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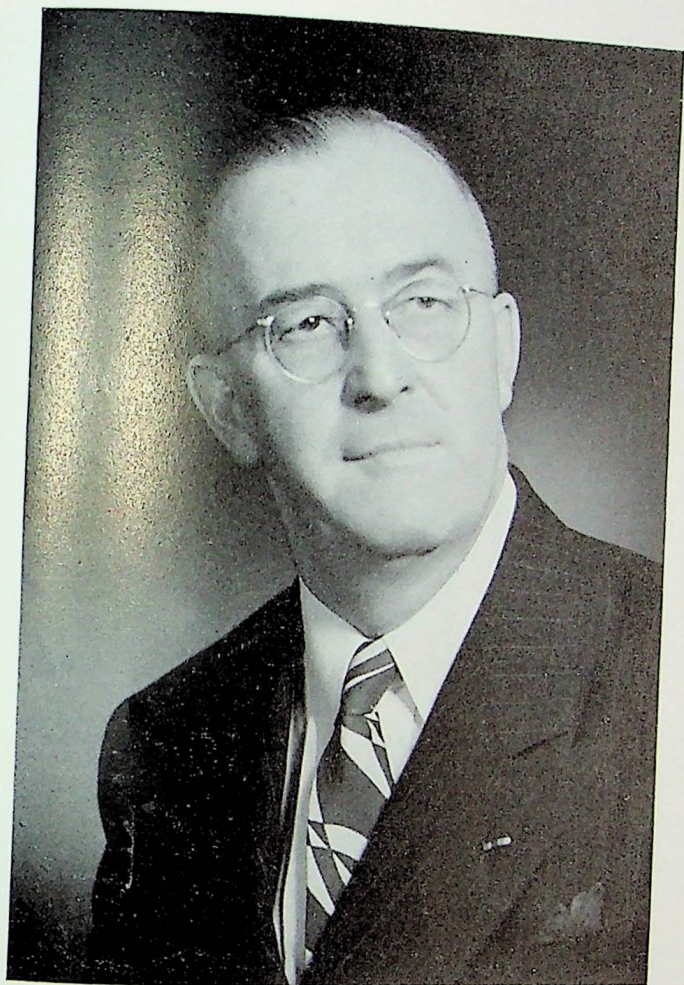
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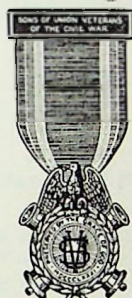
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Pre-Encampment Activities

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary was held Sunday, September 26, at 9:00 p. m. in the Black and Silver Room of the Civic Auditorium of Grand Rapids, Michigan. National Chaplain Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer of the Sons, and National Chaplain Mrs. Mary M. Mandeville of the Auxiliary were in charge.

Program

Piano Prelude Mrs. Mary Gordon
Processional Hymn Assembly
Invocation..... Mrs. Mary M. Mandeville
National Chaplain of the Auxiliary

Vocal Selection

Tribute to Deceased Members of the Grand Army of the Republic..
..... Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Ralph R. Barrett
Tribute to the Late National Chaplain, the Rev. U. G. Lacey, and
Deceased Members of Sons.....
..... Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook

Vocal Selection

Tribute to Deceased Members of Auxiliary.....
..... Past National President Ida B. Lange
Floral Tributes Placed by Department Commanders and Department
Presidents.
Hymn Assembly
Benediction..... Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer
National Chaplain of the Sons

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SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Hotel Rowe — Grand Rapids, Michigan
September 26-30, 1948

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 27, 1948—1:30 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran: The Officers and members of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Delegate Wm. C. Rule, Massachusetts; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander William W. Haskell, Massachusetts; Guard, Past Department Commander Rocke R. Wood, Michigan; and Musician, Past Department Commander Frank H. Heacock, Pennsylvania.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except National Secretary-Treasurer H. H. Hammer.

RESIGNATION OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Before we proceed to the regular order of business, I have the following letter to read:

September 16, 1948.

Mr. Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief, and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I hereby tender my resignation, effective as of September 30, 1948, due to circumstances connected with my health. I am sorry that I am compelled to resort to this course, but it is physically impossible for me to continue any longer.

I am assuming that I am to turn over the bank balances to W. C. Mabie as National Treasurer. If wrong, correct me and advise to whom I shall transmit the bank balances.

Thank you for the many favors and courtesies extended.

Respectfully yours in F. C. & L.

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief, I rise

to make a motion that the resignation of H. H. Hammer as National Secretary-Treasurer, effective September 30, 1948, be accepted, with regret.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank H. Heacock, Pennsylvania; and carried.

Council-in-Chief John H. Liesee: In order that the business of this Encampment can go forward, your Council-in-Chief recommends that Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert be the Acting National Secretary-Treasurer for this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke: May I offer a word. It is my contention that since this Encampment is now in session, that the Council-in-Chief does not have the authority to fill this vacancy. Therefore, for the purpose of making it legal, I move that this Encampment now concur in the selection of the Council-in-Chief of Albert C. Lambert as Acting National Secretary-Treasurer for the period of this Encampment.

Seconded by Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania; and carried.

Past Department Commander Louis E. Winchell, Massachusetts: I move that a Committee be appointed to draw up a suitable resolution for the acceptance, by this Encampment, of the resignation of H. H. Hammer as National Secretary-Treasurer.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred C. Barnard, New York, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: That will be taken care of. At this time, I would like to appoint the Encampment Committees.

COMMITTEES

Credentials

Allen H. Howland, Department Commander, Massachusetts, Chairman.

Daniel Oblinger, Department Commander, New Jersey.

Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.

Robert L. Brown, Department Commander, Indiana.

Resolutions

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.

Perle L. Fouch, Past Department Commander, Michigan.

William O. Fuller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Officers' Reports

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.

Cleon E. Heald, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.

Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

John C. Yocum, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

Constitution and Regulations

H. Harding Hale, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.

Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary, New York.

Arthur W. Robinson, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

Ritual and Ceremonies

Charles L. Messer, Department Commander, New York, Chairman.

L. E. Manoly, Department Commander, Maryland.

George C. Keach, Past Department Commander, Colorado & Wyoming.

Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 Edgar M. Linsey, National Patriotic Instructor, Michigan.

GREETINGS COMMITTEES**Grand Army of the Republic**

Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, and all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Woman's Relief Corps

Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific, Chairman.

Franklin S. Hubbard, Department Commander, Wisconsin.

Roy J. Bennett, Past Department Commander, Iowa.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.

W. F. Hathaway, Department Commander, Iowa.

Louis E. Winchell, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.

Union W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan.

John A. Ruggles, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

John W. Emery, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.

J. Clark Mansfield, Department Commander, Pennsylvania, and all members of the Pennsylvania delegation.

Responses to Incoming Greetings Committees

Woman's Relief Corps—Neil D. Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans—William T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Butfer, will you please assume this station in order that I may read my report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Holyoke, Mass., August 14, 1948.

To the Officers and Members of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Greeting:

Thirteen months ago, in the City of Cleveland, you elected me to the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization. I accepted the office, realizing the great responsibilities devolving upon me and my

own limitations. I promised you that I would, to the best of my ability, carry out the duties of the office. This I have tried to do.

Membership

Our membership continues to decline, and the reason is very apparent—inactivity. If our present organization is to continue to exist, our membership must get back into the harness and work for the Order. I realize that a large majority of our members have reached that age when they no longer have the urge to be as active as they were some years ago. But we have now reached an emergency, the very existence of the Order is at stake, and in memory of him whose record and service for our Country permits us to be members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we must renew our activities in behalf of the organization.

At the outset of my year, I spearheaded my articles in The Banner with the motto "ACTION—NOT WORDS," and that is just what we need and must have. Action, the injection of which into our Camps, will again bring to the front our Order. We do not take part in the civic affairs of our communities. When celebrations are being held to commemorate some civic anniversary, we stand on the side lines, instead of being an active participant. You cannot build up the organization unless you can show those outside our ranks that we are an organization that does its part; that we are an organization in reality, not merely on paper.

The following Brothers have reported to me as having secured five or more new members, and entitled to be placed on our Honor Roll. There may be others, if so we were not advised of them.

Rex Allen, Commander Camp 55, Department of Massachusetts.
 L. R. E. Johnson, Commander Camp 15, Dept. of Massachusetts.
 Truman Vincent, Commander Camp 77, Dept. of New York.
 Floyd E. Doland, Past Com. Camp 77, Dept. of New York.
 C. Edward Wetzel, Commander Department of Ohio.
 H. S. Siggelko, P. D. C., Dept. of Wisconsin.
 Dr. J. O. Smith, P. D. C., Dept. of Wisconsin.

My thanks are extended to these Brothers.

Visitations

It would have been nice to have been able to visit all of our Departments, especially their Encampments, but that was impossible. Too many of our Departments meet at the same time, rendering it a physical impossibility to cover them all. If it were possible for Departments in a certain area to arrange that their Encampments be held, not at the same time, but close together, more could be visited.

Finances

The condition of our finances are bad, and that is not due to your officers. We have kept our expenses to a minimum. The finding of money necessary to pay the expenses of the Commandery-in-Chief, has been one of the real troubles of our National Secretary-Treasurer. Something must be done to lower our expenses or raise our income.

Officers

I am deeply grateful to you for the selection of the Officers that have been my associates during the year. Interested, active and enthusiastic, they performed the various duties assigned to them in a very satisfactory manner.

I would be ungrateful, if I did not speak a few words of our Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Horace H. Hammer. I realize how true the statements made by my predecessors of the assistance he gave to them. In ill health his thoughts have been always for the Order he loves. His assistance and co-operation to me have been gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

On July 5th the Supreme Commander called our Chaplain home. Brother U. G. Lacey was a real enthusiastic member and is missed by his associates.

Junior Order

In my visits to the various Encampments I have been asked why the idea of a Junior Order has been sidetracked. It seems to me that if some of the Departments believe such a Junior Order would help them, they should be permitted to try it, and I would therefor recommend that we establish a Junior Order, and that a committee be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief to make the necessary rules for its operation.

The Banner

Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, Editor of The Banner, has been of material assistance to me. It has been proven to my satisfaction that our members do read The Banner. When I asked for the members to advise me of certain monuments erected prior to a certain date, I received replies from a considerable number of them. The Banner is a necessity and it is our only way of contact with the membership.

The Reserve

It was my pleasure to attend the Encampment of the Pennsylvania Reserve at Camp H. H. Hammer, in Reading, Pa. I found their enthusiasm of the highest, and morale fine. I believe that it is a help in keeping the younger members in the Order. Colonel Stoudt and his associates are doing a fine job for the Order.

Grand Army of the Republic

What can we say of this noble organization that hasn't been said in the past—the organization of our Fathers. Their loyalty to Country is an example for us to follow. Their deeds and services in time of war and in peace are history, and today with their ranks depleted, they are almost a memory. I repeat the words of Past Commander-in-Chief W. T. Church at our 36th Annual Encampment:

"The Grand Army of the Republic can never die, but will live on through all the future, raised in immortality in the hearts of the American people."

I wish to extend my appreciation to Miss Cora E. Gillis, Secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic, for her co-operation and assistance. She has done a lot of work for us.

Allied Orders

It has been a pleasure to work with the National Presidents of the Allied Orders: Mrs. Grayce L. Vedetta, of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Irene Mangle, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Anna B. Dolan, of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They have been very diligent in their work, and rendered to me considerable assistance. The many courtesies they extended to me and the Order are appreciated.

Our Auxiliary

No Commander-in-Chief ever had a finer co-worker than I have had in Mrs. Katharine L. Joyce, National President of our Auxiliary. She has been a real leader and an incessant worker for her organization and ours. No mere words of mine can express my appreciation for her assistance.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Capt. J. Clark Mansfield and his associates have performed a very fine piece of work for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. There are only two states left to have legislative approval, in naming this highway; then from the Atlantic to the Pacific it will be the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Legislative Committee

When it was brought to my attention that the War Department had decided to dispose of Forts Sumter and Moultrie as surplus, I heartily agreed with the Sons of the Confederacy to oppose such a plan. Our Departments and Camps were instructed to contact the various members of both Houses of Congress, and voice their disapproval. The result will be given in the Legislative Committee's report. Our thanks are due to the Sons of the Confederacy in bringing it to the attention of our organization.

Necrology

A large number of members of the Commandery-in-Chief have passed to the Great Beyond. The following have been reported to us:

Rev. U. G. Lacey, National Chaplain.

Connecticut Department—H. E. Gage, P. D. C.; Robert Alcorn, P. D. C.; L. B. Gregory, P. D. C.

Indiana—A. W. McDaniel, P. D. C.; F. L. Richart, P. D. C.

Iowa—Denver T. Howe, P. D. C.

Maine—Clarence H. Cram, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Maryland—Druid Evans, P. D. C.; Charles Colfax Long, P. D. C.

Massachusetts—Chester A. White, P. D. C.

Michigan—F. J. McMurtrie, P. D. C.

New Hampshire—Bert L. Craine, P. D. C.

New York—W. S. Oberderfer, P. D. C.; Walter A. Waterman, P. D. C.

Pennsylvania—J. M. Smith, P. D. C.; J. Edward Seipp, P. D. C.; Walter E. Smith, P. D. C.; Andrew J. Hascher, P. D. C.

Ohio—E. Howard Gilkey, Past Grand Division Commander.

Oregon—L. S. Hopfield, P. D. C.

Vermont—C. J. Smith, P. D. C.

All were true members of the Order whose passing will be missed.

My Brothers, the need of our organization is greater today than ever before. The condition that confronts our Country is such that requires the efforts of every person who believes in the American form of Government.

Communism is not a fallacy, but a reality; fellow travelers and communists have infiltrated into our government. Candidates for high office openly admit that they want their support, and to get that support they accept the ideology and dogmas of the Soviet Union. It is our duty as descendants of the men who saved the Union in the

days of 1861 to 1865, to oppose by every means the traitors who would sell out our Country and tear down our Government, as did their associates in the European Countries in World War Number II.

We can do this only by building up our organization; have the numerical strength that will count, and when we accomplish that we can truly state that we have builded a memorial to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I will soon turn over the command to my successor, and return back to the ranks, with renewed vigor to work for the upbuilding of our beloved Order. I appreciate the opportunity you gave me for service. If I have been able to do anything towards the rekindling of the fire of devotion to the service of our Order, I am content. My appreciation to all members who have assisted in any way, towards the advancement of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Butfer: You have heard the report of your Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman: Having listened to the excellent report of the Commander-in-Chief, I move that the same be received, and referred to the appropriate committees for action; and that a rising vote of thanks be extended to our Commander-in-Chief for his presentation of the status of our Order today.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts; and carried. Rising vote of thanks given the Commander-in-Chief by the Encampment for his report).

