with me in every particular, in line of duty. It has been most encouraging. Because of the distance between us by miles and more miles, we have been brought close by telegraph and air mail, so that we could carry on faithfully. Because of this distance many times it has been necessary for some one of these faithful brothers to represent the Commandery-in-Chief at Department Encampments and special occasions, where I could not be. They have served well and creditably, and for all this I am truly grateful. I wish for them many more years of service. I trust you will listen to their reports of activities and that the Committee on Officers' Reports read carefully their *Recommendations* for each one is a worthy one.

Our Commandery-in-Chief Committees have done splendid work, especially the Essay and Schools, as you will see by their report under

the supervision of the National Patriotic Instructor, Fred C. Barnard, and excellent Committee Chairman, Albert B. DeHaven.

The Legislative Committee gave much time and effort along several lines, especially a bill in Congress as regards loaning or giving certain condemned armament and guns to the Sons of Union Veterans Reserve. The Bill passed, and Brother Michael Casey, being in Washington, D. C., gave special attention to it. Our thanks.

Also special work has been done along the lines of having Lincoln's birthday a National holiday in all States in the Union. Department of Maryland, we hope you are successful in your pending legislation.

Recommendations

Sorry that on page 24 of Ritual, the word Guide, at head of the Flag charge, should be changed to Commander. I so recommend, and in reprints it be so changed.

Due to the fact that there is a need of organization fund to help carry on in many localities, the Council-in-Chief proceed to study this proposition and provide if possible a fund.

Further, I recommend that there be an issue of The Banner in January of each year, in order that the Commander-in-Chief may have an opportunity to develop and have published a suitable story and suggested program for the proper celebration of Lincoln's birthday. As it is now any suggestions or comments by him come in the February issue, reaching many of the members on or about that time.

The fact that there is much inquiry about Junior Clubs, or organizations, and that our Junior Vice Commander has made a study of the same, I recommend some action be taken looking forward, to take care of this situation.

The question of publicity comes up many times and how to get it. I recommend that a Committee be appointed in the next Commandery-in-Chief year, to make a study and recommend action along these lines.

We need more money in General Fund in order to carry on properly. More Camps and greater membership would help. But this is not enough. We will have to consider the advisability of raising the Per Capita Tax, unless some other means can be devised. I recommend that the Council-in-Chief study this situation.

Many out-standing things have been done and established by our Camps throughout our Country; yes many and varied activities to which my attention has been called, and I am fearful to try and mention any for fear I would omit some. It only proves that we have real work to do. To me one was that at Pittsburgh, Pa., we were presented through the courtesy of Davis Star Camp, a copy of a concise and usable History of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I found good use for it, and a sure helpful inspiration; it was part of my traveling outfit. To you we are truly thankful.

Decision

The Opinion of the National Counselor (in his report) relative to the status of the Committee on Program and Policy is approved as my Decision.

In Conclusion

I thank you for electing me to this most honorable position in Our Order. The privilege to serve has given me opportunity to meet so many of you, to talk with you, and try in my way as I saw it to inspire a whole-hearted service, and to start our Order on an upward

trend. According to the Reports as they come in to me at this time, it looks as if our losses still grow; but I do not lose faith, and still feel that we will find ourselves, and by united effort fortify ourselves against further inroads. We can if we will, but personal effort is the element which wins.

I shall continue to work for the upbuilding and expect to give of my time to foster and support all worthy programs, looking to success. You have all been wonderful.

I would not close without asking for the new administration your consistent and ever-ready co-operation.

Again, I thank you for the honor to serve.

Yours Faithfully,

RALPH R. BARRETT,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lambert: If there are no objections, the report of the Commander-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

National Secretary: I present the printed Reports of the other National Officers (reading them in title). I move they be accepted without reading and referred to Committee on Officers' Reports; also Reports of several Standing Committees without reading. (Adopted).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Trenton, N. J., August 1, 1940.

Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Having been elected at Pittsburgh to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I have attempted to show my appreciation of the honor conferred on my Department and myself. Due to your location on the West Coast there were many opportunities of representing you and the Commandery-in-Chief at meetings, dinners, receptions, and speaking engagements. I will not attempt to itemize these visitations for obvious reasons. However, I wish to express my appreciation for the many courtesies received.

On returning from Pittsburgh, I immediately communicated with the Senior Vice Department Commander of each Department and suggested that they in turn contact the Senior Vice Camp Commanders of their respective Departments for the purpose of increasing the numerical strength of our organization. Form letters were furnished to the Department Senior Vice Commanders for distribution during the campaign. The results of this endeavor, I trust, were far more than we were able to definitely ascertain. Surely each effort made in the right direction produces some results. I particularly wish to commend the following Senior Vice Department Commanders for their co-operation:

Francis A. Gibson, Department of Illinois.
Richard D. Fletcher, Department of California & Pacific.
Albert W. Foust, Department of Nebraska.
Lawson Palmer, Jr., Department of Pennsylvania.
Howard P. Sanborn, Department of Connecticut.
William A. Lumsden, Department of Wisconsin.
Frank A. Parker, Department of New Jersey.

While representing you at the Connecticut Encampment, I had the pleasure of obligating into our Order the Governor of Connecticut,

Raymond E. Baldwin, an enthusiastic candidate and a worth-while member.

The death of my Father prevented my attendance at several Encampments that I had planned to visit, my own Department of New Jersey included. I did attend the final session, however, and extended your greetings to both the Sons and Auxilliary.

Other outstanding affairs were the Grant's Tomb exercises in New York City, and the Appomattox Commemoration in Reading, Pa., both of which were well attended by officers and members of the Sons, as well as all allied organizations.

During the year I have had the extreme pleasure of escorting National President Eva B. Blackman on many occasions, and was impressed by her friendly, wholehearted interest in our organization.

It was a pleasure, Commander, to have had you and Mrs. Barrett in my home town of Trenton on two occasions during the past year, once at a rally of the Camps in this District, and again at the Lincoln Banquet.

It has been a privilege to serve you, and I wish to express my appreciation to those who have made it possible. I trust that you will have a constructive and harmonious Encampment.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

McKeesport, Pa., July 24, 1940.

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief,
7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Cal.

Dear Sir and Brother:

A year has passed since I was elected to serve as your Junior Vice Commander, and I must say it was a very short year.

In submitting my report to you at this time I wish to thank you, and all who have in any way large or small, contributed to a year that will be cherished as long as this mortal soul lives.

Shortly after assuming office in Pittsburgh last year I made several visits to Camps in the western part of Pennsylvania. During these visits, and others made to Camps in various localities, I feel able to submit some recommendations that will in my humble opinion bear fruit in growth and perpetuation for our Order.

I have tried to establish a Camp in the City of Erie, Pa., but to date have to admit that it has not as yet taken the turn whereby it is a reality. It appears to me that there will have to be some provision made for the furnishing of funds to help offset the expense that anyone is put to in trying to establish a Camp in most any of the larger cities where there is none at the present time. It is impossible and not feasible to ask any man to give of their time, such as is necessary to the establishment of a new Camp, without some thought of compensation, or at least the re-imbusement of the actual expense encountered in the four or five day stay that is necessary. Some of our members will say this has been done, but to my mind the person needs money at the time he is working on the nucleus for the new Camp, and after he has the prospectus it is necessary for him to stay in the community for at least one or two days putting across the need for the organization, and seeing that he really has gained the objective started after.

During the year it was my privilege to represent you at the following: Lincoln Banquet at Pittsburgh in February; Appomattox Day Banquet at Pittsburgh, in April; Department of Maryland Convention at Washington, D. C., in May; Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Pennsylvania, at McKeesport, in May; Department of Pennsylvania Encampment at Hazleton in June; Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting at York, in June.

I participated in Armistice Day celebration at McKeesport, and in three services on the Sunday preceding, and Memorial Day. Also took an active part in Flag Day and Fourth of July celebrations locally.

During the Disabled Veterans of the World War Convention at McKeesport the tribute paid our Order was one of the finest and highest that could be given to any organization. They look upon us as the bulwark to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I feel sure that most of the Veterans' organizations look upon us in the same light. At this convention it was my privilege to have as my guests at the banquet Past Commander-in-Chief Ruhe and our last surviving Civil War Veteran, Wm. Hite, who is 101 years old.

I made two visits to the Veterans' Hospital at Aspinwall and participated in the dedication of Plaques in Memory Lane, in memory to the Soldier dead.

Following the Appomattox Day Banquet in Pittsburgh I was privileged to take Commander-in-Chief Andrew of the G. A. R. to his hotel and spent a very enjoyable fifteen or twenty minutes with him. These men are what we have to carry on the work for.

It was with a great deal of pride we received the notification that our Essay winner was winner of the National First Prize. This work should be continued and the work of the Essay Committee is deserving of the highest commendation that is possible to pay it.

I make the following recommendations for the consideration of yourself and the Encampment:

1. That the Commandery-in-Chief have a suitable award made available for the Essay Contest winners in the shape of a key, same to be sold to the Camps at cost for the local winners, but the Commandery-in-Chief stand the expense of the National winners.

2. That a Committee be appointed to formulate rules and regulations to govern a Junior Order (said order to be authorized at this Encampment) for ages 6 to 16. This order to be known as the Zouaves of the Sons of Union Veterans.

3. That a Junior Counselor be appointed whose duty it will be to organize Departments in such a manner that a Department Counselor will organize local orders of the Juniors. It shall be the sole responsibility of this Counselor for the organizing, issuing of Charters, etc., for the Juniors.

4. That the necessary amendments, additions, etc., be made to our Constitution to authorize the Junior Orders, and to automatically transfer them to the Senior or Parent Camp upon attaining the age of 16.

Again let me thank you and all the brothers that have aided me during the year. It has been a pleasure as well as an honor to serve this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WESLEY R. HERRLEIN,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pa., Sept. 1, 1940.

To Dr. Ralph R. Barrett,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Annual Report in compliance with the C. & R., is hereby presented:

Receipts were less than last year. Disbursements greater due to new and revised Constitutions and Regulations, and Rituals procured and promulgated to Camps. The respective items were within budget allowances and appropriations.

Membership—our existence is based upon it—necessity for increase stressed at the 1939 Encampment—is emphasized. It is urgent. Indifference, failure of Officers and members of Camps to secure new members and Department Officers neglecting and passive to this vital requisite, makes it a serious condition.

Department Officers realizing their responsibility and appreciating the honor conferred upon them, should have the interest to organize New Camps, reinstate delinquent, dropped Camps. They should regard organization of Camps a duty and an obligation. Camp Officers should have a pride in securing eligibles and to increase the membership.

The 1939 Encampment provided for a campaign for organization of Camps, securing New members, for which compensation was fixed. Oklahoma, North Dakota and South Dakota were specified. Efforts in Oklahoma in former terms gave encouragement for favorable expectations. No developments there in the project or elsewhere of consequence.

Initiation, losses, are cause for serious reflection and action. By Quarters they were:

	Initiations		Net Losses	
	1939-1940	1938-1939	1939-1940	1938-1939
September	129	168	369	354
December	158	330	263	160
March	286	299	266	231
June	255	352	181	221
Total	828	1149	1079	966

Losses include 540 by Death this term as compared with 516 in 1938-1939.

Initiations include five (5) New Camps in this term with 155 Charter members, and twelve (12) New Camps with 302 Charter members 1938-1939 term.

New Camps

One New Camp was instituted in each of the following Departments: California & Pacific with 27 members; Michigan, 19 members; New York, 53 members; Ohio, 17 members; Pennsylvania, 17 members. (Kansas in previous term, not reported).

Conditions To Be Remedied

Irregularities which are detrimental and not in conformity with laws, to be remedied are: Failure of Department Officers to contact and keep in communication with their Camps and Officers, not promulgating Orders or information, indifferent generally, or not conversant with requirements and their duties; neglecting to secure supplies, not issuing blank report forms to Camps, and, a general lack of

proper conduct of their offices. All this reflects upon and is responsible for the apparent deficiency in various lines and weakens the Order.

Several Departments in their financing do not properly meet the requirements, charging Camps the same amount for per capita tax which they (Departments) pay to the Commandery-in-Chief. Supplies are negligible, give no consideration—no profit or revenue from per capita tax above the amount received, derived for Departments. Per capita tax in a reasonable sum should be paid by Camps to Departments, above the amount required for the Commandery-in-Chief. Departments cannot expect to function and accomplish results, or exist, if all funds received are paid out. A legitimate profit should be realized from all sources of revenue.

The solution and correction is, such Department Encampments be visited and their business sessions advised, members instructed, and the Regulations enforced. This will be of benefit and profitable to all.

Financial

Sept. 1, 1939, To Balance	Organization, Committee Historical Schools				General Fund
	Receipts	Permanent Fund	Marker Fund	Essay Fund	
		\$2618.41	\$1806.13		\$ 1552.70
Membership					
Fees	\$ 336.50				\$ 336.50
Per Capita Tax	8,388.89	699.07			7689.82
Charter Fees	25.00				25.00
Premium Bonds	35.00				35.00
Supplies	1,498.24				1498.24
Miscellaneous	17.29				17.29
					9,601.85
	\$10,300.92	\$3317.48	\$1806.13		\$11,154.55
Interest		32.92			
		\$3350.40			
Appropriation			382.00	\$382.00	
			\$1424.13		
			\$ 95.40	\$114.59	\$ 9,342.77
By Disbursements					\$ 1,811.78
September 1, 1940, By Balance		\$3350.40.	\$1328.73	\$267.41	

Our balance, exceptionally low, indicates the necessity for strict economy. Unusual expenses incurred this year are not required next term. With budget provisions as usual and ordinary, all obligations should be met under the conditions presented.

Itemized Receipts from Departments

Department:	Memb. Fees	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Sup- plies	Bonds	Misc.	Total
Ala. & Tenn...	\$ 5.00	\$ 22.30		\$ 3.16	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.20	\$ 34.16
Cal. & Pac....	35.00	254.60	\$ 5.00	105.05			399.65
Col. & Wyo....	7.00	73.90		17.02		.09	98.01
Connecticut ...	21.50	524.30		90.90			636.70
Illinois ..	5.00	225.60		47.43			278.03
Indiana ..	6.00	250.70		17.45	2.50	.70	277.35
Iowa ..	6.50	130.40		31.44	2.50		170.84
Kansas ...	5.50	114.99		17.80			139.48
Maine ...	18.50	370.60		65.96		1.19	455.54
Maryland ..	1.50	144.30		49.07	2.50	.48	197.37
Massachusetts...	52.00	1486.90		239.98			1778.88

Department	Memb. Fees	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Sup- plies	Bonds	Misc.	Total
Michigan	19.00	191.90	5.00	95.89	2.50		314.29
Minnesota	3.00	81.90		18.57	2.50		105.97
Missouri	14.50	133.50		36.53	2.50	.14	187.17
Nebraska		86.40		20.20	2.50	.08	109.18
New Hampshire . .	9.50	256.20		35.25		1.40	302.35
New Jersey	9.50	312.10		75.90	2.50		400.00
New York	29.00	828.40	5.00	137.73	2.50	4.66	1007.29
Ohio	14.00	586.00	5.00	87.67	2.50	1.56	696.73
Oregon	7.00	55.90		24.51		.14	87.55
Pennsylvania . . .	56.00	1704.10	5.00	174.80		.46	1940.36
Rhode Island . . .	2.50	142.10		25.21			169.81
Vermont	5.00	198.90		51.75	2.50	3.54	261.69
Washington		34.80		1.21	2.50		38.51
Wisconsin	4.00	178.10		25.66	2.50	1.40	211.66
Miscellaneous . . .				2.10		.25	2.35
Total	\$336.50	\$8388.89	\$25.00	\$1498.24	\$35.00	\$17.29	\$10300.92

Itemized Expenditures

General Expenses:

Supplies, Stock	\$1851.59
The Banner, Subscription	2492.82
Encampment	596.67
Printing	47.82
Shipping Supplies	69.82
Salary (less Social Security Tax)	2167.00
Premium Bonds, Positions Department Com- manders and National Officers	65.00
Committee Program and Policy	4.40
Committee Marking Graves	55.00
*Miscellaneous	292.52
	<hr/> \$7642.64

Office Expenses:

Wrapping Paper and Twine	\$ 7.31
Postage	81.95
Express	3.16
Stationery, National Officers	112.77
Telegrams	2.22
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	5.44
	<hr/> \$ 632.85

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Rent, Heat, Light	\$ 112.00
Postage	50.38
Telegrams and Messengers	14.65
Traveling	750.25
Office	2.00
Stenographer	15.00
Express	5.00
Miscellaneous	118.00
	<hr/> \$1067.28

Total \$9342.77

*Miscellaneous includes:

Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund	\$ 59.40
U. S. Social Security Tax	76.82

\$136.22

Vouchers

To Whom and Account:		Amount
No.		
1.	Lernert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Bond, Com-in-Chief....	\$ 2.50
2.	Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund, Compensation Unemployment Fund	14.85
3.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent, Oct.-Dec., 1939, inc....	105.00
4.	Fort Pitt Hotel, Express, Commandery-in-Chief	2.46
5.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Seal Press, Shipping.....	3.85
6.	Walter C. Mabie, Supplies, Stationery Nat'l Officers.....	228.62
7.	The Banner, Subscription, Oct., 1939 (21,250 copies).....	425.00
8.	Ralph R. Barrett, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c October, 1939...	123.28
9.	Ralph R. Barrett, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c November, 1939	181.65
10.	The Robbins Company, Badges	63.67
11.	Walter C. Mabie, Printing Form OOOO.....	2.15
12.	The Robbins Company, Badges	100.60
13.	The Banner, Subscription, Dec., 1939 (20,972 copies, \$419.44); Supplies, 1939 Encampment Journals of Proceedings, Roster	1789.50
14.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Salary, Aug. 21-Dec. 20, 1939, inc.	733.33
15.	Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund, Unemployment Compensation Fund	14.85
16.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent, Jan.-March, 1940, inc.	105.00
17.	The Banner, Subscription, Feb., 1940 (20,882 copies).....	417.64
18.	Walter C. Mabie, Stationery Com. Program and Policy...	4.40
19.	Ralph R. Barrett, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Jan.-Feb.....	344.03
20.	Edward J. Hughes, Sec'y State, Illinois Corporate Fee, Charter Incorporation	1.00
21.	The Robbins Company, Badges and Ribbons.....	625.90
22.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Salary Dec. 21, 1939-March 20, 1940, inc.	550.00
23.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Bond, Department Commander	2.50
24.	Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund, Unemployment Compensation Fund	14.85
25.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., Rent April-June, inc.....	105.00
26.	Walter C. Mabie, Stationery National Officers.....	8.50
27-28.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Social Security (Federal) Tax, 1939-January-March, 1940	65.82
29.	The Banner, Subscription, March, 1940 (20,731 copies)...	414.62
30.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Bonds, Department Commanders	10.00
31.	Ralph R. Barrett, Exp. a/c April	53.49
32.	Ralph R. Barrett, Exp. a/c May	45.00
33.	The Robbins Company, Badges	3.56
34.	Walter C. Mabie, Supplies, Printing Form OOOO.....	58.52
35.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Bonds, Department Commanders	20.00
36.	American Surety Co. of N. Y., Premium Department Commander's Bond	2.50
37.	Ralph R. Barrett, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c June	161.95
38.	Walter C. Mabie, Supplies, Printing	25.00
39.	The Banner, Subscription, June (20,472 copies).....	409.44
40.	Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Fund, Unemployment Compensation Fund	14.85
41.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue, Social Security Tax, April-June, 1940	11.00
42.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Salary March 21-June 20, 1940, inc., (Less \$33.00 Social Security Tax 1939-January-June, 1940)	517.00

43. Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Premium Bond Department Commander	2.50
44. Mrs. Mary J. Love, Sec.-Treas., Dues Federated Patriotic Societies	10.00
45. Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co., rent July-September, inc....	105.00
46. The Casey Florist Co., Floral tribute Past Com.-in-Chief Homan	10.00
47. A. S. Holbrook, Floral tribute Commander-in-Chief Andrew, G. A. R.	10.30
48. Charles R. Hale, Chairman, Exp. a/c Committee Marking Graves	55.00
49. Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Inc., Bond, Position Nat. Sec.-Treas., 1940-41	25.00
50. Ralph R. Barrett, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July, etc.....	242.88
51. The Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Camp Seal Press (Supplies) ..	3.96
52. The Banner, Subscription August (20,334 copies)	406.68
53. C. R. Schlechter, Badge (Past) Com.-in-Chief Barrett...	125.00
54. H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c Sept. 1, 1939-Aug. 20, 1940, inc., Encampment, Salary June 21-Aug. 20, inc., Shipping Supplies, Postage, Express, Stationery, etc.	563.57
Total	\$9342.77

Stock and Supplies

Cost of Supplies on hand, August 20, 1939.....	\$3011.30
Cost of Supplies purchased	1851.59
Cost of Supplies to account for.....	\$4862.89
Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1940.....	2965.79
Cost of Supplies sold	\$1897.10
Amount received (Requisitions)	1498.24
Cost of Supplies sold	\$1897.10
Cost of shipping	69.82
Cost of express, supplies received	3.16
Cost of Supplies to National Officers.....	2.41
Cost of Supplies to Department Headquarters, gratis	7.89
Cost of Supplies charged off, obsolete, action 58th Encampment	380.54
Total cost	\$2360.92

War Medal

War Medal restored by action of the last Encampment was requisitioned for and supplied to sixteen (16) members in: California & Pacific, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, one (1) each; Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, three each; New Hampshire, two.

Fifty Years Membership Badges

Fifteen Departments requisitioned for Fifty Years Continuous Membership Badges, for eighty-two (82) members, viz: Connecticut, 2; Illinois, 2; Kansas, 1; Maine, 6; Maryland, 4; Massachusetts, 13; Michigan, 6; Missouri, 3; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 5; New York, 12; Ohio, 5; Pennsylvania, 14; Vermont, 2; Wisconsin, 2. Total, 82. Last term fifty-three (53) were issued.

Permanent Fund

September 1, 1939, To Balance	\$2618.41
Receipts from Per Capita Tax, 1939-40.....	\$699.07
Interest on Bank Balance	32.92

Total	731.99
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September 1, 1940, By Balance.....	\$3350.40
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Organization and Historical Marker Fund

Com. Schools
Essay Fund

September 1, 1939, To Balance.....	\$1806.13	
Appropriation to Committee School Essay Fund	382.00	\$382.00

To Balance	\$1424.13
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By Vouchers:

1. A. B. DeHaven, Ch'm, Exp. a/c...		\$10.00
2. W. C. Mabie, Forms, Stationery ..		59.50
3. A. A. Farlin, Certificates		11.00
4. Wilcox Press, Certificates		13.80
5. F. C. Barnard, Nat. Pat. Instructor, Exp. a/c		12.15
6. A. B. DeHaven, Ch'm, Exp. a/c...		8.14
7. Balch Bros. & West Co., Tablet, Lincoln Gettysburg Address	\$85.00	
8. Springfield Monument Co., Setting Tablet Centennial Bldg., Express. 10.40	95.40	114.59
September 1, 1940, By Balance.....	\$1328.73	\$267.41

New Rituals—Constitution and Regulations

These in accordance with the action of the 1939 Encampment were promulgated during November, 1939, with a copy of printed Proceedings of the Fifty-eighth Pittsburgh Encampment. Of the 727 Camps reported, 652 Camps were supplied, 75 being delinquent, not functioning. Of these 24 Camps have since been furnished, 51 continuing delinquent, in arrears with per capita tax and reports. Approximate cost of these Rituals and supplying Camps was \$376.32. Cost of supplying C. & R., and 1939 Encampment Proceedings to the Camps was \$240.92.

Failure of Department Officers to respond with addresses of Camp Commanders was responsible for delaying Rituals to a number of Camps—notably in the Department of Washington—not supplied until March, 1940.

Death Benefit Association

The most important feature confronting us is to overcome our losses; at the same time find some inducement for eligibles to join the Order. The Death Benefit Association should be considered as a possible instrument. If accepted it would provide something real, a return—to the Member, the Eligible. Ten (10) members of a Camp can join under the name of a Camp. It would protect all such, possibly the assured prevention against such—a Camp—from being reported as loss.

This Association has successfully operated since June, 1893, has paid out to December 31, 1939, \$1,156,325.00, admits only members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary.

It is ably managed under Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, as National President; Past Department Commander J. Edward Seipp, National Vice President; Past Department Commander William L. Hascher, National Secretary, and Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn, National Treasurer.

The Association should have more consideration, brought conspicuously to the attention of the Camps and Members informing them of the benefit to be derived in having membership in it. It is suggested that frequent reference thereto be made in the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Camps and members interested may be the means of avoiding some of our losses, and a reason for eligibles to join the Order.

The Official Organ

The Official Organ—THE BANNER—is an essential and valuable part of the Order. Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook, Editor, is in constant service for and helpful in many ways to us. Interested in the affairs of members, Camps, Departments, he is dependable for the favors frequently requested, and his valuable corps of assistants at our service for such as can be rendered.

The Auxiliary

Mrs. Eva B. Blackman, National President of our Auxiliary, has rendered important service; interested in organizing new and reinstating delinquent Camps and securing new members in various Departments. She has on her official visits and travels in all sections of the Country, urged our organization, contacted eligibles and, interested in advancing the Sons of Union Veterans by personal appeal, contacts wherever possible, results for successful developments for New Camps, are anticipated. We are indebted to her as well as her excellent Organization through her efforts, for valuable assistance.

G. A. R. — Affiliated Orders

The Grand Army of the Republic needs our assistance in every way more than ever. It is not necessary to remind you, the Encampment or our members of this fact. In a great many sections our members assist in the conduct of business, meetings of Posts, and, in other ways are at the service of the Comrades. Many of the Camps, Departments, maintain and accumulate funds for the G. A. R. Departments and Posts.

Our own financial recognition was provided for this year and, assuming will be for the next year no further reference is necessary.

The affiliated Orders—the Grand Army family—are cordial and helpful in their relations. The mutual interests are recognized. The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, all important patriotic Orders, filling influential places in our Country are allies we appreciate to be associated with.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

This, our military feature, as our patriotic attraction and reminder of our Ancestors, creates a favorable impression on public occasions—representing our Order. It is an inspiration. Departments should have the benefit and advantage of this asset, organize and encourage Companies or units. They produce increased interest, activities and in instances maintain and assure meeting of Camps.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT—CAMPS, ME

Detailed gains and losses, etc., are shown in the following

Department.	In Good Standing June 30, 1939.		GAIN								LOSS					
			By Organization	By Initiation.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.	Total Gain.	By Disbanded.	By Death.	By Hon. Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Suspended.				
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. & Tenn.....	4	49			10		3	39	3	49			1	1		
Cal. & Pac.....	19	632	1	27	70	3		13	1	113			14	3	1	
Colo. & Wyo.....	9	178			14					14			1	2		
Connecticut	30	1359			43	3		11		57			43	11	2	
Illinois	28	605			10	6		19		35	1	8	13	1	1	
Indiana	29	691			12			8		20	4	34	12			
Iowa	20	360			13			11		24	3	43	5			
Kansas	19	324	*1	21	11		1	20	2	52			8		5	68
Maine	36	940			37	1		21		59			22	3		
Maryland	12	386			3			3		6			12	4	1	
Massachusetts	122	3872			104	13		20		137			110	23	16	
Michigan	13	495	1	20	38			4	1	62			4	1	1	
Minnesota	10	211			6			1		7			5	1		
Missouri	10	325			29			6		35			4	1		
Nebraska	9	216														
New Hampshire.....	21	654			19			8		27			10	6		
New Jersey	26	827			19	3		10		32	3	19	36	2		
New York	70	2124	1	53	58	10		40	1	161			69	5		
Ohio	63	1526	1	17	28			9	1	54			32	3		
Oregon	8	145			14			9		23			1			
Pennsylvania	107	4400	1	17	112	2		79	1	210	2	11	113	6	1	
Rhode Island	16	374			5	1				6			8	19		
Vermont	24	514			10	2		6		18			5	2	4	18
Washington	5	87														
Wisconsin	17	476			8	1		2		11			12	4		
Total	727	21770	6	155	673	45	4	339	10	1212	13	115	540	98	27	12
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* In previous term—not reported.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT—CAMPS, MEMBERS, GAINS, LOSSES, ETC., 1939-1940

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

Department.	In Good Standing June 30, 1939.		GAIN						LOSS								In Good Standing June 30, 1940.		Gain.		Loss.		Balance Cash in Department Treasuries.	Cash in Camp Treasuries	Expended for Relief	No. Relieved or Their Families.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
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* In previous term—not reported.

Conclusion

Your services and application to the duties of your office were regarded as an obligation. You endeavored to successfully meet expectations and the responsibilities. Contacts with their effects and impressions throughout the Order, have a response of appreciation. Our year of official relationship ends. Your courtesies and consideration are acknowledged with appreciation, and, assurance of personal esteem.

The official association with the National Officers and Staff has been pleasant and harmonious, and, it is with regret concluded in the natural process.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—National Secretary-Treasurer
Fifty-ninth Encampment, Springfield, Illinois
Organization

	Permanent Marker Receipts	Fund	Essay Fund	General Fund
Sept. 1, 1940,				
To Balance	\$3350.40	\$1328.73	\$267.41	\$1811.78
For: Miscellaneous	\$5.14			5.14
				<u>\$1816.92</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:	200.00	100.00	67.41	67.41
				<u>\$1884.33</u>
By General Expenses:				
Encampment				\$1075.74
Officers—Except Com.-in-Chief				10.35
Com. Program and Policy				3.52
				<u>\$1089.61</u>
Office Expenses:				
Stationery, Postage				16.81
				<u>\$1106.42</u>
September 12, 1940,				
By Balance	\$3150.40	\$1228.73	\$200.00	\$ 777.91

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
55.	The Banner, Officers, etc., Reports, Roll.....		\$ 194.80
56.	Lewis A. Varick, Flowers Lincoln Tomb.....		15.00
57.	Ralph R. Barrett, Com.-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses.....		153.29
58.	Albert C. Lambert, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Enc. Exp.....		35.45
59.	W. R. Herrlein, Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Enc. Exp.....		25.20
60.	Cleon E. Heald, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Exp.....		108.43
61.	J. P. Shrieve, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Exp.....		56.20
62.	Julius Isaacs, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Exp.....		76.50
63.	Fred C. Barnard, Nat. Pat. Inst., Enc. Exp., Postage, etc..		47.85
64.	J. Kirkwood Craig, Nat. Chaplain, Postage, Enc. Exp.....		45.50
65.	Wm. T. Church, Nat. Counselor, Enc. Exp.....		9.20
66.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Office, Enc. Exp.....		87.48
67.	Reserve Escort, G. A. R. Parade		100.00
68.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Ch'm Program & Policy Com., Enc. Exp.		3.52
69.	Japs-Olson Co., Printing Invitations, Enc. Exp.....		9.00

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
70.	Robert C. Leslie, Exp. Reserve Parade, Enc. Exp.....		12.00
71.	Marie Flock, Stenographic Report, Enc. Exp.....		125.00
Total			\$1106.42

PERMANENT FUND

Sept. 1, 1940, To Balance	\$3350.40
Sept. 12, 1940, By Voucher Grand Army of the Republic.....	200.00

Sept. 12, 1940, By Balance	\$3150.40
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ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND

Sept. 1, 1940, To Balance	\$1328.73
Sept. 12, 1940, By Voucher No. 9, Fred E. Colwell, Rochester, N. Y., Award	100.00

\$1228.73

SCHOOL ESSAY COMMITTEE FUND

Sept. 1, 1940, To Balance	267.41
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Total	\$1496.14
Sept. 12, 1940, To Appropriation to Committee.....	\$150.00
Office Expense Committee	50.00
Transfer to General Fund	67.41
	267.41

Sept. 12, 1940, By Balance	\$1228.73
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Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,

National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Ithaca, New York, July, 1940.

To Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I submit to you my report as National Patriotic Instructor. Your honorable appointment came to me without solicitation and no event in my life could have filled me with greater anxieties in my desire to justify your confidence.

At the outset I was very reluctant to accept the appointment, with the added responsibility of the Sons of Union Veterans National School Award, but with the assistance of the very efficient Committee that you appointed to assist me I am happy to report that this extra work was not burdensome.

It is not my intention to make a full report on the Essay Contest, but I do think that it would be proper to give a brief resume of the high lights. A full report will be submitted by Albert B. DeHaven, who acted as Chairman of the Committee.

The contest was carried out according to the rules adopted at Pittsburgh, Pa. Certificates of merit were awarded in forty-five communities from twelve States, forty-one on the Battle of Gettysburg and four on other subjects. The four essays submitted on the other subjects were not considered in the rating for the National winner. Your Committee, comprising Albert B. DeHaven, Chairman, of Sanford, Maine; Cleon E. Heald, of Keene, New Hampshire, and Charles

C. Webster, of Springvale, Maine, acted as judges on all essays submitted, which, in turn, were submitted to me for final inspection. After careful consideration we were of the unanimous opinion that Miss Vivian Bowles, age 14, of McKeesport, Pa., should be awarded the Gold Certificate as the National winner of the contest. The total cost of the contest amounted to \$114.59.

The Essay Committee would submit the following:

RECOMMENDATION

Your Committee is of the unanimous opinion that the Essay Contest brought to our organization a great deal of publicity. Therefore we recommend that a more substantial prize be offered for the next contest. This would create a greater incentive and no doubt would attract a larger number of participants. A fixed amount of money should be allotted to the Committee for this specific purpose. This would remove all danger of any future committee depleting the treasury on any one contest. The National Patriotic Instructor and the Committee being in widely separate localities would be able to readily agree on the plan best to be used and the amount to be offered as a prize.

From my experience of many years as a member of the Sons of Union Veterans I could make many recommendations, but owing to the lack of revenue in the Camps, the Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief, this would not be practical.

We have been sorely lacking good publicity with regard to the purposes of our order. I have stressed throughout the year this fact on every occasion that presented itself. I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that the Past National Officers, Past Department Officers and Past Camp Commanders give more aid in conducting the affairs of the Camps. Our ceremonies should be open to the public on all occasions and if possible should be held in a public auditorium. In this manner we will get the proper recognition that we should rightly have.

To give you an itemized bill of particulars of my activities as National Patriotic Instructor would be many pages of mere detail. If my administration has been productive in bringing about a clearer and better patriotic understanding, so that I may now turn over to my successor a patriotic structure which needs no apology, the gratification is mine in the knowledge that we have not labored in vain. Attached to this report you will find a consolidated report of the various Departments, also comments on their patriotic endeavor, with the names of members who gave Memorial Day and other public patriotic addresses.

Referring to the chart, we find that there are 473 Camps in good standing in all the 25 Departments. Of these 303 or 64% sent in reports. These figures do not include reports of Colorado & Wyoming, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Departments, which were not received up to the time this report was submitted.

Only 40% of the membership reported took part in Memorial Day exercises, and 32% in Memorial Sunday Services. As much as we need publicity, I believe that we might achieve that in part by more of our membership being present and taking part in that which is our greatest single duty and obligation—the observance of Memorial Day.

There were nearly 200,000 flags placed on graves. Flags were presented to churches, schools and other organizations, including the Boy Scouts. This is a very worthwhile project. Radio programs were broadcast. While this is something that only a very small percentage

of Camps or Departments have been able to sponsor it is apparent that its far reaching possibilities will give us necessary publicity.

In conclusion I would say that I am truly sensible to the high honor which has been mine to enjoy. I hope my abilities have been equal to the important trust. Had I been possessed with greater qualifications, with superior endowments, I would have been able to serve you in a larger capacity, with higher and loftier attainments.

I have made an honest effort to do the very best my limited talents would permit. I shall always be swayed by a grateful remembrance of my associations with your Official Family, and your evidence of good will and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. BARNARD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS ACTIVITIES AND ADDRESSES BY THE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Alabama and Tennessee—Charles A. Higgins. This Department reports that it is getting some new members. St. Cloud Camp No. 8 secured several new members recently—more than in several years. Camp No. 21 also took in several new members and another Camp that has not had any new members in over ten years expects to add to their membership.

Addresses were given by Charles A. Higgins, Reverend McEl-downey and Department Commander LeRoy S. Tackey.

California & Pacific—John N. Glass. No comments or suggestions. Reports addresses by the following: George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles, Cal.; R. R. Barrett, Huntington Park, Cal.; H. R. Collins, Los Angeles, Cal.; William E. Lilly, Los Angeles, Cal.; James A. B. Young, Glendale, Cal.; Guy F. Bush, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eli F. Bush, Los Angeles, Cal.; C. Edwin Adams, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lee H. Noreron, Los Angeles, Cal.; J. Wilbur Coursey, Fresno, Cal.; Archie G. Sylvester, Inglewood, Cal.; Samuel Knight, Inglewood, Cal.; George Knight, Inglewood, Cal.; Frank Woerner, Inglewood, Cal.; William H. Turrell, Hollywood, Cal.; Fred A. Paugh, Glendale, Cal.

Colorado & Wyoming—Mr. Wesley C. Mottice. They think The Banner is fine. They have sponsored a group of youngsters throughout this part of the state which they call The Patriots. They work out in the parks, schools and recreation centers through this area, drilling, tumbling, wrestling, boxing, etc. The best of them have been putting on programs at schools, for the shut-ins, lodges, conventions, state and county fairs, etc. Their costumes are of red, white and blue combinations, and their acts are worked to state and national airs. We feel we are helping build and inspire more young Americans constantly, as well as help increase public interest and co-operation with the aims of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mr. Myers of Colorado Springs enlists the Superintendents of Schools aid on Memorial arrangements. He keeps the poor attenders of the order assigned to various committees and obligated to report; finds they enjoy it and help us too. We find the Boy Scouts and other youth organizations very helpful and desirous of our aid. The following members gave Memorial Day or other patriotic addresses during the year: Wilson Savage, Elwood Keach, Charles Overton, W. C. Mottice, all of Pueblo, Colo.; W. S. Hill, of Fort Collins; Dr. Laurence Dickey, of Fort Collins; Ray Davis, of Colorado Springs, and F. W. Geist, of Colorado Springs.

Connecticut—John L. Hartman. They have an award known as the Bissell Fund for Patriotic Work in the schools. Besides a debate about the Civil War and which battle was the most important the Battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac or the Battle of Gettysburg. They recommend that we insist that the school children have a greater part in Memorial Day exercises, including the reading of General Logan's orders and the Gettysburg Address. Encourage membership in the Sons of Veterans Reserve with the hope of attracting the eligible youth of the Nation. Streamlining The Banner into a monthly publication. The following gave Patriotic addresses: Governor Raymond E. Baldwin, S. W. Morrell, Col. R. F. Gates, William G. Gibney, E. W. Ripple, R. J. Woodruff, K. F. Craemer, R. H. Alcorn, J. G. Ledwith, C. E. Smith, I. E. Jenks, William J. Thomas, B. O. DeForest, T. B. Gregory, Francis Mazcon, Waverly Lewis, Roger Lyons.

Illinois—A. D. Rhinesmith, Pro-Tem. Camp 21, Aurora, financed two boys to "Boys State" meeting at the State Capitol. Camp 26, Rockford, has a Drum Corps which leads all Grand Army National Encampment parades. Camp 140, Monmouth, has a Drum Corps which is the official Drum Corps at the Department Encampments. Addresses were given by J. A. Mayhew, Kankakee; H. A. Streeter, Kankakee; A. E. Campbell, Aurora; R. E. Locke, Glen Ellyn; G. W. Foster, Chicago, and W. W. Kirk, Joliet; and many others not reported to the Department.

Indiana—Charles Ellis. No comments or recommendations. The following made addresses: Memorial Day addresses, Frank C. Huston, William Ball, Judge Joseph Williams.

Iowa—Bruce L. Holt. No remarks or recommendations. The following gave Memorial Day addresses and on other occasions: Ward R. Evans, F. B. Teitch, Judge A. C. Wakefield, H. L. Stephenson, Reverend H. L. Jacobs, Vern Kramer, Jacob Kirchner, H. M. Pratt, Grant Barber, Arthur Kroppach and Reverend Glaspell.

Kansas—M. J. Sweet. No comments or recommendations and no names of speakers.

Maine—Bert L. Voter. This report gives no names, but states that twenty addresses were delivered of Patriotic nature. Their recommendations and comments were that on Memorial Day theatres and sports should be closed and abolished by law. The school children of Maine seem to have a due appreciation of patriotism. Camp membership committee to increase Camp membership. Maine Banner is read by majority of members when received.

Maryland—Robert S. Valleau. They suggested: Request the public school pupils to bring flowers to decorate the graves. Secure the help of Boy Scouts to distribute the flowers on the graves, act as buglers, drummers, and flag bearers on Memorial Day. Encourage people to attend and take part in Memorial Day services by publicity in the newspapers. Education in the principles of our republican form of government. The following made Memorial Day and other addresses: C. C. Long, Michael Casey, William I. Jenkins, William E. Skellenger, Frank P. Gentieu. Appomattox Camp No. 2 of Wilmington, Delaware, offered a parade flag to the public, private, and parochial schools of their city for participating in the Memorial Day parade.

Massachusetts—Thomas W. Cazmay. No comments or recommendations. The following members gave Memorial Day or other patriotic addresses during the year: Camp 1—Mayor Albert Cole, Reverend Chester A. Sillars. Camp 6—P. C. Harvey Silver, P. C. Albert S. Hall, P. C. John A. Stone, Patriotic Instructor William F. Hanan. Camp 9—Com. Ernest G. Wells, Patriotic Instructor Vernard L. Gor-

don, P. C. Charles W. Crocker, P. C. Peter J. Leahy, P. C. Benjamin T. Dexter. Camp 17—P. D. C. Thomas L. Crawford, P. C. John Reagan, P. C. Henry F. Chamberlain, P. C. George R. Beckman, Commander Frank A. Sandland. Camp 25—Major Scerrey, Admiral Walt Tyler Cleaves. Camp 29—Commander William H. Arnold. B. Fay McGlaufflin, Patriotic Instructor Thomas W. Cazmay. Camp 35—LaForest E. Osborne, Frederick P. Harves, Andrew J. Brooks. Camp 44—Carl E. W. Welcome, Dexter F. Mitchell. Camp 45—Fred T. Waugh. Camp 49—H. W. Langley. Camp 50—Earle W. Harrington, Allen B. Howland. Camp 60—Edward J. Stapleton, Charles H. E. Moran. Camp 61—Commander Frank E. Howard. Camp 62—General E. Leroy Sweetser. Camp 79—Commander Theodore W. Guptill. Camp 93—Reverend Kenneth R. Henry. Camp 101—Reverend Scott C. Seigle, Professor M. P. Billings. Camp 115—P. D. C. Parker B. Chandler. Camp 51—Dept. Commander Frederic G. Bauer. Camp 4—Selectman James Fraser, Reverend Edgar Jones. Camp 67—George Hunt. Camp 15—George A. Adams, Russell A. Porter, W. E. Higgins. Camp 87—George L. McKerson Sand, Herbert Osgood. Camp 31—Commander W. R. K. Mick, Patriotic Instructor Leroy B. Gould.

Michigan—Joseph L. Chalmers. No comments or suggestions.

Minnesota—Charles F. Martin. No suggestions, but mentions a great deal of publicity has been attracted to Camp No. 8 of Minneapolis, by the newly organized Junior Fife and Drum Corps which has about thirty pieces. Addresses by: L. L. Foss, F. F. Ellsworth, T. P. Gleason, O. F. Blood, W. S. Kellogg, D. B. Mead.

Missouri—Marion T. Bennett. No comments or suggestions. Addresses by C. A. Dorsey, W. A. Petree, Rev. F. G. Beardsley, Theodore H. Mohr, William Scharr, J. W. McCann, F. L. Underwood, Judge Charles A. Patterson, M. T. Bennett.

Nebraska—R. G. Strother. No comments or suggestions.

New Hampshire—Myron J. Bennett. No comments or suggestions. Addresses by W. E. Mason, George Parwell, William A. Chase, R. T. Wheeler, M. J. Bennett, H. W. Jacobs, W. T. John, D. S. Dunn, E. F. Wash, C. E. Rockwood, Dan P. Webster, R. E. Gordon.

New Jersey—Lewis A. Varick, Jr. Reports that 40 public patriotic programs were sponsored throughout the Department, 38 by Camp No. 18 (his own Camp). Camp No. 18 had over 500 inches of publicity in local papers with 33 photos. Recommends that in localities where there are Civil War Veterans living that a delegation of Camp members visit them as part of Veterans' night celebration. Addresses by the following members of the Department: Harvey Keeman, H. Lowe, H. Schroeder, Fred Williams, F. Hanson, John L. Reeger, Frank Merrell, Marcus Jacobs, J. B. Riordon, Rev. H. K. Post, William T. Bryan, Sr., H. W. Sharp, Alton Sharp, Frank Breitweises, Henry Bender, A. L. Hellinger, Adam Gran, W. S. Kern, J. G. Hogan, Thomas Neary.

New York—Robert Palmateer. New York Department awarded twenty-five certificates of merit to Camps and members that performed some outstanding Patriotic endeavors. The Department prides itself on the great number of public ceremonial exercises held in all parts of the State. Patriotic addresses were given by William Walter, George Waller, Julius Isaacs, New York City; Louis Eysing, Edw. B. Cohn, C. A. Naples, F. B. Horbell, H. W. Bunker, of Brooklyn; H. L. Brockway, Assemblyman Stanley Shaw, of Ithaca; Mr. Robertson, Theodore Knapp, Stewart Whipple, Patrick McTructar, John Samby, of Saratoga Springs; Edward Schoemick, William Allan Dyer, Dr. A. I. Courtney, Ralph Doran, Assemblyman George B. Parsons, G. B. Cathers, Dwight Dale, Fred B. Fletcher, Howell E. Near, Charles P. Morse, Carl Bissell, Edwin C. Smith, Major H. C. Deniston, Major George Elliott, of Syra-

cuse; the Camps reported twenty-three other speakers, but did not give names.

Ohio—E. S. Glasgow. Mentions Jehovah Witnesses indifference to the Flag and that the general public are not trained to remove their hats when passing or being passed by the Flag. One Camp Patriotic Instructor reports that the only person to doff his hat when a Flag passed was a colored man on the opposite side of the street. Addresses by: J. W. Thatcher, J. F. Stamm, J. Cochran, Rev. J. R. Moose, Friendship, Ohio; James F. Biggs, Howard, R. F. D. No. 5; Reverend E. J. Wiener, Charles M. Riegle.

Oregon—H. S. Reichard. No comments or suggestions, or speakers reported.

Pennsylvania—The following Brothers made Memorial Day addresses: Camp 19—Howard Dissinger, Lititz; Edgar M. Aument, Lancaster. Camp 233—S. S. Horn, Easton; E. St. Clair Faust, Easton. Camp 20—Stanley J. Fehr, Nazareth. Camp 139—John E. Sautter, Wilkinsburg; Alfred G. Lloyd, Pittsburgh. Camp 121—Fred A. Godcharles, Wm. G. Stevenson, Chas. Arnold, Harry Russell, A. L. Swartz, all of Milton. Camp 27—John E. Larkin and Louis S. Fowler, of Philadelphia. Camp 57—Cyrus McMichael, Conneaut Lake. Davis Star Camp—Carl Ruhe, Willis Reutzel, B. Meredith Reid, Wm. Elliot, Jr., Harry McClure, James H. Gray, David Burns, Wm. H. Burchfield, Hon. W. Heber Dithrich, Wm. J. Blakley, Chas. E. Locke, A. R. DeLancey, all of Pittsburgh, and J. Clark Mansfield, of Wilkinsburg. Camp 137—Rev. John F. Strayer, Youngwood. Camp 122—I. F. Woodrow, Somerset. Ross No. 1—Herman Poehler, Jr., John B. Sharer, J. P. M. Steiger, Harry Weinstock, Wm. L. Hascher, and W. M. Romnick, all of Philadelphia. Camp 236—Geo. Lutz, Sr., Geo. Lutz, Jr., John S. English, and Albert Vogel, of Philadelphia. Camp 16—Robert W. Eckert, Reading. Camp 2, Taylor—Chas. W. Zeiser and Chas. Thompson, Philadelphia. Camp 169—J. P. Gibbons, E. M. Tinpin, E. M. Post, L. M. Knuffer, of Wilkes-Barre. Camp 92—Howard F. Boorse, Lansdale. Camp 9, Clegg—John Kimpel, Rev. Linton F. Mennia, Jos. Taylor and Wm. C. Tompkins, all of Philadelphia. Camp 99—A. J. Richards, Frank M. Packer, and Wesley R. Herrlein, Jr. Vice Com-in-Chief, all of McKeesport. Camp 200—P. C. in-C. Walter C. Mabie, Rev. E. H. Finger, Hon. Eugene C. Bonniwell, Walter E. Lorimer, Jr., J. Edw. Seipp, Rev. H. C. McHenry and B. F. Opdenrow, all of Philadelphia. Camp 180—J. H. Wentzel, D. A. Griffith, Henry Hill, and Jas. A. Kennedy, all of Uniontown.

Rhode Island—Clarence E. Ecten. Suggestions: Respect for Memorial Day might be increased by mention in the public press several times previous to Memorial Day. Radio talks explaining the reason for Memorial Day, explain how it came about and that it was carried on by the Grand Army of the Republic and it is now being carried on by their Sons and Grandsons. Have Patriotic Instructors send letters to editor of local paper, preferably to Sunday issue. Present flags to schools where possible with fitting remarks at school sessions. See that each member in good standing receives copy of each issue of The Banner and have their attention called to the articles written by the Commander-in-Chief and National Patriotic Instructor. Every member should be urged to get a prospective member. Addresses by: E. H. Hoyle, M. A. Sullivan, F. B. Wight, H. A. Dyer, F. S. Reavey, S. T. Richmond, F. P. Ballou, William H. Poole, H. J. Geere, Warren Lawton, Charles Rhode, G. Braman, A. F. Lawton, A. Kettiburn, F. W. Williams, E. Saunders, Charles Willet, A. N. Lewis, J. F. Sheerer, Charles W. Senior and Ernest Ford.

Vermont—Jed G. White. No suggestions or speakers reported.

Washington—E. A. Newell. The Department sponsored the National Essay Contest. F. E. Beatty made an address.

Wisconsin—Gordon K. Kline. No comments or suggestions made. Addresses were made by Reverend E. C. Henke, Judge H. J. Bohn, Charles A. Leonard, F. S. Hubbard, Gustav Buchen, Dr. I. R. Davenport, B. W. Budgnon, Honorable Merlin Hull, Carl Hanson, Benjamin G. Haag, Charles A. Hornback, C. D. Donaldson, William McMahn, Roy N. Lewis.

The foregoing is as clear an account of the activities, comments, suggestions and recommendations of our organization as can be carefully gleaned from the report of Department Patriotic Instructors. I want to express to the Department Patriotic Instructors my very sincere thanks for their splendid co-operation.

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

FRED C. BARNARD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 26, 1940.

To my Commander-in-Chief,

Ralph R. Barrett, M. D.

Dear Dr. Barrett:

Greetings and best wishes are hereby sent—air mail—from the Atlantic (Old Orchard Beach, Maine) to the Pacific (Huntington Park, Calif). As I write my report I can glance to the left and see the tide ebb and flow. The roar thereof is music to my ears, more soothing than a good-night lullaby, and more challenging than a mighty horde, as from time to time I breast the waves in surf bathing.

Let me again assure you that I appreciate the high honor you conferred by appointing me to the office of National Chaplain. Some things have been done, some service rendered, but there are a few things I had hoped to do which have not been done.

It was my privilege to assist the Sons and Auxiliary of Alliance, Ohio, as they held an anniversary and birthday party for one of the Comrades and his wife, the occasion being their 68th wedding anniversary, and her birthday.

Several letters of sympathy have been written to those into whose homes the "grim messenger" has come. These included one to Past Commander-in-Chief Rownd, whose wife passed away March 4th, having lived 93 years, 4 months and 20 days. Had she lived until October 29 they would have celebrated their diamond jubilee wedding anniversary, having been married October 29, 1865. Words like these came in reply from Comrade Rownd, "Sympathy and love are among the divinest possessions of the human heart, and at a time to which you referred were inspiring and comforting. My face is set toward the land of eternal morning."

On Memorial Sunday I participated in the morning service at Grace Methodist Church, Sharpsburg, and in the afternoon gave a brief address at the monument for the Arsenal Victims. On Decoration Day I gave a brief address at a cemetery just outside Sharpsburg.

July 20 and 21 I attended the New England Conference for Sons and Auxiliary at The Weirs, N. H., on the shore of beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee (Smile of the Great Spirit). About 100 were in attendance, including Past Commanders-in-Chief Grant, Kirchgassner and Dyer; Cleon Heald, member of National Council, and Fred C. Barnard, National Patriotic Instructor. The program included a broadcast in which the National Chaplain had a part. The broadcast was in charge

STATISTICAL

	Alabama, Tennessee, Florida
A. Number of Camps in good standing.....	4
B. Number of Camps included in this Report.....	4
1. Number of Members in good standing.....	58
2. Number attending Memorial Sunday Services.....	6
3. Number participating in Memorial Day Exercises.....	15
4. Number of Cemeteries covered by Sons of Union Veterans.....	4
5. Number Flags placed on graves.....	†
A—Civil War Veterans.....	
B—Other Veterans	
6. Number of head stones placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....	
7. Number of Flag holders placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....	
8. Number of graves of Civil War Veterans given SPECIAL attention*	
9. Number of funerals attended (or conducted).....	4
A—Civil War Veterans	3
B—Camp Members	1
C—Members of Allied Organizations.....	
10. Number of Camps having an active Committee on Marking of Veterans' Graves	
11. Number of Camps having patriotic talks and discussion at regular meetings	
12. Number of public patriotic programs sponsored by Camps.....	
13. Number of Flags presented	
To Churches	
To Schools	
To other Organizations	
14. Number of radio programs broadcast.....	
15. Number of parades participated in.....	4
16. Number of official visits by representatives.....	
To Churches	
To Sunday Schools	
To Public Schools	
To other Organizations	
17. Estimated number of school children participating in Memorial Day activities in communities where Camps are functioning.....	1
18. Number of Memorial monuments or tablets erected during the year by this Department (NOT grave stones).....	
19. How many Camps take the lead in planning and conducting Memorial Services for the G. A. R. where it has ceased to be active?.....	2
20. Number of Camps participating in Armistice Day parade and programs	

*(Re-setting stone, grading, seeding, cutting grass, etc., NOT included in 6 & 7)
 †Approximately. †None reported. Indiana reported on "old" Form No.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

	Alabama, Tennessee, Florida	California & Pacific	Connecticut	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Maine	Maryland	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	Nebraska	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New York	Ohio	Oregon	Rhode Island	Vermont	Washington	Wisconsin	Colorado & Wyoming	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania	Totals
A. Number of Camps in good standing.....	4	20	30	27	26	18	16	36	10	13	10	10	9	21	23	69	61	8	16	24	5	17	9	122	106	710
B. Number of Camps included in this Report.....	4	13	18	23	11	7	4	20	6	10	5	9	8	21	11	52	25	7	16	16	2	15	9	80	69	468
1. Number of Members in good standing.....	58	513	1325	560	550	322	283	922	235	476	205	346	216	637	775	950	1442	137	357	395	87	403	186	3687	4337	18404
2. Number attending Memorial Sunday Services.....	6	164	241	178	260	43	30	286	46	118	47	99	54	220	214	487	211	49	168	144	40	127	88	1186	1755	6263
3. Number participating in Memorial Day Exercises.....	15	231	316	274		80	20	371	75	150	137	89	100	266	277	623	330	83	219	257	40	181	142	1988	1983	8197
4. Number of Cemeteries covered by Sons of Union Veterans.....	4	36	214	110		18	14	232	34	41	16	58	14	189	122	302	220	35	129	141	2	87	14	440	650	3120
5. Number Flags placed on graves.....	†	7002	12073	10926		1453	2381	2112	4272	5321	6794	5552	1840	7573	6280	42916	10338	1525	8743	4786	100	7628	3880	43073	58550	255118
A—Civil War Veterans.....		5147	10158	6973		1359	1619		4222	4937	3724	5467	1840	7172	6032	38716			7370	3727	90	6912	3410	40239	55000	237513
B—Other Veterans.....		1855	1815	3953		94	762		50	384	3070	110		401	248	4200			1373	1059	10	716	480	2834	3550	17605
6. Number of head stones placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....		6	16	2			9			1	1	1		1	3	18	8		10	5		19	11	27	410	548
7. Number of Flag holders placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....			131	37			15	902		38		505	100	99	122	124	209	50	65	10		339	356	5916	7500	16518
8. Number of graves of Civil War Veterans given SPECIAL attention*		1182	63	212		426	50	37	45	170	7	182	4	3	4	1438	209	415	210	17		20	760	2100	375	7929
9. Number of funerals attended (or conducted).....	4	92	13	37		8	10	15	5	22	11	14	6	24	37	83	26	11	18	15	3	80	30	83	136	783
A—Civil War Veterans.....	3	36	4	16		6	4		1	8	5	5	4	2	12	46	13	7	11	3		16	10	25	45	282
B—Camp Members.....	1	14	8	11		1	4		3	6	4	5	2	11	23	23	10		5	7	1	9	8	36	67	260
C—Members of Allied Organizations.....		42	1	8		1	2		1	8	2			11	2	14	3	4	2	5	2	55	12	22	24	225
10. Number of Camps having an active Committee on Marking of Veterans' Graves.....		9	14	11		3	3	17	4	7	2	4	3	16	11	26	13	6	8	10		10	5	74	106	263
11. Number of Camps having patriotic talks and discussion at regular meetings.....		12	16	14		7	4	18	6	8	3	9	4	13	9	45	19	7	8	14		11	5	73	106	429
12. Number of public patriotic programs sponsored by Camps.....		169	30	21	8	7	11	41	2	14	10	17	3	23	40	142	27		8	42		23	125	169	244	1173
13. Number of Flags presented.....		10	2	7	6	16	11	9		14	1	1	2	8		14	6	10	5	55		12	6	112	6	213
To Churches.....		5	2	1	5											3	4		2	26		1	2	1		33
To Schools.....		1		6		13					1	2	2	2		2	1			29		8	3	2		70
To other Organizations.....		4			1	3					1		6			9	1		3			3	1	109	5	146
14. Number of radio programs broadcast.....		6	1			1					20	1	2		21				15			2	5	4	41	119
15. Number of parades participated in.....	4	37	28	29		10	5	39	2	20	7	5	4	31	25	46	123		24	24		19	13	175	320	990
16. Number of official visits by representatives.....		234	103	29	15	23	10	38	2	40	2	14		66	74	133	27	12	44	25		91	28	311	375	1696
To Churches.....		12	6	8	10				2	7		2		11	4	53	4		9	11		22	7	46	180	394
To Sunday Schools.....		3	1	1						1		1			2		1		1	1		13	4	8		37
To Public Schools.....		19	49	11	5	17				4		12		31	13	75	6		11	7		17	12	149	150	588
To other Organizations.....		200	47	9	0	6				28	2	10		24	55	5	16		23	6		39	5	108	45	628
17. Estimated number of school children participating in Memorial Day activities in communities where Camps are functioning.....		122517	30109	25490	4500	2777	375	4121	17130	1640	83073	1195	300	3650	33900	59414	7375	1200	5940	3185		62645	1250	79412	250000	801198
18. Number of Memorial monuments or tablets erected during the year by this Department (NOT grave stones).....		7	2	1					1 tree	1							2					1		4		19
19. How many Camps take the lead in planning and conducting Memorial Services for the G. A. R. where it has ceased to be active?.....	2	10	18	11		4	3	17	3	7		7	9	14	10	31	12	5	11	15	3	13	3	74	85	367
20. Number of Camps participating in Armistice Day parade and programs.....		11	12	10		2	3	10	2	6	4	4	4	9	8	12	5	7	11	9		6	4	40	85	226

* (Re-setting stone, grading, seedling, cutting grass, etc., NOT included in 6 and 7).

† Approximately. ‡ None reported. Indiana reported on "old" Form No. 51.

of Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale of Massachusetts. On Sunday morning the group attended divine services at the Methodist Church where the National Chaplain was the "guest preacher."

Mrs. Mildred R. Webster, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, and your National Chaplain, have carried on some correspondence and have had two personal conferences regarding the Joint Memorial Service to be held Monday afternoon, at four o'clock, in the hotel at Springfield, Ill. We appreciate the hearty service so freely given to help make this service helpful.

Two of our Past Commanders-in-Chief have been called to the "land that is fairer than day"—Past Lieutenant Governor and Past Department Commander of Nebraska, Pelham A. Barrows, on November 30, 1939, and on July 3 Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, suffered an attack from which he did not recover. "We shall meet but we shall miss him."

Among the Past Department Commanders who have served in various offices of the Commandery-in-Chief are the following: Wm. F. Alcorn of Connecticut, November 4; Edw. K. Gould of Maine, November 12; Felix A. Kremer of Wisconsin, January 14, 1940; Arthur J. Boutwell, New Hampshire, April 20; Will F. Jenkins, Illinois, May 1.