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: May I request that the names of Daniel Oberderfer and Walter A. Waterman be included in the list of Past Department Commanders who have passed away? (In addition, the following deceased Past Department Commanders are to be added to that list: Denver T. Howe, Iowa; Walter E. Smith, Pennsylvania; Andrew J. Hascher, Pennsylvania. In Necrology, page 5 of Officers' Reports, it should read: Connecticut—L. B. Gregory (instead of L. B. Gage).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Those names will be included, and the correction made in the proceedings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman: In view of the fact that the Officers' Reports are in printed form, and that the report of the Commander-in-Chief has been read, I move you that the reports of all other Officers be received without reading, and that if matters requiring committee action is contained in the several officers' reports they be referred to the appropriate committees.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie; and carried).

(The printed Officers' Reports booklets were distributed, and the other Reports of Officers, as printed there, follow).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Baltimore 15, Maryland, July 14, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

When I left my home in Baltimore, Maryland, on August 10, 1947,

little did I realize that I would today be giving an account of my stewardship as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of our beloved Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of America.

It was an honor to the Maryland Department, and to me personally, to be elevated to this National Office, which I now hold, and which I soon will pass on to my successor. I regret that I have accomplished so little.

Having been installed into office by Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother John E. Sautter, our thoughts were turned toward our homes.

On September 8, 1947, I visited my own Camp and was received as a National Officer; on September 30, 1947, I visited the James A. Garfield Auxiliary No. 1, Baltimore, Maryland; on November 27, 1947, we celebrated Veterans' Night in a joint meeting. I had the pleasure of presenting a 50-year Membership Badge to Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Harry L. Strieb, of Garfield Camp No. 1. On January 6, 1948, I accepted an invitation to Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Delaware. Here I acted as Installing Officer. November 28, 1947, I had the pleasure of mustering a new member into William B. Cushing Camp No. 30, Washington, D. C.

On February 14, 1948, I was honored by attending the Lincoln Day Dinner in Philadelphia, Pa., which I enjoyed very much. At this dinner I met our Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. E. Moran, also the National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Katharine Joyce, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

On April 19, 1948, I accepted an invitation to attend the 50th Anniversary of Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Delaware.

It was a pleasure to represent my Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. E. Moran, at our 62nd Department Encampment of the Maryland Department, held in Washington, D. C., May 7-8, 1948.

Now that my term of office is nearing a close, I wish at this time to express my thanks to all for your confidence in me and electing me to the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of our Order.

To my Commander-in-Chief, Charles H. E. Moran, it has been a pleasure to have worked with you in this office. This year that has now past memories will long last as the day and years come and go and reminding us of our association together. To you—I trust that you will have a very pleasant and profitable Encampment, and may God in his great wisdom bless you and keep you in the great work that lies ahead.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

THOMAS L. BUFTER,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Cleveland, Ohio, July 21, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As nearly a year has passed since my elevation to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, it becomes my duty to submit a report of my activities during that term.

My first official visit was at Alliance, Ohio, on October 25, 1947, where I attended a reception tendered to the Department Officers of all of the allied organizations, headed by Comrade John H. Grate, De-

partment Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. This occasion was also attended by the National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Katharine Joyce of Pittsburgh, together with her Personal Aide, Miss Clara Lewis.

On January 10 and 11 I attended the Mid-winter Conference of the Ohio Department at Columbus, Ohio. A well attended and enthusiastic meeting.

In accordance with your request, I attended the Encampment of the Department of Indiana, held at Elkhart, June 4, 5 and 6. This was a fine gathering and a credit to our Order.

June 20 to 24, I attended the Encampment of the Ohio Department, held at Columbus, Ohio. I am highly pleased and proud to be able to report that this Encampment was the best in attendance in recent years.

At both the Elkhart and Columbus Encampments, in addition to attending the sessions of our Order, I visited each of the affiliated organizations, extending your personal greetings and expressing the very best wishes of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The thought that I attempted to carry to all was, that with the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic and the resulting loss of their noble leadership, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stood ready and willing to assume the responsibility of co-ordination of their efforts and of our readiness to assist wherever possible.

Knowing as I do of many worthwhile accomplishments of some of the Camps, but little known by the public, I attempted to impress upon the brothers, the need for increased publicity and urged them to let the world know that they are proud of their heritage and of their membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

As we mingle with our daily associates, let them know that we are proud to be a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In 1930, while serving as Department Commander of the Department of Ohio, I established the custom of placing a wreath annually upon the tomb of each ex-president of the United States located in the State of Ohio on the anniversary of their birth. There are five of these in Ohio and the custom is still being observed. Publicity has been very good, even to the point of having received recognition in the New York Times. As a patriotic move it has served the purpose of impressing upon the public the birthdays of our Presidents.

I desire to offer the following recommendation:

That the Commandery-in-Chief, through the National Patriotic Instructor, assume the responsibility for establishing the foregoing program on a national basis, delegating the task to each Department. The Department in turn would assign the duty of executing same to the Camp or Camps nearest to the burial place of the departed President. Said Camp to place a wreath in the name of their Department. The Camp would bill the cost of the floral tribute to their Department. The exercises in each instance should be covered with proper publicity.

In closing, I desire to express my sincere thanks and deepest appreciation for the honor bestowed upon me, and the opportunity afforded me to serve our beloved Order in this capacity.

Fraternally yours,

W. C. THOBABEN,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Grand Rapids, Mich., August 10, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit to you the following report, based upon the material forwarded to me by the Department Patriotic Instructors of the various Departments.

I was loath to accept the office of National Patriotic Instructor but was encouraged to do so by Past Commander-in-Chief U. W. Mackey, and he has been of great assistance to me in conducting the work, and I greatly appreciate his help.

The most of my time has been spent in supplying articles for The Banner, and answering correspondence. My effort has been placed upon increasing the membership, encouraging the observance of Patriotic Days, raising money for the G. A. R. Fund, and accomplishing the objectives outlined in the Patriotic Instructors Report Blanks.

The G. A. R. Fund has not come up to my desire, but there is a fairly good amount, and we must abide by the result.

The Reports have been interesting and encouraging, and I thank the Camp Patriotic Instructors, and Department Patriotic Instructors, for their interest and co-operation in preparing them. While there has been much work done, the Reports show a falling off of the Sons organization, and there should be a strong effort made to build up the Order.

I have carefully perused all of the Reports, and I consider our organization is in a fairly good condition. Of course, there is much room for improvement, but under the conditions that attend our organization we should be very thankful to the faithful who work so hard to better our Order.

After consolidating the Department Patriotic Reports, I can sympathize with Secretary Hammer in the extensive and splendid conduct of his work, and with Editor Holbrook in editing The Banner. I do appreciate Brother Holbrook's help in editing my articles for The Banner.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

EDGAR M. LINSLEY,

National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORTED ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENTS

California & Pacific—J. Sidney Bechtel. Days observed: Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day. Suggestions: There is a religious sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses who presumptuously class the Flag as an idol and refuse to salute it, yet demand all the rights under its protection. I would be glad to inform anyone interested in the Scriptures how to expose their presumptions.

Colorado & Wyoming—S. S. VanBuskirk. Memorial Day, Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Veterans Night.

Connecticut—Pearl L. Chamberlain. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: Lt. Col. Arthur C. Bennett, Maj. Charles H. Sprague, P. D. C. Earnest E. Barnum, C. Harry Curtiss, O. Curtiss, P. C. C. M. K. Blackwell, Judge Paul L. Miller, Judge Frank L. Wilder, Judge Carl Foster, Peter J. Ring, Jr., P. D. C. Robert C. C. Smith, 133 Hawthorne Ave., Hartford, school speaker and radio program. Suggestions: Have Police Dept. refuse any permits to vendors, and keep all such vendors and

peddlers away from the line of march on Memorial Day; this was done in Bridgeport with great success, which made the Day a day of reverence, instead of a gala day as in the past; also have interesting programs by teaching true American history in the schools, and what it means to them. Hold interesting meetings, with speakers, etc. Having an up-to-date paper printed, such as the American Legion, even at an extra cost to the members, and having mailing lists rechecked.

Maine—Lewis G. Morris. Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Sunday, and Memorial Day. Speakers: P. D. C. William H. Cressey, Westbrook; Dept. Com. Clarence P. Renell, Portland; P. D. C. Charles C. Webster, Sanford, and P. D. C. Albert DeHaven, Sanford.

Maryland—William N. Suter. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Appomattox Day, Veterans Day, and Armistice Day. Speakers: Sr. V. Com-in-Chief Thomas L. Bufter, Baltimore; P. D. C. Gurnon R. Scott, P. D. C. Samuel J. Darrah, P. N. Chap. Miss Bertha Rannels, Com. H. G. Huison, P. D. Jeremiah Johnson and Jas. E. Handy, Wilmington; S. F. Hubert, E. W. Mason, Edward Neal, Delaware City; Frank P. Gentieu, Richardson Park; Frank C. Conner, Wilmington. Suggestions: Frank P. Gentieu wrote an article which currently appears in "Spare Time," a small publication printed by Hambleton Printing Co., and distributed to hotels, restaurants, theatres, etc. This article is two and one-half pages long, with several appropriate pictures, and tells of the history of Memorial Day. The school children are asked to supply flowers, and decorate graves of Civil War Veterans. They also have a representative group in the parade. The Boy Scouts of America entered a float and furnished an escort for other floats. In addition, they entered several Color Guards for other organizations, and served as messengers whenever needed. All of the high school bands were very co-operative and turned out in full force.

The Memorial Day activities were excellently covered by radio stations with the following carrying part or all of the ceremonies: WDEL, WAMS, WILM.

Michigan—Fred Hammond. Speakers: P. C.-in-C. U. W. Mackey, Dept. Com. Walter H. Brooks, N. P. I. Edgar M. Linsley, Grand Rapids; S. R. Hammond, Jackson. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day.

Missouri—Perry A. Brubaker. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, July 4th, Armistice Day.

New Hampshire—Ralph R. Dudley. Days observed: Memorial Day, July 4th, Armistice Day. Speakers: P. D. C. Wm. T. John, P. C.-in-C. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., Manchester; P. P. I. William H. Rittenburg, D. D., Canadia.

New Jersey—Willard S. Bryan. Days observed: Memorial Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: P. D. C. Herman Schroeder, Fred Williams, P. D. C. Fred Hansen, Henry Lowe, Benjamin Hook, William T. Piereson, Willard S. Bryan, William T. Bryan, John Broemel, Wm. B. Wharton, Russell F. Black, P. D. C. Harrison Williams, Hon. Fred Hartley, Hon. William Huck, P. C.-in-C. Albert Lambert, P. D. C. Edward R. Shaw, Dept. Com. Vincent Hayden, Robert L. Gerks. Hoboken Camp sponsors contest in schools for boys to recite Gettysburg Address on Memorial Day.

Ohio—Campbell M. Voorhees. Days observed: Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Dedication Day, Veterans Night. One discourtesy to Flag reported.

Oregon—Frederick K. Davis. Days observed: Feb. 12th and Nov.

14th. Speakers: E. W. Buchanan, Frederick K. Davis, Eugene; E. W. Madison, Portland. Many good recommendations appear in *The Banner* from time to time. Without two or three enterprising leaders in a Camp it is likely to dwindle in numbers and activity, and many Camps lack such leaders. The vigor of the Auxiliary is a big factor in keeping Camps lively.

Modern conditions plus recent wars make it almost impossible to interest young people in a Civil War organization. The death of members therefore inevitably brings distressing decrease in our membership.

Pennsylvania—George W. F. Hohe. Days observed: Memorial Day, Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday, Armistice Day, Flag Day, Appomattox Day, July 4th, Dedication Day, Grant's Birthday, Memorial Sunday, Columbus Day, Constitution Day, Veterans Night, Army Day, V-J Day, Union Defenders Day, Citizen's Day, I Am An American Day. Speakers: Francis A. McWilliams, Herman Poehler, Jacob P. M. Steiger, Wm. M. Romick, Fred Edelman, Lewis C. Riebel, Sr., Francis E. Larkin, V. Rev. F. Boney, John E. Larkin, Bary School, Wm. S. Adkins, Rev. Elmer H. Finger, Richard C. Partington, Dept. Chap., Col. Edwin J. Prittie, Walter C. Mabie, Edgar C. Clymer, James Donegan, William Kearney and George W. S. Johnson, Sr., Philadelphia; P. D. C. Maynard C. Huber, Arthur W. Noll, P. D. C. Allentown; John P. Hollman, Frank Hemminger, John C. Runkle, Coleman B. Mark, Charles B. Crossley, John H. Runkle, Charles H. Honich, Harrisburg; Hon. Harvey Gross, P. C., York; P. D. C. John A. Ruggles, David R. Perry, P. C. Merrill F. Hummel, P. C. Clarence D. McGregor, Carlisle; P. C. in- C. John E. Sautter, Sharpsburg; P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Wm. E. Roberts, Hon. A. D. MacDade, Wm. E. Griffith, Media; Edgar M. Post, A. M. Bredhenner, Wilkes-Barre; George W. F. Hohe, D. P. I., Emmaus; Hon. Herbert F. Laub, Rev. Hugh Kempar, Geo. F. Coffin, Jr., Hon. Carlton Woodring, Easton; Carl Ruhe, Wm. C. Elliott, Jr., Charles A. Locke, Harry W. McClure, A. R. DeLancey, Hon. A. L. Volk, Hon. W. Heber Dithrich, W. J. Blakeley, Oscar Taylor, J. Clark Mansfield, Willie Reutzel, Pittsburgh. It was reported that a parochial school refused permission to give a Memorial Day talk in, stating that it was unnecessary, that the Civil War was too far back to remind the children and that the dead should be allowed to rest. It is unfortunate that people of that character are in charge of our schools system. At a recent commencement a girl refused to stand during the rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner." It is unfortunate for children to be made the victim of such religious fanaticism. Suggestions: More publicity, patriotic rallies, and public meetings, get-together meetings between Camps, radio addresses from time to time, public gatherings, band concerts, picnics of Camps, organization of Boys' Clubs including non-eligible members to combat juvenile delinquency, organization of a Sons of Veterans Naval Reserve. Make *The Banner* a real magazine, even if a subscription price is necessary, get the Camp membership into the traditional and organize the Reserve in each Camp, and make the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War an organization functioning 52 weeks of the year.

Rhode Island—Kenneth T. Morgan. Days observed: Nov. 19th, Feb. 12th, John Barry Day. Speakers: Rev. I. F. Haven, P. D. C. Frank J. Reavy, Com. Charles Senior, Providence; P. D. C. Harry J. Geer, Hoxie; Fred Shreves, Pawtucket.

Wisconsin—Edward Frederick. Memorial Day, Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays, and others.

(The complete and itemized report of money collected for G. A. R.

Highway Fund will be found in subsequent pages, given as a Supplementary Report of National Patriotic Instructor).

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Philadelphia, Pa., July 14, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I herewith submit my report as National Counselor.

During the year I received quite a number of requests from individual members, Camps and Departments asking for decisions or opinions.

To many of the above I referred them to the Article and Section of the C. & R. which covered their questions.

To those who wanted a ruling on any particular question, I referred them to Article V, Section 8, page 36, of the C. & R., and insisted that no opinion would be given by this office unless first submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, and by him to this office.

Three such opinions have been asked for by you as Commander-in-Chief, and were answered as follows:

OPINION NO. 1—

Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Department of Wisconsin, Proposition No. 1, relative as to when a new member shall start paying dues

Answer: This is purely a Camp matter, they can charge what they want and collect it when they want, BUT they must pay per capita tax to their Department on all members reported for the Quarter.

OPINION NO. 2—

Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Department of Wisconsin, Proposition No. 2, relative to Honorary Members

Answer: This means a change in the Constitution and can only be acted upon by complying with Article VIII of the Constitution.

OPINION NO. 3—

Department of New Hampshire, relative to rights of a Camp in issuing a Transfer Card

Answer: I would refer you to Article II, Section 5, page 10, of the Constitution and Regulations, Edition of 1939:

"Section 5. A Member holding a Camp or Department Transfer is not entitled to the pass-word nor can he be admitted to any Camp or Encampment during its sessions unless given permission by vote of said Camp or Encampment. He is a member of the Order for the purposes of discipline only, and shall be considered honorably discharged if the card is not DEPOSITED WITH AND ACCEPTED BY SOME CAMP within a year"

According to this, the ONLY way a member holding a Transfer could come back into his old Camp or any other Camp, is by his DEPOSITING his Transfer and the ACCEPTANCE of his Transfer by the Camp in which deposited.

DUAL OFFICE HOLDING—

During the year this office answered numerous letters as to when and how the law was passed forbidding dual office holding and my answer in all cases was that only reference to this was in the opinion given by Past Commander-in-Chief Church, acting as National Coun-

selor, at the National Encampment held in Indianapolis, August 27, 1946, page 39, Proceedings, ".....we must insist that the office of Camp Commander should be vacated when the incumbent is promoted to the responsible position of Department Commander."

I can find no record of any action being taken by the Encampment on this opinion.

In closing this report may I thank you for the opportunity of again serving as a National Officer and for the many personal courtesies extended.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

WALTER C. MABIE,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Reading, Pa., July 30, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The following is a brief report covering my activities as Chief-of-Staff, during the past year.

The principal source of endeavor was the answering of letters relative to information concerning the procurement of rifles being donated to certain designated organizations, by the United States Government. A number of forms were furnished to those interested, and I know of quite a few Camps that have already obtained their ten rifles. I likewise know of instances where a Camp and its Reserve Unit each received their allotment of rifles.

I am now in touch with Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey, relative to his obtaining sleeping quarters for men of the Reserve who cannot afford to pay for rooms at a hotel. It is hoped that satisfactory results can be obtained.

I wish to take this opportunity to express to the Commander-in-Chief my sincere appreciation for the honor of the appointment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

C. LEROY STOUTD,
Chief-of-Staff.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 10, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The National Committee, Grand Army of the Republic Highway, has the honor to submit the following report.

Three years ago there were no Grand Army of the Republic Highway markers in position on U. S. Route 6 from the New York state line to the California state line, except in the State of Ohio. All states have now erected markers except Utah and Nevada, with Pennsylvania authorized.

UTAH: In 1947 the Utah Senate passed a Bill designating U. S. Route 6 the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, but too late to obtain similar action in the House. The Legislature will again be in session in 1949 when favorable results are expected.

NEVADA: It was not learned until November 3, 1947, and with some consternation, that the Nevada Legislature had adopted a resolution "memorializing the Congress of the United States to change the name of U. S. 6 Roosevelt Highway . . . to U. S. 6 Veterans Memorial Highway" in honor of the veterans of all wars. The action of the Legislature directed that "copies of this memorial be sent to all members of the Congressional delegation from the State of Nevada, and to the chairman of the House and Senate committees on military affairs in such Congress."

No mention whatever was made in the resolution of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. It was feared for a time that the Congress might consider some adverse legislation in the absence of the facts. A visit was made to Washington, D. C., where the subject was placed before the two Senators and Representatives from Nevada with satisfactory results.

Owing to the opposition from the Nevada Legislature, the situation in that state is disturbing. The condition is further complicated because no organization of the Sons of Union Veterans exists in Nevada. But with favorable action expected next year in Utah, the State of Nevada cannot hold out very long as the only state showing resistance to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

PENNSYLVANIA: A Joint Resolution was adopted by the Legislature in 1937, recommending to the Highway Department that U. S. Route 6 be named the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, but no action was taken. Effective June 1, 1945, Act 428 was passed by the Legislature reading in part:

"The Secretary (of Highways) is hereby authorized to designate, by letter or to name or number, State Highways xxx in such manner as, in his discretion, will best accommodate and inform the traveling public using the highways."

Under the provisions of this act U. S. Route 322 was named and effectually indicated throughout by signs reading "28th Division Highway."

For the benefit of the record the following significant order is quoted:

Order for the naming of the
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

I, RAY F. SMOCK, Secretary of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority of Section 204 of Act No. 428, approved June 1, 1945, do hereby name the State highway legislative routes, or sections of routes, which make up the highway known as United States Route 6 within this Commonwealth, the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of Highways this 24th day of May, 1948.

Department of
Highways Seal.

(Signed) RAY F. SMOCK,
Secretary of Highways.

The press release from Harrisburg, Pa., dated May 25, 1948, stated that Governor James H. Duff had approved the designation of U. S. Route 6, as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. According to the newspapers the Secretary of Highways had announced "that signs will be erected at the New York and Ohio entrances of the highway into Pennsylvania, informing motorists of the designation. On August 5, 1948, Secretary Smock stated over the long distance telephone, that

the two signs would be of "conspicuous size" and that he would discuss with your chairman the question of additional markers.

It is pleasing to report that the change in the name of U. S. Route 6 was accomplished with the co-operation of the Roosevelt Highway Association of Pennsylvania as attested by the following communication dated, Scranton, Pa., May 25, 1948:

Dear Mr. Mansfield:

At a meeting of officers and directors of the Roosevelt Highway Association held at Wellsboro on Friday, May 21, the enclosed resolution was unanimously adopted.

I am sending this to you and asking you to forward same to the G. A. R. Highway Association Headquarters.

Very truly yours,

J. H. BRANDAMORE,
Secretary.

"Resolved, that the officers and Board of Directors of the Roosevelt Highway Association of Pennsylvania have no objection to the designation of U. S. 6 in Pennsylvania as the G. A. R. Highway by the Governor and the Highway Department of the State, in view of the fact that this action has been taken by all but three states through which U. S. 6 passes.

"It is the desire of the Roosevelt Highway Association of Pennsylvania to co-operate in this contemplated naming of the highway."

Hugh W. Dale, President of the Roosevelt Highway Association, informed your chairman in Wellsboro, Pa., July 24, 1948, that the Roosevelt Highway Association would continue to use that name for the time being, as the Association had been in active existence under that name for twenty-one years.

The success in Pennsylvania was achieved by the united efforts of the Allied Orders, but special and signal recognition must be accorded Anna I. Stoudt, Department President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to Lillie E. Lukens, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865. Laura Byers, Department President, Ladies of the G. A. R., assisted effectively at an opportune period. The personal influence of Major John A. Ruggles, P. D. C., was a factor of great importance. The enthusiasm and encouragement of Department Commander John A. Yocum were always in evidence.

The Department Encampments of the American Legion and United Spanish War Veterans both passed resolution unanimously, requesting the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to designate U. S. Route 6, the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

The progress in recent years was greatly helped by an article in the Highway Magazine of October, 1946, written by Past Department Commander John G. Spielman, of California. In recognition of his service he was appointed Chief Engineer of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway by Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway is an accomplishment for the ages. It is a magnet of magnificent proportions and should be the beacon light to attract and summon many eligibles to the banners of the affiliated Orders. There are duties to perform; to see that the highway is continually improved; that the markers are kept in good condition and that traffic over the highway is stimulated; that

publicity and more publicity is obtained for this great memorial, in honor of our heroic forbears who saved the Union.

The activities of the Committee were electrified from time to time by the inspiration of the Commander-in-Chief, throughout a busy year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK MANSFIELD,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Derby, Conn., July 16, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is with considerable satisfaction in the knowledge of forward progress and actual accomplishment in the great task of marking and recording veterans' graves throughout our several Departments, that I am privileged to submit to you the annual report of this committee's stewardship for the term which has just ended.

A survey conducted during the year among the Department Chairmen of Grave Marking and other outstanding members in this field of endeavor, reveals to this Committee that the work is well in hand, but that much remains to be done until the ultimate completion of the task is realized. Especially encouraging were the reports received from the Departments of Iowa, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Connecticut, where the work is progressing under capable supervision.

There are many phases of this work of registration and proper marking of veterans' graves, some of which consume time in their fulfillment and require patient and continued attention. The other-wise simple details encounter the slow moving procedure through the regular channels in State or Federal departments necessary for obtaining headstones, for example. This is sometimes true in the case of the methods taken in research for obtaining war service records, where recourse is taken to State or Federal military department records. Thus, it may oftentimes appear that little is being accomplished along the lines of completing this job. There may be too, a trend of opinion that because so few Union Veterans of the Civil War remain, that this Committee's labors must be nearly at an end. But reports received from many sections contradict this supposition, as there are literally hundreds upon hundreds of graves of Civil War Veterans, long since departed, which are as yet unmarked by any sort of headstone whatever. It is on this great unfinished task that your Committee has concentrated its efforts during the past term.

Applications for Federal stones, together with full and complete information relative to the method of obtaining same, have been sent out from this office to all Department Chairmen and other members actively engaged in this work. The columns of The Banner have been utilized to explain to our membership the process for registering and marking veterans' graves. And a ream of correspondence has been continually pouring forth from this office, answering inquiries, searching and providing records, and offering suggestions designed to be helpful in the successful pursuit of our objectives in this work. However, to one who since an early age has made this work a hobby, this busy routine becomes a pleasant occupation.

A file has recently been created to contain the complete details of the location of the graves of the general officers and outstanding na-

tionally-known heroes of the great Civil War 1861-1865, and it is expected that this file will prove to be not only useful, but of historical importance to our Order. This file has only just been inaugurated and in the compilation of the data it is to contain, the co-operation of the entire membership is urged and more, is necessary.

Besides this file, a complete folio containing much useful statistical information concerning the work of grave marking throughout the Commandery-in-Chief, is now held by your Committee Chairman as a part of the properties of the National Organization for future study and use by this Committee, its succeeding chairman, and available to our membership in general.

It has been a privilege and an honor to have been selected to serve our beloved Order as chairman of this all-important committee, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence in my ability in appointing me to serve as such, and for your co-operation for which I am most grateful. Every moment of my work in this position has been a pleasure. The splendid assistance of many of our members has made it so. And my appreciation is extended particularly to the following brothers, who have helped in a large measure to promote this work in their respective Departments: W. F. Hathaway, Iowa; Charles B. Martin of Kansas; Charles C. Webster of Maine; Jackson C. Carr of New Hampshire; and G. A. LaDuke of Vermont.

I heartily recommend that this important committee be continued and be made one of the permanent committees of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The expenditure of \$25.00 has been necessary for postage, ditto-copy work, and typing.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BERTRAND O. DEFOREST, P. D. C.,

National Chairman,

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Union City, N. J., July 26, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The undersigned, constituting the Legislative Committee, respectfully submit the following as their report.

We understand that a report was made to the 52nd Annual Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on October 8, 1947, to the effect that it was the intention of the War Department to turn over the sites of old Forts Sumter and Moultrie, in the Charleston Harbor, to the War Assets Administration to be sold to private persons. We also understand that the New England Regional Association of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War acted upon a resolution protesting against the proposed desecration of the hallowed grounds of Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie at a meeting held in Boston, Mass., on May 1, 1948.

Chapter 239 of the public Law, page 504, was passed by Congress, this providing that the title to the site of the historic structure known as Fort Sumter, situated in Charleston Harbor, Charleston, South Carolina, together with such buildings and other improvements as are appurtenant thereto, be turned over, without consideration, to the Secretary of the Interior; the property to be acquired by the Sec-

retary of the Interior shall constitute the Fort Sumter National Monument and shall be a public National Monument commemorating historical events at or near Fort Sumter, the Director of the National Park Service under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior to have the supervision, management and control of such National Monument and shall maintain and preserve it for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States subject to the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to establish the National Park Service and for other purposes, approved August 15, 1916," as amended. This Act providing for making Fort Sumter a National Monument was approved April 28, 1948.

Fort Sumter situated at the mouth of the Harbor derives its significance from the important part it played in the Civil War. On April 12, 1861, the Confederate batteries opened fire on Fort Sumter, and after a bombardment of 36 hours the Fort was surrendered. The attack on Fort Sumter had a galvanic effect on the Nation and crystallized sentiment for war in the North and in the South. On April 15, 1861, President Lincoln issued a call for 75,000 volunteers and declared the coast of the Confederacy under blockade. The people of the seceded States responded to an appeal for 100,000 men.

Fort Sumter is of National significance. Its establishment as a National Monument is most appropriate and in keeping with the high standards established for such areas.

The bill to make Ft. Sumter site a National memorial park was introduced by Senator Maybank of South Carolina, and was reported in the Senate on July 3, 1947. It was passed by the Senate on July 16, 1947, reported in the House on April 7, 1948, and passed the House on April 22, 1948. A copy of the Bill to establish Fort Sumter National Monument is attached hereto.

Nothing has been done by Congress in regard to Fort Moultrie. The letter from Thomas L. Peyton, Esq., Director Nonindustrial Division, Office of Real Property Disposal, War Assets Administration, Washington, D. C., dated July 28, 1948, with the Bill introduced by Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, are attached hereto.

Chapter 360, Public Law, page 370, "An Act to provide increase in the rates of pensions payable to Spanish and Civil War Veterans and their dependents," approved July 30, 1947, was passed by Congress. This Act provides that all monthly rates of pensions payable to Veterans of the Civil War and their dependents which are payable under any laws administered by the Veterans Administration are increased twenty percentum.

The Ludlow Resolution, passed by Congress designating November 19 as Dedication Day was amended, making it applicable only to the year 1946. No law has been passed by Congress making Dedication Day, November 19, permanent. Attached hereto is letter from Congressman Kenneth B. Keating, dated July 28, 1948, and letter from Congressman Edward J. Hart, dated August 3, 1948.

We deeply appreciate the honor and privilege of serving with you, Commander-in-Chief Moran. We commend you for your earnest work on behalf of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. KRONMEYER, Chairman;
LOUIS G. BLAIR,
JULIUS ISAACS.

WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D. C.

July 28, 1948.

Mr. William C. Kronmeyer,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law,
1509 Central Avenue,
Union City, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Kronmeyer:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 21, 1948, in connection with Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie, South Carolina.