Other Past Department Commanders include D. Brandley Plymire of California & Pacific; Thos. T. Warham and Oscar F. Huhn of Minnesota; Geo. W. Kreitenstein of Indiana; Nathan Upham of Massachusetts; Edgar Henderson of Michigan.

Increasingly Springfield, Ill., is becoming a "mecca" for patriotic citizens and organizations. Therefore I predict and wish for you a well attended and most successful Encampment.

Very Sincerely Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Ralph R. Barrett, M. D., Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
7118 Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, California.

My dear Commander:

I have the honor to report to you as National Counselor, to which position you did me the honor of appointing me at the beginning of your administration.

During the past year there was referred to me by you for an opinion as to the proper title of the "Committee on Program and Policy" and whether the name of that Committee had been changed to "Committee on Survey and Planning." I have given consideration to the records of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Des Moines Encampment and at the Pittsburgh Encampment, at the latter of which a revision of the Constitution and Regulations of the Order was adopted. I have also given consideration to the matters addressed to me on this subject by a number of influential and active members of the Order and of the Commandery-in-Chief. I was compelled to find that the name of this Committee as fixed by the Constitution and Regulations adopted at the Pittsburgh Encampment is to be known officially as "Committee on Program and Policy." A copy of my opinion is hereto annexed.

During the year I have not had occasion to render other opinions but have from time to time advised you as Commander-in-Chief on various subjects presented to me. I have also corresponded with

other Officers of the Order as requested upon various occasions and various subjects. I appreciate very keenly the honor of serving upon this staff during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,

National Counselor.

Dated August 1, 1940.

November 10, 1939.

Ralph R. Barrett, M. D., Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and
Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary:

I am requested to render an opinion as to the status of "Committee on Program and Policy" and "Committee on Survey and Planning" and whether in view of the action of the 57th Encampment of 1938 and the action of the 58th Encampment of 1939, a change in the name of this Committee was effected.

I have considered the proceedings of both Encampments, the statement of the National Secretary, and the arguments submitted to me by several past officers of high rank relative to these names.

The COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF of the SONS OF UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR in Annual Encampment is the supreme legislative body of the Order. It may take any action in regard to its rules and regulations or the Constitution of the Order, when this action proceeds from the Encampment itself. It is not controlled by any previous session. It may suspend or set aside any rules and regulations or constitutional provisions, or may amend the same at will. The Constitution and Regulations bind the procedure of the Departments and Camps. When these subordinate bodies seek a change in the fundamental law of the Order, they are required to proceed in accordance with the established Constitution and Regulations. The Commandery-in-Chief may at any time, when in session, act of its own volition.

The action at the Des Moines Encampment in 1938 cannot, therefore, be said to be unconstitutional, nor can it be held to bind or limit any subsequent action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

At the 1939 Encampment a revised Constitution and Regulations were reported by the Committee charged with that duty, and were adopted by the Encampment; and the same were ordered printed in a revised edition for the use and guidance of the Order.

The Committee was therein designated as the "COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY." This was the action of the Commandery-in-Chief and must control, so long as that action stands. The name of this Committee can only be changed or modified by a future Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,

National Counselor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Springfield, Illinois, September, 1940.

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

We were requested by the late Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John E. Andrew, to urge the passage of a bill in Congress providing for pensions for widows who were married to a Civil War Veteran for ten years before the veteran's death. Commander-in-Chief Andrew wrote us that this was the last pension bill

which the Grand Army would ask. On this appeal, we supported the bill but it did not pass.

We are pleased to report the passage by Congress of H. R. No. 7074 authorizing the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy to lend or give to named organizations, including the "Sons of Veterans Reserve," certain condemned ordnance and guns. The members of the committee wrote many letters to Senators and Congressmen in support of the bill. Committeeman Michael Casey sent copies of the bill to all of the Departments and to many members appealing for endorsement of the bill. The law became effective on June 19, 1940. We trust that the Reserve will be able to avail itself of the advantages of the law.

An examination of the statutes of the several states shows that the following states do not observe Abraham Lincoln's birthday as a holiday: Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Three of these states, Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, were admitted after the Civil War. The others, except Maryland, were members of the self-styled Confederate States of America. Maryland is the only state, which was loyal during the Civil War, which does not observe Lincoln's birthday as a holiday.

The Department of Maryland has taken action in favor of making President Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday in that state. A bill will be introduced in the Legislature of Maryland, which meets in January, 1941, to make February 12th a legal holiday and it will have the earnest support of the Department, the Camps and the brothers of that Department. We trust that similar action will be taken in 1941 in the states of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

It is to be hoped that at some time, not too remote, President Lincoln's birthday will be observed as a legal holiday in all the states of the Union, South as well as North, South Carolina as well as Massachusetts. We think a movement with that purpose in view should receive the continuing support of this organization and its members.

We cannot close this report without expressing our great personal loss in the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Ernest W. Homan. It was a pleasure to have served with him in committee work. The members of this committee are deeply grieved by his untimely death.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford, Conn., July 31, 1940.

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
7118 Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, Calif.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I submit to you and members of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment the Annual Report of the Grave Making Committee for the year 1939-1940.

The Departments that are interested in the locating, identifying and marking veterans' graves have taken about the same interest as they have shown in the past. It is to be regretted that more of our Departments do not undertake this work.

To make a success of this work requires considerable time. Perhaps that is the reason why more Departments have not taken it up. I am sure if some of our Department Officers were sufficiently interested, and brought the subject before their Department, they could find Brothers who would be interested and who would make a success of it.

Many times we are asked the question, what is there that the Sons of Veterans can do other than assist in the proper observance of Memorial Day. To retain our present membership, and to attract new members it would appear to your Committee that we must have something else to offer. What more worthy object could we offer to eligibles than to ask them to join an order which has for one of its principal objects, that of identifying and marking the final resting place of the Union Veterans, so that in time to come, they will not be buried in unknown graves?

As stated in my last report an unforgotten Union Soldier's grave is not the synonym of "to perpetuate" as we, Sons of these men, are pledged to keep their memories and sacrifices sacred. However, it is a pleasure to report that our work has received recognition due to the many brothers throughout our Order who have demonstrated that the locating, identifying and marking of soldiers' graves can be made a success. It has received from newspapers throughout the country, many favorable comments. A broadcasting company offered us a coast to coast hook-up. The United States Government, under the auspices of the W. P. A., has appropriated large sums of money to many states for a Soldiers' Grave Survey. This W. P. A. survey covers the veterans of all wars. It has received recognition from the American Legion and kindred organizations. In many States, assisted by their Auxiliaries, the American Legion have grave marking committees at work.

I am sorry that I cannot report new Departments as interested. The Departments still at work are Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan and Connecticut. In New York, the work is largely in the central part of the state. In Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and parts of Ohio, Camps are doing the work with considerable success, but the Camps only cover their own locality. A Department Committee would get them to work in towns outside of their jurisdiction, so that in time all towns in their State would be covered. Thanks are due to Brothers Ball and Duke of Indiana, Gibson of Illinois, Hathaway of Iowa, Hanners of Massachusetts, Smith of New York, and many other Brothers who have given unstintingly of their time and labor for the success of this work.

During the years your Chairman has been working on this project

he has acquired from almost every State in the Union, Rosters of their Union Veterans' printed records. They have proved most valuable to eligibles seeking to join our Order in proving their eligibility. While it required considerable time for this research work, it is a pleasure to assist men to join our Order.

Permit me to acknowledge the helpful co-operation of you and your associate officers. While the results are somewhat disappointing, I believe what has been accomplished would warrant the continuation of the committee, and so recommend.

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

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. R. HALE, Chairman,
Committee on Marking Graves.

REPORT OF NATIONAL ESSAY COMMITTEE

Sanford, Maine, July 15, 1940.

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief.

Dear Commander:

We herewith submit to you our report as National Committee on Essay. You and the members of the Commandery-in-Chief are naturally desirous of knowing the results of this new endeavor of our organization. We will try to give a comprehensive review of our stewardship together with suggestions as to the future.

In November National Patriotic Instructor Fred C. Barnard asked our committee to assume full charge of handling the Essay Plan. Immediately the full committee met in Portsmouth, N. H. The entire Plan was reviewed especially as to its relationship to Camps and Departments with the Commandery-in-Chief.

Realizing that we were entering a new field of endeavor that could have great possibilities we decided to enter cautiously and attempt no more than could be handled with safety with the facilities we had at hand.

Last year's Essay Committee, who made a survey of the proposed Essay Plan, offered to the Pittsburgh Encampment a Resolution in which was included a set of Rules for governing the holding of contests. This Resolution was adopted. Our committee decided to adhere to, as close as possible, those Rules. We made only such changes as we deemed would make smoother the operation of the contests. We knew full well that no one set of rules would operate the same in all localities. We therefore tried to make them as flexible as possible with offers to Camps to make them still more suited if that was desired. We asked for and received many fine suggestions from some of the prominent and interested members of the Order. One of these we felt would have been helpful to Camps where school teachers were beginning to feel that plain Essay contests were a nuisance, having handled so many previously. This suggestion took into consideration, in connection with making an award, the pupil's standing in school especially in American History. Through the Essay column of The Banner we invited Camps, so situated, to get in touch with us as we would like to experiment along that line. We had no response.

After our meeting we immediately went into action. Three Forms were printed up. Form A, Letter of Explanation to Camp Commander; Form B, Letter from Camp to Supervisor or Superintendent of Schools; Form C, Regulations for local Essay Committee. Between January 1st and 5th these forms, in sufficient quantities for all Camps in Departments, were sent to each Department Commander

together with a personal letter asking him to forward forms to Camps (according to orders of Pittsburgh Resolution) and asking his co-operation. The response from Department Commanders was not universal. Nine Department Commanders did not acknowledge receipt of Forms and in at least one Department we have reason to believe that forms reached no further than Department Headquarters.

That fact coupled together with the well known apathy that is wide spread among too many Camps and which extends in some Departments into the Department itself, is the stumbling block that we have been up against.

However there is a much brighter side from the Camps and Departments that could see the beneficial possibilities to be derived from holding such contests.

Results in brief:

Seven hundred and fifty of each of three Forms sent to Department Commanders of Twenty-five Departments.

Debit side:

Nine Department Commanders made no acknowledgement of receipt of forms: Alabama & Tennessee, Connecticut, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Vermont. No response from Camps. Rhode Island sent their's back saying not allowed in schools.

Three reported lack of enthusiasm of Camps.

Credit side:

Twelve Departments had Camps holding contests: California & Pacific, Colorado & Wyoming, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington.

Forty-five winning Essays received.

Three thousand Essays written. (Note)—In all places the schools were instructed to hand to the local committee only five Essays of all those written in the school and the local committee was to pick the winner from those. Based from word we received from various places we estimate the minimum number of Essays written to be at least 3,000.

Public and Parochial schools submitted Essays.

Camps gave Gold, Silver, Bronze and Cash prizes in addition to the National Certificates.

Large public meetings were held to present Certificates. Other places Certificates presented at Commencement.

Some school authorities wrote they welcome the contest and congratulated us upon running it.

Most Camps wrote of the pleasure of the results obtained and suggested having another one next year.

When winning Essay was received, prompt acknowledgement was sent to the sender and the National Patriotic Instructor notified.

National Patriotic Instructor Fred C. Barnard issued beautiful engraved Certificates to all winners of local contests. He also issued a beautiful Gold Certificate of Award to the National Winner. At the request of National Patriotic Instructor Barnard the committee picked out from among the local winning Essays the one they deemed to be the best to receive the Gold Certificate of Award. Great care was taken by each committee member in the judging. Each member took the Essays and gave each a rating, then the three rating sheets were consolidated and a percentage given to each Essay.

Herewith is a copy of the percentage sheet:

Fred C. Barnard, National Patriotic Instructor:

June 1, 1940.

Local winners, in National Essay Contest, have been ranked by our committee as follows:

Essay No.	Per Cent	Name	Age	Location
35	97.9	Vivian Bowles	14	McKeesport, Pa.
33	97	Georgia Secord	?	Silver Creek, N. Y.
19	96.3	Ann Boyd	14	Indiana, Pa.
23	96	Audra Sinegar	13	Middleton, Pa.
36	95.9	Marie Ormand	13	McKeesport, Pa.
41	95.6	Yvonne Whitcomb	14	Sanford, Maine
21	95.3	Norma Jean Howell	12	San Francisco, Calif.
31	95.3	Phyllis Emert	?	Omak (Wenatchee), Wash.
32	95	Dorothy Roberts	13	San Jose, Calif.
4	94.6	Norma Lee Pluto	13	Parsons, Kan.
16	94.6	Mr. Francis Ouelette	14	Biddeford, Maine
37	94.6	Irene Urban	13	McKeesport, Pa.
11	94	Rayline Adams	14	Pomona, Calif.
17	94	Rebecca Weston	?	Pulteney, N. Y.
22	93.6	Jean J. Proctor	?	Laconia, N. H.
39	93.6	Mr. Joseph Mack	14	McKeesport, Pa.
5	93.3	Christine Burt	14	Milford, N. H.
9	93.3	Mr. Harry Thompson	?	Prophetstown, Ill.
7	93	Audrey Campbell	13	Bucyrus, Ohio
24	92.9	Mr. William R. Moery	13	Pueblo, Colo.
44	92.6	Beverly Frazee	?	Penacook, N. H.
14	92.3	Eunice Gibb	13	Carlisle, Pa.
18	92.3	Ann Doran	?	Friendship, N. Y.
30	92.3	Mr. Edward Brady	?	Minersville, Pa.
1	92	Jeanette Moen	13	Marshfield, Ore.
6	91.6	Bernadine Sommer	13	Portsmouth, Ohio
10	91.6	Anna Mae Ondrusek	?	Newmanstown, Pa.
8	91.3	Eloise Pymm	13	Fresno, Calif.
29	91	Virginia Koch	13	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
40	91	Mr. Fred J. Raible	14	McKeesport, Pa.
45	91	Mr. Kenneth Folsom	14	Boscawen, N. H.
27	90.6	Mr. Robert M. Miller	13	Pueblo, Colo.
25	90.5	Mr. Eugene Pike	14	Pueblo, Colo.
13	89.3	Beverly Tegner	13	Wickliffe, Ohio
38	88	Mr. John Feltz	14	McKeesport, Pa.
25	85.9	Mr. Robert E. Evans	14	Pueblo, Colo.
15	94.6	Lucille Burke	13	Batavia, N. Y.
2	84.3	Mr. Curtis Warren	12	Minford, Ohio
3	83.3	Natalie Harding	14	Belfast, Maine
42	82.3	Mr. William L. Storer	14	Pueblo, Colo.
28	79.9	Rosa Le Hembree	13	Pueblo, Colo.

Recommend as National Winner—Miss Vivian Bowles, aged 14, McKeesport, Pa.—97.9 per cent.

After completion of contest your committee very carefully studied the many experiences encountered and have prepared recommendations.

Recommendations

We recommend:

1. The continuance of the NATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD plan another year.

2. A committee of three to be known as the COMMITTEE ON ESSAY shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. This committee with the advice and counsel of the National Patriotic Instructor shall present to Department and Camps the Plan for conduct of Essay contest.

A. The duties of the National Patriotic Instructor in connection with the Plan shall be to offer advice and counsel and approve all actions of committee, also to handle all matters in connection with issuance of Certificates and the National Prize.

B. The Committee on Essay shall, with the advice and counsel and approval of the National Patriotic Instructor, carry out the provisions of the Plan except those matters assigned to the National Patriotic Instructor. The committee shall be directly responsible to the Commandery-in-Chief and shall not incur more expenses than is essential to the carrying out of the Plan.

Plan

1. Title: SONS OF UNION VETERANS NATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD ESSAY CONTEST.

2. Open to pupils of the Eighth grade in any school in the United States. Any approved private or religious school is eligible.

3. Departments may participate if they so desire.

A. In case a Department did not wish to participate the Camps may hold contests in the same relationship to the National Committee as they did last year.

4. Prizes: The National Patriotic Instructor shall issue two different Certificates.

A. One to be given to the winner of each Camp contest.

B. One to be given to the winner of each Department contest.

C. There shall be a National Prize of either a cup or statuette, the cost not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

D. Departments and Camps may offer additional substantial prizes.

5. The Commandery-in-Chief shall not pay any expenses incurred by either a Department or a Camp in connection with the holding of the contest.

6. The Committee on Essay shall, before October 15, offer to each Department Commander a chance to have his Department participate.

A. A Department Commander wishing his Department to participate will notify the Chairman of the National Committee of said desire before October 25th.

B. The Department Commander of a Department participating in the contest shall appoint a Department committee of award of which the Department Patriotic Instructor shall be one and the Chairman.

C. In Departments not participating in contest Camps will deal direct with National Committee as last year.

7. The Chairman of the National Committee will send to each Department Commander all Forms pertaining to suggested contests in sufficient quantity for each Camp's needs. The Department Commander in turn shall send to each Camp the said Forms.

8. The National Patriotic Instructor shall choose the subject to be written upon.

Rules and Regulations

Pupil eligibility: Open to any pupil in the Eighth grade of any school. Approved Religious and Private schools are welcomed.

Subject: To be chosen by the National Patriotic Instructor. Essay to contain not more than 1,000 words.

Judging:

1. Teachers will give to each pupil writing an Essay a number so that identity of pupils will not be known to the examining committee. Teachers will keep a record of pupils to whom numbers are given.

2. Front page of Essay shall contain: 1. Name of Essay; 2. Number of pupil.

3. All Essays shall be written in ink and on one side of paper.

4. Essays shall be judged upon: 1. Accuracy; 2. Phraseology; 3. Continuity; 4. Neatness; 5. Originality.

5. Any Eighth grade school in which at least ten pupils shall have submitted Essays there shall be five Essays chosen by the school and submitted to the local committee of award which shall act as an examining committee.

6. The Local Committee on Award will pick out, from the Essays submitted, the one they deem to be the best and mail immediately together with Essay writer's name, age, sex, and address showing city, street and number, to the Department Patriotic Instructor whose address is on file with Camp Secretary. In case Department should not be participating in contest the winning Essay shall be sent direct to the National Chairman.

7. The Department Patriotic Instructor and his committee will, from the winning Camp Essays submitted, pick the one they deem to be the best and send to the National Chairman.

8. The National Essay Committee will, from among the Department winning Essays, pick out the one they deem to be the best and send it to the National Patriotic Instructor, who, if he approves of the choice, will see that the National prize is suitably presented.

9. Department Patriotic Instructor will also send to the National Chairman the names and addresses of winners of Camp contests. The National Patriotic Instructor upon receipt of these names from the committee shall issue the Certificates and send same to the Department Patriotic Instructor who will see that same are suitably presented by Camps.

10. A beautiful Engraved Certificate will be awarded to the winner of each local contest, also one to the winner of each Department contest.

11. All papers submitted shall become the property of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

12. Modification to suit local conditions may be made by local and Department committees as long as it does not nullify any rule.

13. Should local Camp wish to hold an Essay contest in which the Essay writer's standing in American History shall contribute towards the award, they can prepare rules to govern such contest and submit same to the National Committee for approval. If approved Camp may proceed with holding contest.

14. Contest closes February 1, 1941, when Essays shall be submitted to local committee. Local committee shall have winning Essay picked not later than February 15, 1941, and send to the Department Patriotic Instructor. The Department Patriotic Instructor shall have

his committee pick out the Department winner and send it together with the names and addresses of all Camp winners to the Chairman of the National Committee not later than March 1, 1941.

Finances

The Committee Headquarters used every possible method of economy and by so doing we are glad to report that we were able, without loss of efficiency, to carry out the entire project for less than one-third of the money made available to the committee.

Money available to Essay Committee.....	\$382.00
W. C. Mabie, Printing	\$ 59.50
National Patriotic Instructor, Certificates, postage, etc.	36.95
National Chairman, Postage, express, misc.....	18.14
Total expenses	114.59
Unexpended balance	\$267.41

We wish to call attention to the large amount of work the Chairman was called upon to do. He gave over seven months of his spare time on evenings, Saturdays and Sundays, for which he receives no compensation. For efficient service no inquiry or letter or card was ignored but prompt answers given. Every chance for publicity was taken. THE BANNER was generous with space and so we were able to keep every member informed of progress in each issue even to the printing of two of the Forms to let every member know what his Camp should have received.

Had the response by Camps been double what it was no doubt help would have been hired to keep up efficiency.

The committee feels that, should the project be continued another year, two things be kept in mind. First—It is a real business and should be continued in a business-like manner, and second—Efficiency should be continued to keep the approval of the public.

Final

The splendid co-operation shown by National Patriotic Instructor Fred C. Barnard is deeply appreciated and we wish to thank you, Commander-in-Chief Barrett, for the fine support given to us. We also wish to thank the Department and Camp officers who co-operated with us and the cheerful letters sent.

By the fact that there must have been over 3,000 Essays written by pupils, we know that at least that many minds have been inculcated with the true facts regarding the important BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG that meant so much to the UNION ARMY. Taking this into consideration we feel the project a success and the money well spent.

We have been sincere in trying to do a good job for the Commandery-in-Chief and trust we have met the expectations of all.

Respectfully in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

ALBERT B. DE HAVEN, Chairman, Sanford, Me.
CLEON E. HEALD, Keene, N. H.
CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Springvale, Me.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

To the Officers and Members of the 59th National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

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

The following Committee on Program and Policy was named by Commander-in-Chief Barrett:

- Ex-officio Commander-in-Chief Ralph R. Barrett of California.
- " Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert of New Jersey.
- " Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief W. R. Herrlein of Pennsylvania.
- " National Secretary Horace H. Hammer of Pennsylvania.
- " Nat'l Patriotic Instructor Fred C. Barnard of New York.
- " National Counselor Wm. T. Church of Illinois.
- " Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, of Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Delevan B. Bowley of California.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut.

Past Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer of New York, Chairman.

Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson of Vermont.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch of Michigan.

Past Department Commander Robert E. Leslie of Connecticut.

Immediately upon its designation, your Chairman sent a letter to each member of the Committee, expressing the hope that the Committee might be able to do something constructive for our Order, and requesting suggestions. One was received from Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley of California.

Later, Commander-in-Chief Barrett addressed a letter, in January, to your Chairman, as follows:

"On my travels I have found, it seems to me, that for our Order to hold its own, we must get the younger men in it—the Grandsons, Great and Great-Great—and satisfy them or else our Order is doomed, for our losses by death are appalling in numbers.

"But I hear it said on various occasions the younger men do not care for our ways of conducting meetings, etc., etc., and that therefore there will have to be some plans developed to present to them, or some lines of action.

"I hope your committee will think along this matter and plan some recommendations for our next Encampment."

This letter was relayed promptly to each member of the Committee with request for their suggestions. None having been received, on February 16th a second letter was sent to each member of the Committee, calling attention to the previous letter, and enclosing a copy of a paper on the "State of the Order" which had been prepared at the request of a number of the members and submitted to the New York Department at its Encampment the previous June. This paper had been unanimously approved by the Department and ordered to be communicated in some way to the National body.

It seemed that the Committee on Program and Policy was the proper Committee to which to refer this paper, and with the concurrence of the Commander-in-Chief it was so submitted, at this time, for its consideration of the suggestions contained in it. In it were expressed some views which bore on the subject to which in his letter the Commander-in-Chief had asked our consideration.

Acknowledgment of its receipt or replies reviewing it were received either by letter or in person, after some correspondence, from the members of the Committee.

In order that the members of the Encampment may have knowledge of the contents of this paper, excerpts from it are herewith included as part of our report:

EXCERPTS FROM A PAPER ON "THE STATE OF THE ORDER"

As a basis for what we are about to say, we present for your consideration certain figures of the membership of the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War, viz:

On June 30, 1929, the membership was .43,596

On June 30, 1938, the membership was .22,786

A net loss in membership of . . . 20,860 in 9 years or 52%.

During the eight (8) year period from June 30, 1931, to and including June 30, 1938, there were dropped from membership 27,919 members, an average of 3,490 per year.

The net loss in this eight year period averaged 2,610 per year.

Exclusive of deaths the loss was 14,284, running from a low of 52 members in 1938, to a high of 3,993 in 1933, an average per year, exclusive of deaths, of 1,785 members.

The deaths during this same period averaged 563 per year.

At its high point—perhaps twenty years ago—the membership was approximately 57,000, a loss in that time of 35,000 members, or about 66%.

It is apparent, if these losses continue in the same ratio for five years, we shall have but about 11,000 members in the National Order; and if for ten years the National Order would be out of existence, or be so depleted in membership as to be practically so.

The figures further show that the losses have been continuous and constant each year, including good and bad years, varying in no great degree.

To be entirely frank, the situation is not even as rosy as this, for as we all know a good percentage of our members are in arrears in their dues and therefore are not members in "good standing." This it is fair to say, is general in all Departments, some more, and some less. Eliminating these members, estimating them to be 15% of the total, and there are not over 19,000 paying members, not enough to support properly either the National Order nor the Departments.

This is not a pleasant situation to contemplate, but it is one which ought not to be glossed over, or overlooked. It is important enough, it seems to us, to warrant its presentation to you, and to demand our serious study.

As a member of our Order, who has evidenced his faith in it by service to it, we think we ought to say to you now, that if we seriously felt the situation was hopeless, or was one that could not be remedied, or if we felt there was not enough talent and ability in the Membership to correct it, we would not take the trouble to call it now to your attention. But it is a serious matter to those of us who do have affection for the Sons of Veterans and want to see the Order continue to exist and prosper—and if we do—we simply cannot permit it to continue as it is.

Nobody, from choice, likes to face difficulties or unpleasant situations, unless he has to, and we would all of us rather come to these Encampments and just have a good time.

And nobody craves the job of bringing such things into the open, we, least of all. But, if they do exist, they must be met—sooner or later—and met man-fashion, with courage and determination, and without delay, for the longer we delay, the harder it will be to overcome them and the Encampment is the place to do it. We ought not to postpone consideration of it, it is costing us too much to continue things as they are.

To correct any bad situation, the causes for it must be explored and the remedy found, if possible, and then applied. To do that, we have got to lay aside preconceived ideas and prejudices, frankly and impartially weigh any and all plans proposed, and *willingly adopt* such as offer promise of a solution; and we must not approach these plans with too censorious an attitude.

When we have done all this, we are then obligated to get into the game, every one of us, and work to press those plans to a successful conclusion, without a single one of us holding back any reservations of any kind. Success can come in no other way.

And unless we are prepared to—and *will agree in all these particulars*—we might as well let the whole thing drift, to the inevitable debacle.

As we said at the outset, we are not fearful that the situation, under such circumstances, cannot be corrected, but we want *now* to anticipate any statement which may be made that the situation is not as serious as we have pictured it—for it is—and any effort to minimize it, or to dismiss it with a wave of the hand, and the statement: "Oh, this Order will live long after we are dead"—or the like—will be simply an evasion of responsibility.

Let us take a few moments, even at the expense of iteration—to review the situation—and find out, if we can, the reasons for our losses.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was created 59 years ago.

Its purposes are known to you. The prime purpose of its founders was to create an organization to perpetuate to succeeding generations the memory of the deeds and sacrifices of the loyal men who in the Civil War gave their efforts and their lives to maintain the American Constitution, the American form of government, and to preserve the Union.

Also to itself maintain the Union, the American Constitution, and the American way of living.

Their further purpose was to continue the observance of Memorial Day, when the active participants in the events of those days had passed into eternity, or were no longer able to do the work themselves.

Two organizations were formed after the War by men who participated in it and who served in the Army, the Navy or the Marine Corps of the Federal Forces.

These were: The Grand Army of the Republic
and: The Loyal Legion.

Membership in the latter consisted of Officers only, who had served in the war. Later, its membership included eldest sons of such officers, and later *all* sons of such officers. Still later its membership was

broadened to include, where there were no such lineal descendants, sons of a brother or sister of such officers, and this of course included grandsons. This was done that it might be perpetuated as an Order.

Membership in the Grand Army was open to any one who enlisted regularly during the War—or who had been drafted—and had served in the Federal Forces, as indicated above.

No provision was made for its further continuance as an Order.

Approximately 2,000,000 men served in these forces. Deducting casualties, approximately 1,500,000 were eligible to join the Grand Army.

At its highest point, the Grand Army had a membership of slightly over 400,000; so it may fairly be said that only about a third of the Civil War veterans joined these two Orders.

The Loyal Legion was patterned after the "Order of the Cincinnati" of Revolutionary times, and in its membership the Grand Army is more comparable with the "Sons of the American Revolution" of today.

The Sons of Union Veterans confined its membership to descendants of Civil War Veterans who were enlisted in the three arms of the Federal Forces, and though in general it followed the plan of the Grand Army it did not confine its membership by any means to descendants of members of the Grand Army of the Republic. And while, loosely speaking, it has since, in common with four of the women's organizations, been affiliated with the Grand Army, and during its life has allowed itself to be considerably dominated by it—it has yet maintained its own distinctive Organization, with more or less independence, or right of independence of action—even though that right may not have been always, or very often, exercised.

These facts are necessary to be mentioned and kept in mind, because of certain suggestions which will follow.

Beyond and over those who enlisted in the Federal Forces in the Civil War, was a fairly large number of men who, in one way or another, gave valuable service, and in some cases, their lives and their fortunes for the Union cause, but who, for good reasons, were not included in the Federal Forces. There were two classes of them:

1—Those who were chosen by their fellows to fill the necessary civil offices which are required even in war times, such as Governors of loyal states, Federal Officials, Members of the Congress, Judges of United States Courts and the like, some of whom were not eligible by reason of age, etc., for enlistment in the armed forces, but who, nevertheless gave patriotic service, and *service of a high order for the preservation of the Union.*

2—The other class consisted for the most part of State Militia, or specially raised units, enlisted in border and other States for special emergencies, whose efforts held some of those States in the Union, or held Confederate Forces in check where there was no Federal Force available—or until one could be brought up—suppressed raids of Confederate regulars or Guerillas on loyal States and citizens; and forces or units raised in some of the States which had seceded, etc. Many of them lost their lives or were wounded in the service of their country, and a goodly number of them became prisoners in Libby, Andersonville and other Rebel prisons.

They performed a loyal and needed service, amply comparable with that of many units regularly enlisted in the Federal Forces. We wish to refer to them later. Neither class has been properly nor sufficiently recognized by us.

We recite these things, even at the expense of taking a little extra time, because though they are known to you, of suggestions which will follow.

Some of the causes for our troubles are not hard to see. We shall not attempt to mention all of them, nor in the order of their importance, nor shall we try to state with any assurance all the remedies which may be found. We do wish to suggest some, which perhaps may be found worthy. Whether they are or not, is for us together to determine.

Others may occur to you. It is necessary that they be recalled, in order that we may find the remedies for them.