Public Law 504 (80th Congress, 2nd Session) was approved by the President on April 28, 1948. This Resolution authorized the Secretary of the Army to transfer Fort Sumter, without consideration, to the Secretary of the Interior for supervision of the National Park Service. This Administration will, therefore, have no jurisdiction over Fort Sumter.

On June 22, 1948, the Department of the Army declared surplus to this Administration the Harbor Defenses at Charleston, South Carolina, which include Fort Moultrie. Congressman L. Mendel Rivers of South Carolina introduced a bill in the House of Representatives (H. R. 2912), providing for the conveyance to the Board of Township Commissioners for Sullivan's Island, as trustees for the State of South Carolina, of the property located at the Fort Moultrie Military Reservation. This legislation passed the House of Representatives on June 16, 1948, but as yet has had no Senate action.

The State of South Carolina is very much interested in acquiring this property for a historical monument, health and education, public park, and public recreational purposes, and has expressed its interest in connection therewith on numerous occasions.

In accordance with your request, there are enclosed copies of the aforementioned legislation.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS L. PEYTON,
Director, Nonindustrial Division
Office of Real Property Disposal.

(PUBLIC LAW 504—80th CONGRESS)

(CHAPTER 239—2nd SESSION)

(S. J. Res. 94)

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish the Fort Sumter National Monument in the
State of South Carolina.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to transfer, without consideration, to the Secretary of the Interior title to the site of the historic structure known as Fort Sumter, situated in Charleston Harbor, Charleston, South Carolina, together with such buildings and other improvements as are appurtenant to such site.

Sec. 2. The property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior under this joint resolution shall constitute the Fort Sumter National Monument and shall be a public national memorial commemorating historical events at or near Fort Sumter. The Director of the Na-

tional Park Service under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior shall have the supervision, management, and control of such national monument, and shall maintain and preserve it for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States, subject to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service and for other purposes," approved August 25, 1916, as amended.

Approved April 28, 1948.

80th CONGRESS, 2nd SESSION — H. R. 2912
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 17 (legislative day, June 15), 1948

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

AN ACT

Providing for the conveyance to the State of South Carolina of that portion of the Fort Moultrie Military Reservation determined to be surplus to the needs of the Department of the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Department of the Army is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed without compensation to the Board of Township Commissioners for Sullivans Island, as trustees for the State of South Carolina, that portion of land constituting the Fort Moultrie Military Reservation, together with the building and other improvements thereto, and the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining, determined by him to be surplus to the requirements of the Department of the Army.

Sec. 2. Such conveyance shall contain the provision that whenever the Congress of the United States shall declare a state of war or other national emergency and when any of the armed services shall determine the Army, or the Secretary of the Air Force that the property so conveyed is useful or necessary for military or naval purposes, or in the interest of national defense, the United States shall have a right without paying compensation to re-enter upon such property and use the same or any part thereof for the duration of such state of war or other national emergency.

Sec. 3. Such conveyance shall contain the Board of Township Commissioners for Sullivans Island, as trustees for the further provision that if the State of South Carolina shall, at any time, cease to retain fee simple title to the property so conveyed or cease to be used in the public interest, title thereto shall revert to the United States.

Passed the House of Representatives June 16, 1948.

Attest: JOHN ANDREWS, Clerk.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

July 28, 1948.

Mr. William C. Kronmeyer,
63 Wall Street,
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kronmeyer:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 20th in reference to H. J. Res. 82, introduced by me, to designate November 19th as Dedi-

cation Day, which was not favorably considered by the Committee on the Judiciary.

A similar resolution was adopted in the last Congress, designating November 19, 1946, as Dedication Day, and was amended, making it applicable only to the year 1946. No further amendment has been adopted to make this law permanent from year to year.

Very sincerely yours,

KENNETH B. KEATING.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

August 3, 1948.

William C. Kronmeyer, Esquire,
Counsellor at Law,
1509 Central Avenue,
Union City, New Jersey.
Dear Bill:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 20th. I enclose herewith copy of Public Law No. 504 which was approved April 28, 1948, and which established the Fort Sumter National Monument in the State of South Carolina. Also enclosed is copy of Senate Report No. 430 which is by way of further explanation of the Law.

Re your inquiry concerning Fort Moultrie, enclosed find copy of HR 2912 which provides for the conveyance to the State of South Carolina certain portions of the Fort Moultrie Military Reservation which are deemed surplus to the needs of the Army. The intention of this measure was not the same as that applicable to Fort Sumter in that a national memorial was not contemplated. HR 2912 was passed by the House and is now in Committee in the Senate.

Enclosed is copy of Public Law No. 635 which was introduced by Congressman Ludlow as H. J. Res. 35 and approved August 7, 1946, and which designated November 19, 1946, as Dedication Day and provided that the Gettysburg Address of Lincoln be read on that day throughout the United States. I understand that the Congressman's original thought was to make it a national holiday but it was so amended that it was only celebrated in 1946. Congressman Keating then introduced H. J. Res. 82 in furtherance of the idea but this measure was tabled by the Judiciary Committee of the House and no further action has been taken on it. I enclose copy of Mr. Keating's Resolution.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. HART.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Is there a report of the Credential Committee at this time?

Department Commander Allen H. Howland, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, the Credentials Committee submits a preliminary report: 10 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 54 Past Department Commanders, 16 Department Commanders, 53 Delegates and 1 Alternate—a total of 134 voting members.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Howland; I think that is a good beginning for the Encampment.

COMMUNICATIONS—GREETINGS

Communications, telegrams of congratulations, greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment were received from:

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. M. Coffin, Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling, Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., New Hampshire.

Past Department Commander Albert E. Deems, California.

Past Department Commander Charles B. Martin, Kansas.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio.

Leon and Margaret Palmer, Massachusetts.

D. M. McLane, Old Glory Camp, Illinois.

Doc. Kuder and Feger Reed Camp No. 54, Pennsylvania.

RESOLUTIONS

Acting Secretary Lambert called the roll of the Departments for Resolutions. The following were presented and referred to Committees:

From the Department of Indiana—"Relative to keeping in touch with surviving members of Grand Army of the Republic; and provision for suitable memorial program upon death of last veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From Camp 1, Chicago, Illinois—"Relative to insignia for Camp Commander." (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

From the Department of Minnesota—"Relative to raising battleship Monitor, as a permanent memorial." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of New Hampshire—"Relative to proposed change to Constitution, Article II, Section 5, page 10 in connection with transfers." (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

From the Department of Ohio—"Relative to names, addresses, date of birth and deaths of Civil War Veterans still surviving, to be published in *The Banner*." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Relative to Forms 1 and 1½." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Relative to change in Article II, section 1, Page 22, bestowing rank of Camp Commander on Camp Secretary or Treasurer for ten years consecutive service." (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

From Camp 66, Syracuse, N. Y.—"Relative to Salute to the Flag." (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

Recommendation by Committee of three from the Department of Wisconsin—"Relative to addition to By-Laws providing for use of a proxy for members absent at Camp meeting." (Referred to Committee on Constitution and Regulations).

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J., October 1, 1948.

Mr. Charles Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Due to the illness of Brother Horace Hammer, it was not possible to prepare a report for publication in the Officers' Reports booklet presented at the Sixty-seventh Encampment at Grand Rapids.

Following my election, I have prepared the following report of the financial condition and the numerical condition covering the period of your administration, namely the 1947-1948 term of office.

Financial Report

	General Account	G. A. R. Fund	U.S. Govt. Bonds
August 7, 1947 (Page 98—1947 Proceed- ings)—To Balance	\$1,241.19	\$1,173.07	\$6,700.00
Receipts:			
Transfer from Organization Fund.....	669.59		
Gift from Auxiliary, 1947	500.00		
September Receipts	184.62		
October Receipts	627.85		
November Receipts	1,093.81		
December Receipts	38.86		
January Receipts	346.74		
February Receipts	1,222.28		
March Receipts	108.05		
April Receipts	596.18		
May Receipts	1,117.38		
June Receipts	426.31		
August Receipts	1,129.13		
Interest on Savings Account		6.63	
Nat. Pat. Inst. E. E. Barnum.....		1,073.34	
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	\$9,301.99	\$2,253.04	\$6,700.00
Disbursements:			
Vouchers 50, 53, 58 to 73, 1946-1947 Term.	1,052.41		
Vouchers 1 to 46 1947-1948 Term.....	6,722.44		
Gift to Grand Army of the Republic, 1947		500.00	
G. A. R. Encampment Expenses, 1947.....		95.83	
G. A. R. Highway Committee, 1946-1947..		252.02	
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Total Expenses	\$7,774.85	\$ 847.85	

Balance September 10, 1948, as per

Reading Trust Co.....\$1,527.14 \$1,405.19 \$6,700.00

Unpaid bills due \$1,749.96 plus 1948 Encampment Expenses.

Supplemental Financial Report

	General Account	G. A. R. Fund	U.S. Govt. Bonds
September 10, 1948, To Balance...	\$1,527.14	\$1,405.19	\$6,700.00
Received:			
Charter Fee—Ohio	25.00		
National P. D. C. Association.....	150.00		
	<hr/>		
Receipts carried forward.....	\$ 175.00		

Receipts brought forward.....	\$ 175.00			
Supplies—October	73.23			
Per Capita Tax —October	288.20			
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00			
Nat. Pat. Inst. Linsley		684.85		
Interest on Government Bonds....			37.50	
	<u>\$2,563.57</u>	<u>\$2,090.04</u>	<u>\$6,700.00</u>	Bonds
			37.50	Cash
Disbursements:				
Vouchers No. 47 to 72,				
1947-1948 Term	2,115.63	735.50		
Balance October 31, 1948.....	\$ 447.94	\$1,354.54	\$6,700.00	Bonds
			37.50	Cash

Membership Report

CAMPS:

Number of Camps in good standing June 30, 1947.....	564	
Gains	0	
Losses:		
By Disbanded Camps	17	
By Dropped Camps	1	18
Number of Camps in good standing June 30, 1948.....		546

MEMBERSHIP:

Number of members in good standing June 30, 1947.....	14,119	
Gains:		
By Initiation	417	
By Transfer	13	
By Reinstatement	118	548
		<u>14,667</u>
Losses:		
By Disbanded	184	
By Death	425	
By Honorable Discharge	56	
By Transfer	9	
By Dropped	652	1,326
Number of members in good standing June 30, 1948...		13,341
Total Loss for the year—778 members.		

Number of members in good standing:	Camps		Loss	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
June 30, 1947	564	14,119	0	0
September 30, 1947	561	13,997	3	122
December 31, 1947	554	13,734	7	263
March 31, 1948	550	13,516	4	218
June 30, 1948	546	13,341	4	175
			<u>18</u>	<u>778</u>

Vouchers

No.	To Whom	Account	Amount
1.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation—Unemployment Tax		
	July-September		\$ 2.75
2.	U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue—Social Security Tax,		
	July-September		11.00

No.	To Whom	Account	Amount
3.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue—Withholding Tax, July-September		69.87
4.	Colonial Berks Real Estate Co.—Rent, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1947		115.50
5.	H. H. Hammer—Salary, July-September		480.13
6.	The Banner—Subscription, September, 1947, 14,110 copies		329.23
7.	Charles H. E. Moran, Com.-in-Chief—Traveling Expense, Oct. 18		70.31
8.	Walter C. Mabie—Printing		72.35
9.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue—Social Security Tax, October-December		11.00
10.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue—Withholding Tax, October-December		69.87
11.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation—Unemployment Tax, October-December		2.75
12.	H. H. Hammer—Salary, October-December		480.13
13.	Colonial Berks Real Estate Co.—Rent, January-March		115.50
14.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Com.-in-Chief—Travel, Nov. 19, 1947, November 25, 1947		63.56
15.	The Banner—Subscription, November, 1947, 14,024 copies		327.23
17.	The Banner—Subscription, January, 1948, 13,863 copies; \$346.57; Roster. \$33.25		379.82
18.	Secretary of State, Illinois—Incorporation Fee		1.00
19.	Lincoln Memorial University—Annual Scholarship		100.00
20.	Arlington Hall—Annual Donation		50.00
21.	Harrisburg Drum Corps—Donation		50.00
22.	The Robbins Co.—Lapel Buttons		176.71
23.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Com.-in-Chief—Travel, February		56.85
24.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue — Social Security Tax, January-March		11.00
25.	U. S. Collector Internal Revenue—Withholding Tax, January-March		69.87
26.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation—Unemployment Tax, January March		2.75
27.	The Banner—Subscription March, 1948, 13,816 copies		345.40
	" Printing, promulgating Journal		522.55
28.	The Robbins Co.—Membership badges		375.75
29.	H. H. Hammer—Salary, January-March		480.13
30.	Colonial Berks Real Est. Co.—Rent, April-June		115.50
31.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.—Seal Press		9.34
32.	Beatrice Crowell—Fire Ins. Policy (3 years)		7.50
33.	The Robbins Co.—Past Camp Commanders Badges		194.90
34.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Com.-in-Chief—Travel, March		56.85
35.	Tongue Brooks & Zimmerman—Dept. Commander's Bonds		12.50
36.	W. C. Mabie—Printing		343.17
37.	The Banner—Subscription May, 1948, 13,639 copies		340.97
38.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Com.-in-Chief—Travel, April		45.85
39.	The Robbins Co.—Badges		4.84
40.	H. H. Hammer—Salary, March-June		480.13
41.	Colonial Berks Real Est. Co.—Rent, July-September		115.50
42.	The Robbins Co.—Badges		43.76
43.	Collector of Internal Revenue—Social Security, March-June		11.00
44.	Collector of Internal Revenue—Withholding Tax, March-June		69.87
45.	Penna. Unemployment Compensation—Unemployment Tax, March-June		2.75
46.	Tongue Brooks & Zimmerman—Dept. Commander's Bonds		25.00
47.	Department of Ohio—Overpayment on Charter Fee		20.00

No.	To Whom	Account	Amount
48.	The Banner—	Subscription, July	337.25
	"	Subscription—September	331.95
	"	Officers' Reports Booklets	179.34
	"	Memorial Program	2.38
49.	Bertrand O. DeForest—	Grave Marking Committee Expenses	25.00
50.	C. R. Schlechter—	Commander-in-Chief's Badge	156.00
51.	J. Clark Mansfield—	G. A. R. Highway Committee Expense	185.50
52.	Grand Army of the Republic	Gift, 1948	500.00
53.	C. Leroy Stoudt—	Reading, Pa., Enc. Expense	39.33
54.	Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J.—	Encampment Expense	59.13
55.	Walter C. Mabie, Nat. Counselor, Phila., Pa.—	Expense	41.86
56.	Neil D. Cranmer, Nat. Chaplain, Elmira, N. Y.—	Expense	31.02
57.	Geo. E. Bailey, Council-in-Chief, Minneapolis, Minn.—	Encampment Expense	51.84
58.	W. C. Thobaben, Jr. Vice C.-in-C., Cleveland, O.—	Enc. Exp.	18.46
	"	Travel Expense, July, 1948	16.19
59.	Chas. Webster, Council-in-Chief, Sanford, Me.—	Enc. Exp.	82.25
60.	John H. Liesee, Council-in-Chief, Phila., Pa.—	Enc. Exp.	53.86
61.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief—	Enc. Exp.	106.91
62.	Thos. L. Bufter, Sr. Vice C.-in-C., Baltimore, Md.—	Enc. Exp.	40.00
63.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief—	June Travel	173.63
64.	Annamae Berhalter, Part payment stenographer service..		100.00
65.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief—	Travel	44.69
66.	Edw. S. Baldwin—	Printing	6.25
67.	Walter C. Mabie—	Printing	12.25
68.	Tongue Brooks & Zimmerman—	Bond, Commander-in-Chief	6.25
69.	The Robbins Co.—	P. D. C. Badges and Dept. Com. Badges	142.04
70.	First Mech. National Bank—	Check Book	2.75
71.	Arlington Hall—	1948 Donation	50.00
72.	Colonial Berks Real Est. Co.—	Rent, October, 1948 (Final)	35.00

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Liesee: We, your Council-in-Chief, present a partial report from the bank, which we find correct.

THE READING TRUST COMPANY Reading, Pennsylvania

The Council-in-Chief,
Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Gentlemen:

At the request of Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Treasurer, Reading, Pa., we hereby advise that the balances in the several accounts at the close of business September 10, 1948, were as follows:

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Savings Account) .. \$1,405.19
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (General Account) .. \$1,527.14

Yours very truly,
THE READING TRUST COMPANY
(H. F. Dunn)
Vice President.

JOHN H. LIESEE,
CHARLES C. WEBSTER,
GEO. E. BAILEY,
Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move that the partial report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted and become a part of the proceedings.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander James S. Wason, Iowa; and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: We have reached the item of unfinished business. All Committees have been appointed, and if there are no other reports at this time there is no business until tomorrow. Therefore, if the brothers are willing, we will adjourn until tomorrow morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that we recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL C

Departments	In Good Standing June 30, 1947		GAIN				LOSS									
			By Initiation	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement	Total Gain.	By Disbanded.	By Death.	By Hon. Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped					
			Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps				
At Large	1	27														
California & Pacific.....	17	462	40	1	2	43				13	5	1				
Colorado & Wyoming.....	4	83								5						
Connecticut	27	812	2		1	3				25	7					
Illinois	21	399	8	1		9	3	51		7	2					
Indiana	14	321	6	1	3	10				10						
Iowa	14	225	1			1				3						
Kansas	14	213	9			9										1
Maine	28	739	26		9	35	1	15	16	3	1					
Maryland	12	308	7		1	8			4							
Massachusetts	102	2516	58	8	10	76	3	19	87	8	6					
Michigan	13	389	14	1		15			7	1						
Minnesota	8	130	1	1		2	2	20	3		1					
Missouri	7	135	1		35	36	3	48	8	2						
Nebraska	4	68							1							
New Hampshire	17	368	3		1	4			7							
New Jersey	20	576	10			10	1	5	14	15						
New York	59	1338	81		14	95	1	5	68	5						
Ohio	47	1159	20		10	30	1	9	25	4						
Oregon & Washington.....	6	169	6		10	16			14							
Pennsylvania	84	2723	96		10	106	2	12	81	1						
Rhode Island	14	232	8			8			7							
Vermont	19	411	10		1	11			5							
Wisconsin	12	316	10		11	21			15	3						
TOTAL	564	14119	417	13	118	548	17	184	425	56	9					

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT

Departments	In Good Standing June 30, 1947		GAIN				LOSS						In Good Standing June 30, 1948		Net Gain.		Net Loss.		Balance in Department Treasuries	Balance in Camp Treasuries	Amount Expended for Relief	
			By Initiation	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement	Total Gain.	By Disbanded.	By Death.	By Hon. Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Dropped	Total Loss.										
	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members				
At Large	1	27												1	27							
California & Pacific	17	462	40	1	2	43			13	5	1	9		28	17	477	15		\$ 155.57	\$ 1376.13	\$ 18.09	
Colorado & Wyoming	4	83							5			3		8	4	75		8	60.03			
Connecticut	27	812	2		1	3			25	7		18		50	27	765		47	134.68	2636.88	80.00	
Illinois	21	399	8	1		9	3	51	7	2		38	3	98	18	310		3	89	586.16		
Indiana	14	321	6	1	3	10			10			29		30	14	292			225.46			
Iowa	14	225	1			1			3			6		9	14	217		8	266.67	199.30		
Kansas	14	213	9			9					1	12	1	12	13	210		1	3			
Maine	28	739	26		9	35	1	15	16	3	1	27	1	62	27	712		1	27	684.01	4822.65	8.50
Maryland	12	308	7		1	8			4			8		12	12	304		4	143.03	651.99	200.00	
Massachusetts	102	2516	58	8	10	76	3	19	87	8	6	83	3	203	99	2389		3	127	203.51	13471.27	216.75
Michigan	13	389	14	1		15			7	1		6		14	13	390		1		244.32	612.65	
Minnesota	8	130	1	1		2	2	20	3		1	3	2	27	6	105		2	25	61.09	25.87	18.00
Missouri	7	135	1		35	36	3	48	8	2		36	3	94	4	77		3	58	184.98	234.74	
Nebraska	4	68							1			5		6	4	62			6	52.59		
New Hampshire	17	368	3		1	4			7			10		17	17	355			13	173.84	169.96	
New Jersey	20	576	10			10	1	5	14	15		22	1	56	19	530		1	46	984.08	4752.45	806.00
New York	59	1338	81		14	95	1	5	68	5		74	1	152	58	1281		1	57	963.57	986.53	
Ohio	47	1159	20		10	30	1	9	25	4		69	1	107	46	1082		1	77	570.61	948.12	8.75
Oregon & Washington	6	169	6		10	16			14			27		41	6	144			25	76.49		1178.43
Pennsylvania	84	2723	96		10	106	2	12	81	1		142	2	236	82	2593		2	130	456.78	26285.91	5595.52
Rhode Island	14	232	8			8			7			5		12	14	228			4			40.00
Vermont	19	411	10		1	11			5			8		13	19	409			2	253.05	689.21	
Wisconsin	12	316	10		11	21			15	3		12		30	12	307			9	800.41		
TOTAL	564	14119	417	13	118	548	17	181	425	56	9	1652	18	1326	516	13341	16	18	778	\$7290.93	\$57263.66	\$8170.01

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 28, 1948 — 9:45 A. M.

The session opened in regular form, with prayer by Brother Frederick M. Clough, a member of the Grand Rapids Camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I rise this morning to make a motion and while I do not wish to single out any individuals for preference, yet I am conscious of the absence of several of our Past Commanders-in-Chief whose presence has always been an inspiration to the other brethren. We heard read the letter of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter who, I am told, is not in the very best of health; and I believe this is the first time he is absent from our Encampment since 1916.

I also refer to the absence of Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon. I had a letter from him last week in which he told me he would be unable to attend, because of illness.

It seems to me that it would be a satisfactory recommendation that our Acting National Secretary-Treasurer convey to these two Past Commanders-in-Chief the personal regret that we all have because of their absence at this Encampment, and the loss we feel because of lack of their advice which has been for the best interest of the Order. There are also several other Past Commanders-in-Chief who are not present, but I feel that these two men, especially, have had a great influence on this organization. Ralph Sheldon was Commander-in-Chief in 1907, and John Sautter in 1913; and their interest has always been 100% in favor of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Therefore, I would make a motion to have our Acting Secretary send telegrams to these two Past Commanders-in-Chief conveying our regrets at their inability to attend the Encampment, our best wishes for a continuance of health and many years of active service, with the hope that they may be present at our future meetings.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Brothers, I have good news for you this morning. Yesterday, I received from the Department of Ohio a charter application for a new Camp at Fostoria, Ohio. (Applause by Encampment).

Department Commander Allen Howland, Massachusetts: The Credential Committee wishes to report a total registration at this time of 148—10 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 58 Past Department Commanders, 16 Department Commanders, 63 Delegates and 1 Alternate. (The roll was called). I move this be the first roll call of this Encampment.

(Seconded by Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and carried).

ARLINGTON HALL REPORT

Acting National Secretary Lambert: I have here the following report from Blanche Renner, the Christmas Chairman of Arlington Hall:

To Commander-in-Chief Chas. H. E. Moran and Members Assembled:

I submit the following report of money received by Arlington Hall,
September 1, 1947, to September 23, 1948:
Balance on hand at last report.....\$ 71.36

Receipts:

Donations—various Clubs at National Convention..\$	75.00
Donation from National Organization—Sons	50.00
Donation—Good Fellows, S. U. V. Club of Iowa....	100.00
Donation—Calif. Auxiliary for Turkey and Treats	15.00
From Calif. & Pacific Dept.—Playground Equipment	50.00
From Iowa Dept. Convention and Picnic Association	20.00
From Central Regional Association.....	114.00
From Christmas Stocking Money.....	718.90
Interest on above24
	<hr/> 1,143.14
Total	\$1,214.50

Disbursed:

For Salaries, Repairs, Clothing and Groceries.....\$	1,075.00
For Playground Equipment	50.00
For Turkey and Treats	15.00
For Post Office Box Rent	10.00
For Mailing of Christmas Letters	12.98
	<hr/> 1,162.98

Balance on hand\$ 51.52

We have seventeen healthy, happy boys and they are busy with their special projects; having harvested the grapes, canned forty quarts of tomatoes and they will make a large keg of sauerkraut. They have a fine pet "Betty"—a raccoon. The boys are very grateful, and thank you all for your wonderful gifts.

BLANCHE RENNER,
Christmas Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you for that report, and it will be turned over to the Encampment Stenographer to become a part of the proceedings of our Encampment.

Are there any other Committees ready to report at this time? In the copies of the Officers' Reports, you have the Report of the Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway, the Committee on Marking Graves and the Legislative Committee. Are there any supplementary reports on any of these.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—COMMITTEE ON G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Chairman Mansfield: Commander-in-Chief and members of this Encampment, as you know we have been successful in getting Route 6 designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Pennsylvania this year. I have just recently learned that the State of Pennsylvania has ordered four large highway signs, 8 feet long by 6 feet high to mark important points along the route in that great Commonwealth. These signs are expensive, and I believe that Pennsylvania is spending more money than any other State to mark the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. In addition, there will be quite a number of small signs which will be erected by Pennsylvania along that highway in the near future. We are indeed happy to have been successful in having U. S. Route No. 6 in Pennsylvania named the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and we are pleased to know that they will

mark it in a manner which will be a credit to the State of Pennsylvania, and to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa: I move that we accept this Supplementary Report, and the printed report of Commander Mansfield; and express our appreciation for Pennsylvania joining with the other States designating this highway as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and that a letter of thanks be sent to Governor James H. Duff of Pennsylvania, also a letter to Hon. Ray F. Smock, Secretary of Highways of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Moran: In the report of the Legislative Committee on Page 22 of the Officers' Reports, you will note the reference to Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie. In that report, you will find the entire story, and the attempted action.

Through the efforts of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our organization, we were able to counteract the attempt of the War Department to turn over those sites to the War Assets Administration for sale to private persons. Fort Sumter is made a National Park; and Fort Moultrie is to be turned over to the State of South Carolina, who will do likewise. In that way, both these Forts will be maintained. We did not want them destroyed, because they were a symbol of the War of the Rebellion. Is there any action on this matter?

Past Department Commander Rudolph M. Genthner, New York: I think we should make a recommendation to express our thanks particularly to Congressman Kenneth B. Keating of the Rochester District, as he has been of much assistance to us. It seems to me that it would only be fair to express our appreciation for his services in the form of a letter or telegram.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: It was with General Keating that I had most of my correspondence. I took this matter up with him and he assured me he would do everything possible on this subject, as well as other matters and he certainly did come through. He was a great help to us in this work and any other matters of legislation and information that we needed from Washington.

Past Department Commander Genthner, New York: I move that a letter of commendation be sent Kenneth B. Keating, Congressman from the Rochester District of New York for his assistance and service to our organization in the matter of Forts Sumter and Moultrie, and other matters of legislation.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I wonder if we are broad-minded enough to express our appreciation to the Sons of the Confederacy also?

Commander-in-Chief Moran: If you will look in The Banner, you will find my letter written to them in that respect.

Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa: I think it is a very fine thing to do and a splendid gesture on our part. The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of the Confederacy of the past year has been a resident of the state of Iowa, and we have told him in Iowa that if he needed help to let us know and we will be glad to co-operate with them. It is fine that we recognize their assistance and help, and that we are willing to work with them in things of this kind.

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Commander Manoly sent much of this correspondence to me, and it was turned over to our Commander-in-Chief who has written thanking them. I would like to make a motion that this Encampment extend our thanks to the Sons of the Confederacy for bringing the matter to our attention, for their co-operation in this matter, and their action in the promotion of retaining these bases.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I would like to suggest an amendment to that motion—to the effect that we solicit the assistance of the Sons of the Confederacy to keep America American. I think this is a move in the right direction.

You will recall, that along about 1936-1937, the man who occupied the position of President attempted to purge the Supreme Court. Due to the environment in which I was raised, and the business in which I am engaged, you can imagine that my ire was aroused. I wrote to the then Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and I am very happy to say that there is a record of that correspondence. The reply of Mr. Hancock of St. Louis, who was their Commander-in-Chief, was even stronger in language than that I had used; and he pledged full co-operation in the matter. I think this is a move in the right direction and I would like, therefore, to have our good friend from Massachusetts, together with the seconder of the motion, to amend that motion to that effect.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I am not opposed to the motion, or the amendment, but don't you think it would be well if this was brought in by the Resolutions Committee?

Acting National Secretary Lambert: I heartily agree with that.

(Motion withdrawn, and subject referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

Past Commander-in-Chief John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Yesterday afternoon, at the close of the regular session, we had a meeting of the Past Department Commanders. Twenty-six Past Department Commanders, and two who were not Past Department Commanders, signed up and contributed the amount of \$128.00 to our fund. We are planning to have a national group of Past Department Commanders, and one of our purposes will be to assist the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Emery, and I think this is a splendid idea.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, what business are we under?

Commander-in-Chief Moran: At the moment, we are awaiting a Greetings Committee but I understand that they have not as yet arrived.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In that case, I should like to ask a question. Brother Holbrook, what would you say it costs to publish the Officers' Reports?