One of the prime causes is Indifference, a definite lack of interest in Civil War memories—in what the Civil War meant—has meant during the succeeding years, and means today.

This is true, not only on the part of many who are eligible to our Order and who are not members of it, but it is true on the part of the public, and it is true of our own members.

Whether this interest can ever be revived so as to make it a sufficient motive for joining and remaining in the Order is a serious question.

The only hope of accomplishing that lies, it seems to us, in persistent education, the lead in which should have been, and should now be, assumed by us, and by our members constantly striving to get the whole thing, as well as the purposes of our Order better understood. With all due respect to opinions to the contrary, this has not been thoroughly done by our Organization at any time in its existence. And we say this, understanding well, that some good work has been done in certain sections, but it has been sporadic, and not universal in the Organization.

Second—There exists a strange and almost unaccountable lack of appreciation on the part of thousands of eligibles, of the loyalty due from a son to a father who has made heavy sacrifices to give that son the opportunities and blessings he now has, and has enjoyed all his life. Possibly underneath, the right spirit exists, and only needs to be stimulated by some outside source or agency to induce it to come to life, and persuade these men to join with others in this duty, through membership in an Order such as ours.

The remedy here is not in one visit, nor in a visit by just one member, but in a succession of visits by groups of members if need be, and in a willingness on their part to continue such visits, until the recreant son is either convinced of his error, or is shamed into correcting it.

Nothing but personal contacts, persistently continued, will cure this difficulty, even though it is true, painfully true, that these visits *ought to be supplemented by far better printed publicity than has yet been produced* by our Order. We are rightly to be criticised in this latter respect. In the opinion of good publicity experts our printed matter—circulars and the like—has been little short of atrocious. We recommended at the last Encampment that our advertising matter should be given expert attention and be brought “up to date.”

Third—Is the unwillingness of a large majority of our “good-standing” members to do the continuous work of seeking and soliciting recruits, and a particular hesitancy to approach men of prominence.

Do any of us think for a moment that the Army or Navy of the United States could possibly be adequately manned *without intensive*

recruiting? How then, could we or any other Order grow or even live otherwise? We lose an average of 600 members a year by deaths alone, and we have to secure at least that number of new members just to keep even.

Let us think this over well. Is this laziness—indifference—or what? Whatever it is, there is a lack of personal effort in contacting good prospective members.

If we could once be waked up to the absolute need of this, there would be very little trouble in keeping up the membership of the Order.

Fourth—Undignified or poor conduct of Camp meetings. This has been, on our part, a clearly contributing cause of indifference and loss of members and has resulted in a constant lessening of attendance and interest.

Coupled with it has been unwillingness in a number of cases on the part of older men to yield active management of the Camps to younger members, or give them a major part in the Camp work.

The remedy is plain in both these matters.

Fifth—A belief of many, in and out of the Order, that the decoration of graves at Memorial Day time is our *only* worth-while object. It is important that this attitude be changed, both as to the impression, and the facts. Is our Order taking its full part in the problems which, though perhaps in a different way, are as vital to the well-being of our institutions as any that confronted our fathers in 1861?

Is it not perhaps possible that this is one reason why men of prominence and standing are not attracted to our Order? Is our Order taking the place it should in the everyday life of our Country?

Sixth—Inefficient organization in our Order. This is shown in several ways:

a—In establishing too many Camps in small towns or sparsely settled localities, where there is little hope or none, of their permanent existence, because recruiting possibilities are not there when the original members pass away. This would not be so if our membership was broadened.

b—In failure to recruit in the larger towns and cities where such recruiting opportunities do exist. Here, it cannot be denied, there have been many opportunities which, if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit we have neglected, and are neglecting today. How many of us, in our own town, start out any morning, saying to ourselves: "I must get a man to join the Sons today?" How many of us have done that *any* morning this last month, to say nothing of the year? We wonder! And yet, we expect that somehow—some way—the Order, like Topsy, will grow, of itself!

c—It is shown in failure to take advantage of opportunities to institute new or re-instate old Camps, in good towns where we have a pre-supposition, and a reasonably sure one too, of success, because there are already in them, going Corps, Tents, Circles, or Units of one or the other of the Women's Organizations allied with us.

As example—there are over 30 such opportunities in Ohio; over 25 in Illinois; over 50 in Iowa; and many in Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, West Virginia, Oklahoma, to say nothing of our own State of New York. Indeed, they exist in *every* Department, without exception. We say this from personal knowledge.

d—It is shown in lack of organizing ability, or the failure to use it where it shows evidence of existing, and with that, an almost complete dearth of good recruiting plans.

e—In the failure on the part of most of our Camps to keep an active eligible list, or if they have one, to systematically work it.

f—Again it is shown in failure to push with united and untiring zeal, the recruiting of young men of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th generations of descendants of Civil War veterans because it seems a difficult job. Of course it is difficult, any worth-while job is, and here are some of the reasons. We mention them to answer them.

1—The nearness of the World War, in which these young people are naturally more interested. Why not? But, are they *forever* going to be interested in *only one* subject, unless we let them be? And that we are doing.

2—Because a good many of them are more interested to join World War organizations. Do we kid ourselves that they have *all* joined them? Or that they joined World War Organizations of their own volition? Have not the World War men been more active in proselyting among them than we? And did we not learn our lesson in this respect after the Spanish War, not to be so foolish as to repeat it after this war?

Because the younger of them join the Boy Scouts. All right! Then why not sponsor a Boy Scout Troop by your own Camp, composed of descendants of Civil War veterans or sons of Sons of Union Veterans?

3—Because of economic conditions, young people feeling that since they have not sufficient resources to meet all their needs or gratify all their desires, they must forego those which least appeal to them. The answer is to make our Organization *the one* they will want to put among their first desires.

4—Because we have let the World War Organizations get the jump on us in organizing the younger of these boys into Junior Camps. Here, we have been at fault in not getting at the job of instituting Junior Camps ourselves, and appreciating the importance of it, long ago, before the World War. We have nobody but ourselves to blame, and our own negligence, but we will be still more blamable if we do not get at this job pronto!

g—Poor organization is shown in putting the entire responsibility for success or failure upon the Commander-in-Chief, or Department Commander, without providing either with sufficient funds with which to work or travel, and in the other Officers looking upon the holding of office as nothing but an "honor" (?), an opportunity to wear a special badge with a special ribbon, and shine upon some special occasion, and not as an obligation to give work or service, or as any obligation to share in the upbuilding of the Order.

Seventh—An almost complete lack of present-day objectives, or much of any except that of Memorial Day service, and even that is forgotten by more than a few. It is often said by many in the Order, and by many more outside of it, who somewhat critically observe it, that "The Order is living in the past." We should not too carelessly shove that criticism aside, nor too willingly consign it to the waste-basket or the ash-heap. There is considerable truth in it, if we, *any* of us, believe, as they say we do, that that is all we have to do in this present-day world, and too many of us do.

Eighth—In connection with this is a wide variance in the personnel of our membership, with consequent varying ideas, because of which there is a natural difficulty in uniting on some common cause sufficiently appealing—or good enough—to make us all *want* to work for it.

We came nearer to it in what we did for those homeless boys in September, 1938, in Des Moines at Arlington Hall. Perhaps, if we could find an Arlington Hall in each locality where we have a Camp, or if we could unite to make a haven of Arlington Hall for boys who

have no other home, we would find an objective which would lift us up—and be good for our souls—and the Order!

There are such objectives—social, civic, and national—and it is up to us to discover and adopt them. If we did it would go a long way to stop criticism of our lack of present-day worth as an Organization.

Ninth—Another reason for our troubles is a lack of searching, systematic care in the selection of officers—National, Departmental and Camp—and an over-ambitious striving for office on the part of those who have never been trained in or for leadership, nor taken the trouble or made the effort to properly fit themselves for it. Sometimes this has been because of a selfish wish to share in Encampment expense money—in what are known as “hand-outs”—but the fact of such desire proves the entire misconception of what filling an office involves, or should involve. No one should seek office for any such reason, but only because he has had the experience or training—or the ability to fill it properly—or is willing to take the time to so fit himself.

Incompetence in office has been a distinct drag on the Order, and has hurt it. A book could be written on both these subjects.

Tenth—Another contributing cause has been poor work by Camp Treasurers in not collecting dues promptly, and in some cases no work at all. Here we get back to laxity in the selection of officers.

Little or no work on the part of the Camp Welfare Committee, and in some cases no appointment of any Welfare Committee.

Little or no work on the part of the Camp Welfare Committee, and in providing Camp meeting programs, and some Patriotic Instructors either do not know how to, or do not make out the Patriotic Instructor's report at all. And this applies equally to the Department Patriotic Instructors.

In other words, a general laxity of discipline and efficiency in Camp Work, which has had a demoralizing effect. If we let this continue we are directly contributing to our own downfall. It makes one wonder, whether—if we are to continue our present Camp system—it would not be wise to go back to universal inspection of Camps and Departments.

Eleventh—Unwillingness to open our membership to a wider class of citizens, whose membership, in some form, might materially strengthen the Order. On this subject we would like to speak later.

Twelfth—The bad times of the past seven or eight years. This, with all due respect to the facts, and full consideration of them, we feel should not be too seriously emphasized, nor as much as we have, many of us, allowed ourselves to do; for we have had other bad times and other economic depressions, and the records show that some of our losses have occurred in “good years,” and some of our smallest in “lean years.” Moreover other Organizations have found it possible to grow during some of the very years when we have been showing losses, and their admission fee and yearly dues are all *very much larger than ours*.

Certainly our very small dues, of only 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ to 25 cents a month, cannot possibly have been the deterrent factor with all, or a material portion, of the more than 30,000 members who have been dropped from our membership in the last ten or twelve years.

The reason for this defection must be found in other causes than that, and we cannot honestly press this as a major reason for our losses in membership, even though it may have contributed to a degree, but to a degree far less than we have persuaded ourselves to think.

Thirteenth—We mention the establishment of the Spanish War Order, the World War Organizations, and the growth of the so-called "Service Clubs"—such as the Rotary—the Kiwanis, Optimist, Lions and the like—as one of the reasons for the major part of these losses, especially during the ten year period prior to the close of the World War and immediately thereafter. And we may, if we will, be able to learn something from their methods, which may be to our advantage.

It is well known that our Order furnished hundreds of recruits for the Spanish War. It was perfectly natural that these men with their comrades of that war should have formed and become more interested in the fraternal order which they created than in ours.

It is too late now, to criticise our own lack of foresight and activity in not overcoming this. It might have been done in two ways, one, by finding new recruits—and there were plenty of them—among eligibles who never entered the Spanish War; and a far stronger effort might have been made to hold many who did. It will serve no useful purpose now, to bewail this lack of effort, except to warn us not to repeat it in these post World War days.

A more important effect on our Order was the attitude of a great many Grand Army men, who conceived the idea that the Spanish War veterans, and later the World War veterans, were the logical ones to follow in their footsteps; and our Organization not being veteran, though at that time uniformed, was a "tin-soldier outfit" in their eyes, one "playing at the game," and hence did not deserve their support.

One Grand Army man, later a Department Commander of the G. A. R., had three sons—two of whom were Spanish War men—neither of whom ever joined, or were urged by him to join our Order, and the father spent a good part of his time, even after he was Department Commander of the G. A. R., in the Spanish War rooms; indeed had his headquarters in them, constantly criticizing us "for not amounting to anything, or doing anything."

That spirit was far too prevalent in Grand Army circles, and was reflected in the minds of the public, because of the G. A. R. attitude. It made our path a harder one to travel.

The greatest effect however, we believe, was on our own enthusiasm, and we have not since had a coherent, consecutive nor courageous plan of campaigning, nor one prosecuted with that vigor of enthusiasm or belief in ourselves which brings success, and the fault is therefore largely our own.

By reason of this, we have become permeated with the spirit of "willingness to let things drift" and have passed on to the Department Commanders, and to the Commander-in-Chief, and such few others as are willing to work, the job of working out our salvation, without according to either of them that full and complete co-operation which ought to be their due, and without which no real success can be attained.

The establishment and growth of the Service Clubs has also served to divert attention from Organizations like ours, and they have appealed to many who are eligible to the Sons because they offer live objectives which touch their members very definitely, and they can see immediate, tangible and satisfactory results from them.

These Clubs draw large numbers to their luncheons, where their members have a good time, singing, or hearing an entertainer or an outstanding speaker. And these things appeal, because they are tangible, and are not "mere sentiment for a cause of 70 or 80 years ago."

Over 800 attended such a noon-day luncheon recently in Syracuse, N. Y., to hear Roger Babson. Members invited guests, and each member paid as much for his guest and himself as our total dues amount

to in a year! Among those in attendance we saw a number of men who had either let their membership in one or the other of the two Camps of the Sons in Syracuse lapse, or had been dropped for "non-payment of dues." And there were still others among them who, by eligibility, could and should have been members of our Order.

Don't let your criticism be too sharp against Syracuse for such a situation. It obtains, without any doubt whatever, in your own city, and in the city or town of every man in this room.

In addition to the cost to every member of this Service Club, of that one luncheon is that of ten to twenty others, and to that must be added the liberal contributions each member makes to the "live objectives" of these Clubs—such as monies for crutches, artificial aids for crippled children and the like—all of which costs each of their members a dozen times as much per man per year, as our yearly dues, which is practically all that our members are asked to contribute to our Order, and they think nothing of it!

The point we are seeking to bring out—and emphasize—is, *that it is not lack of money, nor unwillingness to spend it*, that is holding back men from joining our Order, but a permitted waning of interest, which is the cause of this situation, and that is principally our own fault. No amount of letter writing, or sending of post-cards notifying these men of past or present dues, or happenings, will hold them in the Order, nor prevent them from leaving it.

They are just "not interested" that is all, and it is as much our fault as theirs that such a situation exists in our Order, and is allowed to continue. We have not made our Order interesting or colorful enough to either draw members to it, or hold them once they are in it.

The plain answer is to make our membership more attractive, and that is the *only* answer to this problem.

If this is true—and we have never, seen it successfully denied—then it seems to us it is essential, and indeed absolutely necessary, that we find some live, every-day objective upon which we can unite, something that pertains to present day life, and for which we would be willing to work, if we hope to attract and retain men in the Order, who are thinking, as most men now are, in terms of the present. If such men can be satisfied in this respect, we believe they would far more willingly and gladly unite with us in those sentimental purposes which were the basic reason for our Order's founding.

This kind of indifference can be overcome and it must be, if we are to become strong, but we must realize—and we very definitely face this fact—that to overcome it involves more and extra work by our individual selves *now*, than it would have, had we been more alert to its need years ago.

Fourteenth, and finally—We face a situation of our own creating, which has been the cause of serious yearly losses in members!

Since we are analyzing a bit let us make the general statement—which cannot be controverted—that our Organization is not organized on business-like lines, or perhaps we might better say, it could be organized on better lines.

In the first place we have no definite "fiscal year," at the end of which comparative reports, and a full statement of conditions affecting the Order, present and prospective, is given, such as a well conducted business concern has, and when a careful analysis as to the future is made, and plans therefor are presented and discussed.

True, a report is made as of June 30th, each year, but this report is assayed by the members as more or less a test *only* of the success or failure of the Commander-in-Chief, or Department Commander, for

the period from June 30 to June 30, when, as a matter of fact, *for two and a half months of the period, he has had nothing whatever to do with the conduct of the Order's affairs!* What kind of a test is that which credits or charges a Commander with but three-quarters of his effort? And what kind of a test is that which credits one man with a quarter of the success—or charges him with the failure—of another?

If he has succeeded a former active or devoted or successful Commander, he benefits without right. If the contrary, by that much, he is counted himself unsuccessful.

We could point out how this has resulted in a deplorable lack of interest in the work of the September Quarter, with a resulting serious annual loss in membership to the Order.

Any attempt to get a business-like correction of this very bad situation, and a co-ordinated organization, so that the Commander-in-Chief or Department Commander can be sure to have his workers and leaders with him for a full year of consecutive effort, is opposed without due consideration of its consequences, by those who are content to "let things stay as they are, no matter what the loss," or is "referred to an incoming Committee," and there it dies! And the worst of it is that those who "oppose" do not—or will not, or cannot—offer any other or better method, and the Order is kept in a rut.

Result—practically little or no work is done during the September Quarter by either Commanders or members. Since one Commander is in office two months in this Quarter, and another less than a month, *there is no fixed responsibility on either*—and because the Department Commanders reckon their results on a basis of a year ending June 30th, *the September Quarter becomes nobody's responsibility*, and "it goes by the board!"

Because of this the September Quarter becomes a dumping ground for losses, chargeable to no one!

At the Encampment in Madison, Wisconsin, in 1937, we recommended as your Commander-in-Chief, and urged it as a major and much needed reform, that the terms of all officers—Camp, Department and National—should be made concurrent.

A plan was offered, making the terms of all officers start on October 1st each year. This was referred to the proper Committee, was approved by it, and was unanimously approved and adopted by the Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief, in consultation with the National Counselor, was ordered to prepare the necessary changes in the Rules and Regulations to put it into effect. This was done. No changes were required in the Constitution.

The plan was, to have the Commandery officers take office on October 1st, immediately following their election; to have the Department officers elected as at present at their respective annual Department Encampments, and assume office on the 1st of October following; the Camp officers to be elected at the last Camp meeting in May, in which case they too would assume office on the 1st of October following; or as an alternative, and perhaps a better one, they would be elected at their first Camp meeting following the National Encampment, and take office immediately thereafter, which would be in October.

This plan would result in all officers working together for a full un-interrupted year, the responsibility for the conduct of the September, as all other Quarters, would be fixed, and the benefits to the Organization would be definite and extremely helpful.

We do not believe we need here to go into the merits of the plan. That should be plainly apparent. The need for some reform of this nature has been recognized by every Commander-in-Chief, and by most Department Commanders of recent years, and it was recommended in a somewhat similar form by Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse as far back as 1921.

The only objection raised was as to the interval between the election of Department officers and the time of their taking office, but this is not a detriment but rather an advantage, for it gives these officers a period before assuming office in which to study the needs of their Departments, make plans for the year's work, and be better able to select their assistants and helpers. Moreover there are plenty of precedents for such an interval, in and out of our Order. To mention but one—the President of the United States is elected in November, but does not assume his office until the January following—and we will remember it used to be March 4th of the following year.

Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse's plan proposed for all officers to take office on January 1st, and that would be also the beginning of the fiscal year. This made an interval of three to four months for the Commandery officers before assuming office; seven to nine months or more for Department officers, and two to four for Camp officers.

The present plan reduces all those intervals. There would be no interval whatever for Camp officers, none to speak of for Commandery officers, and only three or four months at the most for Department officers, and these would be in the summer months when there is the least activity among either Camps or Departments, and when a majority of the Camps hold no meetings at all. It is therefore the ideal plan, and time.

At present, Camp officers are elected in the early autumn and take office in January (some in February), an interval of two to four months, and the Commandery and the Department officers are elected and take office in the midst of an unfinished Quarter, for which no one is responsible, and which as pointed out, is very bad; and none serve together for much, if any, over six months, which is even worse.

The present method is distinctly wrong, is highly inefficient, and is hurtful to the Order.

We believe this reform is so important and so necessary for the proper conduct of our affairs, that we should put it into effect as a major advantage to the Organization, one which will do away with a harmful situation, one which has had much to do with our losses in membership, and we earnestly recommend that it be done, or a plan equally efficient be substituted.

HEREWITH—LOSSES IN SEPTEMBER QUARTERS

Year	Camps	Membership
1929	?	386
1930	6	701
1931	20	1042
1932	?	1160
1933	5	560
1934	2	613
1935	7	559
1936	13	586
1937	?	456
1938	4	354

Total losses 58

6396 members in 10 years,
an average per year of 648 members.

There may be other ways of correcting our troubles than those mentioned above, or that will be suggested later, but one thing is certain, we cannot correct them or rectify the situation by bemoaning it, or by inaction.

So much for the causes.

Of course, it is easier to point out faults, than to provide remedies. You and I are well aware of that. Anyone can do that. And we realize that when one does, he opens himself to just criticism, if he offers no remedy. Further, if the remedies he suggests seem to be unusual, drastic, or are such as are liable to be controversial, he may let himself in for "a bad quarter of an hour." Even at that risk, we are going to submit some suggestions which we hope, some of them at least, may appeal to you as presenting some advantages, and some solutions. At least they are submitted in that hope, and in any event they may give us "food for thought."

We feel sure that you will credit us with enough love for the Order to prejudice what we shall say, as said and done, only in a helpful spirit.

First—We always had difficulty in collecting yearly dues, and especially to get them paid in advance. If they were so paid in advance, none of our Camps or members would be in arrears!

To facilitate payment in advance we would first make it a rule that all dues are payable in advance. In order to bring about advance payment we recommend that whatever our present dues now are, they be increased by \$1.00, but with a rebate of the same amount when the member pays his dues strictly "in advance," and no rebate be given when the payment is not in advance. Thus the one who is prompt in payment is rewarded as he should be, and the one who is dilatory pays more, as he should. Just as is now done, for example, with our gas and electric bills, and our city and county tax bills.

Second—To collect any present outstanding indebtedness, and clean house for a fresh start, pay some one, preferably a member, a fair percentage on all he collects and turns in, at the same time authorizing him to compromise with a member in arrears—up to 50% of his indebtedness if need be—provided that member pays his current year's dues in advance, and agrees to continue as a member, paying dues yearly, in advance. Possibly a graded commission might be paid on these collections, allowing a minimum where only 50% is collected.

Third—We recommend that each Camp, through its Welfare Committee, select a good recruiting officer, and pay him \$1.00 for each member (New Member) secured by him or his Committee if he has one, upon his collecting and paying to the Camp the new member's Initiation Fee and one year's dues in advance; 50 cents to be paid him on receipt of the Initiation Fee, and the other 50 cents on receipt of the annual dues.

Fourth—We referred to the fact that it is too easy to drop out of the Order, and too easy to get back in again. We would like to see the Order tighten up in this respect.

If a plan could be worked out so it would cost a member more to get out of the Order than to stay in, it would be ideal. Perhaps we cannot do that, but it would help if it did cost something more than it now does.

Make it a rule then—not to be broken—when a man retires from the Order, first of all that his dues must be paid in full, plus a "retirement fee" of say \$1.00, both payments to be made before the member is given an "honorable discharge," the alternative being "a dis-

honorable discharge for non-payment of dues," the same to be recorded against his name in the Membership Book, and he be informed that this will be done.

Have it understood that even with an "honorable discharge" he loses all past honors, and that these "past honors" will not be restored to him without the payment of a fairly stiff "Honors Restoration Fee."

Fifth—We have made the restoration of "Honors" too easy and too cheap. When a man who has left the Order returns, all he has to do now to get them restored is to get some friend to offer a motion through or to the Encampment that the honors be restored, and it is done. We recommend that in addition to payment of all regular fees a request for "restoration of honors" be accompanied by an "Honors Restoration Fee," together with evidence that all other required fees for re-admission to the Order have been paid.

Thus a man who has been "honored" by our Order would think twice before leaving it, and losing those honors. We believe that past honors would, this way, be held in more esteem.

If these plans, or others equally effective, for obtaining new members, collection of past and present dues, and penalties for dropping out of the Order and rejoining it, etc., be adopted, then we would recommend that the rules of our Order be enforced rigidly; when a man is one year, or approximately that, in arrears, by suspending him until he again becomes a member in "good standing."

In this way our "stated membership" would become a bona-fide one.

Sixth—One of the causes of diminished membership was attributed to our method of selecting our officers.

To insure a more likely way of getting better trained or more efficient officers, and therefore more competent leadership, we offer the following suggestions, and recommend their adoption, in principle.

Taking the Commandery-in-Chief as example: we suggest that a "Nominating Committee" be set up, to consist of not less than five nor more than nine members.

To this Committee shall be submitted at least three months in advance of the National Encampment, the names of all candidates, or proposed candidates for National office.

The Nominating Committee shall thereupon canvas these names, from the standpoint of merit, capabilities and availability as well as from the needs of the Order, and from them shall select a slate to be presented to the Encampment. The Committee in its wisdom may submit two names for each or any office, or that could be made mandatory.

It could further be determined whether the slate so selected or recommended, should be announced in advance of the Encampment to each Department, and if so, how far in advance.

A definite time limit should be fixed for the submission of names of candidates for office, and thereafter, no nominations shall be made, unless none have been given to the Nominating Committee.

The method of selecting the Nominating Committee so as to be assured of its impartiality and fairness is a detail which could be easily worked out.

A similar plan, modified to suit conditions, could be worked out for the Departments, and in the latter case, would require few, if any, and perhaps no changes in our Rules and Regulations.

Seventh—In view of the disappearance of the Civil War uniform, and in further view of the present world situation, we believe we

should more actively than we have of late, encourage the enlistment of young men in our Reserve. This both from patriotic motives, as well as for the purpose of having the uniform of the Civil War in evidence on patriotic occasions, parades and the like.

The uniform of Revolutionary times is so shown, as is that of the War of 1812—the so-called "Old Guard," the Mexican War through the Aztec Society, the Spanish War and the World War. That of the Civil War should be so shown, and if it is, it should, if properly done, result in good publicity for our Order. We should from now on, unite to encourage it, no matter how perhaps, some of us have felt about it heretofore. If it is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well, and it cannot be so done, if we either hold back with reservations, or are not unanimous in supporting the movement.

Unless we are to abolish the wearing of the uniform, perhaps we should go still further, and so far as we can, all of us purchase and don the uniform when we march in our parades at our Encampments, instead of using indiscriminate dress as we do now, which in no way impresses the public either in our appearance or in our numbers.

Though in the past we may have opposed this—conditions are very much changed today—and with those changed conditions, perhaps we too, may well alter our views.

We need sorely the publicity this would give, if it is done well.

Eighth—In regard to Junior Camps. We believe we should encourage their formation where it is possible to do so, with a reasonable assurance of their success. These to consist of boys of from eight to 15 years of age or thereabouts (and in their social activities, of girls also).

The formation of Junior Camps requires their being put in charge of some one used to handling boys, preferably a good Scout Master, and if they be established, a simple uniform, suitable for boys and indicative of our Order should be provided if possible (for boys and girls alike). Drum and fife Corps, and perhaps Bands, as well as teams for competitive sports should be encouraged among them. We believe this should be done in connection with our Auxiliary and the other Women's Organizations allied with us.

If done, it should be done in no half-hearted fashion.

It is not too easy a matter to establish Junior Camps and keep the young people interested, and while the difficulties should not discourage us from the plan, there is an alternative which may well be substituted, where a Junior Camp may not be possible; that is for our Camps to sponsor Boy Scout Troops composed of descendants of veterans of the Civil War, and of such descendants solely, which of course means descendants of members of the Sons of Union Veterans. This insures, without cost to speak of, good training under a competent Scout Master, and our sponsorship insures an interest on the part of these boys in our Organization, with recruiting possibilities in the future, reasonably insuring us of a flow of young people into our Order.

In connection with this we should encourage interest in our work among the Boy Scout Organization, and we recommend that we do, by using them in the decoration of graves at Memorial Day time and on other patriotic occasions, seeing always that they get credit marks in their Scout work.

Perhaps in a way this may be part of the solution of the problem of attracting the younger element to join our Order.

The recommendations thus far made are what might be called

those affecting more particularly the internal workings of our Order. There are others which have more or less to do with our relations with those outside our Order. To these we wish now to refer.

First—Essay contests in the Public and other Schools have been approved by us, and a National Committee appointed to formulate plans for them. We are in accord with these plans.

However, in the multiplicity of these contests, for they are by no means confined to us, for they have been sponsored by many other patriotic Orders besides ours, there is some danger that we may not get as much benefit from them as we expect, and it would seem that we should so conduct ours as to do it in quite a different way than has been done.

The Schools in some places have been over-run with propositions of this sort, and some Principals feel it has interfered somewhat with the regular School work.

To overcome this we recommend that our awards go to the outstanding boy or girl (8th grade and upward) who has, throughout the semester done exceptional work in United States History or the like, with the Essay on the Civil War as a contributory feature in making the award. As example, give the student say 50% for his regular standing in the history work, say 25% for his standing in his regular school work in other studies, and 25% for his essay, or some like plan.

Second—We earnestly urge that we agree on one or more live, present-day objectives for our Order to take up as ITS WORK, and in selecting those objectives we consider such as will enlist also the support of our Auxiliary, and that of the Women's Organizations allied with us.

So that it may not be said there are no such objectives, we suggest two, to-wit: (not intending to imply there are not others, and worth-while ones):

First—That we have, as a major objective for our Order, *the providing in some way for homeless boys!*

We made a successful and most auspicious start in this grand work in what we did at Des Moines in 1938, in building and equipping a fine dormitory with 10 beds and all fittings for that number of boys, who otherwise looked forward to a cheerless and hard future, and who had seen, in their short lives, too little of the happiness children have a right to enjoy, if they are to make good men.

We followed, with donations rising \$800—a small amount for us to raise—but the making of that Home! It may interest you to know that a grand-son of Commander-in-Chief Jewell of the Grand Army of the Republic is now in Arlington Hall, receiving through our generosity, a place to sleep, food to eat, and his education, with his future secured, if he does well, at the Naval Academy at Annapolis—or at least that is the hope.

And all because of what we did at the Encampment at Des Moines. We do not suggest that we make Arlington Hall OUR PROJECT, though we might do far worse; that is for you to determine, if you are inclined. We might sponsor a far less useful objective.

For our own good as an Organization, we do, and as earnestly as we know how, *urge* that we consider taking care of homeless boys, as a major job for our Order.

It is an appropriate task for live men, and we believe it would be good for our souls, and for our Order.

Second—As an alternative to this, that we consider establishing in each State, scholarships in Colleges, open to descendants of Sons

of Union Veterans of the Civil War, these to be known as "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Scholarships."

Awards to be made to descendants of active members of our Order who are in "good-standing," or to those of past members, not living, who were in "good-standing" at the time of their death. Always with emphasis on the "good-standing" feature.

We believe this would tend to keep members in the Order, and in "good-standing."

We would consider basing the awards partly on the submission by the applicant of a paper on some subject of the Civil War period, or some subject appertaining to the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, which would have the approval of the Committee of our Order having the matter in charge.

We believe, either of these projects, when known to them, would affect the attitude of young men eligible to our Order when they ask the question: "What does your Organization do?" or "How can it interest me?" "I want some live, present-day objective, which I can be willing to work for, and which is going to be helpful to *my* generation."

There may be other or better objectives of a live character for our Order. If so, let them be offered and be considered.

At the outset of this discussion, we referred to two classes of citizens who, during the Civil War rendered highly loyal and patriotic service to the cause of the Union, and said we would refer to them later. This we wish now to do, and to make the recommendation that the following suggestions be adopted in some form:

1—Consider opening our membership in some way to descendants of men who fought in the Civil War, though their units were not enlisted in the Federal Forces. (Please refer to what we have said on a previous page on this subject).

2—Consider opening our membership in the same way to sons and grandsons of War Governors of Loyal States, etc. (See previous remarks on this, as above).

3—Consider opening our membership, where there are no lineal male descendants of Civil War Veterans, to direct male descendants of a sister, or daughter, or brother of such loyal Civil War veterans, who were themselves loyal, to nephews therefore, of such veterans in lieu of direct descent, as is done by the Loyal Legion, which like the Sons and the Grand Army, is a Civil War Order.

4—Lastly, consider opening our membership to still another class, by the appointment of a limited number to "honorary membership" in the Order, under proper restrictions, of prominent men, not descendants lineally, but who are interested in and will give support to our Order and its purposes. Of course this kind of membership would be confined from the outset to those who are loyal citizens.

We cannot but believe it would immensely strengthen and give force to our Order to have the active support of such type of citizen, right now, when we have so much need for all the supporting help we can get. It would dignify and give prestige to our Organization in the eyes of the public, and bring new ideas and life, and new energy to us, as well as attract others to join who now look askance at us.

Now, when we are dropping members by the scores and hundreds who cannot see it worth a mere \$2.00 a year to retain their membership, if for no other reason than to honor their father's deeds and sacrifices, or memory, and find it difficult to interest lineal descendants, because they are indifferent, is it not time we laid aside a little some

of our precedents and narrow prejudices, and wake up to the idea that there is something we can do a little different than we have done, to attract a supporting body of fine men, just as interested as we are in this country of ours, to our United States of America, by electing them to such membership?

Since the purpose in offering these various suggestions is to stimulate a study of our Order's needs, so far as we can do it, we offer two further suggestions for your consideration.

One is that, at least for the purpose of discussion, we consider an entire reorganization of our present Camp system, with the idea of organizing into County Camps—making the County the unit—instead of the Town. In this day of easy transportation, remote villages are now as near to the County seat or principal city, as Wards of the City previously were. Perhaps we could evolve some plan, by which, both plans could be used without conflict.

If we decide to continue the present method, then one thing is certain and should be required, that when an application for a new Camp is made, it should be for a locality which will be big enough to support a Camp; and second, that no Camp Charter shall be kept open longer than the end of a Quarter, nor in any event more than 60 days. This privilege has been abused.

The second is that we consider electing our Commander-in-Chief for "full-time" service, and also consider making his term of office two or three years, at any rate for a period long enough to enable him to do effective and constructive work. He cannot do either in one year!

Third—That a copy of all important correspondence of the Commander-in-Chief, and that of the National Secretary, except routine letters, be sent each to the other, so that the two executive officers shall be fully informed, and that the work by reason of that, be better correlated. We made a practice of this to good advantage.

Fourth—That the oversight of the Departments be divided, so far as possible, among the other officials, by the Commander-in-Chief, in the interest of economy as well as efficiency of administration, holding each one responsible for the success or failure of the Departmental section under his supervision. We would give the Commander-in-Chief wide latitude in this, so he may enlist any one for this work who might evince qualities of leadership.

Similar action, modified to conditions, should be considered for our Departments.

Fifth—We believe we should go to work at once to raise an Organization Fund of not less than \$10,000 or more. At present our Organization Fund is a bit rising \$1,400, all acquired in the last four or five years.

In addition to this, we would like to see a Nation-wide effort made to so build up our Permanent Fund, that we could eventually establish adequate permanent National Headquarters.

Utopian dreams, you may say! But, not impossible ones IF we really want them to come true!

If we have seemed to discuss our affairs from both a Department and a National standpoint, it is because by your own acts and votes, you placed us in a National Office, and we cannot, naturally, wholly disassociate ourself from either viewpoint, and we think we ought not to, because any real correction of our difficulties will eventually involve not only Departmental but National action, and no exception therefore should be taken to such viewpoints. And if after careful

study, we feel any action along the lines here suggested should be taken, we should so recommend, and our Department, being that of an important State, could well afford to take the lead in so doing.

So this, then, will be our answer to any who feel we should be concerned only with our Department, or our local Camps.

But let us not be deceived by the feeling that even wise changes in our methods will be easy to obtain, meritorious, highly desirable, or necessary, as they may be. It is not easy to combat set views or prejudices, and change them.

We have said nothing about the patriotic purposes of our Order as further indicated and imposed upon us in our Constitution. This has been done many times.

They are such as any good citizen could unite with us in supporting. Read them over again, and in view of the growth and prominence and activities of subversive Organizations, which have cropped up all over the United States in these late days, whose memberships run up into the hundreds of thousands, and in view of the present world conditions, ask yourselves: "How do we as a Patriotic Order, and how do I as a member of it, expect to combat them with our inadequate membership of less than 20,000, inefficiently organized and even less efficiently financed, with a large portion of its member no-where near as willing and ready to fight without let-up, for its convictions.

And if the answer, in part at least, is not to be found in the suggestions herein made, then let some one provide them otherwise!

Some one has said, and truthfully, that "the chiefest fault of our economic system is the growing unwillingness of our people to accept their responsibilities."

We believe it is time for our Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to assume full responsibility for putting its house in order, for the fight which is ahead of us.

And for every single member of it to look upon it as his own individual business, and responsibility, not only to do his part in correcting whatever faults exist in it, but for building it up, into a stronger, greater and better Organization than it ever was. Into "the great, patriotic Order it can—and ought to be!"

FINDINGS

Your Committee, taking cognizance of the facts cited in the accompanying paper, believes, in the interests of the future of our Order, that some definite plans and action should be at once undertaken.

Specifically, we approve the plans indicated for prompter collection of dues, collection of outstanding indebtedness of members in arrears, appointment of Recruiting Officers in Camps, retirement fees and fees for "restoration of honors," etc., and recommends their adoption.

As an answer to our Commander-in-Chief's request for consideration of plans to attract young men into the Order, we approve the establishment of Junior Camps wherever possible, and recommend that the plan for sponsorship of Boy Scout Troops to be composed solely of descendants of Civil War Veterans, and sons and grandsons of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be approved and adopted.

We believe some objectives or incentives should be provided which will satisfy and therefore attract young men to join our Order, and we recommend the appointment by this Encampment, of a Committee of not less than three and not more than five, who shall give intensive

study to this situation, with authority to act, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

We acquiesce heartily in the plan for co-incidence of terms of office for National, Department and Camp officers—and recommend the plan proposed herewith and adopted at the Madison Encampment, be put into effect at once—the terms of office to start on October 1st and run until the following October 1st—and that our official fiscal year be co-incident with the terms of office herein indicated.

We believe this will establish undivided and definite responsibility on all officers—and by doing away with divided responsibility, will conduce to the good of the Order.

In view of the present world-wide situation, when the principles and philosophy of government, established by our forefathers and preserved by our fathers in a great civil war, under which we have lived and prospered for over a century and a half—and which we cherish—are being threatened and are in danger, we approve in principle the efforts of our Government to provide for adequate defense, through the strengthening of our Navy, our Air Force and our Army. We believe all citizens and all patriotic Organizations should participate fully in all efforts to this end.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should bear their full part in this, as one of the most loyal of such Patriotic Orders.

While it is true that a great majority of our members are past the age for enlistment in the armed forces of the Nation, nevertheless, there is work we may well undertake.

The unearthing and exposing of subversive elements and acts—of the so-called "Fifth Column"—is one, and an important duty, in which as an Organization we may well take part. And while we may not officially be appointed for this work, since it is a function of the Department of Justice through the Federal Bureau of Investigation, we may do it unofficially, as a patriotic body, whose loyalty cannot be questioned—and we recommend that our Order be authorized by vote of this Encampment, to co-operate with the Department of Justice in this highly important work.

We have 25 Departments, with over 700 Camps throughout the United States, which may well act as "listening posts." We recommend the appointment of a "liason officer" in each Department, to whom shall be reported any persons or acts of persons engaged in Fifth Column activity—who shall report such to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We are sure such co-operation will be welcomed.

We recommend that all matters contained in this report which have not been specifically covered by your Committee, be referred to a Committee of five members of this Encampment—for further study and report.

One of our crying needs as an Order is to attract to it men of standing and prominence. To this special attention should be given. There has been an expressed sentiment among a large number of our members, and among your Committee for the providing for some form of "honorary membership" to permit such men, not otherwise eligible, to become affiliated with our Organization as associate members—and while we are not specifically recommending at this time, the establishment of such "honorary memberships"—the desire for it is strong—and we suggest that this matter be referred to the above Committee, unless the Encampment is prepared to take it up at this time.

We believe there is need for the establishment of an Executive Committee—or Council of Administration—of not over five members

—which shall have authority in connection with the Commander-in-Chief and National Officers, to act in the interim between Encampments, and in view of the somewhat extra-ordinary conditions now obtaining in this Country and in the World—we recommend consideration of this.

We earnestly express the hope that the Commandery-in-Chief will consider that its Committee on Program and Policy—in its deliberations and in this report—has devotedly striven to do something constructive for our Order.

We are acutely conscious that that has been its sole purpose, and confident in that feeling, it hereby submits its report and findings.

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

WM. ALLAN DYER, Chairman,
Committee on Program and Policy.

FLORAL TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MEMORY

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Commander-in-Chief Barrett, I desire at this time to offer the following resolution:

Whereas, The Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have in Encampment assembled in the City of Springfield, Illinois, and

Whereas, This City is the greatest Shrine in the World, being the last home and the final resting place of our beloved martyred President, Abraham Lincoln; therefore, as a mark of our esteem and respect to his memory be it

Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to procure and place at the Lincoln Tomb a floral tribute, emblematic of our wish that his memory will never fade.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief W. R. Herrlein: I move its adoption. (Approved).

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Shrieve: A preliminary report is presented. We have audited the books and accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer and find them correct in every detail. We have a certificate which reads:

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

Gentlemen:

We hereby certify that on September 6, 1940, the following balances are standing to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, on the books of this institution:

General Fund	\$1,811.78
Organization Fund	1,596.14
Savings Fund (Permanent Fund)	3,350.40

Very truly yours,
THE READING TRUST COMPANY,
(Signed) W. H. Peacock, Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: No objections. the report is accepted.

RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

The National Secretary called the roll of Departments for Resolutions, communications, etc. Following were presented and referred to Committees:

May 21, 1940.

At the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of California & Pacific held at Long Beach the week of May 12, 1940, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we petition the Commandery-in-Chief to correct the Ritual on Page 24, line 15, by eliminating the word "Guide" and substituting in lieu thereof the word "Commander."

Sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

Attest:

DELEVAN B. BOWLEY,
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

RICHARD D. FLETCHER,
Commander.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 11, 1940.

Whereas, Brother Frank M. Stull, present Secretary-Treasurer, Department of Iowa, having rendered highly efficient service in that capacity for more than twenty years, is considered worthy of proper recognition and reward for his ability and loyalty to duty; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment held at Springfield, Illinois, September 8, 1940, approve this petition and thereby authorize the Department of Iowa to confer upon Brother Stull the rank of Past Department Commander.

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

(Signed)	CHARLES E. ROSS,
Committee:	Department Commander.
	DR. L. L. SHOPE,
	Past Department Commander.
	CHARLES L. MILLER,
	Past Department Commander.
	ROY J. BENNETT,
	Past Department Commander.

Saint Paul Camp No. 1, St. Paul, Minn.,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Department of Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

At a duly called and regular meeting of St. Paul Camp No. 1, a resolution being duly adopted that the Camp again approve the resolution forwarded by this Department to the Commandery-in-Chief at its August, 1934, meeting at Rochester, N. Y., the pertinent portion of said Department resolution being as follows:

"Whereas, The people for their own protection, welfare and happiness should maintain inviolate the right to act through their Federal Government upon questions requiring such action, leaving other questions to the appropriate action of the states or smaller units, and

"Whereas, The teaching of the doctrine that the Federal Government will or may encroach or impose upon the people is fallacious, misleading, creates sectionalism, and tends to weaken the confidence of the people in their own government, and the teaching of this false theory, usually known as the state rights doctrine often threatened our country with civil strife in days gone by, and finally produced the great Civil War of 1861 to 1865, in which 700,000 of America's finest men laid down their lives, 300,000 more were maimed for life, and a war debt piled up which has not even yet been paid, and

"Whereas, In spite of the lesson of the Civil War the teaching of

the state rights doctrine and the cry of Federal encroachment have in recent years again been raised as in days of old, thus encumbering the action of the National government and preventing the passage of wholesome laws necessary for the happiness of the people."

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by St. Paul Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the sentiments expressed in the portion of the Department resolution above quoted be by this Camp again approved, and be it further

Resolved, That this Camp endorses and approves immediate and vigorous action of the National government in all the fields of National defense, and expresses its confidence in the National government in the building of a sufficient and permanent National defense.

Dated July 1, 1940.

Attest: THEO. FROOD,
Secretary.

Approved:

IRVING BEST,
Commander.

Sheridan-Grant Memorial Camp No. 51
Maine Department, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War.

Biddeford, Maine, May 14, 1940.

To the Commander-in-Chief, and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, holden at Springfield, Ill., September 8-12, 1940:

Whereas, Brother Martin E. Tilley, a member of this Camp and who served as Department Commander of the Department of New Hampshire, 1923-4, and who lost his rank of Past Department Commander through unavoidable circumstances, now wishes to have the same restored to him; therefore, be it

Resolved, We petition your honorable body, by and with the approval of the 58th Annual Encampment of the Department of Maine, to restore said rank of Past Department Commander to said Brother, Martin E. Tilley, of Biddeford, Maine.

Signed:

Official Attest:

WILLIAM B. SULLIVAN,

Secretary. Signed:

DAVID E. GRUNDLE,
Camp Commander.

Official Attest:

LEONARD C. HOLSTON,

Department Secretary.

HARRY W. WING,

Department Commander.

New England Regional Association
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Officers and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment:

At a meeting of the New England Regional Association, held July 21, 1940, at The Weirs, N. H., the following Resolution was adopted unanimously, and a Committee was appointed to present it to the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and its adopted be urged:

Resolved, That the New England Conference of the six New England Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, present to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held at Springfield, Illinois, a resolution offering the complete and full co-operation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Government of the United States in every effort it shall make to protect America in the present world emergency, and to defend and perpetuate the American Constitution and the American way of living; and,

Resolved, That the Delegates from our New England Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, be requested to support and endorse the same.

CLAUDE E. ROCKWOOD,
Regional Commander.
HENRY F. WEILER,
Regional Secretary-Treasurer.
HENRY TOWLE,
Past Department Commander, Maine.
W. V. BROWN,
Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.
F. L. KIRCHGASSNER,
Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
ARTHUR W. ROBINSON,
Past Department Commander, Vermont.
FRED O. ARNOLD,
Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.
RALPH M. GRANT,
Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut.
WM. ALLAN DYER,
Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.

New York Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

September 10, 1940.

To the Officers and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at Springfield, Ill.:

At the 58th Annual Encampment of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans, held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 10, 1940, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Delegates to the next National Encampment present this resolution to have the terms of office of the National, Department and Camp more nearly co-incident, in order that their terms of office start and end as near simultaneous as possible, and that the fiscal year start as of October 1st, which would enable Commanders-in-Chief to receive full support and co-operation from the Department for a full year and also place Departments in the same position regarding their Camps.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS ISAACS,
Department Secretary.

WALTER M. BARNARD,
Department Commander.

New York Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

September 10, 1940.

To the Officers and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at Springfield, Ill.:

At the 56th Department Encampment held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 10, 1940, the Committee on Officers Reports reported favorable upon a recommendation of our Department Commander that realizing the valuable services rendered by our Department Secretary-Treasurer for the past 18 years and taking as a precedent action of the 58th National Encampment suspended the laws of the Department

and conferred the rank of Past Department Commander upon Brother Julius Isaacs; be it

Resolved, That the action of the New York Department be approved by the Commandery-in-Chief and that he be entitled to all honors of said office.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS ISAACS,
Department Secretary.

WALTER M. BARNARD,
Department Commander.

New York Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

September 10, 1940.

To the Officers and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at Springfield, Ill.:

In view of the present disturbed conditions now existing in the world, when international law has been practically put in discard and only force seems to be of avail, we approve of the action of our National Government in all its efforts to prepare this nation to defend itself and assure our people of their freedom.

There is no member of our Organization and no good American who desires to have our people enter the war. That is axiomatic. We believe therefore that any and every help that we, as a people, or our government can extend to those nations which are fighting for political and human freedom, should be given, and given immediately even to the extent of taking armaments and supplies which if we were at war, might be needed by us. We believe that this help so given may be the needed support which may turn the course of events and perhaps prevent our having to go to war, but if it only results in deferring a major disaster across the water, that of itself may give us the opportunity to provide the requirements, those requirements which we may need later if occasion should arise. We therefore record our approval of the efforts of our government to mobilize industry to provide us with the necessary protection for such an event.

This is not a time for hysteria but hard thinking. We cannot permit threats to our independence which might come by the establishment of hostile air or submarine bases in any of the islands or countries near this continent. We would not contemplate—no American would—with anything but regret, the need, should it arise, for us to get into this world war but we recognize that the freedom for which Americans would fight, others with the same aspirations are fighting for and dying.

If we can help them to hold their lines, they will therefore have bought safety for us in America as well as their own countries even though that safety be bought at a high price. If they fail, it may then be our turn to pay in billions if we are fortunate—in lives if we must. We believe America must help them to hold the lines and their need is for everything available, guns, munitions, supplies and food, in fact everything that they can use which we do not actually need for our own defense.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That our Organization place itself on record favoring the adoption of legislation which would give those nations now fighting for their national existence all possible assistance within our power.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS ISAACS,
Department Secretary.

WALTER M. BARNARD,
Department Commander.

New York Department
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

September 10, 1940.

To the Officers and Members of the 59th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at Springfield, Ill.:

During the past few months, events across the ocean and in our midst, have brought home to us that we, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now as never before must come to the front and show our patriotism in every way we can to combat unAmerican doctrines and activities menacing our democracy.

Having in mind the welfare of our nation and the preservation of our form of government and our humane laws that permit aliens to seek freedom and protection in our land and being aware of the subversive activities carried on by certain individuals, who when admitted signify their intentions to become citizens, be it

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, go on record as favoring changes, amendments or additions to our immigration laws so that any aliens having gained admittance who in any way become engaged in subversive activities, spreading propaganda contrary to the principles and institution of the government of the United States, shall upon reasonable proof of such activities, be immediately deported. Be it further

Resolved, That any alien who engages in these activities after having been granted citizenship, shall be deprived of such citizenship and be deported.

We abhor communism, nazism, fascism or any other ism save Americanism. The American Constitution and the American form of government as constituted by our forefathers and preserved for us by our fathers in a civil war by their blood and sacrifices, is the only form of government under which we will consent to live.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS ISAACS,
Department Secretary.

WALTER M. BARNARD,
Department Commander.

Resolution offered by L. V. Williams, P. D. C., Ohio.

Whereas, We believe that long-time, efficient service should be properly recognized by official action, and

Whereas, Our Brother Ed S. Wilson, a member of Governor Denison Camp No. 1 of the Sons of Union Veterans of Columbus, Ohio, has for many years been active in the interests of the order, and for twenty-one years, from 1918 to 1939, he served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, rendering at all times good and conscientious service in that office, and although upon more than one occasion Brother Wilson could have been elected as Department Commander of Ohio he discouraged the plan, believing that by reason of his years of experience he should continue to work in his office as Secretary-Treasurer instead of dropping the load to advance.

Now, therefore, the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in regular annual Encampment assembled in the city of Columbus, believing that the long and efficient service of Brother Wilson as Secretary-Treasurer of the Department should be fittingly recognized, does hereby petition the 1940 session of the Commandery-in-Chief to confer upon Brother Ed S. Wilson the rank of Past Department Commander, and further,

Resolved, That the members of the Ohio Delegation to the coming meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to bring this request to the attention of said meeting and use all proper efforts to have the request granted.

Adopted at Columbus, Ohio, by the Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this 18th day of June, 1940.

Attest:

R. J. WILLIAMS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

HOWARD F. HEALD,
Department Commander.

Submitted by the Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Whereas, The Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is a part of a Nationally Incorporated Organization, and dedicated, since its inception to the promotion of Americanism and the ideals and principles of our American Democracy and World's Peace, and to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bill of Rights, and to defend our country against any forms of "ISMS," festered by individuals and groups who would preach the gospel of "Anti-Americanism," and

Whereas, It is a known fact that there exists in this country subversive organizations who have aligned themselves with certain foreign ideologies who are endeavoring to preach the gospel of Nazism, Fascism and Communism among our American people, and

Whereas, It is also known, and definitely proved, that the "Trojan Horse" tactics of these groups within certain Nations have brought about the down-fall of Democratic Governments, and their subsequent subjugation by the aggressor Nations who foster the undermining of said Democratic Governments, and

Whereas, These subversive groups, using the "Trojan Horse" tactics have been termed "5th Columnist," and it is believed without a question of doubt, that these individuals and groups are infiltrated within the populace of this Country for the purpose of destroying our American form of Democratic Government, and its doctrines, and who are further believed in the "ready position" of playing a major part in the over-throw of the Government, if and should an emergency arise which might involve our country in a State of War, thereby producing a danger to the defense of our Nation in such an emergency, and

Whereas, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is one of the Nationally recognized organizations, whose activities are in co-ordination with, and in support of the programs of the Grand Army of the Republic, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the United Spanish War Veterans, in the promotion of Americanism, and who have jointly pledged themselves to defend our Country in any emergency in times of peace and war; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at its Annual Department Convention held in the City of Hazleton, Pa., June 16 to 20, 1940, do hereby pledge its full support, to the President of the United States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to all Federal, State and local enforcement Officers, and to the Citizenry of America, in an undivided effort of co-operation in any and all programs that will eliminate the development of "5th Column Trojan Horse Methods" in this Country, and that we further pledge ourselves to be on the alert at all times and places, to put an end to the preaching of any foreign ideology not

in accordance with the Democratic form of Government of the United States of America, and be it further

Resolved, The Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recommend that there be instituted in the State of Pennsylvania, and in all States of this Country, a consolidated Anti-5th Column Program through the development of State Organizations composed of the membership of all the aforementioned Major Veteran Organizations, and all other civic and patriotic organizations, for the purpose of executing this program. We recommend that the State Commanders of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, enter into a joint meeting at the earliest possible date, for the formation of plans and methods to combat the action of subversive groups, and any 5th Column movements that may be developing at any time, and place, and in co-operation with all other civic and patriotic organizations enlist the co-operation of Federal, State and Local authorities; and be it further

Resolved, The Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, urge the President of the United States, to formulate such legislation within the confines of the Constitution of the United States to terminate the activities of all un-American groups, and that said legislation shall have incorporated therein; that anyone further guilty of a violation of any portion of said act, shall be interned into a concentration camp until the end of the war, of any belligerent with which he is affiliated; and be it further

Resolved, A copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Chairman of the Dies Investigation Un-American activities of the United States and the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United Spanish War Veterans, and to all Department Commanders of the above mentioned organizations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Attest:

JOHN H. LIESEE,
Department Secretary.

RICHARD S. WIDDOES,
Department Commander.

Gettysburg Camp, 112, Sons of Union Veterans, has had exclusive charge of arrangements for the celebration of Memorial Day at Gettysburg, for a number of years past, since Corporal Skelly Post No. 9, G. A. R., has been unable to function. The last member of the Post is now gone and recently other organizations, The American Legion, Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars, have tried and are now trying to take this out of the hands of the Sons. In answer to a resolution passed by these bodies, which would take the celebration of Memorial Day out of the hands of Gettysburg Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, Gettysburg Camp, at its meeting on August 16, 1940, passed unanimously the following resolutions:

Whereas, Memorial Day was instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic, always has been, and must remain, a distinctively Civil War observance, and,

Whereas, The Sons of Union Veterans are the *de facto* heirs of the local G. A. R. real estate, and *de jure* heirs of the privileges and responsibilities of the Grand Army of the Republic,

Therefore be it declared that the policy of Gettysburg Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, is that it has, and by right should have, and will

maintain exclusive jurisdiction over the observance of Memorial Day, in Gettysburg—inviting, as we have done for years, the co-operation of Service Organizations in commemoration of their dead, and according each such organization the designation of a representative in CONSULTATIVE capacity on the annual Memorial Day Committee.

Resolution by Judson Cole, Delegate, Department of New York:

Resolved, That the 59th National Encampment endorse and aid to the extent of our ability, the national movement to elect Stephen Collins Foster to the HALL OF FAME in the 1940 elections, Foster's composition having comforted both the Union and Confederate soldiers in the Civil War.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2 o'clock—September 10, 1940

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I am happy to present to you Mr. J. A. Landon, of Springfield, Ill., a cousin of Alf Landon.

LINCOLN GAVEL PRESENTATION

Mr. J. A. Landon: Commander, gentlemen of this splendid Patriotic Organization, I am going to add my little welcome to that of the Springfield people, home of Abraham Lincoln, and say a little about him. Especially, that period of his life 1834 to 1865. In 1834 he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in which he sat until 1842. While serving in the State Legislature he continued the study of law and in 1837 was admitted to the bar. He labored long and successfully in getting a relocation of the State Capitol, bringing it to Springfield in 1839. The stone for that building was brought from some four or five miles South of Springfield, now covered by Lake Springfield. The State of Illinois, paid \$1.00 a load which was drawn by oxen. When the new State House was built, the old one was sold to Sangamon County to be used for a Court House. Lincoln lived in this town, was in the Legislature when this building was finished and was closely connected with it until his death. In 1858, he was nominated for the United States Senate to oppose Stephen A. Douglas. In his speech accepting the nomination, he said "A house divided against itself cannot stand." In May, 1860, he was nominated as a candidate for President of the United States and was elected. He was again elected in 1864. I am presenting to you, this gavel made of this historic wood. Abraham Lincoln has had his hand on this gavel. Now, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, I want to place in your hands that wood which is worth more on account of its associations than it is expensive. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: It is not necessary to tell you how much we really appreciate this and I can only hope we can preserve this token and gavel through the years that are to come. We thank you. Brothers, a rising vote. Thank you very much.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, nothing has been presented to this Committee except the proposal of the Department of California & Pacific to substitute the word "Commander" for that of "Guide" on page 24, line 15, in the delivery of the "Flag Charge,"

Last year, the Ritual was completely revised and there should be no reason as yet to commence petty revisions and again litter the Ritual with "inserts," especially unnecessary ones.

It is already provided that this charge may be given by any member at the direction of the Commander.

Your Committee therefore recommends that no change be made in the Ritual at this time.

S. S. HORN, Chairman,
WILLIAM H. BALL,
W. R. BOYCE,
JOHN L. REEGER,
W. M. BARNARD,

Committee on Ritual.

Chairman Horn moved the report be concurred in. Agreed to.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT ON PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE, SPRINGFIELD, ILL

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the
Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment:

Carrying out a time-honored custom of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it was my pleasure on Monday, September 9, at 3:00 p. m., to present a bronze Plaque to the State of Illinois. The Plaque, with Lincoln's profile and his Gettysburg Address in relief, was placed in a conspicuous place on the Centennial Building, adjacent to the Capitol in Springfield.

The program was preceded with several musical selections by the United States Marine Band. The program was opened with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," accompanied by the Band. The Invocation was given by National Chaplain J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D. Commander-in-Chief Barrett made a very impressive presentation address. Mr. E. G. Moore, representing the Secretary of State, accepted the Plaque on behalf of the State of Illinois with very fitting and timely remarks. The exercises were closed by the singing of "America," accompanied by the Marine Band.

In closing this report I want to express my appreciation of the wonderful assistance rendered by Past Department Commander John W. Rippetoe of the local committee, who contacted Secretary of State Hughes and arranged to have the Plaque placed on the Centennial Building.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. BARNARD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Commander-in-Chief: The report is accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Commander-in-Chief: This was referred to Past Department Commander Spielman of the Committee. Have you any further report?

Past Department Commander Spielman: I do not have anything more.

Des Moines, Iowa, August 6, 1940.

The following is submitted as a report of the activities of this Committee during the period since the last National Encampment. It will appear there has not been much work done, but it must be realized that this has been an off year for the meetings of the legislatures of all states.

It has been previously reported that the states east of the Mississippi river have been entirely successful in securing the desired legislation for the adoption of Highway No. 6 as the Grand Army Memorial Highway. Only one state, that of Colorado has been successful west of the river. Our efforts have been towards securing committees

that will take care of this in the remaining states. This is not yet complete.

Those who have been fortunate enough to secure their legislation are more to be congratulated than they realize, for they met with very little opposition. Now we have opposition that is really serious. Another organization, known as the U. S. 6 Theodore Roosevelt Highway Association, and which is composed of membership, men who are very active in promoting travel over this highway, are very prominent business men and influential in legislative matters, have claims on this same highway. Their most active member, their secretary, resides in Des Moines. He is very influential and his efforts are credited with the two defeats that have been suffered in Iowa. It is believed that the organization has been aroused over the knowledge they may have gained about our efforts, and will exercise a very close lookout in the remaining states. I believe there is a method we can follow that will be helpful to those who will have this opposition.

An attempt was made to secure a report of the progress made in the placing of markers. It appears that this has proceeded carefully, and that the various highway commissions have complied with the idea. However, I am afraid that the other markings such as placing tablets and monuments in communities where there was an important event of the Civil War, or a Grand Army event of importance has not been carried out. This should be done.

I may be wrong in my impressions, but I am afraid that after legislation was secured, there may have been less interest shown. Instead of an increased interest in the proper marking and publicity of our idea. It should not be allowed to become forgotten.

Nearly all states now have some agency which carries on publicity to advertise the advantages in traveling through their respective states. They issue maps of their highway systems and other attractive literature. This would be an attractive place to inform the traveling public of how attractive the establishing of this highway can be. It is not expected however, that this can be done without some one giving them information.

It is my opinion that our Chairman and Department Commanders are not as well informed on this idea as they should be. Therefore, I am hoping we can have a meeting for this purpose at the coming National Encampment in Springfield, Ill., where complete information can be gained, and ideas exchanged.

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

W. F. HATHAWAY, Chairman.

VISIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, G. A. R.