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Approximately \$170.00.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: In view of our present financial condition, I was just wondering whether these reports are serving their purpose to any great extent; and whether they would have to be printed previous to the Encampment. They are printed, distributed to each of us at National Encampment and many of us do not even read them and we throw them away because we get them again in our

printed proceedings. I think we could just hit the highlights, or recommendations contained in any of the reports and save the cost of printing the entire report twice. I am not making a motion on this matter; just bringing it up as food for thought.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Was there any recommendation as to the receiving of the report of the Committee on Marking Graves?

Commander-in-Chief Moran: No action was taken on this report.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: If not, I would move that the report be accepted, and the recommendation that this Committee become a permanent Committee be concurred in.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, Michigan, and carried).

L. McBride, Pennsylvania: I would like to know if the physical gesture of the pledge of allegiance to the Flag is a regulation or is it a military function? I belong to two other organizations where the pledge is different.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: The pledge of allegiance is a regulation which has been adopted, and we are only concerned here about the Sons of Union Veterans.

Past Department Commander James M. Blackman, Illinois: I believe we have that handed down to us by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: I would like to announce that we have secured Comrade Woolson of Duluth, Minnesota, and, I believe, Comrade Osborn of Missouri to be with us at our banquet tonight. Several organizations have been demanding the Comrades present at this Encampment, but two will be at the banquet tonight with us.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Charter. It is an inspiration to know that we will be honored with their presence at our banquet.

Department Commander Henry J. Patton, Maine: I have a notation relative to Public Law No. 829, passed by the 77th Congress in June, 1942, that it is forbidden to put the Bible on the Flag. Is that correct?

Department Commander W. F. Hathaway: That is not right. The law does state that the Flag is not to be used as a drape, except to cover the casket of a deceased veteran. The way we use it is not a violation of our rules, but it is a violation of the Act of Congress. I have a copy of that law, and will bring it this afternoon.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was presented: Josephine E. Parkhurst, Past Department President, New York; Laura Schermerhorn, Past Department President, New York, and Mary Lehman, Department Junior Vice President, New York.

They extended greetings of the National President, and the National Organization, and presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer responded.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Yesterday, we passed a motion that a Special Committee be appointed to draw up a resolution accepting the resignation of H. H. Hammer as National Secretary-Treasurer. I

would like to appoint the following Committee: Past Commanders-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, Richard F. Locke and Walter C. Mabie.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: In yesterday morning's paper there appeared an editorial. While it had nothing to do with the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic it did seem somewhat fitting, yet somewhat strange, that the matter to which they made reference did appear at this particular time when the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment is in session here. While it was political in nature, it did refer to a letter written by Abraham Lincoln and, in that editorial, it referred to Abraham Lincoln as being the "Civil War" president. I wanted to make mention of it, to bring it to your attention and to thank God that at least one newspaper knows the War of the Rebellion was a Civil War and not a "War Between the States."

DISCUSSION OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT CONTRIBUTION TO G. A. R. FUND

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, I have something which might be in order at this time. However, I wanted to hold it until such time as the National Patriotic Instructor made his supplementary report, so that I might speak on it.

As you all know, we collect funds for the National G. A. R. Fund to be used for the Grand Army of the Republic contribution and for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

In Pennsylvania this year, we have collected \$112.60. Brother Mansfield has told you that we finally got Pennsylvania in on that highway. The dedication of this highway, through the State of Pennsylvania is going to require a lot of money, and this should be done in a fitting manner. So long as this money was collected for the G. A. R. Fund in Pennsylvania, a number of us feel that it would be better this year if you would allow us to turn in our report to the National Patriotic Instructor so that the names of those who contributed might appear on that report in the printed proceedings; and instead of turning this money over to National, you give us permission to retain it in order that we can apply it on this dedication project in Pennsylvania. This would help a great deal toward a fitting dedication for this highway in Pennsylvania and, if it is in order at this time, I would move you that the report of the Department Patriotic Instructor be received and printed in the proceedings; and the sum of \$112.60, collected for the National G. A. R. Fund, be turned over to Pennsylvania for their use in helping to defray the expenses of dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Pennsylvania.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania).

Delegate Daniel M. Wasser, Ohio: I raise objection to this motion for this reason—that highway runs through nearly all the Departments and I don't see why, when they collected this money for the National Grand Army Fund, that it should be deferred to some other channel. I am sure that Pennsylvania could get help from some of the other Departments, rather than from a fund which is collected for the national body. Another feature is that you will set a precedent and the same thing might occur again in the future. I think we should guard against that.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I can't agree with the Brother from Ohio. First of all, the Department of Pennsylvania is large geographically and it takes a great deal of money for such a project as this dedication.

Secondly, The Grand Army Fund as we had it reported to us at the Cleveland Encampment showed a balance on June 30, 1947, of \$1,173.07. There was a Highway Fund of \$100.00 for the use of the National Chairman of that Committee. After the National Patriotic Instructor presented his report and turned over his money last year, and after \$500.00 was given as a gift to the Grand Army of the Republic, there was a balance of approximately \$1400.00 in that fund. This is before the report of the National Patriotic Instructor is submitted to this Encampment, from which will be taken a portion for the Chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and a gift to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, if we are setting a precedent, it seems to me we are setting a good one because there are only two States left which do not have this highway designated, so the possibility of recurrence is not very great.

The money would be used not only to dedicate the highway as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Pennsylvania but also to dedicate it, if you please, in the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn, who worked many years ago for this project.

In Pennsylvania, as in many other Departments, we do have a hard time collecting money. They tell us that every time they hear from headquarters, we want money. I feel that since the money was collected in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the dedication of the highway in Pennsylvania is in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, that this National Encampment would be justified in approving this motion.

Acting National Secretary Lambert: I couldn't let this matter go by without voicing protest to it. If any Department requires assistance from the funds set up for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, I think the National body should then appropriate such funds. I do not think that funds solicited in any Department in the name of the National Organization should be retained by that Department. Other Departments have solicited funds before for the National body, and those funds have always been turned over to the National Organization. These Departments raised money for a definite purpose, and it should be used for that purpose and not deferred. I think this money should be part of the National Grand Army of the Republic Fund, and be turned over to the National Organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I fully agree with Brother Lambert that those funds should be turned over to the National Organization, and then if help is needed for a particular purpose by a Department, it can be given.

National Patriotic Instructor Linsley: Might I just mention that in preparing the National Patriotic Instructor's Report this year, it was very difficult to tell how to apply the contributions, whether to individuals or Departments. I do not wish to become involved in this subject now up for discussion but it seems to me that it should be turned over to the National Patriotic Instructor, and then the problem passed on by the National Encampment or the Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I have no desire to attempt to influence your vote but I just want to state our position. It was my thought, and that of several others in Pennsylvania that it would be the easiest way out. By this method, it didn't put Pennsylvania in the light that it had to beg for funds. We collected those funds for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and merely asked that it be done this way rather than turn it over and then ask for it back again.

If, for some technical reason, you feel we shouldn't have it that way, all right. We will say to you, however, that we won't come here on our knees asking for your help. If you will look in your record you will find that Pennsylvania, along with Massachusetts, is maintaining this organization to a great degree and it seems to me that we could forget small technical details.

As to deferring funds, that has been done before. A couple years ago we solicited our Departments for contributions for an ambulance. We collected the money, and then we bought War Bonds. If we are not going to use the money for the purpose it was collected, it should be returned to the Departments and individuals who contributed to that fund so that if we want to get down to technicalities that money should have been refunded.

I withdraw my motion, if the thought is that Pennsylvania isn't to be allowed the little favor of holding that money for our use in dedicating the highway in Pennsylvania.

(Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, the second to the motion, consented to its withdrawal).

Acting National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, while we are waiting for this Committee just announced to come in, I would like to clear the air. I don't think this matter was left satisfactorily at all. I didn't object to the principle of the matter, but to the method I, therefore, move that an amount of \$100.00, and more if necessary, be appropriated by the National Organization for the dedication of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Pennsylvania.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, and carried).

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was escorted in and introduced:

Mrs. Nellie Goodman, Past National President, Massachusetts.

Miss Oresa Henry, Department Senior Vice President, Maine.

Mrs. Della Smith, Past Department President, West Virginia.

And the Massachusetts Delegation.

Greetings were extended from their National President, Mrs. Anna B. Dolan and their organization, and the Commander-in-Chief was presented with a gift, and they sang the Massachusetts State Song for him.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie responded.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was presented consisting of:

Laetitia B. Wightman, Department President, New Jersey.

Marietta Pitcher, Department President, Colorado & Wyoming.

Mary T. Anderson, Department President, California.

They brought the greetings of their National President, Mrs. Irene Mangel, and the National Organization and presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke responded.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: We will now recess until 1:30 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 28, 1948 — 1:50 P. M.

The session opened in regular form with prayer by National Chaplain Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There is one matter I would like to bring to the attention of this Encampment. Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter usually makes a motion with relation to the fund for the National Committee on Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

You all know that we still have two States to look after and the legislatures in both these States meet during the coming year. It may require someone to go there, in one or both cases, to advance our interest in securing designation of the highway through those States. Therefore, I would move that there be appropriated from the Grand Army of the Republic Fund an amount of \$500.00; with the provision that the Committee is to expend such part as is necessary in expediting the interest of our Order in getting this highway through Utah and Nevada.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania).

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: This is in conjunction, I presume, with whatever balance is left over from the \$100.00.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It has nothing to do with it. That appropriation of \$100.00 is from the Grand Army Fund for the Pennsylvania Department.

Past Department Commander Heacock: The present administration had \$100.00 to work on. Is this in conjunction with that?

Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania: The Indianapolis Encampment appropriated \$500.00 for this fund, and only \$200.00 was expended. Last year in Cleveland, Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter asked what we would need; and since the legislatures were not in session \$200.00 was appropriated. However, this next year with the legislatures of Utah and Nevada in session, and with no Camps of Sons of Union Veterans in those States, we may have to send a representative there to guide the matter through those legislatures.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The brothers will bear in mind that only such amounts as vouchered by the Chairman of the Committee, and sent to the National Secretary, are to be used.

Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin: As you put the motion, the amount necessary is to be spent for this purpose. As I understand it, the maximum amount that can be used is \$500.00. Is that correct?

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

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF PRESENT

Commander-in-Chief Moran: We have quite a few Past Commanders-in-Chief present here today and we are certainly glad to have them

with us at this Encampment. I am going to ask them to line up at the altar so that we can see who they are.

The following were presented: Past Commanders-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, William T. Church, Walter C. Mabie, Allan S. Holbrook, Richard F. Locke, Ralph R. Barrett, Albert C. Lambert, Henry Towle, C. LeRoy Stoudt, Union W. Mackey, H. Harding Hale and Neil D. Cranmer.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I can report that your Greetings Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans carried out your wishes in extending our greetings. We were cordially received, although we had to wait a little while and they send back their best wishes to you. We were fortunate in having Cora Gillis respond to us and she wanted me to convey to you the fine manner in which you have co-operated with her this year. She greatly admires you, and your organization.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Stoudt. (Commander-in-Chief Moran leaves the room, and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Butfer assumes his station).

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: I was just returning from our trip to the Woman's Relief Corps just about the time you were talking about the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and, if you will permit me, I would like to say something about that.

I want you to know, first of all, that I haven't entirely lost track of that project. I am happy, indeed, that we turned the job over to Brother Mansfield because he has been able, through strenuous efforts, to complete much of the highway project. Some of us gave considerable time and thought to the highway and there was considerable opposition, much to our surprise, in some of the States; but by being firm and standing pat we really got somewhere with it. Back in the early days we looked forward to the future, realizing that a new project takes time to develop—it needs time to find lodgment in the hearts and minds of people, time for them to realize the importance of it. I am very happy that it has been my opportunity to lend time and thought to the promotion of this idea in its beginning days. I well remember that many Civil War Veterans have taken my hand and said it is a very fine thing to do. People in this land of ours forget very easily some of the sacrifices that have been made to continue this country of ours as it is, and to take note of the things that have been done; and do not consider it worthwhile to promote the historical interests of our country.

I was happy that the first thing I could do was to clear it up at the far western end in California. We have come far since that day and I am sure that with our good friend here in command, it will be completed, but there is likely to be a little difficulty in Utah and Nevada. There are various reasons for it, and I think we know some of them through our previous experience. If any of you have an opportunity to gather up any information whatever in those two states that might be of benefit to the Chairman of the Committee, please pass it on as it may be of great help to him. I remember, in several instances, having information passed on to me when I was Chairman that was very helpful.

I am glad of this opportunity to speak on this matter, and I am glad the Sons of Union Veterans have appropriated an amount of money to help in completing this highway.

When you travel through this great country of ours, doesn't it

make you feel good and bring a thrill to your heart to see those signs, "Grand Army of the Republic Highway?" It certainly gives a fellow a proud feeling, and he is glad to be a part of it.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Butler: We all appreciate your remarks, thank you, Dr. Barrett.

(Commander-in-Chief returns).

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

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Commander-in-Chief, we expressed your good wishes and extended your greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps. We had a good audience who listened well, and cheered loudly. We enjoyed the trip, and thank you for the opportunity of going over.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Barrett.

Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire: I was very much interested in the remarks on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and, to refresh your memory, I think you should know that the first link was dedicated under the administration of Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, and I was the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I had the high honor of representing him at Providence, Rhode Island, at the dedication exercises. Of course it goes without saying, that I am interested in the progress of the highway; and Brother Locke joins me in that interest.

Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana: I had the privilege of attending the marking of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Iowa City. I would say that in that ceremony there were eighty flags and banners. I had the privilege of carrying the Flag sent from Ohio, a Flag with a wonderful story attached to it and which was being preserved in a glass case as a historical trophy. We had two comrades at that dedication, and it was one of the most touching ceremonies that I have ever attended.

Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont: I would like to tell you people here the experience that I had in regard to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Vermont. Something like six or eight years ago, the Department Commander who was in charge at that time put me on as Chairman of the Legislative Committee in Vermont. They put on that Committee with me Past Department Commanders George A. Laduke and Clarence W. Cameron. It was the year legislature was in session, and we contacted a lot of members there. The representative from his own community was a particular friend of his and we took the matter up with him, and worked with him, on the proposition that Route 15 should be designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. We kept working and finally the State Highway Commission was willing to co-operate with us; and the highway from Burlington to Danville, a distance of fifty or sixty miles, was designated as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. At the next legislature, I was alone but carried the project on through so that, at the present time, Route 15, out of Burlington is the Grand Army of the Republic Highway for a distance of one hundred twenty-five miles, across the State of Vermont.