Past Department Commander Spielman, California & Pacific, presented Commander-in-Chief Anderson of Washington, Pennsylvania, and Past Commander-in-Chief Overton Mennett of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We welcome you to this Encampment. It is indeed a pleasure for me to present you at this time. Commander-in-Chief Anderson, will you give us a message?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: They told me not to talk too much. I am certainly not going to fail to express my delight in being able to stand before you, the Sons of Union Veterans. No organization appeals to me as the Grand Army of the Republic, except the Sons of Union Veterans. I hope to see the day when they can take over our organization and handle it as well as it has been and I know they can. It is a shame when I think of how my comrades fell in

the different wars and on the battlefields and that this country is in the shape it is in today. I told them so in Washington, D. C., when they invited me up to Congress. They said, "What do you think of Congress?" I will tell you if you don't get mad, and said they reminded me of primary boys. "Anything else wrong?" they asked. There is a whole lot wrong. I said, "We who voted for you and sent you here to manage the affairs of the Government and look after the affairs of the people and you have made a mess of it. I tell you the darkest periods of this country have been in the last seven or eight years. I have been in real estate business for over 50 years. It had been very good but now I have no real estate. The fellow who has nothing is the best off. When I was a boy I ran off from home to get into the army, like every other boy and we did tell big lies to get in and we had to tell bigger ones to get out. Nobody but the Irish could get ahead of the officers. An Irish boy tried to get in before he was 18. A doctor examined him and passed him in. He was a member of my Regiment. Later, the boy got homesick; tried to get a furlough. Had no excuse. He played simple. Fished all the time. Wouldn't speak to anybody. Acted that way for 10 days. The Colonel said, "Might as well send that boy home, not right in mind, so they discharged him. Just what he had been fishing for. We had a good deal of fun. I went to see the boy at Seattle, later on. Another Irish boy wanted to get a furlough to go home a couple of days. Said he got a telegram that his wife was dying. They let him go. He came back in a couple of days. They found he had no wife. I hope none of you will ever have to go through what we did; hope you don't have to jeopardize yourselves like we did from '61 to '65. Gettysburg was the turning point and end of the war. Had we not won that fight, we would have a dictator. Have no respect for a man who won't stand up for his country and that Flag. I told our Congress in Washington you let floating elements of the other countries come over here. We have men enough to do our own work. The Dies Committee shows that they have been coming for years. We don't need more foreign element. This is the best Country, best Flag. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Menneet, of California: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring you greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic. We wish you a successful Encampment and that you will go home from this city feeling that you have followed a worthy successor. I certainly feel very much encouraged to see the number of Sons assembled. I don't know what your enrollment is, near 200, is very good. Very fine showing. I have been for a good many years trying to get a resolution through our Encampment, allowing all of the Patriotic orders to enter our parade with their banners and to show them to the people the interest you take in this work. I think our forefathers did not see in the 75 years, what we see now. I think we have a very different condition. I am happy to be here with you. I will say to you in song: (singing) "Who will tell the world the story, when the Boys in Blue are gone?" (Great applause).

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Just a gesture on my part, happy to present you the insignia of California.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE VISIT

Guide Blackman escorted Mrs. Lena Barrett, Aide to the National President, and Past National President Ida Rokes Klein to the Altar.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: You are very welcome. Especially welcome.

Mrs. Lena Barrett: We, Lena Barrett, National Special Aide of California, and Ida R. Klein, Past National President, of Maine, repre-

sending this committee from the National President, Eva Blackman, bring sincere greetings from her and all members of the Departments extending from California on the Pacific, to Maine on the Atlantic, for you Dr. Barrett and your Encampment.

It has been a wonderful year in which I as your wife have shared in the many miles of travel, visiting many Departments, renewing friendships and making new ones in this your work with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This has meant at least six months away from our home. Now to visit in your convention at the end of the year and see the culmination of your efforts with your officers' assistance, is a very happy ending of this never to be forgotten year, your year as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

May you and your members have a most constructive and successful Convention. Our National President has sent you gifts with her greetings and best wishes. May this one in the gold box, keep your ever ready wit on record (Moore pencil), and the larger package, a reminder of your year with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and the National Presidents, your co-workers. (Photo of Commanders and Presidents of 1939-1940).

Mrs. Klein presented a large basket of mixed flowers and added her most gracious greetings in interesting remarks.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I am happy for those well chosen words of our speaker.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR— BETSY ROSS QUARTETTE

A delegation of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Betsy Ross Quartette were presented.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: You have been coming here for a good many years. I am happy to greet you.

The Betsy Ross Quartette entertained the Encampment by singing "The Old Rugged Cross."

Mrs. Carolyn Hastings, Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans, of New York: We bring you the love and best wishes from our organization. We wish for you a grand convention. I present you with this little remembrance so that you will remember your sisters. We thank you.

Mrs. Clara Yengling, Past National President, Ohio: It is a pleasure to come back to Springfield. Coming here will give us a new inspiration. We thank you.

Mary Aistrophe, Department President of Nebraska: We join with you in your objective to carry on. We will be glad to have any of you meet with us at our convention. A hand clasp will seem just a little brighter.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you, very much. The National Chaplain will respond.

Chaplain Craig: When I thought of the sacrifices of our Comrades for us, I thought of what a Minister said once. He looked into the faces of the Comrades and of the boys and girls, and said, "The boys and girls of today are the finest and best we ever had." One of the old gentlemen said, "What is the matter? What about the old boys?" Comrades, I still feel that the boys and girls of today are the best. Look at their Dads! I think of another story. "A little boy asked his mother one day, did God make Grandmother? Why, yes God made Grandmother. Did God make you? Yes, God made me. Did God make me? Yes, He made you. Well if God made me, and

you and Grandmother, I think he is doing a lot better work lately. Don't you?" When we see these fathers and grandfathers of ours, we see the result of how much better work God is doing lately. We are very happy to have you ladies here, and I give you personal greetings. We appreciate this lovely song and we hope you will continue the practice to make it one of the features of bringing these wonderful messages in song. A great many hearts have been moved by song. God bless you. Come again, sisters, thank you. Come whenever you want. We will excuse you.

The quartette sang, "God Bless America" (members joining).

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Something has been brought to my attention. It is, a year ago at Pittsburgh I went to Major Davis' grave. (It was eighteen miles away). We ordered the present Patriotic Instructor to place a floral offering thereon. The boys of Springfield Camp No. 4, gave us the story of founder of the G. A. R., Dr. Stephenson, whose grave has no Flag upon it.

Past Department Commander Rippetoe, Illinois: I visited Dr. Stephenson's grave and was told the Woman's Relief Corps was attending to that. I had been doing that for some time. (Discussion developed that misunderstanding apparently was responsible and the matter would be satisfactorily adjusted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Commander-in-Chief: What about report of Committee on Marking Graves, offered.

Chairman Hale made brief remarks, and moved its adoption. Agreed to.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Department Commander Widdoes, Pennsylvania: I move the printed report of the Committee on Legislation be adopted. (Agreed to).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ESSAY—SCHOOLS

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Now the report of the Essay Committee. This is a very important report before you. What is your wish?

On motion it was deferred until tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Do we have a report from the Committee on Americanization?

Chairman Gallagher: The report is not ready.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: This report will be postponed until tomorrow. De we have a report from the Committee on Program and Policy? We will have that as a special order of business tomorrow afternoon. De we have a report from the Council-in-Chief?

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: Some of us do not understand what we are to do in the annual parade. Why do they want twenty-four for an escort?

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: All can march in the second division. Please avail yourselves of this privilege. (Parade announcements were made).

RE-ELECTION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Past Department Commander Philip Byron, Illinois: Has there ever been a Past Commander-in-Chief elected or re-elected after being out of office a year, several years or any time?

The National Secretary, requested to answer, stated "None."

INVITATIONS TO G. A. R. RECEPTION

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We have invitations to the reception to the Grand Army to be held at the Illinois State Armory. Friends are invited. If I could have gotten this arranged soon enough, I would have had these sent out.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Is it a matter of necessity to have one of these to attend?

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: No, it is not necessary.

COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Guide Blackman presented Grace M. Wanner, Kansas, Anna Bower, Iowa, and Adella McNeal, Michigan, as a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Wanner: In behalf of the Woman's Relief Corps, I am presenting this little gift from the National President, with the wish that she could have been with you herself.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Sisters, I appreciate very much your coming. In Elsie Carroll, you have a wonderful person, a lady who has been doing splendid work in your Organization and with the G. A. R. I thank you and your Committee. Take to her the grateful feeling we have for your National President.

Mrs. Bower tendered her good wishes.

Mrs. McNeal: Commander-in-Chief and Sons, I too, want to add a word of appreciation to the Sons and I do wish for you brothers, a most successful and profitable meeting.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, Indiana (responding): Sisters, we surely appreciate your coming. Will you carry back to your National President, the good wishes and thanks of this body? We thank you and appreciate your kindly expressions.

Secretary Hammer reported supplementary for the Credential Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that we recess until 2 p. m. tomorrow. (Carried).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 11, 1940

Commander-in-Chief Barrett opened the session at 2 o'clock in due form.

The Secretary for the Credential Committee submitted a supplementary report, accepted.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The Report of the Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway was referred to Past Department Commander Spielman, a member of the Committee yesterday. Anything further to present?

Past Department Commander Spielman: I do not have anything more.

COMMITTEE ON ESSAY

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Anything to be said on this subject?

Chairman DeHaven: Our report is printed. I hope every Brother will read it. We offer the report as printed.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: May I compliment the Essay Committee as I did before. It is a splendid job, very well undertaken this year. Brothers, read these reports. The report of this Committee makes recommendations.

Delegate: In order to bring it before the Encampment I move we approve the recommendations as shown on page 39:

1. The continuance of the National Award plan another year.

2. A Committee of three to be known as, The Committee on Essay, shall be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief. This Committee with the advice and counsel of the National Patriotic Instructor, shall present to Department and Camps the Plan for the conduct of Essay Contests.

- A. The duties of the National Patriotic Instructor in connection with the Plan shall be to offer advice and counsel and approve all actions of Committee, also to handle all matters in connection with issuance of certificates and the national prize.

- B. The Committee on Essays shall, with the advice and counsel and approval of the National Patriotic Instructor, carry out the provisions of the plan except those matters assigned to the National Patriotic Instructor. The Committee shall be directly responsible to the Commandery-in-Chief and shall incur no more expense than is essential to the carrying out of the Plan.

The recommendations were adopted.

AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The Americanization Committee met and I added to this Committee two more members, Past Commanders-in-Chief Dyer, New York, and Holbrook, Illinois. We will hear from that Committee in the morning.

RESERVE ESCORT PARADE

Past Department Commander Robert E. Leslie, Connecticut, Acting Chief-of-Staff: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have a complete report which will be submitted tomorrow morning as we are holding an afternoon meeting at 4 o'clock. There were forty-six (46) men in the official escort. You will see just the type of uniform that the Reserve had to put up with in the report. I would like to get this standardized on a National footing, so that all uniforms will be the same, absolutely. I will have a complete report written. I think that we should have action taken at that time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Would Chairman Dyer like to speak on this report? You may proceed.

Chairman Dyer: This report of the Program and Policy Committee is presented to you as the result of several months study and work, not only of the Committee itself, but many others of our membership. I would like to read part of it, so that we may more thoroughly understand it. I will not read all the printed report—for that has been printed so that you might have it before you for your study—but I would, with your permission, like to emphasize some of the highlights of it.

Page 14—"B"—line 22—nine years or 52%, change to "10 years or 54%."

"C"—line 33—or about 66%, change to "now 68%."

"D"—Gentlemen, we all will recognize, I believe, how difficult it is for older men with established ideas, to recognize the view-point of younger people and legislate for them with success or to their satisfaction.

(Report suspended).

COMMITTEE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

A Committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was admitted.

Guide Blackman: We have the pleasure to present Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, Past National President; Margaret Grandle, Past National President; Mae B. Slattery, National Senior Vice President; Loretta Neumeyer, President, Department of Pennsylvania; Edwina Trigg, Past National President.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We welcome you, Ladies of the G. A. R. Greetings Committee. We are ready for any message you have for us.

Mrs. Kuhns: I wish you a most harmonious convention and I trust the incoming officers may be the strongest you have had. I was to have carried a gift to you, but the National President sent it ahead of me.

Mrs. Trigg: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commanders-in-Chief and Sons of Union Veterans, I bring you greetings from the State of Missouri. I am so happy I was able to be with you. We hope for many more such occasions. I am happy to be here.

Mrs. Grandle: I am so proud to be here in Illinois, the home of my brother. I am so very happy to have had as my escort, Dr. J. E. Gallagher, of Chicago. Commander-in-Chief, we do wish for you a very successful meeting.

Miss Slattery: I am glad to be here. I wish for you a happy and prosperous convention. Thank you.

Mrs. Neumeyer: I too am happy to be here. Just heard of a man who wants to be one of your members. I sent him to a man at Pittsburgh.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Sisters of your grand order, may I say that we were sorry when you came yesterday, but many of our members had arranged for a trip to the Tomb of Lincoln. We are sorry that it happened. Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter will respond to these kind greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I assume members of this Committee, that I am simply echoing the heartfelt esteem of our Organization in this remark when we say thank you, for your kind words and the assurance that we as an Organization do appreciate your work and your regard and desire that ours will likewise be accepted. Thank you again for coming to us with these messages of cheer.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: This is a little token from California from Mrs. Barrett and myself, and may you take our best wishes back to your National President. (Presents badge to each).

DELEGATION AUXILIARY SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

Following were presented: Mrs. Meryle Cole, Department Historian of Illinois; Past Department Commander Samuel Wright; Mrs. Anna Gardner, Lincoln Home Auxiliary No. 6.

Mrs. Cole: I do not know how to express the feeling I have in standing before you gentleman to bring you greetings. I hope for you, a successful convention.

Mrs. Gardner: I am happy to be here to bring greetings. I am proud of every patriotic organization in the United States. I am wishing for you a most harmonious convention.

Past Department Commander Wright: Commander-in-Chief and brothers. There are many things I would like to say. No one appreciates this Organization any more than I do. I was glad to hear what the girls who just preceded me had to say. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I thank you for your visit. We wish you God speed.

AURORA DRILL TEAM—EXHIBITION DRILL

The ladies Drill Team from Aurora, Illinois, were received and gave a very fine drill.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We thank you for coming to us. I have the pleasure of presenting to you a token from California.

Captain of the Drill Team: We are very happy to be representatives of the State of Illinois. We wish for you a most successful meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY [Continued]

Chairman Dyer resumed comment on the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We approve the plans indicated (in the paper submitted to and approved by the New York Department):

a—for prompter collection of dues.

b—for collection of outstanding indebtedness of members in arrears.

c—for appointment of Recruiting Officers in Camps.

d—for Retirement Fees and Fees for Restoration of Honors.

2. We approve: a—the establishment of Junior Camps wherever possible.

b—the plan for sponsorship of Boy Scout Troops to be composed solely of Descendants of Civil War Veterans and Sons, Grandsons, etc., of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

And recommend adoption of the above plans.

3. We acquiesce heartily in the plan for co-incidence of terms of office for National, Department and Camp Officers—and recommend, That the plan proposed herewith and adopted at the Madison Encampment, be put into effect at once: the terms of office to start October 1st and run until the following October 1st—and that our fiscal year be coincident with the terms of office herein indicated.

We believe this will establish undivided and definite responsibility on all Officers—and by doing away with divided responsibility will conduce to the good of the Order.

We recommend the adoption of the above.

4. In regard to Fifth Column activities:

We recommend the appointment of a Liason Officer in each Department to whom shall be reported any persons or acts of persons engaged in so-called Fifth Column activities—who shall in turn report such to nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We urge the adoption of this recommendation.

5. We recommend that all matters contained in this Report which have not been specifically covered by your Committee in the above findings—be referred to a Committee of five members of this Encampment for further study and report.

We make no specific recommendation at this time regarding the establishment of "Honorary Memberships"—but suggest the reference of this subject to the above Committee of Five.

We believe there is need for the establishment of an Executive Committee—or Council of Administration—and recommend consideration of this—i. e. by the above Committee of Five.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: What are the wishes of the Encampment at this time?

Delegate Libbey, Massachusetts: I move that the report be accepted as made.

Delegate Chalmers, of Michigan, seconded the motion. It is the most constructive thing that has been presented in our Encampment in many a year, if ever. I recommend a vote of sincere thanks of this order. A lot of meat in that report. Something constructive has been given us in that report. I move the adoption of this report.

Secretary Hammer: May I submit objection? I do not concur in the "Findings" as submitted by the Committee on Program and Policy as follows: In par. 2 that portion reading, "retirement fees and restoration of honors." Par. 3, "we approve the establishment of Junior Camps." Par. 4, "(Committee) with authority to act with approval of Commander-in-Chief." In lieu thereof, I recommend, "That the Committee report to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, for adoption or rejection of such report to be rendered." Par. 5, "Terms of officers."—Signed: H. H. Hammer, Member of Committee.

National Counselor Church: Brothers of the Encampment, I am a member of the Committee on Program and Policy. We have just listened to a comprehensive report read by the Chairman of that Committee, for the compilation of which he is entirely responsible, and it gives evidence of much thought, time, and effort on his part. The substance of this report was submitted to all the members of

the Committee by the Chairman. I approved of it after giving much consideration to its substance and its recommendations. I wrote to the Chairman of the Committee that in my judgment this report should be submitted to the Encampment and all of the members of the next Encampment should waive any personal or local objections that they might have to any part of the recommendations contained in the report. I feel that way now. I am here supporting the report rendered by our Chairman. I believe in its acceptance by this Encampment and also believe that the objections raised by the National Secretary should have mature consideration and that those matters together with the report should go to the Committee that will consider and act upon the report. That Committee should be appointed and it will be necessary for the members to submit to the National Encampment for action such measures as will put into effect any part or all of the recommendations of the report. In my opinion the acceptance of this report cannot put into effect these recommendations. I want to compliment the work of the Chairman upon this very comprehensive report for he is entitled to the credit for the same. It is a splendid report and worthy of much serious consideration by all members of the Order. I do not now oppose the objections made here to certain of its recommendations because I feel confident that they will receive the serious consideration of the Committee and that the Committee in making its report to the next Encampment will resolve rightly upon the recommendations made by the report and the objections submitted at this meeting.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I arise only that we may reach a clearer understanding of the action we are about to take. I join with those who have preceded me in expressing appreciation of the work of the Committee of Program and Policy and especially to the chairman for the arduous work in the preparation of this report. I may say that with much of it I heartily agree. Some of it I think is overstated. Some of the recommendations made I believe are important to our organization but I do not desire to go into these questions at the particular time. I call your attention to the motion that has been made and its possible effect if voted upon and carried as made. The motion is for the adoption of this report. Frankly I do not believe, pardon me brothers for making this statement, it is clearly understood what is involved in immediately putting into effect the defined and specific recommendation as shown in the report of the Committee on pages 62 and 63. I call your attention to the fact that it cannot be done at this Encampment. First, because it provides for changes that would necessitate intensive study and second because to put into effect the recommendations would involve changes in both our Constitution and Regulations and it is not offered in proper form for such amendments as would be required. To make changes in the Constitution, it is required that they be submitted in writing to the Commander-in-Chief after having been presented to and approved by a Department in regular session and if meeting with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the Commandery-in-Chief a submission to the Departments in the form of a referendum. It is apparent that we cannot place the recommendations in effect under the motions offered. If, however, it is the thought to refer their findings to the special committee of five, provided for in one of the recommendations, then I would have no objections, but if it involves the complete approval and acceptance of the report, then I submit to you that the motion is out of order and cannot be considered as it has been made.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson: I am a member of the Program and Policy Committee. It has been stated that every member of the Committee received a copy of the report. I certainly

never saw it and I want to go on record at this time, in not concurring in this report in its entirety.

Chairman Dyer: I would like to reply to the last two speakers. I will reply first to the last speaker—Mr. Anderson. As Chairman of the Committee on Program and Policy I sent to him, as to the other then members of it, two letters, to wit: Those referred to in the beginning of this Report, i. e. One, asking for constructive suggestions—and the one relating to the request of our Commander-in-Chief as to means of attracting young men into the Order. To neither of these letters did he reply.

Later, I received from the Commander-in-Chief, an extract from a letter from Mr. Anderson to him, in which he declined to serve as a member of the Program and Policy Committee. Consequently no further communications were sent to Brother Anderson, nor should any have been so sent—and no communications have been received from him.

Replying to Brother Sautter. In none of the recommendations or findings made by this Committee in its Report are any changes of any kind or sort whatsoever required in our Constitution—and it is "putting up a man of straw to be knocked down" to even suggest that there are. The only changes which are required—and they are slight—will be in our Rules and Regulations—and these do not involve reference to Departments, but are in the province of the National Commandery.

May I say further, while I do not look upon it as proper procedure to submit findings of one Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief to another Committee for review, I shall interpose no objections to it, if the Encampment so wishes. Rather, I would like all the brothers to know, that I am not here to press the adoption of any Report with the preparation of which I have had to do. I conceive it a duty, in view of the instructions of my Department, and of my office as Chairman of the Committee on Program and Policy, to bring these matters to your attention. The responsibility for their proper solution is upon this Encampment and upon us all. As to the truth of any and all statements contained in the Report there is no question whatever—and that and those I am prepared to and shall defend.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move as a substitute motion that we approve the recommendations of this committee, insofar, as shown on page 63 for the appointment of a special committee of five, to which committee would be referred the entire report with specific instructions from this Encampment that they report at the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, their findings and their recommendations. It is, of course, understood that if their recommendations affect amendments to the Constitution and Regulations that they be offered in regular form.

Motion seconded by several.

Commander-in-Chief: You have heard the amendment to the motion; it is duly seconded. What is your pleasure?

Chairman Dyer: With the exception of that part of the Report which refers to postponing action on Fifth Column activities until next year, if we are to do anything, it must be done now.

The amendment was adopted and the motion as amended agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON G. A. R. HIGHWAY REPORT [Continued]

Past Department Commander Spielman, California & Pacific: Commander, as a non-official worker on the G. A. R. Highway, I have been working on that for several years. Several weeks ago I went to Des

Moines to see Chairman W. F. Hathaway, and he handled it. I do not know very much about Highways. I hope we can get Chairman Hathaway back of us, to put that Highway through. There are five States that have no authority in marking the G. A. R. Highway. The Camps along the line should take that up. If it is not done this year, it will never be done. I have some pictures which were taken along Highway No. 6.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I hope that you will not tuck these pictures away. I want you to bear in mind to put Highway markers all along Highway No. 6. Get back of your Committee and Legislators and see what you can do with this. Is there a motion?

Delegate: I move the adoption of this report.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I want to make one exception to Brother Spielman's report. I have traveled Highway No. 6 and there is not a marker in the States of Illinois or Indiana. (The motion was adopted).

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT LINCOLN'S TOMB

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Commander-in-Chief, I report that forty-eight members visited Lincoln's Tomb, where services were held by National Chaplain Craig.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I wish to add a word to Brother Isaacs' report, about the services at the Tomb of Lincoln. The brothers will be interested. Following the services, the Custodian approached me and complimented our Organization upon the type of ceremonies that we conducted and sentiments expressed. That since he has been custodian of the Tomb, he has not in the one million who have visited it, heard as inspiring a prayer as the National Chaplain gave at the Tomb.

Report of the Committee appointed to place a Commander-in-Chief memorial wreath at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln, Tuesday, September 10, 1940:

As chairman of the Council-in-Chief who were appointed a committee to arrange fitting services at the Tomb of Abraham Lincoln, I herewith submit the report of said committee:

Your committee purchased a large, beautiful wreath and arranged for busses so that all who cared to might be present at the placing of the wreath. The following exercises were held: Presiding Officer, Cleon E. Heald; National Patriotic Instructor, Fred C. Barnard; National Chaplain, Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig.

After opening exercises by the same, the wreath was placed by the National Patriotic Instructor with brief remarks, prayer was offered by the National Chaplain and a short history of the Tomb was given by the custodian, who is a member of our order.

The custodian informed your chairman that he has conducted over one million persons through the Tomb and that he has been present at many exercises at the Tomb, but he felt that the beautiful thoughts expressed in the National Chaplain's prayer were the most appropriate remarks which he had ever heard given at the Tomb.

Signed: CLEON E. HEALD,
Council-in-Chief.

GREETINGS

The National Secretary read the following:

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1940.

It is with my sincere regrets that I am unable to attend the Fifty-ninth National Convention. I will be a member fifty (50) years on October 7, 1940, and had hoped to be with you this year. Convey my best wishes to the Convention for a successful meeting.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

GEORGE H. STEBBINS,
4129 Maple Driveway, Cincinnati, O.
Member of Grant Camp No. 100, Ohio.

Arlington Hall, Des Moines, Iowa,
September 7, 1940.

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief:

I thought you would like this report for your annual meeting.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War contributed by the Christmas stocking letter and other gifts, \$202.70 for the 1939-1940 Christmas. This was a very wonderful gift. It came from 149 Camps and Auxiliaries.

We are deeply grateful for this splendid assistance. We hope you will help us with the Christmas stocking another year.

And to you and your wonderful organization, the deep love and gratitude of every member of the Arlington board.

Most cordially,

PRISCILLA WAYNE SPRAGUE.

Holyoke, Mass., Sept. 9, 1940.

Each year I look forward to attending the National Encampment, and meeting those whose friendship means so much, but this year, much to my regret, I find it impossible to be with you, due to Doctor's orders.

I trust you will have a very successful Encampment; that wise legislation may be enacted that will be beneficial to the order, and that leaders may be elected who will be able to wake up our sleeping members to a realization of what is necessary for them to do, if our order is to continue in existence.

My best wishes to you and the rest of the bunch.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
Past Department Commander.

September 4, 1940.

Mr. Horace Hammer, National Secretary,
Reading, Pennsylvania.

My dear Horace: It is near the time for holding the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I regret my inability to attend.

I must ask you to express to the representatives of the Order who will meet in Springfield my best wishes for a successful Encampment, and may the officers elected at that time have a successful administration.

Twenty-six years ago yesterday, in the city of Detroit, I was honored by election as Commander-in-Chief, and I recall with sorrow

many of the men who have occupied that position, who have now answered the last roll call.

I should love to meet with the Sons again and renew the old acquaintances and make new ones. I realize full well that there is a new group who have come into leadership during the past decade, but there are still enough of the "old timers" to give one a thrill, if permitted to meet again.

For you personally, I wish to extend my sincere good wishes, as you have served longer than any other member of the Order in the position you now hold, and having been honored with the election as a Past Commander-in-Chief, you can take your place with a host of good men who have gone that way before.

With kindest personal regards to you, and best wishes for the Encampment, I remain,

Cordially yours,

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

8013 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Best wishes and greetings to all Sons of Union Veterans and friends at Springfield, Ill., at the Encampment. Cannot be present this year.

GEORGE S. GEIS,
Past National President, Philippine Veterans.

Tampa, Florida, Sept. 1, 1940.

Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief,

Dear Commander and Brothers:

May the erst while Past Commander of the Confederate States of America, because this Department comprised exactly the 11 Confederate States, greet you as an absentee member, much to his regret.

I first joined the Order in 1888, Camp 1, Chicago. Then I organized the first Cavalry Camp 200 in the order, 1889.

May honor and patriotism, as always, be your guides in these uncertain days, as were the movements of our fathers and may the circle of surviving Brothers that I have known over a half century not drop off too quickly.

Knowing that your proceedings will be under the Master and wise and patriotic Brothers worthy of the Order, with greetings to you from the Daughter-Wife, who many of you know, I remain,

Yours to the end in F., C. and L.,

CHAS. A. HIGGINS,
Past Dept. Com., Dept. of Ala. & Tenn.

Manchester, N. H., Sept. 6, 1940.

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief.

Sir:

Circumstances under which I have no control prevent me from attending the National Convention. Please accept my sincere regrets.

I wish to extend to you my personal greetings and the greetings of the Department of New Hampshire, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and to wish for you a very successful Convention.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WILLIAM L. JOHN,
Department Commander.

H. H. Hammer,
St. Nicholas Hotel,
Springfield, Ill.

Words fail me to express to you and the brothers my disappointment and grief that I am unable to meet with you this week. The first Encampment I have missed in many years. Best wishes to all and a successful year ahead.

RALPH SHELDON,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Dr. R. R. Barrett, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Unions Veterans,
St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, Ill.

Regret exceedingly my inability to reach Springfield, Ill. Though absent in body I am with you all in spirit and fond memories. Wish you a splendid Encampment and send my kindest regards to all.

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

Hillsboro, N. H.

Dear Brother Hammer:

I had planned to attend National Encampment but owing to loss of so much time and sickness find it impossible. I wish for a very fine Encampment and a goodly number present.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. C. CARR, Secretary-Treasurer.
Department of New Hampshire.

1314 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, Md., Sept. 7, 1940.

H. H. Hammer:

I find that I cannot be present at the National Encampment as my health is such I am afraid to make the trip. My thoughts, however, will be with you and all my friends. Hoping this will be a most successful Encampment. Best regards to all old friends and new ones.

Sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

HOWARD MICHAEL,
Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 10, 1940.

Dear Secretary Hammer:

Regret unable to attend Encampment and join my many friends. Arrangements for continuing Radio broadcasts for the Order and Department prevent my absence from here now.

H. HARDING HALE,
Past Department Commander, Mass.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-ninth Encampment:

Your Committee on Officers Reports have examined the reports of all officers as contained in pamphlet, a copy of which has been available to every member of this Encampment. All of the reports are of interest, contain much information of extreme value and deserve not only a reading but a careful study by every member of our Order.

We comment upon the individual reports as follows and move that where there are no objections the recommendations of the Committee be the action of the Encampment.

(By vote of the Encampment it was so ordered).

Commander-in-Chief Report. To really appreciate the services rendered our Order by Commander-in-Chief Barrett and know him aright one must read and study all of his report and the recommendations contained therein. Many of us have been privileged to know him for many years as an active interested member of our Order and as a real patriot, keenly interested in everything that pertains to the welfare of his Country. His year of service reveals still further his abilities as a devoted, conscientious leader.

He has given us his best, and that has been much, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for the manner in which he has served and represented us.

Your Committee recommends as follows on the several recommendations as submitted by the Commander-in-Chief:

No. 1. Sorry that on page 24 of Ritual, the word Guide, at head of the Flag charge, should be changed to Commander. I so recommend, and in reprints it be so changed. (Concur).

No. 2. Due to the fact that there is a need of organization fund to help carry on in many localities, the Council-in-Chief proceed to study this proposition and provide if possible a fund. (Concur).

No. 3. Further, I recommend that there be an issue of The Banner in January of each year, in order that the Commander-in-Chief may have an opportunity to develop and have published a suitable story and suggested program for the proper celebration of Lincoln's birthday. As it is now any suggestions or comments by him come in the February issue, reaching many of the members about that time. (Concur).

No. 4. The fact that there is much inquiry about Junior Clubs, or organizations, and that our Junior Vice Commander has made a study of the same, I recommend some action be taken looking forward, to take care of this situation.

Recommend waiting until Departments ask for some action to be taken along these lines.

No. 5. The question of publicity comes up many times and how to get it. I recommend that a Committee be appointed in the next Commandery-in-Chief year, to make a study and recommend action along these lines.

Referred to incoming Committee on Program and Policy.

No. 6. We need more money in General Fund in order to carry on properly. More Camps and greater membership would help. But this is not enough. We will have to consider the advisability of raising the Per Capita Tax, unless some other means can be devised. I recommend that the Council-in-Chief study this situation.

This has been taken care of by the adoption of recommendation of Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Lambert, while not one of those who call themselves "the old-timers," has brought to the position a real appreciation of the duties involved and his services to our Order have been many and always with a view of helping to make our Order better known and looked upon as a leader in patriotic endeavor.

We offer to him the condolence of our entire membership in the loss of his beloved father.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Herrlein has been an

active interested member, devoted to our organization, believing in it as a needed one, and as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief has done much to serve our Country and our Order.

His report contains four recommendations upon which the Committee recommend as follows:

No. 1. That the Commandery-in-Chief have a suitable award made available for the Essay Contest winners in the shape of a key, same to be sold to the Camps at cost for the local winners, but the Commandery-in-Chief stand the expense of the National winners.

Be left in hands of Essay Committee.

No. 2. That a Committee be appointed to formulate rules and regulations to govern a Junior Order (said order to be authorized at this Encampment) for ages 6 to 16. This order to be known as the Zouaves of the Sons of Union Veterans.

No. 3. That a Junior Counselor be appointed whose duty it will be to organize Departments in such a manner that a Department Counselor will organize local orders of the Juniors. It shall be the sole responsibility of this Counselor for the organizing, issuing of Charters, etc., for the Juniors.

No. 4. That the necessary amendments, additions, etc., be made to our Constitution to authorize the Junior Orders, and to automatically transfer them to the Senior or Parent Camp upon attaining the age of 16.

These have already been taken care of by your action on Commander-in-Chief's Report.

National Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Hammer's report has been offered to you annually for thirty-five consecutive years. Each year it has received your careful, critical and interested attention. Each year it has through the report of a Committee similar to this, been the subject of laudatory expression. What can be added? Horace Hammer has as National Secretary-Treasurer been all that has been said of him—plus—because mere words cannot due him justice. In a word—this Order is indebted to him in a way that can never be adequately met. We love him for his sterling character, we admire him for his efficient service.

His report contains information of extreme interest and value. Every member should read, study and analyze it—then will he truly appreciate the many problems that confront our Order.

National Patriotic Instructor. Fred C. Barnard's report shows a masterful insight into the needs and duties of the office and we do want to give special thanks to him for the many duties performed during his term of office and for an outstanding report.

The matter concerned in his only recommendation has already been acted upon by this Encampment in adopting the Report of the Essay Committee.

National Chaplain. Brother Craig offers much of interest and deserves our gratitude for the manner in which he has taken up the matter of sending the Order's condolence to those whose hearts were made sad in the loss of some loved one and also are we to be appreciative to him for the manner in which he has arranged and conducted the Annual Memorial Services.

National Counselor. Brother Church whose keen legal mind has always been at the disposal of our Order was again called upon to act as National Counselor and as always his services were freely given.

As shown by his report he has again given us that wise impartial counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. MABIE, Chairman,
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
RICHARD D. FLETCHER,
ELMER E. CRAM,
CHARLES E. ROSS.

Chairman Mabie moved the adoption of the report as read. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C. & R.

Chairman Sautter: For the Committee on Constitution and Regulations—for the first time in my recollection there were no changes submitted, consequently our Committee had no work to do. I move the Committee be discharged. (Agreed to).

THANKS—TABLET PRESENTATION

Delegate Cram, Nebraska: Commander-in-Chief, in order that it may appear in the minutes I move that the National Patriotic Instructor send a note of thanks to those who rendered service at the placing of the Lincoln Tablet, to Mr. West M. Rourke for the use of cars for our quartette. (Ordered).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Heintz: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Resolutions offers its report as follows:

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 11, 1940.

The Fifty-ninth National Encampment,

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

A number of resolutions have been submitted on the subject which is uppermost in the thoughts of all loyal Americans today—Americanism, State and Federal Constitutions and the American way of life. Resolutions on this subject have been submitted by the Departments of New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and the New England Regional Association. The adoption of all of them would only lead to repetition.

The resolutions of the New England Regional Association are concise and at the same time comprehensive. They boil down to one paragraph all that is desired. We, therefore, recommend that the resolution of the New England Regional Association be adopted by this Encampment as follows:

Resolved, That the New England Conference of the six New England Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, present to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held at Springfield, Illinois, a resolution offering the complete and full co-operation of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to the Government of the United States in every effort it shall make to protect America in the present world emergency, and to defend and perpetuate the American Constitution and the American way of living.

A resolution has been presented by the Department of New York recommending that that Department be authorized to suspend the laws of the Department and confer the rank of Past Department Commander on Brother Julius Isaacs. A similar resolution has been

presented by the Department of Ohio, petitioning this Commandery-in-Chief to confer the rank of Past Department Commander upon Brother Ed S. Wilson, and one to confer rank of Past Department Commander upon Frank M. Stull of the Department of Iowa. These resolutions recite the various activities and services of the Brothers in their respective Departments.

The membership of the Commandery-in-Chief is made of, (among others), Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy if served to the end of that term (Regulation: Chapter III, Article II, Section I.) It is the opinion of this Committee that both these resolutions require an amendment to the regulations governing the Commandery-in-Chief and that they are out of order in the manner in which they are presented. We, therefore, recommend non-concurrence in both resolutions.

In conclusion we recommend that a vote of thanks be extended by this Encampment to the Press of this city, to the Hotels in which our members have been guests, to the State, County and City Administrations and especially to the Local Committee and all others who have labored towards the success of our Encampment and to our comfort and pleasure during our presence in the city of Springfield.

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Chairman,
W. L. ANDERSON,
MICHAEL CASEY,
CLOY V. SMITH,
EDWARD P. SANBORN.

Chairman Heintz moved adoption of the report.

Department Commander Thompson, Ohio: I do not like to disagree with our good Brother Heintz from Ohio on the question of this resolution to confer the honorary title of Past Department Commander on Brother Ed S. Wilson from Ohio. I think that it is an injustice that such a man as Brother Wilson, who has served so faithfully as he has during his twenty-one years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Department and having now reached the age where he could not at all carry on the duties of Department Commander should he be elected to that office, cannot be given the privilege of having the honors of a Past Department Commander conferred upon him. I think that this body of Commandery-in-Chief is the supreme body of our organization and can make such laws and rules and regulations as it so desires. We feel that it is in the power of the Commandery-in-Chief to confer such honors if it so desires, and we are, therefore, not in agreement with Brother Heintz or with the committee's report, and we think that the question should be settled on the floor of this Encampment for the benefit of Brothers Wilson of Ohio, Isaacs of New York, and Stull of Iowa.

The motion was adopted, 37 votes for, 29 against.

Council-in-Chief Shrieve: I would like to offer a motion that the rules be suspended and that we vote on the three Brothers' names.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: This matter has been duly voted on and I think the most of you understand it. The vote shows the result.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that we recess until 9 a. m. tomorrow and remain in session until all business is finished. (Carried).

THURSDAY SESSION

September 12, 1940—9:00 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett opened the Encampment in due form and announced a delegation from California.

Guide Blackman: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present to you these sisters from California.

DELEGATION FROM CALIFORNIA

Commander-in-Chief: I am happy indeed to welcome these sisters from California for the presentation of the drill team of California, Civil War Veterans and those of the rank and file who came with them. We appreciate very much your coming here.

Department President Clara Llewellyn, Tent 46, Huntington Park, Calif.: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, I bring greetings to all of you. Officers and members of this National body, I would like to present to you this gift from the Department of California. This is a small token but it comes with a lot of love from our members.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Sisters, I thank you very much. I am always glad to see the home folks. A lot of California people are here and we appreciate it.

Clara Mosher, Captain of Drill Team, Calif.: Commander-in-Chief, it is with a great deal of pleasure that we are the representatives of our delegation to present our President's greetings to you.

NATIONAL OFFICERS PRESENTED

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I extend a courtesy to the officers and members of my staff, like to have you see them in their stations, I think it is a privilege for them and to you. Meet Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lambert of New Jersey.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I am happy to be privileged to serve as Senior Vice Commander. It has been a very pleasant experience. I trust, Commander-in-Chief, that my services along with the rest of the staff, have been helpful and inspiring. My interest in this Organization as Senior Vice Commander or as a private in the ranks is at all times, and I bring to you and the incoming Commander-in-Chief my complete accord in everything I can do.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Meet Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Herrlein of Pennsylvania.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Herrlein: It has been a distinct honor to be the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans. I have done the best I could to fulfill the obligation which I took when I assumed the office. The Sons of Union Veterans, I think, led by Commander-in-Chief Barrett, were fortunate this year. I hope we will get into the Encampment next year, some definite plans whereby we can increase the membership of and place the Order in its position in the United States, where it belongs. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We will have a report from Brother Isaacs of New York.

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: We were asked to make a report in re-

gard to activities. I don't want to brag about what we have done throughout the year. I have been very active in my home state for many years. To take our place with other fraternities and to do some good for our country and for that reason, I was very happy to be on the job and tried to do all I could for the interest of this Organization. I have attended the National Encampments many years and I have come in contact with and met many friends that I hope I may retain forever. Met many fine men. Worked together. It has been a pleasure to work with you and your Counselor-in-Chief and all of the members. I wish them success and that we will in the future have greater times than we have had in the past.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I thank you, brother.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I think I said all in my report to Dr. Barrett that I had to say. It has been a real pleasure and a joy to be here. The Encampments that I have missed, has been my loss. I missed something. In the years to come, I will have a more perfect attendance record than I have had with you in the past ten years. The associations we have in the meetings like these, there is nothing else like it in the United States. There is something a little bit different about it. What Brother Herrlein said is right. Look to us who are Sons and to our sons and their grandsons.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you, Brother Craig, along with the other members of our staff. You are a very fine body of men.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: We will have a word from Chairman DeHaven of the Schools Essay Committee. This Committee has done a splendid work this year.

Chairman DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief, it has been a privilege and a pleasure to me to serve you during the past year, on your Essay Committee. As you know, all our membership is now past middle age, however, we did recall to their minds the battle of Gettysburg and the famous Lincoln address. This could not help doing good to our Order. I am glad to have had the privilege to add my little part to the upbuilding of our Organization.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I think that was a splendid contact myself. A report of 3,000 school children of that age.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF—RESOLUTION FOR ORGANIZATION WORK

Council-in-Chief Heald: You will probably recall that in the last Encampment we hoped to have plans for reorganizing our organization work. We offered \$100 to the person securing the highest number of members who were in good standing on June 30, over and above 50 members. We find that F. D. Colwell, Rochester, N. Y., who organized a new Camp with fifty-three members in good standing, on June 30, 1940, should receive this award of \$100. And the Council-in-Chief so ordered. The Council-in-Chief offers the following which is very debatable. We wish to submit to you some changes which we feel are commendable. But before we offer this resolution, I should like to make a few preliminary remarks. For many years I in common with you, have been exceedingly concerned over the state of our order. Personally I have been concerned over the methods which have been proposed to remedy the difficulties in our order. I am speaking as one of the younger members realizing that my knowledge is rather limited but it should be considered that we are attempting to remedy our situation from the wrong end. I am sure that you have had the same experience that I have had in finding that our Camps in many instances are so depleted in membership that the personnel of our Camps is so weak that they are unable to carry out any plans which

may be submitted to them. In fact, I have had the experience that in a great many Camps, we have officers who are not competent or who are unwilling to assume therefor, any command in the proper manner. And so we have obtained new members by having them sign our application blank telling them that it is not necessary for them to come but to remember that they are now members. I have a philosophy of pessimism which seems to be an expression of that of many. But my philosophy is that we must get a person's permission before we can transact in a competent manner. In the past few years, I have an idea of how we can get at this problem. I hope you will discuss it fully.

The Council-in-Chief being deeply concerned over the annual loss in Membership and the resulting decrease in revenue which results in an ever increasing load upon the local Camps, Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief, offers, after much thought and deliberation, the following Resolution:

1st. That the Commandery-in-Chief secure the services of a full time and experienced National Organizer.

2nd. That the Commandery-in-Chief purchase and maintain to the extent of \$50.00 per month an automobile which shall remain the property of the Commandery-in-Chief. The same to be properly lettered to afford maximum publicity and that when not in use shall be stored at the permanent headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief. Price of car not to exceed \$800.00, f. o. b. Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

3rd. That the Commandery-in-Chief shall appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) which shall be set aside as an annual drawing account to cover the traveling expenses of the National Organizer.

4th. That the National Organizer shall receive a Commission of one dollar (\$1.00) for each new member joining our Order, the same to be his salary.

5th. That the services of the Organizer shall be available for not more than two months per year in any Department unless he finds that his services are not desired in any other Department.

6. That the Commandery-in-Chief use much discretion in selecting the proper men for the position of Organizer, i. e.

He should be an experienced Organizer who has a record of achievement in this type of work and

That he not necessarily be a present member of this Order.

7th. That Departments requesting the services of the National Organizer shall receive the same without cost to them but they must agree to aid, assist and co-operate with the Organizer to the extent of furnishing names of eligibles, selecting communities for the organizing of new Camps and providing meeting places for public gatherings. The Departments are to furnish instituting officers with Camp Packets and fees for charters.

8th. The Council-in-Chief also recommends that the Organizer shall, at his discretion, promote the Sons of Veterans Reserve, Uniformed Drill Teams, Fife and Drum Corps, Dinner Type Camps, the Death Benefit Association and other methods to further the organization of new Camps and as a means of assisting existing Camps and Departments.

Signed: CLEON E. HEALD,
J. P. SHRIEVE,
JULIUS ISAACS,
Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Heald: I move adoption of this resolution.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The man you might employ would be an outsider?

Council-in-Chief Heald: We would not limit this position to a present member of the Organization. We put that provision in so that we might go out and look for a man recognized by everyone. He does not need to be a member of the Order.

Past Department Commander McElroy, Maryland: This should not be adopted without any discussion. It occurs to me that without having a chance to consider the matter at length, that it should be referred to the Committee provided for in your report on Program and Policy which we discussed yesterday afternoon. It seems to me that matters like these should have more time than we can give them here in this Encampment. I move, Commander, to direct that the matter be placed in the hands of the Committee on Program and Policy with directions to report at the next Encampment.

Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Reeger, of New Jersey, to refer to the Committee on Program and Policy. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: It is a good idea to give this considerable thought. I think it might be discussed so that the brothers might have a better understanding of it. (The motion was carried).

ORGANIZATION FUND

Council-in-Chief Heald: This is concerning the Organization Fund. As we now have the Historical Marker and Organization Fund which is available to the Commander-in-Chief, we recommend that no further appropriation be made this year.

AWARDING FUNDS FOR ORGANIZATION WORK SHALL BE CONTINUED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT:

Payment shall be made with the approval of the Council-in-Chief at the next ensuing Commandery-in-Chief meeting and that claims shall be certified by the Department Commander and the Department Secretary.

Signed: CLEON E. HEALD,
J. P. SHRIEVE,
JULIUS ISAACS,

Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Commander-in-Chief, I refer to the award to Brother Colwell for securing fifty-three members. I might say we had many claims presented this year for this \$100 payment. The claimant should have it certified by the Department Commander and Department Secretary. Brothers should realize that it will not be acted upon until later. They supposed that we would pay immediately. I move the adoption of the two foregoing recommendations. (Motion agreed to).

BUDGET FOR THE 1940-41 TERM

Receipts

Balance on hand September 12, 1940.....	\$ 760.25
Membership Fees, 700 new members at 50c each.....	\$ 350.00
Per Capita Tax, 19,500 members at 36c each.....	\$7,020.00
Less 1/12 for Permanent Fund.....	585.00
	<hr/> 6,435.00
Charter Fees, 10 new Camps at \$5.00.....	50.00
Supplies	1,400.00
Premium on Bonds	35.00
Miscellaneous ..	25.00
	<hr/> \$8,295.00
	<hr/> \$9,055.25

EXPENDITURES

General Expense

Supplies	\$ 800.00
The Banner	2,400.00
Encampment	1,300.00
Printing	40.00
Shipping Supplies	50.00
Salary	2,200.00
Premium on Bonds	37.50
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer	30.00
Unemployment Compensation	59.40
Federal Social Security	66.00
Committee on Marking Graves	55.00
Past Commander-in-Chief Badge	125.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
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	\$7,187.90

Office Expense

Wrapping Paper, etc.	\$ 6.00
Postage, etc.	100.00
Express	5.00
National Officers' Stationery	125.00
Telegrams	5.00
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
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	\$ 671.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expense	\$1,000.00

Total Expenditures\$8,858.90

Recapitulation

Total Receipts and Balance	\$9,055.25
Estimated Disbursements	8,858.90

Balance\$ 196.35

Permanent Fund, September 1, 1940.....	\$3,350.40
G. A. R. Testimonial 1940	200.00

Balance\$3,150.40

Estimated Receipts	585.00
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Balance\$3,735.40

Organization and Historial Marker Fund, September 12, 1940,	
Balance	\$1,328.73
Marker 1941 Encampment	100.00

\$1,228.73

Colwell Award	100.00
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Balance\$1,128.73

Appropriation to Committee on School Essay Fund.....	\$ 150.00
Office Expense	50.00

\$ 200.00

Transfer to General Fund the balance in 1940 Essay Fund.....	\$67.41
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We do not approve increasing Per Capita Tax and suggest that

increased revenues should be obtained through organization work in the several Departments.

We recommend that the per capita be reduced 4 cents per member per year. We feel that we can make this reduction which will be beneficial to all of the Departments, and we will not have to sacrifice in any other appropriation and still have a balanced budget.

We recommend that a new contract with The Banner be made at the expiration of the present contract at 2c per copy per issue based on six issues.

We recommend that only the names and title of the members of visiting delegation be printed in the Proceedings of the Commander-in-Chief. That the remarks of these guests be eliminated because of the repetition therein and the cost of printing.

Signed: CLEON E. HEALD,
J. P. SHRIEVE,
JULIUS ISAACS,
Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Reeger, New Jersey: I move the adoption of this report.

Delegate Blackman, Illinois: Business men who want to make their mark, look forward to an increase, not to a decrease. We want to go ahead, not backward.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: All in favor of the motion, signify by saying Aye. (Carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment:

We, your Committee on Americanization, beg to submit the following report:

First, in regard to the Grant trophy. This trophy was presented for annual competition and was to be awarded to the Department for outstanding patriotic work during the year. Increase in membership, the prevention or reduction of losses and new Camps established was to be taken into consideration along with patriotic endeavor of the Department. Two Departments showed outstanding patriotic work during the year, these were New York and Massachusetts. In taking into consideration the results we find that New York established one new Camp and showed a reduction in loss of 136 members, as compared with previous years. While Massachusetts showed an increased loss of 50. Your committee therefore awards the Grant trophy for this year to the New York Department. We compliment both of these Departments on the excellent work done on bringing the Order of Sons of Union Veterans into public prominence and inciting an interest among those outside the order in the patriotic purposes of our Order. It may well serve as an example to all Departments. It is our belief that as each year goes by, an increased interest will be shown in this competition and Colonel Grant in offering this trophy for competition has done something highly stimulating to us all.

In regard to Americanization work we believe that work along this line should be intensified in these highly dangerous years. The work is so important that it should be pursued in every Department, and although the results in the outset may be discouragingly slow this fact should not deter us in the prosecution of the work with all the vigor we can command. Some Departments have not understood the importance of this work, and that it may be better understood by

every Department, we feel the importance of it should be stressed in the columns of *The Banner*. One recommendation we would make, a large committee which we have heretofore had is not practical as it involves too much correspondence by the chairman. We, therefore, recommend that this committee be not composed of more than five members and that they should be comparatively close together and in the selection of a chairman care should be taken to find one especially interested and well versed in patriotic work. We believe that each Department should have a similar small committee with which the National Committee can keep in close touch. We further believe that it is highly important that the National Committee should act in close co-operation with the American Coalition, and that one of the members of this Committee, perhaps preferably its chairman, should be a resident of Washington, D. C.

We agree with last year's committee that the committee should have allotted a sufficient fund of money to carry out this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: J. E. GALLAGHER,
FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
W. R. BOYCE,

Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES-TREASURERS PRESENTATION

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Department Secretaries and those who took part in the conference Monday night will form in front of the altar. We want to look you over.

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Three years ago at the suggestion of Department Commander (now) Mead, of Minnesota, this organization was formed for the purpose of expressing what occurs from time to time in our Department Secretary-Treasurer offices with a view of furthering the best interests in our Departments and to watch over the Commander-in-Chief. At this time, we are pleased to share with our National Secretary, who has given us so much inspiration and advice and so agreeable in many instances where he might have been otherwise, that we have elected him Honorary Secretary of our Association. Last Monday night we met again and had many suggestions which we believe will be beneficial to the Department Secretaries and also the Department Commanders who in many instances have just assumed offices. I present to you Brother Hammer, Honorable Secretary, this gift. It is an emblem of the esteem and friendship in which we hold you. Brother Hammer, I am in our behalf, asking you to accept this gift in the spirit it is given. We assure you that we shall at all times be pleased to have you in our meetings, your co-operation with us as we do with you in all that our various Departments might be extremely glad to do.

Secretary Hammer: Captain Isaacs and my Veteran Brother Secretaries and Treasurers: You are very kind to me. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate not only the gift but the assurance of your friendship, our cordial relations, the splendid assistance and co-operation you all give me. I value it very greatly and trust it will always be mutual and continue. Your sentiments are the things that count. Many do not know that you Brothers frequently reach in your pockets, pay the per capita tax for your Departments, finance from your own funds many times so that your Departments can function. You go out to the Camps, and expenses are yours—without reimbursement. No vouchers presented by them. These old (in service) men, one a

Secretary for twenty-four years and others some years less but quite a number, keep up the work and attend to details—a labor of love most important to the Order. They should have the help and support of all members in their Departments. They are a reliable and fine group. I hope you will all continue to serve as you do. I will always have the pleasure of attending your conferences and thank you for that honor, as well as having been made an Honorary Secretary of your Association. Thank you. (The gift, a fine pencil).

Department Commander Hays of Michigan: I believe that Michigan has the youngest Secretary in the United State, a very good looking one, a lovely wife and two children—Thayne C. LaBanta, of Jackson, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, please come to this station. I ask you, Senior Past Commander-in-Chief, to make the presentation of the Grant Trophy.

THE GRANT TROPHY

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The Commander-in-Chief has asked me to perform a very pleasant duty. This trophy was presented to the Commandery-in-Chief for award every year by our good Brother Col. U. S. Grant III, and I am certain that he was impelled to do this with the belief that it would stimulate work upon the part of our membership along lines of value to our Organization. Last year it was presented for the first time to the Department of Massachusetts. This year it is the recommendation of the committee, and it has met with the approval of this body, that it be presented to the Department of New York. Will the members of that Department who are present, please stand. Department Commander Barnard, your Department in the opinion of the Committee, which had met with the approval of this body, has performed the best work along patriotic and other lines of benefit to our Order during the past year and it is with very great pleasure that on behalf of this Encampment and in the name of the donor, I present this trophy for you to hold during the present year. I should like to throw out the thought to the members of other Departments that they endeavor by their activities during the year to win this trophy next year. Especially to the members of my own Department of Pennsylvania. I was born in Pennsylvania and have lived there all of my life and expect to spend the remainder of my days in that state. Pennsylvania Department for years has been our largest Department and I ask if they do not accept as a challenge that this trophy be awarded to them next year. Brothers of Pennsylvania, do you accept the challenge? (Answer, "We do"). New York, it is your trophy for this year. Commander Barnard, accept this trophy for the Department of New York. It is yours.

Department Commander Barnard: Brothers, I feel that the presentation of your trophy was not due to my efforts. That is not the case because I am only a new Department Commander since June. The credit for receiving your trophy, must be given to those to whom it is due. You have heard of Fred Colwell, a good worker in Rochester, who received the \$100 award for securing 53 members in forming a new Camp, which was instituted at Webster just out of Rochester. The work of our Patriotic Instructor had very much to do with the activities in our State. Our good Secretary, Julius Isaacs, is always an inspiration to the men of our Department. Perhaps having as one of our National officers, Patriotic Instructor, Fred Barnard, has been most commendable. I certainly would be ashamed if I did not mention Past Department Commander Clarence Maples of Brooklyn, who is very sorry to be absent from this Encampment. In the scrap book which was prepared by Bob and Clarence, are all the papers of all

the Department of New York, in which were recalled the doings of the various Camps of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and we are working along the line of greater publicity. For that purpose we solicit the aid of all Departments and Camp officers of the various Camps in the State. We feel that through these papers, we should have greater publicity. We are more than happy to accept this trophy, and if it is possible, to do so, we are planning to hold this trophy for three years. Thank you again for awarding this to our Department.

REPORT OF G. A. R. GREETINGS COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic has performed its duties. We were cordially received and all had a very pleasant time.

Department Commander Osborne, Nebraska: In responding, I feel certain that I have spoken for the Comrades and have confidence in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and see to it that the sacrifices made by our fathers shall never be in vain. At the present the G. A. R. Encampment has not decided where the next Encampment city is going to be. The registration of their Encampment shows 105 Comrades.

REPORT OF ACTING CHIEF-OF-STAFF, SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 10, 1940.

To the Comandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brothers:

As National Chief-of-Staff, I wish to submit the following report:

As the duties of National Chief-of-Staff, S. V. R., at the present time are limited, I did not have much to work from. I have been in contact with several Departments in regard to organization of the Reserve. I issued one General Order in the August issue of The Banner. Arrangements were made for housing of the Reserve at this Encampment. There were forty-six men under arms and in uniform in the Grand Army of the Republic escort.

I wish to thank Commander-in-Chief Barrett for the honor of serving as an officer on his staff.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) COL. ROBERT E. LESLIE,
Acting Chief-of-Staff, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you, brother, for this report.

To the Fifty-ninth Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Brothers:

A Committee of the Sons of Veterans Reserve held a meeting at 4 p. m. on Wednesday, September 11, at the St. Nicholas Hotel, and wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a National Chief-of-Staff for the Sons of Veterans Reserve with the rank of Colonel, term of office to be five years.

2. That the Chief-of-Staff be given power to organize a National Military Department to promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the standardization of uniform and drill and any other regulations that are necessary for the proper government of the Reserve.

Reserve Members from the following Departments took part in

this meeting: Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) COLONEL ROBERT E. LESLIE,
Acting Chief-of-Staff, Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: I want to offer a recommendation in regard to the Reserve—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of three who shall be versed in Military matters, said Committee shall report at the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief such changes in our regulations as may be necessary to meet in its entirety the status and government of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. A recommendation to amend Chapter 4 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War governing the Sons of Veterans Reserve to add a new section known as section 4 to read as follows: "Section 4. That the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Chief-of-Staff with the rank of Colonel for a period of five years, said Chief-of-Staff to be given power to regulate a National Military Department whose duties shall be to standardize the uniform, equipment and drill regulations of the Reserve and other regulations that may be necessary for the proper government of the Reserve,

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: I move it be referred to the Advisory Committee as contemplated from the Report of the Program and Policy Committee, for their study, if appointed, and recommendation to the next Encampment.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Reeger, New Jersey.

Colonel Leslie: As you brothers know or don't know, the Reserve has been struggling along for a long time. We have had no certain type of Uniforms. Our object in getting this before the Encampment is to standardize the uniforms and have our drill regulations the same. Some of our Pennsylvania Reserve drill uniforms are new. Some are using the Civil War type and make a splendid showing when they line up. The various Colonels and Captains have their own methods of drilling. Our request is a simple one. We cannot work under that condition any longer and the Committee met to talk over that situation and see if we could not possibly work out something at this Encampment so that we could work on it next year and have something that would be a credit to the Organization.

National Secretary: Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief: State it.

National Secretary: The proposed amendment is not properly before the Encampment. It should be acted upon by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. You discharged that Committee yesterday. This proposed amendment should have been presented under the regular order—communications, resolutions, etc., as provided; referred to the Committee on C. & R., and reported on by that Committee, to the Encampment for its action.

The Committee of Reserve communication is also out of order for the same reason. The Committee is not an authorized Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief, nor by the Commander-in-Chief, and, is not under our laws a constituted Committee to Report to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: The Secretary is right. Those of you who attend these Encampments, and watch the parades, can see the necessity of having our Organization, adopt a standard Uniform,

and permit no one to enter the parade, unless so provided. It is not a credit to any Organization to have half a dozen different uniforms in a unit of fifty men. These men have been trying to my knowledge for the past six years, to have the Office of National Chief-of-Staff restored, so that the military (Reserve) part of the Order would have the proper headquarters. Do not shelve this important matter, give these men something to keep up the spirit of the Reserve.

Past Department Commander Ream, Illinois: These young fellows are interested in the Reserve to the extent that they have gone out of their way to come in and present their desires. We appear not to be interested in it and do everything we can to block it. Let them go ahead and organize. If they do not organize now, it will not be done. Adopt this amendment.

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: We cannot understand why we lose members. We have been going to these Encampments for many years and did not make any effort to put through legislation. Here is something that is for the good of the Order and Reserve, and I for one do not want to be one who is blocking the way. I move that you adopt the amendment that is before the house by suspending the rules and put the recommendations offered for immediate passage.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, as some one has said possibly a lot of us do not know. But to some who do know, and, others do not, it is the other way round; to those speaking on this motion as some think, against the Reserve. Past Commander-in-Chief Horn who made the motion causing this discussion knows more about the Reserve than any man in or out of the Reserve. He has worked a life time for the Reserve. If you think he is not capable of making a motion in the interest of and benefit for the Reserve I don't know who else could. Because I want to know where this Committee came from does not mean that I am not interested in the Reserve.

Let me inform those who do not know that, eight years ago we raised \$2,000 to bring the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, to this City—Springfield, when the National Encampments were held here. They paraded 125 uniformed and equipped men as escort to the Grand Army of the Republic parade, and those of you who were here know the effect and impression. Colonel Prittie was in charge. Doesn't that show interest in the Reserve? That has not been duplicated.

Colonel Prittie, I know, was not responsible for the poor showing made by the Reserve in the parade at this Encampment. Up until January of this year he had been in correspondence with some one here in Springfield (I think the name was Fletcher) and the whole gist of the letters from Springfield were that they wanted the same showing made by the Reserve as had been made eight years ago. Colonel Prittie was making every effort to bring about an even better showing than had been made at that time.