Then I was not satisfied with that. Many of you know the story of the sleeping sentinel who was pardoned by President Lincoln. I worked through two sessions and finally was successful in having

Route 25, out of Montpelier, named as the William Scott Memorial Highway.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I realize things are a little dull at this particular moment, but we are awaiting Committee reports and a very special visitor. If we were only waiting for the Committees to report we would recess until tomorrow, but we are to have a visit by the National President of the Auxiliary at 3 p. m. She has been one of the finest workers I have ever known, and I am not recessing so that she might come in to us this afternoon.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: May I make a motion? I believe everyone of the members present here at this Encampment is very certainly missing a face which has been familiar to all of us for a good many years, and we do deplore the fact that he is unable to be with us this year. I would like to move you that our stenographer be made a messenger of good will from everyone of us to convey that message, and our good wishes for a speedy return to good health to Brother Horace Hammer. (Adopted by a unanimous, rising vote of the Encampment).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Howland: We now have a total of 159 members on the roll—Past Commanders-in-Chief, 12; Past Department Commanders, 59; Department Commanders, 16; Delegates, 71; Alternates, 1.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: Your Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the G. A. R. were cordially received. I extended your greetings and presented your little gift and Sister Mangel returns this little souvenir to you. Somehow, we collected an additional member to our Greetings Committee—a fellow by the name of Mackey from Michigan, who got slightly confused and turned up on the wrong committee, but we were glad to have him with us. The part I liked about the whole thing was the solo given by Mackey and one by myself. Thank you for the privilege of going over there.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: The Committee on Resolutions hereby submit the following report:

(1) Resolution from the Department of Indiana relative to the time when the last surviving member of the Grand Army of the Republic will answer the last roll call, and that we should properly and publicly recognize the final passing of our country's noble heroes—

(A) That a member of our Order, living in the immediate vicinity of each remaining veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, be named to keep in close touch with the status of said veteran at all times. Immediately upon the passing of that veteran, it shall be his duty to report to someone designated by the Commander-in-Chief to compile such information.

Your Committee non-concurs in this section of the Resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I move that, upon reading of resolutions, if there are no objections offered, the report of the Committee be considered as adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Wm. C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

(No objections—Committee sustained).

(B) Section 2 of the Indiana resolution relative to the following:

That, within two weeks following the receipt of word of the passing of the last veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic, an appropriate Memorial Program be broadcast over a national radio hook-up, said broadcast to have been arranged for prior to the time when it shall be required.

Your Committee offers as a substitute the following: **RESOLVED**, that as soon as conclusive proof of the passing of the last veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic is received that our Commandery-in-Chief arrange for an appropriate Memorial program to be broadcast over a National radio hook-up; said broadcast to be arranged as soon as possible.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: With reference to the reported recommendation of the Committee, I am in sympathy with the object and purpose but it seems inconsiderate to expect arrangements to be made in advance for time on a national radio hook up for a program within two weeks after the passing of the last Grand Army of the Republic veteran. How are you going to tell when the last one will pass away, and how can you possibly make a contract with a radio chain on that basis?

Chairman Towle: The original resolution presented by the Department of Indiana was that it be presented within two weeks, but we offered a substitute resolution that it be arranged as soon as possible after conclusive proof of the passing of the last Veteran has been received.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: On that basis, I am in favor of it.

Past Department Commander Hugh I Snider, Indiana: I am the one who worked on the Resolution and I may not have gotten it worded just right. One of these days we will hear that the last Civil War Veteran has passed on. Are we going to wait until he is gone before we do something about such a program? I think we should get started on it and, therefore, I wrote this resolution with the idea that the Commander-in-Chief appoint live wires in every State who would be ready, and have previous arrangements made, so that when the word comes through from our Commander-in-Chief to those live wires in the various States that it could be announced immediately where and when you want your Memorial Program to the Grand Army of the Republic in each State. Also, that committee can have the names of the Commanders of other military organizations and issue a special invitation for them to participate and then, by radio and by the press, invite the public and really make something out of it. If we wait until this all happens, what can our Commander-in-Chief do at that time? If we wait, we won't have any arrangements or any program at all, and that is why I was keenly interested in this resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Will you read it as it is now? (Chairman Towle reads resolution presented by the Committee). I think that is all right, but I want to say this—if my Father was alive today, I certainly wouldn't go to some undertaker and arrange for his funeral services—I wouldn't do such a thing. I am tired and sick of hearing about the Grand Army of the Republic passing out of existence. The Grand Army of the Republic is not dead and it never will be dead so long as the Sons of Union Veterans carry out the things for which the Grand Army fought.

(Substitute Resolution of Committee adopted).

(2) Resolution from the Department of Ohio, that names, addresses, date of birth, regiments to which they belonged, and deaths of Civil War Veterans still surviving be published in The Banner.

Your Committee recommends non-concurrence because it refers

to your present Commander-in-Chief, who will not be in office next year. (Adopted).

(3) Resolution from Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt offering the position of Encampment Stenographer to the present stenographer, Annamae D. Berhalter, annually for so long as she continues to render the same efficient service, or until she no longer desires to serve in that capacity.

Your Committee heartily concurs in this resolution. (Adopted).

(4) Resolution from the Department of Minnesota—that the Congress of the United States be memorialized to authorize the United States Navy to locate, and raise, the battleship Monitor; and that it further authorize that it be put in condition to be a permanent memorial, because the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac in Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862 was one of the turning points of the Civil War.

Your Committee does not concur neither does it non-concur, but recommends that the matter be laid on the table until after the Navy Department has been consulted as to the feasibility of the project. (Adopted).

(5) From the Department of Pennsylvania—"Resolved, that whenever Forms 1 and 1½ are printed, the prices printed on Form 1 (Requisition for Camp Supplies) shall be at least 30% higher than the prices printed on Form 1½ (Requisition for Department Supplies)." "And be it further resolved: That a condensed Price List of Camp Supplies be printed in each issue of The Banner in the space devoted to National Orders."

Your Committee concurs in the first section of the resolution, but recommends that the second section be changed to "once a year" instead of each issue of The Banner. (Adopted).

(6) The following Resolution is presented by this Committee:

"Whereas, The Sons of Confederate Veterans believing in good citizenship and desiring for patriotic reasons to preserve Forts Moultrie and Sumter as National Memorials, and

Whereas, They have expressed a desire that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War join with them to obtain the same, therefore

Be it RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, aid them and their organization in bringing about their objective and purpose and that we, in National Encampment assembled, thank them for bringing the matter to our attention and soliciting our aid. Be it further RESOLVED, That we ask them to join with us in keeping this a United Nation. (Adopted).

(7) Resolution from Department Commander Mansfield, and members of the Pennsylvania delegation relative to having the Battlefield of Gettysburg returned to the War Department.

Your Committee realizes that this matter was taken up last year but no attention was paid to our appeal; so we concur and hope something will be done this year. (Adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY TOWLE, Chairman, Maine,
PERLE L. FOUCH, Michigan,
WILLIAM O. FULLER, Massachusetts,
Committee on Resolutions.

Past Department Commander Charles T. Webster, Maine: I move you that the Report of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I believe there is still a Resolution of Thanks to be presented by that Committee.

Chairman Towle: That will be prepared, and submitted as a supplementary report tomorrow.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO THE AUXILIARY

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Your fraternal Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary, consisting of twenty or twenty-two of us, went over there and we had a wonderful time. They have a large delegation; proof that our kids are coming along and filling our shoes. I am so glad that is what is happening in the Auxiliary—and I wish I could say the same for us. Sister Joyce was happy to receive us and we extended your greetings and presented the gift. She wanted to thank you for your remembrance, and she is coming over here in a few minutes.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Mabie.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT KATHARINE JOYCE OF THE AUXILIARY

The National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was escorted in to the Encampment by Personal Aide John W. Emery, of Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: My brothers, I am highly honored that our National President of the Auxiliary has taken time to come over to us to attend our Encampment.

For thirteen and one-half months, Sister Katharine and I have tried to do the work for which we were elected. I didn't know her thirteen and one-half months ago, I had never met her. However, I can assure you that no Commander-in-Chief of this organization ever had a National President of the Auxiliary who has done more for our organization. I am sure that none has been more gracious, more co-operative and a better friend than Katharine has been; and it is my pleasure to present to you Sister Katharine Joyce of Pittsburgh, Pa., the National President of our Auxiliary.

National President Katharine Joyce: Brother Commander-in-Chief, and all Officers and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; I am indeed most humble after this introduction to you. Believe me, I do not deserve all those nice things which have been said about me, as I am just an ordinary person.

It is a privilege and an honor to visit your Encampment. Our business is completed for today, and we had to vacate the ball room to make way for the reception and banquet this evening. The rest of the members of the Auxiliary have gone on their way, but I wanted to come to your Encampment and bring my personal greetings.

I wish for your Organization the very best success and that you go forward and keep increasing your membership as you go along. It can be done; it is surprising how easy it is to take new members into our fold if each of us "talk up" our organizations a little more. Sometimes you will find a next door neighbor or friends in your immediate community who are eligible—I have had that experience and I know. By just telling people we know about the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Union Veterans, and the Auxiliary, we can very often increase our membership.

I, too, have enjoyed serving this organization with your Command-

er-in-Chief. As he told you, when we were elected we were strangers, but during this year we have become very good friends.

Among this body of men are many whom I have known for many, many years—such as Past Commanders-in-Chief Walter Mabie, C. Le-Roy Stoudt and John Sautter. I regret very much that my dear friend Horace Hammer is not present. He has been urging me on to this position for many years, and I know he would have been glad to welcome me here today.

I want to extend to your Commander-in-Chief Moran my best personal greetings, my best wishes for success and good health and may you enjoy many future years as a Past Commander-in-Chief. This is an honor and a privilege to come to offer my personal greetings and the greetings of my organization. Again, I thank you for receiving me so nicely—I do appreciate it indeed; and my best wishes to all of you in the future. Thank you very much.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Sister Katharine, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers; our Commander-in-Chief has seen fit to visit you in session at the Auxiliary, our Greetings Committee has been in to see you and our Department Commander of Pennsylvania spoke at great length so there isn't much left for me to say. I do want you to know that the Commander-in-Chief, and everyone of us, appreciate your taking the time to come here and say "Hello."

One of the most outstanding things is that both you and our Commander-in-Chief barely knew one another when you were elected, and today yours has become a sincere and fine friendship; so that one of the things we are receiving out of this organization is friendship—friendships which will continue for many years to come. We sometimes pay dearly for those friendships, but they are well worth it and when we feel that we can go into almost any State and meet friends, made through our contacts in this organization, it means a lot. As you pointed out, Katharine, you have enjoyed the friendship of several of the Past Commanders-in-Chief for many years. We hope those friendships, plus the new ones added this year, will continue for many years to come. We hope you will come to us again next year, and many years in the future. Thank you for coming over today, Katharine.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Are there any committees ready to report? If not, we will recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

September 29, 1948 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with prayer by Rev. William A. Hallock, Past Department Commander of the New York Department.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Has the Credential Committee an additional report this morning?

Chairman Howland: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee reports a total of 162 members registered.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Howland. Are there any other Committees ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers, your Committee has five matters for consideration; and we present the following report:

(A) Camp 66 of Syracuse, New York, presents a matter relative to the Salute to the Flag.

This matter is properly one for consideration by the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies and, therefore, we recommend that that Committee take this matter for disposition. (Committee sustained).

(B) Camp 1, Chicago, Ill., by resolution proposes that the Commandery-in-Chief create and authorize a bar with the words "Camp Commander" to be attached to the membership badge, similar in style to the bar recently authorized for Department Commanders.

Your Committee finds no substantial merit to the proposal and recommend non-concurrence.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move that where there are no objections, the report of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried). (Committee sustained).

(C) The Department of New Hampshire submits a proposed change to the Constitution, Article II, Section 5, Page 10, headed "membership" and concerns status of holder of a Department or Camp transfer during a period of twelve months and his obligations to the Department or Camp within that period. As the subject matter appears to be covered by the Regulations, we report non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

(D) On the recommendation passed at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on June 7, 1948, and signed by a Committee of three, dealing with an addition to the By-Laws providing for use of a proxy, signed by a non-attending member and used at a Camp meeting as effectively as if he were present for the purpose of completing a quorum and for all purposes covered by action at such Camp meeting.

Your Committee finds that the authorization and use of a proxy

to serve the same purpose as actual presence at a Camp meeting would be decidedly detrimental to good service to the Order and, therefore, recommends non-concurrence.

Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin: This recommendation comes from my Department. Many brothers who belong to large Camps may consider this an unusual recommendation but I find that in rural communities, particularly where membership is scattered over a territory of twenty or twenty-five miles, there are times when weather conditions are such that it is impossible for a sufficient number of members to attend the Camp meeting. Then too, many of our Camps are composed of members of advanced age and, in these instances, we believe this a real necessity. There are times when business of the Camps must be transacted but, because of these conditions, it is impossible to do it and sometimes it is several months before it can be taken care of. We feel that something of this kind should be done. The real idea is to amend Article III, Section 2, page 11 of the regulations which reads, "Five members shall constitute a Camp quorum." We propose to add to that section, "either present in person or represented by proxy." I beg you to give this your earnest consideration.

Chairman Hale: It has received our attention, as far as the Committee goes. The Brother cites a special situation which arises in his Department. However, we are here for the purpose of establishing laws for the general use of the Order from Maine to California and we try to deal with situations of most common occurrence.

There is such a thing as a self-respecting Camp and Department of our Order, in spite of all the vicissitudes that we have and conditions that arise here and there. This Order is not just an ordinary stock-holders situation; this is a membership of those who are devoted to the cause of preserving the story of the Civil War, which is truly a noble cause. Can we, therefore, afford to let down the bars and "get by" with most any way of running a Camp or a Camp meeting? There are standards which we must maintain. If five members of a Camp can't be gotten out for a meeting, that is exceedingly unfortunate; but it shows pretty plainly a lack of real effort on the part of the members, and a loose way of doing things.

If we take into consideration that we are making rules for the conduct of business throughout the Order, we will be setting a precedent. If we let down the bars this year, and next year you let down some more, and continue to do that we will lower our standards to such a point that you don't know where the bottom is. We have carried on for many years and have clung to certain standards and we should continue to carry on in accordance with those standards.

We have found by experience, that the requirement of only five members to constitute a quorum is little enough to require. When you step outside of that requirement and allow people not to attend a meeting, where only five are required, it is a deplorable condition. We don't feel it is practical, feasible or up to our standards.

Past Department Commander Robert W. Doughty, New York: I sympathize with the condition in Wisconsin. Many of our Camps need encouragement because they are small, and I think it is important to keep the small Camps going—to give them a chance to grow and stage a comeback. I think we should leave it up to the individual Camps to decide this matter.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee. (Seconded by Acting National Secretary Lambert).

Rising vote taken, resulting in the following: Concurrence with the recommendation, 57; non-concurrence with the Committee recommendation, 35. (Committee recommendation adopted).

(E) The Department of Pennsylvania, and its recent Department Encampment presents a resolution that a paragraph be added to Article II, Section 1, page 22, Department Regulations, providing that a Camp Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten (10) consecutive years be given service recognition by the bestowal on him of rank of Past Camp Commander.