In January (I think) Colonel Prittie received word from Springfield that the Brother he had been in communication with died and of course all communications from that source ceased. Since that time Colonel Prittie had not had any communications from any one concerning the arrangements at this Encampment; and it was just a few days before we were to leave Philadelphia that some one called Colonel Prittie's attention to the Order in THE BANNER (whose order I do not know up to this minute) ordering Colonel Prittie to take charge of the parade.

Any one knowing anything at all about military matters knows

that orders are not issued by the Reserve in this short a time and should have at least been courteous enough to have been sent as a personal communication to him in addition to the notice printed in THE BANNER.

No Brothers, don't let us pass the buck and say that the poor showing was made because there was no Chief-of-Staff or that we could make a better or more uniform showing if we had a National Chief-of-Staff, but let us admit the truth and say that the entire fluke was caused by some one falling down on the job and by too many wearing shoulder straps showing up without bringing along enough privates to fill out the lines.

Favoring this motion is not speaking against the Reserve. It is to benefit them. They and we have put our money and efforts into the Reserve. We want to see it go forward, be an organization that we can all be proud of. Every man will be an object or something that we and the public can look upon as our Fathers and Grandfathers looked when they served our Country. I ask that you regard this as we do, and vote for Brother Horn's motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I again direct attention to our Constitution and Regulations that we might better understand what is needed at this time to meet the requirements of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. You will find it in Chapter IV, page 40, and a reading of this will show you, I believe, that the question is now covered in a manner such as to require little additional or any changes in the present regulations. It specifically defines what shall constitute the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Reference has been made as to what was done at the Pittsburgh Encampment. After the Encampment was closed, there was delivered to me an envelope containing changes in our Regulations to cover the Reserve. It consisted, as I recall it, of about ten closely typewritten pages, certainly far more than is needed to properly cover this question. The largest Reserve body at the present time is that of the Department of Pennsylvania, comprising probably 80% of the total Reserve bodies. They have a uniform, they are properly organized and find no difficulties in properly functioning. They have a uniform which is that prescribed in Section three of Chapter IV. In fact, I am firmly of the opinion that little addition or change is needed in the Regulations to permit the Reserve body as a whole to properly function, it is not so much a question of additional regulations as it is of the observance of the present regulations. I have no objections to additional regulations if needed to permit the Reserve to properly function as a Military body but am of the opinion that little addition is needed but that an observance of the present regulations is of more importance.

Past Department Commander Reeger, New Jersey: I have been a member of the Reserve for thirty-five years. I seconded the motion of Brother Horn in good faith. New Jersey is connected with the Reserve and we are proud of it. We can write a draft for \$750.00 to be used regarding uniforms in conformity with the laws in the Regulations. We believe in uniforms being similar to those our Dads wore. The big thing with me is the Sons of Veterans Reserve. I do not want it passed without due consideration. I think it should be considered. It is a good motion.

Colonel Leslie: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, the first thing I want to speak on is the remarks that Brother Sautter made about the Regulations presented to him at Pittsburgh. We had a military committee last year that did not come from that city. The only resolutions we had were less than a full page and they were written. As far as I am concerned, I joined the organization nine years ago. In

that time I have come up through the offices in the Department with the exception of the first year. I am a Past Department Commander. I have worked for the Reserve in Connecticut with those who are here now. We were a football like we are here. The football is here again. This year there were forty-six in the parade. The call was sent out for one hundred. Try to get twenty-five next year.

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: With all due respect to those who spoke and who have had experience in the Reserve, men's friendship I cherish, let me say that a few minutes ago attention was called to the Rules and Regulations covering our Reserve. In the little book let there is nothing printed, nor in the Regulations, that tells us what dress regulations to wear, or what our officers should wear to the National Encampment. Show me three questions that are answered and I am willing to sit down and say nothing. There is nothing that tells us those things. I call on the floor before this Encampment Wilson of Michigan, and Couch of Connecticut. I want three men from three different Departments to stand and see the difference in the uniforms. While they are blue in color, the pants are pretty near the same color, but they differ. One piece one color, cross sabers on side of pants. I could pick the whole parade to pieces. That is just one phase of the situation we have to face, our conflict in uniforms, which we want to abolish.

Past Department Commander Ball, Indiana: The motion as made, the two amendments or the present discussion are not clarifying conditions as they now are. The motion as made was to submit to a committee to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, said committee to have power to regulate the uniforms to be worn by the Reserve, said committee to report at the next Encampment. Objection has been raised that this would be too late. As I see it this committee, if appointed, should report to the Council-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief within the next six months; they to pass on it and their findings printed in The Banner in plenty of time for the Reserve to know exactly where they stand before the next Encampment. Commander-in-Chief, I ask for the question on the amendment.

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: Our old soldiers will be under the sod in another year. We ought to have our uniforms conform to those of the Veterans of the Civil War as near as we can. Chapter 4, page 40, Section 3: "The combined units of any one Department in the Order shall be its Military Department, provided no Military rank in the Reserve shall be higher than a Colonel. The uniforms and other regulations as far as practicable and consistent, shall conform to the less advanced United States Regulations. Preferably, nearer to that of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War." I am in favor of the amendment to the original motion.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: As we have the motion that this matter be referred to the Advisory Committee to hold for study and report at the next Encampment, vote on the amendment, all in favor (stand until counted) The vote, 57 for and 66 against. The motion is lost. Brothers, you have voted not to refer this to the Committee as the motion stated. What are the wishes of the Encampment on the proposed recommendation to amend Chapter 4 of the Regulations?

The National Secretary: Commander, my contention is that this proceeding, this communication from a Committee of the Reserve and proposed amendment to the Regulations is not in order.

Delegate Morton H. Gibney, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, why was it voted on once. Why the difference?

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, may I say just a few words? I am sorry if any of my motives

have been misinterpreted by any well-intentioned but misinformed brothers who seem to have been determined to carry a motion which would fail in its intended purpose. Some years ago, (I think at Indianapolis), a provision in the Constitution authorizing a Reserve body was eliminated, and any Reserve was cut off from a constitutional privilege, and for some years there was a lack of any touch with the Order. Having a deep interest in the movement from its conception and in order to give it a status, at the Boston Encampment where I presided, I presented and had adopted a provision to the C. R. & R., giving authority and a semblance of control through Departments for a Reserve body, and which to my mind still covers the case in its entirety. Something had to be done to save the Reserve and with the authority of the Constitution, we did it in Pennsylvania, as it can be done in any Department. I proposed that every Department should have a right to organize and control their military feature within the laws of the Order under its basic provisions. In Pennsylvania we were anxious to rid individuals with a commissioned officer's shoulder straps but without a command and to ban the title of Colonel where in any Department had but two or three companies, and the incongruity of indiscriminate uniforms and a duplication of insignias. The Pennsylvania Reserve laws cover in detail anything desirable and practical for uniformity and functioning. We still have some units not fully equipped but are working to that end as far as conditions permit. We can all help make the Reserve what it should be if, unselfishly, we proceed on a temperate course, and have a body wherever a Department can sustain it to be as proud of as we are in Pennsylvania—particularly if we don't all aim at rank and want to be officers with self-imposed authority, but rather for practical results and a credit and glory to the boys of '61 to '65. Don't kill the Reserve by inconsiderate legislation.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I am anxious for the best interests of the Order. I am sorry that our Brothers of the Reserve did not present this as a Resolution at the time so that it could have been referred to a Committee.

National Secretary: My position is not in opposition to the Reserve. I am in favor of anything they want, but it must be done right, the only way to do it. I suggest: Since you discharged the Committee on C. & R. yesterday, why not re-appoint the Committee, return to the order of business under which Brother Nemetz's proposed amendment can be received; refer it to the re-appointed Committee and action can be taken at this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The Committee on Resolutions may be able to handle it as it is not discharged.

Chairman Heintz of the Committee on Resolutions: Commander-in-Chief, this does not concern our Committee. Refer to the Order of Business, page 39, No. 12, Article 8, C. & R., there is a way for, under New Business.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The National Counselor is called upon for an opinion.

National Counselor Church: The recommendation to amend the Regulations is not in order.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I so rule. It is out of order. The Committee on Constitution and Regulations is re-appointed, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Chairman.

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: I thank Secretary Hammer and now again offer the amendment to Chapter 4 of the C. & R.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I believe we are nearer to a point

where this matter can be handled on the proposition at new angles. I feel that much of the discussion was out of order. We are really at a point to solve this question. The Committee on Constitution and Regulations will retire to the ante-room, with others who are personally interested, and make a report or recommendation to this Encampment. Let them take this and settle the matter.

LAW FOR RESERVE PURCHASE GOVERNMENT ARMS

Past Department Commander Casey, Maryland, (called upon) informed the Encampment as to Congress passing a Bill for the Reserve to purchase arms from the U. S. Government. I conferred with Congressman Arnold of Illinois. He drafted a Bill. Before the House could meet Congress adjourned. Last January he went into House with the Bill. When the Senate Military Committee received it the members had never heard of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, but it passed in the Committee. I sent out 23 telegrams to the various Departments requesting them to give their co-operation for the passage of House Bill No. 7074. Only one of the Department Commanders—Commander Rockwood of New Hampshire—acknowledged my telegram. The Bill passed and was signed as a law June 19th. I move a vote of thanks to Congressman Arnold.

Delegate Wilson, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, I would also add that we sent Senator Vandenburg of Michigan a letter of thanks. It is my opinion that if Senator Vandenburg had not also given his support to this Bill, it probably would not have passed. There was supposed to have been a resolution passed at our Department Encampment of a vote of thanks to Senator Vandenburg on his action.

Past Department Commander Smith, Michigan: I personally thanked Senator Vandenburg for the action he has taken on this Military Committee. A letter will be sent him also.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander and Brothers, this is something that applies more to the Reserve than it does to us. I have been asked to present it and I am so doing. I hope that the Reserve are lenient with us. I move that a letter be sent to Lawrence F. Arnold, Representative from the 23rd District of Illinois, thanking him for his work on H. B. 7074 in which the Sons of Veterans Reserve are permitted to buy certain arms and equipment from the United States. (Motion seconded by several and carried).

STEPHEN COLLINS FOSTER—HALL OF FAME

Chairman Heintz of the Committee on Resolutions: Commander-in-Chief, I move that we authorize Brother Judson Cole of New York to propose the name of Stephen Collins Foster to be elected to a place in the Hall of Fame, New York University. I am heartily in sympathy with the proposition. (The motion was seconded).

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The New York delegation should make this proposal. Whatever they do in the Department of New York is their affair. All in favor of this motion, the Secretary to send this report to the Department for their action, will say Aye. (Adopted. So ordered).

THE BANNER CONTRACT—MAILING LISTS

Past Department Commander Benjamin G. Haag, Wisconsin, supported by Past Department Commander Theodore H. Mohr, Missouri, for the Department Secretaries-Treasurers, offered the following:

"Recommendation, That the Council-in-Chief in contract-

ing for THE BANNER arrange if possible to have duplicate mailing lists for The Banner mailed to each Department Secretary on December 1st and May 1st to be arranged by Camps for each Department.

The purpose to eliminate the expense of excess copies of The Banner and to enable the Secretaries to keep more accurate records. Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Referred to the Council-in-Chief.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C. & R.

Chairman Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, Committee on Constitution and Regulations has a report to present.

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: The Committee was kind enough to let me sit in with it and pointed out a way by which we could overcome this situation. I withdraw the original recommendation and sustain the Committee.

Commander-in-Chief: Brother Nemetz, you have that permission.

Chairman Sautter: We have been in conference on the amendment to Chapter IV of the C. & R., as submitted by Delegate Nemetz of Connecticut. We recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of three members versed in military matters to prepare such changes in our Regulations as may be necessary to meet in its entirety the status and government of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, said Committee to report at the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. For the Committee I move its adoption. (Carried).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON GREETINGS

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: We presented greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans Encampment and conveyed to them your message. If it comes back on you it is not our fault. They had a splendid meeting, five hundred members in their convention. They wish for us the best progress possible. We did not have any flowers to take over, and did not get any back. We think we performed the task very well.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you, you are discharged.

Department Commander Thornburg, Indiana: We performed your mission of taking greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps. We were cordially received and had a fine reception. They send greetings and good wishes to you.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you, the Committee is discharged.

Council-in-Chief Shrieve: I move that the proceedings as taken by the stenographer be adopted as the official record of this Encampment. (Adopted).

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

National Secretary Hammer presented the final report of the Credential Committee, as follows:

No. Credentials presented	213
No. Members present, enrolled	212
Officers	10
Past Commanders-in-Chief	11—
Department Commanders	17
Past Department Commanders	79
Delegates	77
Alternate Delegates	3
Substitutes—Appointed	36
Total	212

One Department—Alabama & Tennessee, not represented.
Respectfully submitted, in F., C. & L.,

Signed: H. H. HAMMER, Chairman,
DEWEY B. MEAD, Minnesota,
RICHARD S. WIDDOES, Pennsylvania,
ALBERT E. DEEMS, California & Pacific,
FRED C. McGOWAN, Missouri.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Department Commander Mead of Minnesota, Past Department Commander Heald of New Hampshire, are appointed tellers. Secretary, you will call the roll for Nominations from Departments.

Secretary called the roll. When Connecticut was reached it yielded to Minnesota—

Department Commander Mead: I present for your consideration a brother for Commander-in-Chief who has all the qualifications, ability and aspirations to make a worthy Commander-in-Chief. His kindness and deportment has been such that six of our Commanders-in-Chief recognized his ability by choosing him as their National Chaplain. I present the name of Brother J. Kirkwood Craig.

National Secretary continued calling the roll, with seconding the nomination by Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Are there any further nominations? I declare the nominations closed.

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: I move roll call be suspended and the National Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother J. Kirkwood Craig for Commander-in-Chief. (Carried).

Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I cast 212 votes for J. Kirkwood Craig for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I declare Reverend Craig, Department of Minnesota, elected Commander-in-Chief. Dr. Craig, will you accept?

Chaplain Craig: When I was ordained in the Ministry, the Bishop asked me, "Will you?" My reply was, "Bishop, I will." So mote it be.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief are in order.

Secretary Hammer calls the roll: Maine yielded to Vermont.

Past Department Commander Smith of Vermont: I present a man from Vermont for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. A brother who has done much and has traveled over the New England States. He has always been ready to build up the Organization and I know

if you will elect him Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief he will continue to work much harder for our Organization. With great pleasure I present the name of Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson.

Department Commander Melzard. Maine heartily endorses Brother Robinson.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: On behalf of Massachusetts we second the nomination.

New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin seconded the nomination.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: If there are no further nominations, I declare the nominations closed. There being only one candidate nominated, the Secretary will cast the unanimous vote for brother Robinson.

The Secretary cast the Encampment vote.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I declare Brother Robinson elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Brother Robinson: I do.

The Secretary called the roll for nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Brothers of the Encampment, the State of Illinois is proud to entertain this Encampment. It has been one of the great events of the Sons of Union Veterans of Illinois to have you meet with us in our Capital city. We appreciate the splendid attendance which the various Departments of the order have brought to this our Illinois Encampment. We feel that it belongs to us as well as to all of you. We are happy to entertain you in our Capital city and we trust that the sessions of the Encampment will have a lasting and permanent benefit to our beloved order. Some of us have grown old in the service of the order and we appreciate with the advancing years, the privilege of our membership. Without further talk along this line, Illinois presents to you, for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, a man who has been active, eager and efficient to do some constructive work for the Sons of Union Veterans and he has done it and is willing to do more. He has the ability to do it and he is always willing to go ahead and if you will add his name to the names you have already selected for the offices of Commander-in-Chief and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I am very certain and Illinois feels the same, that the incoming administration will be effective and efficient and will operate at all times for the benefit of the Sons of Union Veterans. I nominate Phil Byron, of Illinois, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

California, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin seconded the nomination.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: There being only one candidate nominated the Secretary will cast the vote for Brother Phil Byron.

The Secretary cast the Encampment vote for Philip Byron of Illinois for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I declare Brother Byron elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Brother Byron, do you accept?

Brother Byron: As you all know I will do all in my power the coming year.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Nominations for Council-in-Chief are in order.

Secretary Hammer calls the roll.

Past Department Commander Lewis, Michigan: I know something of the work of the Council-in-Chief. I place the name of Cloy V. Smith, Past Department Commander of Michigan, in nomination for a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander McElroy, Maryland: I present the name of Past Department Commander Michael Casey of Maryland as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Minnesota and Michigan seconded the nominations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I take great pleasure in nominating Member of the Council Julius Isaacs of New York for re-election.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Ohio is for Cloy V. Smith.

Oregon and Michigan seconded the nomination of Brother Casey.

Pennsylvania seconded all three — Brothers Smith, Casey and Isaacs.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Illinois desires to second the nomination of Julius Isaacs.

Wisconsin seconded the nomination of all three nominees.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: There having been but three candidates nominated, Brothers Smith, Casey and Isaacs, the Secretary will cast the ballot.

The Secretary cast the Encampment vote for Brothers Smith, Casey and Isaacs.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I declare the brothers duly elected. Brothers, do you accept? (Each responded affirmatively).

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The next order of business will be the election of Secretary-Treasurer for a period of five years.

Department Commander Fletcher: California & Pacific gives way to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: No task could give me more pleasure than that which I am now to perform. It was my privilege as a delegate of the Department of Pennsylvania, at the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Gettysburg in 1905, when under the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, who later became one of my dearest friends in this Order, our departed Brother Dustin, the office of National Secretary was made permanent and to vote for Brother H. H. Hammer as our National Secretary for his first term of five years. In 1910, as the Commander of Department of Pennsylvania, I was privileged to vote for him for a second term, again in 1915. In 1920 it was my privilege to nominate him for re-election for a fourth term, again to nominate him in 1925, again in 1930, again in 1935, and now for the fifth time to perform that same pleasant duty. I will not discuss the work of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer, the manner in which he has performed it over a period of thirty-five years has met with the approval of our membership, else we would not have re-elected him at the end of each term. His untiring work, his ability, his devotion to our Order is known and appreciated by all. I hope to have the privilege and pleasure of nominating him every five years for the next fifty years. I nominate as our Secretary and Treasurer, Brother H. H. Hammer of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: The Secretary will call the roll for the vote. (Proceeded).

Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I move the rules be suspended and the election of the National Secretary-Treasurer be made by unanimous vote. (Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Secretary Hammer, you are elected.

VISIT GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC COMMITTEE

Guide Blackman: Commander, I have the pleasure to present the Department Commander of the Department of California, and the Department Commander of the Department of Utah, Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: This is a happy moment for me at the close of my year's work, to have these Comrades as a committee from the G. A. R. one from my own Department of California.

Department Commander C. H. Blanchard, Department of California & Nevada: I extend to you hearty greetings and good wishes, and it is most gratifying to know that after the last Comrade of the G. A. R. has answered the last roll call, that you Sons of Union Veterans are going to carry on and protect the principles that have characterized the G. A. R. I wish you success in all your undertakings. There should be close co-operation between this order and our Auxiliary. I want you to be careful that you do not let the girls get ahead of you. I would like to see this order built up and I urge you one and all, to bring in a new member this year. I am sure if you make this effort you can double your membership. May God Bless you.

Department Commander Storms, Department of Utah: Boys, I have two sons. I tried hard to get the boys to join the Sons of Union Veterans. I am trying to get them together again. Three times I have failed. Glad to be with you. Thank you.

Commander Barrett: Thank you, Comrades. Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer will respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Commander-in-Chief and you, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, there is nothing that gives me, as a son of a Veteran, or my brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, any more pleasure, than to respond to a Grand Army Comrade in our Encampment. We honor you, as we honor our fathers. My father was the first volunteer from his city in the State of Massachusetts. He volunteered three days after the firing on Fort Sumter, on April 15, 1861. I have always been proud of that and in my boyhood days our home was a mecca for every man who served with and under him. We honor you, Comrades of the Grand Army and every man in this room appreciates that the blessings we have enjoyed all our lives are because of you. We recognize and are proud of it, that it is all due to your heroic efforts and we know full well the sacrifices you endured and the hardships you suffered that we might inherit a united country. Down deep in our hearts, every Son of a Veteran appreciates what you did from 1861 to 1865. We hope you will live a long time to be with us. And you can believe us when we say that we will carry on as long as we live, and will see that our sons do likewise.

PRESENTATION—PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment. We have just had an inspiring visit from Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and we hope it will be repeated for some years to come. But we know that in the course of human events the lives of some of you, who are present, will come to an end and it will be our privilege to carry on. To some of those who have been long in this Order, associations and friendships have been formed that will endure as long as we live. When I listened to the nominating speeches for our National Secretary-Treasurer I realized again as it has so often come to me, in the past, that there is a friendship which is very dear to everyone of us who are old members

of the Order. There have been times in the history of this Order, when it passed through dark periods. He was always faithful and his duties have been performed to the last item in every such occurrence. He has the heart of a mountain. His friendship is one of the dearest things that belongs to the Sons of Union Veterans. Not only to those who are here but to the Departments and Camps everywhere. They all know him as a friend. In recognition of his efficiency and his long tenure in office, and the valuable favors for the benefit of this organization, the last Encampment honored itself in conferring upon him the title of Past Commander-in-Chief. Commander, may I request that all the Past Commanders-in-Chief rise? Brother Hammer, you have had the honors of the Order. You have rendered valuable service to it and in behalf of the Order I have the distinctive honor of presenting to you this Past Commander-in-Chief insignia. (Gold lapel button).

Secretary Hammer: Thank you all, especially you, Brother Church, for your kind tribute. I cannot properly express myself. I don't deserve such kindness.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: This insignia which has just been presented to Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer is the gift of all the Past Commanders-in-Chief of your order. As all officers have been elected, are they ready to be installed?

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief-elect Craig selected Past Commander-in-Chief William C. Anderson as Installing Officer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The National Secretary will please call the roll of officers elect. (All responded).

Commander-in-Chief—J. Kirkwood Craig, Minnesota.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—A. W. Robinson, Vermont.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Phil Byron, Illinois.

Council-in-Chief—Julius Isaacs, New York.

Michael Casey, Maryland.

C. V. Smith, Michigan.

National Secretary-Treasurer—H. H. Hammer, Pennsylvania.

National Chaplain—Rev. Frank C. Huston, Indiana.

National Counselor—John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania.

Department Commander Mead of Minnesota will act as Installing Guide.

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson installed all in ceremonial Ritual form.

Commander-in-Chief Craig: Brothers, may I express to you my very deep appreciation for the high honor which you have conferred upon me. I appreciate the fine work Brother Anderson has done in this installation service. May we hear from the new officers?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Robinson: I will help you and try to follow whatever instructions come to me, and make your administration a success.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Byron: I deem this to be a great honor for me to act with you and I thank this Encampment for the honor bestowed upon me. If I do nothing else, I will bring an increase in the Illinois Department of one hundred new members. Thank you.

National Chaplain Huston: Commander-in-Chief Craig and Breth-

ren, no greater honor could be bestowed upon me than this great office. As I talked to Commander-in-Chief Craig relative to the acceptance of this high office, I said no greater honor could be bestowed upon me. He seemed to think that after being Commander-in-Chief, being demoted to Chaplain would not be acceptable. I have been your Commander-in-Chief and am very proud of that honor. I consider this a higher honor than that of Commander-in-Chief, as much as I valued that. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Craig: When this matter was under consideration as to my worthiness for the office of Commander-in-Chief, I conferred with Brother Sautter for his advice. I said if I am elected Commander-in-Chief, I am going to ask you to serve as National Counselor. It gives me great pleasure to present my National Counselor, John E. Sautter, of Pittsburgh.

National Counselor Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, how happy I am to address you with that title. For the third time in my rather brief career in this organization, my experience of fifty years, I have been obligated as a Commandery-in-Chief officer—as Commander-in-Chief twenty-seven years ago, when Brother Bowley asked me to serve as National Counselor and again today when Brother Craig requested me to fulfill the same duties. Ordinarily, we might consider the position of National Counselor as one that ought and could only be properly filled by a lawyer, but I am rather encouraged by the statement made last night by young Bill Church, when he said, "John, you are better than a whole load of lawyers, that or more." I can only pledge that if I am called upon to give an opinion, that it will be one from an honest endeavor and not one of convenience.

Commander-in-Chief Craig: Thank you, Brother Sautter. I have been giving this matter considerable thought and prayer and I pledge to each and every one of you, individually and also the Departments and Camps, that I am going to give you my best. I am really and truly "at your service." I would like to make one or two requests. If your Commander-in-Chief is going to be of some service to you, write whatever you want, don't wire me on Saturday night and ask me to come out to you on Sunday morning. If you know that on a certain day, four or six months ahead, that something is going to take place, let me know as soon as you can. I am sure you will not misunderstand me that now I have several engagements in January, March and April of 1941. May I also say, that officers of an organization like this cannot do all the work. I hope to have Aides in every Department who will study the revisions and the proceedings of the Encampment. Will you note the items under special orders. There will be some special letters throughout our organization. I am going to write the Department Commanders, I am an organization man. I believe in working through special organized channels, and when properly drawn, to write you regarding the things that ought to be done. Only when a person does not respond to my correspondence do I intend to go over the heads of such. I would like to speak a word of appreciation to my brother of the Minnesota Department, Commander Dewey E. Mead, of the fine work which he did in my behalf.

PRESENTATION TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARRETT

Department Commander Richard D. Fletcher, California & Pacific: Dr. Barrett, your services in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War date back when you were a young man in New London, Ohio, when you helped to organize Daniel H. Fox Camp, later doing the same kind of work at Mansfield, Ohio. Upon your arrival in California in 1922, you transferred your membership to Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Los Angeles, filling all the principal offices of the Camp, including

that of Commander. Likewise when your work in the Department was discovered, by being elected Department Commander. The National soon recognized your hard work and you again held several offices, finally being elected to that of Commander-in-Chief. You have filled this office to the best of your ability, by sacrificing several months from your profession.

We are unable to compensate you for this great sacrifice but we do wish you to know that your efforts were appreciated. As Department Commander of the Department of California & Pacific it gives me great pleasure to present you with the highest jewel of this order—Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge. We know you will wear it with honor and credit not only to yourself but to our order. We are sure that since you have been elevated to this high office, and you are turning over the affairs to your successor, that you will realize more than ever that you are not a has been but from all these years of experience, you are just beginning.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I thank you for the honor that has been bestowed upon me. Whatever has been done in this office, has been for the future that is ahead of us. We wish to do all we can for this Order which we love, and I thank you, Commander Fletcher, my Department Commander. I thank the local committee in Springfield for the splendid time we have had. They have worked hard in preparing for this Encampment. Especially Brother Rippetoe, who has acted as my representative on the committee. I was pleased indeed, when so many delegates came and I congratulated the local committee on having carried all out so successfully. I do thank everyone of you brothers for your co-operation and our good secretary who has been so patient with me in calling my attention to the problems as middle man. We need to get back to God and the Son of man. That is the trouble with the world. It has gone war mad. I could speak longer, my heart is filled. It is just too bad that men can't get together and settle their troubles without bringing death to millions of people. God forbid. I only wish for the continued success of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I sincerely hope that the Committee or Committees appointed by Commander-in-Chief Craig to study the Proposals and Resolutions presented and referred to Special Committee, by the Committee on Program and Policy, as to increase in Membership, Junior Camps for Boys referred to by Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Herrlein, and others; Military Affairs by Reserve, employ National Organizer by Council-in-Chief, Essay contest, and other constructive plans, will be able to bring a report and resolutions for action that will assure continued growth and usefulness of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as a real Patriotic Organization.

Secretary Hammer: Here Commander, is the usual gift from the Secretary. It is not the one given to me, no one can have that. This is like it. (Presents gold lapel button).

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you.

All sang "He Is a Jolly Good Fellow."

REMARKS NATIONAL OFFICERS

Council-in-Chief Isaacs: Commander-in-Chief Craig, on behalf of my colleagues, I desire to thank the Encampment for the confidence placed in us, and we promise you we will carry out our duties with the hope that your Administration will be successful and for the benefit of our organization.

Commander-in-Chief Craig: I wish to thank the members of my

own Department for endorsing me for Commander-in-Chief. I will fill it to the best of my ability.

Council-in-Chief Casey: I thank you all for the honor you have bestowed upon me, also my friend, Brother Isaacs.

Past Department Commander Wright of Michigan: The 13th of September last, our Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett was with us. It was a surprise to us. In twenty-seven years this was the first time we ever had a Commander-in-Chief to visit our city. The Auxiliary also enjoyed this visit. He also visited Jackson and Kalamazoo. In behalf of all Michigan boys, we will always have a warm feeling in our hearts for Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: It has not been decided where the Grand Army of the Republic will meet next year. I move for the record that the Encampment Committees be discharged, and that we adjourn. (Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Craig: We never adjourn without having Brother Huston lead in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds." We will have a word of prayer and the benediction.

Chaplain Huston: Our dear Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the privilege of these days and as we separate, and go to our several fields of activities, we pray Thy Blessing may be upon us. Bless not only these officers, but comrades and all of our boys everywhere. May we prove that we are worthy Sons of Union Veterans who died to save our country. Amen.

Ritual ceremonies were observed.

Approved by Encampment.

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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	*H. V. Kemerey,	Altoona, Wis.
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	Oscar Doppler,	Baraboo, Wis.
	R. P. Plummer,	Baraboo, Wis.
	E. C. Henke,	Baraboo, Wis.

Delegate Representation

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 * * * "

No. Present.	Department	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1940 Membership. Delegates	
	Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	59	2
9	California & Pacific..	19	July 1, 1886	650	7
2	Colorado & Wyoming.	25	Mar. 22, 1929	187	3
13	Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	1293	14
19	Illinois	10	July 1883	561	7
12	Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	572	7
7	Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	325	4
2	Kansas	9	June 1833	284	4
7	Maine	4	April 10, 1883	915	10
6	Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	337	4
9	Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	3659	38
14	Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	485	6
6	Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	199	3
9	Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	346	4
3	Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	216	3
4	New Hampshire.....	11	Aug. 1883	614	7
10	New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	756	9
13	New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	2053	22
17	Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1426	15
2	Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	140	2
31	Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	4208	43
1	Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	339	4
7	Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	477	6
1	Washington	23	Jan. 1, 1890	87	2
8	Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	417	5

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amles	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	134 So. LaSalle St., Suite 1410, Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Massachusetts	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Illinois	
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1925	Edwin C. Ireian	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
1926	*Ernest W. Homan	Maryland	4300 Roland Ave., Apt. 6-2, Baltimore, Md.

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
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	4001 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
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	Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	995 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.
1937	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.
1938			
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	Calif. & Pac.	7118 Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, Calif.

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	
1939	Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania	Reading, Pa.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

E. Howard Gilkey....108 W. New England Ave., Worthington, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown.....312 Harries Building, Dayton, Ohio

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

*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
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
59th	1940	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois

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