Your Committee is conscious of the merit of the objective in the resolution, but feels that this Encampment deal with the proposal as it may deem best and, therefore, recommends that it be referred back to the Commandery-in-Chief, without any report or recommendation from this Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I would move the adoption of the resolution as presented by the Department of Pennsylvania.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, and carried).

Respectfully submitted,

H. HARDING HALE, Massachusetts, Chairman,
JULIUS ISAACS, New York,
A. W. ROBINSON, Vermont.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: That, I believe, concludes the matters on which we are to report.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: In General Orders No. 5, 1947 Series, published in The Banner of September, 1947, is the matter of dual membership. Have you considered that?

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: We considered the resolutions which were presented here. With your leave, our Committee will have to meet again and report on this matter later.

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Fortunately for the members of your Committee, the work of this session of the Commandery-in-Chief has not been very burdensome, due to the lack of recommendations submitted to you, and we wish to submit our report:

To the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports submits the following:

Commander-in-Chief's Report

The report of Commander-in-Chief Moran reflects the earnest and conscientious efforts of our chief officer during his term. Under adverse conditions he has done his best, and he well deserves the appreciation of his fellow members.

The Commander-in-Chief makes but one recommendation—that efforts be made to revive the "Junior Order" first proposed several years ago.

In this recommendation, your Committee concurs, and recommends that a Committee of three be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief to prepare and present the necessary rules, regulations and procedure for a "Junior Order" to be presented to the next annual Encampment; with the suggestion that a resume of the Committee's re-

port be published in an an issue of The Banner prior to its presentation to the Encampment. (Adopted).

The report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thomas L. Butfer evidences loyal service during his term of office. The report contained no recommendations.

The report of W. C. Thobaben, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, is complete and explicit and shows a keen and intimate knowledge of not only the needs, but the purposes of our organization. Brother Thobaben recommends that we establish the practice of placing a wreath upon the burial place of all former Presidents upon the anniversary of their birth.

Your Committee concur in the spirit of the recommendation, but feel that this is a project which should be assumed by the several Departments rather than by the Commandery-in-Chief and recommends its adoption subject to such change. (Adopted).

It is unnecessary for your Committee to make any report upon the National Secretary-Treasurer's Report; all matters contained therein being covered by the report of the Council-in-Chief. The long and faithful service of Horace H. Hammer will never be forgotten and we will always hold in grateful appreciation the many kindnesses, the sage advice and the friendly interest which he has always shown for our membership.

The report of Edgar Linsley, National Patriotic Instructor, is a splendid report and shows careful attention to the many details of his office. The report is a credit to him and his office. He deserves the thanks of the entire membership.

The reports of Walter C. Mabie, National Counselor; and C. LeRoy Stoudt, National Chief-of-Staff, are O. K., and are exactly the type of reports we would expect from two able and capable members. We are fortunate in having had the benefit of their abilities and experience.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. LOCKE, Chairman, Illinois,
CLEON E. HEALD, New Hampshire,
FRED H. COMBS, Sr., New Jersey,
JOHN C. YOCUM, Pennsylvania.

Committee on Officers' Reports.

Chairman Locke: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports as a whole. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION FOR RESIGNATION OF HORACE H. HAMMER

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers; I wish to present the resolution on the resignation of Horace H. Hammer as prepared by the special Committee appointed for that purpose:

"For more than half a century, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have had the benefit of the vast experience of Horace H. Hammer, and now the Order is called upon to accept the resignation of Brother Hammer as National Secretary-Treasurer.

Therefore, it is fitting, nay it is an obligation, that we the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War give formal expression of our sincere regret at the said resignation and deeply deplore the state of ill health which made it necessary.

Brother Horace H. Hammer became connected with General George G. Meade Camp of Reading, Penna., long before the beginning of this century, and served the Camp with a degree of fidelity seldom equalled, and never excelled.

Likewise, he gave of his time and ability to promote the best interests of the Department of Pennsylvania, Sons of Union Veterans. But it was in his relation to the National Organization that he rendered the most efficient service as National Secretary. In fact, very few of our members can remember any other National Secretary than Brother Hammer. At a later date, he assumed the additional office of National Treasurer, combining in one person the two offices.

His acquaintance of members of the Order throughout the length and breadth of this broad land was of invaluable advantage to every Commander-in-Chief. His knowledge of Sons of Veterans law and procedure was most timely. His integrity and faithfulness won the commendation of every Commander-in-Chief since his first election. His wise counsel helped to keep the Order on an even keel and headed towards its destined goal. His loyal patriotism, his love of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, his devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic, and all of its allied organizations helped in no small way to give standing to our organization.

'Tis but little we can do to show our appreciation; but while he lives we want him to know how much we loved him, how much we appreciate all of his services in our behalf, how greatly he will be missed, how his spirit will linger long with us, though absent in body.

No words of ours can pay adequate tribute to his loyal service, and the only compensation we can give to him is our heartfelt love, assured that he who has been so faithful in many ways shall not go unrewarded. There will be laid up for him a crown of righteousness and joy without limit. Such examples cannot have been lived in vain, and we who are here shall treasure in our hearts the spirit he manifested at all times. Our lives are enriched because Horace H. Hammer lived, and mingled with us. The God of our Fathers will look with infinite kindness upon him and give him peace while he remains; and an abundant entrance to that Heavenly Kingdom, that house not made with hands, when he passes through that little green door that never outward swings."

Dated at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Encampment assembled, September 29, 1948.

CHARLES F. SHERMAN, Past Commander-in-Chief,
 RICHARD F. LOCKE, Past Commander-in-Chief.
 WALTER C. MABIE, Past Commander-in-Chief.

(Applause by the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: What is your pleasure on that splendid resolution?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that it be adopted.

(Seconded by Acting National Secretary Lambert; and adopted by unanimous, rising vote of the Encampment).

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM AUXILIARY

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary was escorted in and introduced:

Margaret L. Waters, Past National President, Massachusetts.
 Gertrude Gaffney, Department President, Massachusetts.
 Ella Ruggles, Past Department President, Pennsylvania.

Anne Clayton, Past Department President, New Jersey.
 Marion Werner, Past Department President, New York.
 And the Massachusetts delegation.

They extended the greetings of their National President, Sister Katharine Joyce, and the National Organization and presented a gift to the Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman responded.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Are there any additional reports to be given at this time?

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Yesterday afternoon the Past Department Commanders formed an organization to be known as the National Association of Past Department Commanders. We have as officers President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. There has been contributed by the Past Department Commanders a sum of \$150.00, and we voted to turn this over to the Council-in-Chief as a contribution from the National Association of Past Department Commanders to help them out with their expenses; and it has been turned over today.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Emery; and I am quite sure that it will be of great assistance to them in balancing the budget.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Butfer: As I have been sitting here in this Encampment this morning, seeing the Past Commanders-in-Chief who are present I am reminded of one who has attended many of the meetings of this Commandery-in-Chief and is missing here today, Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland. He sends his greetings to you, wants to be remembered to all of you; and is not present at this Encampment because of ill health.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brother Butfer; and we certainly regret that he is unable to be here, and wish for him good health in the future.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

National Patriotic Instructor Linsley: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present a supplementary report:

September 28, 1948.

Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Since making my official report, I have received reports from the Department Patriotic Instructors of the Departments of Illinois, Minnesota and New York; also additional contributions to the Grand Army of the Republic Fund in the amount of \$308.60, making a complete total of \$712.85.

A detailed report on all contributions is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR M. LINSLEY,
 National Patriotic Instructor.

Detailed Report of National G. A. R. Fund

		Total
Department of California & Pacific:		
Not itemized	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Department of Colorado:		
W. R. Coffey, Colorado Springs, Colo.....	2.00	2.00

		Total
Department of Connecticut:		
Franklin Bartlett Camp No. 11, Bridgeport	10.00	
Camp No. 34, Torrington	5.00	
Admiral Foote Camp No. 1, New Haven, Conn.....	2.00	
Department of Connecticut	15.00	32.00
Department of Illinois:		
Not itemized	100.00	100.00
Department of Indiana:		
Not itemized	27.00	27.00
Department of Iowa:		
Camp No. 33, Waterloo	4.50	
Camp No. 58, Fort Dodge.....	5.00	
P. D. C. W. T. Alstrand (D.P.I.).....	.50	
Not itemized	10.00	20.00
Department of Kansas:		
Shiloh Camp No. 30, Newton.....	2.00	
C. B. Martin,, Secretary-Treasurer, Parsons.....	6.00	
Dept. Com. W. H. Fairchild, Kansas City.....	1.00	9.00
Department of Maryland:		
James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore.....	10.00	
Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington.....	10.00	
Department of Maryland	2.00	22.00
Department of Massachusetts:		
L. A. Tift Camp No. 15, Springfield	2.00	
Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief.....	5.00	7.00
Department of Michigan:		
Camp No. 1, Detroit	5.00	
Camp No. 7, Jackson	10.00	
Camp No. 8, Detroit	10.00	
Camp No. 10, Ann Arbor.....	16.00	
Camp No. 14, Grand Rapids	5.00	
P. C.-in-C. Union W. Mackey, Grand Rapids.....	5.00	
Dept. Com. Charles Dexter, Detroit	1.00	
Dept. Sec.-Treas. H. Frank Finch, Grand Rapids..	5.00	
Com. Thomas A. Davis, Woodland	5.00	
P. D. C. Cloy V. Smith, Jackson.....	1.00	
P. D. C. Earl Cowdin, Grand Rapids.....	1.00	
P. D. C. Thayne La Banta, Jackson	1.00	
P. D. C. John Tiffany, Kalamazoo.....	5.00	
Fred Hammond, D. P. I.	5.00	
Frank Griffin, Jackson	1.00	
Vern Walters, Jackson	1.00	
M. Mullin, Jackson	1.00	
N. P. I. Edgar M. Linsley, Grand Rapids.....	5.00	83.00
Department of Minnesota:		
George E. Bailey, Council-in-Chief, Minneapolis...	5.00	
Minneapolis Camp No. 8.....	5.00	
P. D. C. Dewey B. Mead, Minneapolis	5.00	15.00
Department of New Hampshire:		
Not itemized	25.00	25.00
Department of New York:		
Lafayette Camp No. 140.....	2.00	
Richmond Camp No. 63, Port Richmond	2.00	
Department of New York.....	33.00	
Camp No. 89, Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	5.00	
George Nunnold, Lake Placid, N. Y.....	1.00	43.00

Department of New Jersey:			
Not itemized	100.00		Total 100.00
Department of Ohio:			
Gov. Dennison Camp No. 1, Columbus.....	5.00		
McLaughlin Camp No. 12, Mansfield	3.00		
Muskingum Camp No. 13, Zanesville	2.00		
Given Camp No. 50, Wooster	2.00		
Earnshaw Camp No. 89, Dayton	2.00		
McClellan Camp No. 90, Alliance	5.00		
R. C. Crater, Columbus	2.00		
Willis S. King, Zanesville	1.00		
Charles S. Shotts, Lancaster	1.00		
Arthur G. Stolz, Dayton.....	1.00		
O. Emerson Cron, Dayton	1.00		
C. Edward Wetzel, Dayton	2.00		
Wm. F. Powers, Dayton	1.00		
Roland Clingman, Dayton	1.00		
A. J. Reeder, Dayton	1.00		
Joseph McMichaels, Dayton25		
George E. Waller, Alliance	5.00	35.25	
Department of Oregon:			
Eugene Camp No. 17, Eugene	5.00		
Empire Camp No. 18, Empire.....	2.00		
Owen Summers Camp No. 4, Portland.....	3.00	10.00	
Department of Pennsylvania:			
Post 2, Camp 299, Jenkintown	5.00		
George T. Love, Pittsburgh	2.00		
Department of Pennsylvania (not itemized).....	104.50		
P. C.-in-C. Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia	8.00	119.60	
Department of Rhode Island:			
Elisha Dyer Camp No. 7.....	5.00		
Department of Rhode Island (not itemized).....	30.00	35.00	
Department of Vermont:			
Not itemized	11.00	11.00	
Department of Wisconsin:			
L. C. Wheeler, Madison, Wis.	1.00		
Roy Lewis, Wisconsin	2.00		
D. C. Franklin Hubbard, Wis.....	3.00		
Clarence Hubbard, Wis.	2.00		
P. D. C. Oscar Doppler, Wis.....	2.00	10.00	
TOTAL FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.....			\$712.85

Commander-in-Chief Moran: The supplementary report of the National Patriotic Instructor will be accepted if there are no objections. (Adopted).

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: Your Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic feel that they had one of the greatest pleasures which could be conferred upon them in going, this morning, and greeting our six Grand Army Comrades. We were very cordially received, and Brother Barrett was our spokesman. He compiled the names, addresses and ages of the Comrades who were present; and I think it would be very fitting to incorporate those in our records. I will ask Dr. Barrett to give you this data at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Brother Chairman of the Committee, Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. This indeed was an opportunity of a lifetime because the space of a lifetime is far reached, in many respects, by the ages I have here before me of these, Our Fathers; and I am grateful to you for being accorded this opportunity.

Through the years, it has been part of my work as a physician, and especially in family affairs and child work, to record many ages so this is something I feel right at home in doing. I wish to say that these six Comrades seemed to be in wonderful physical condition. They made a very outstanding appearance, and I marvelled as I took their ages. Here is the information on the six Comrades:

James A. Hard, Rochester, N. Y.....	107 years old.
William H. Osborn, Joplin, Mo.....	104 years old.
John H. Grate, Atwater, Ohio.....	103 years old.
Charles L. Chappell, Long Beach, Cal.....	102 years old.
Albert Woolson, Duluth, Minn.....	102 years old.
Theodore A. Penland, Portland, Ore.....	99 years old.
A total of 617 years.	

I want to relate a story about this one from Missouri. When I was Commander-in-Chief, I arrived into a town for a night meeting. Nobody met us and, after we were settled at our hotel, I went for a stroll. As I walked along, I noticed a man standing on a corner and I thought I saw a little bronze button on that man. I went up to him and said, "I see you are a Civil War Veteran," and he replied that he was; then I told him I was a Son of a Union Veteran. He told me, "You want to be up at the hall tonight because the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans is going to speak there." I assured him that I would be there, and continued my stroll. That evening when the Chairman introduced me as the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, he looked at me and said, "Oh! my gosh!" I shall always remember that, and everytime I see him it gives me a chuckle.

We didn't stay over there very long this morning because we didn't want to tire those men, but it certainly is an inspiration to see those Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. As much as I like to talk, this is one time that I felt that I had no appropriate words to say. Again, thank you for the glorious opportunity of going to visit them.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Thank you, Brothers Cranmer and Barrett. If there is nothing further, we will recess until 1:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

September 29, 1948 — 1:30 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with prayer by Past Department Commander John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania Department.

SECOND VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT KATHARINE JOYCE OF THE AUXILIARY

Sister Katharine Joyce, National President of the Auxiliary, was escorted in.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Brothers, it is again my pleasure to present to this Encampment my National President of the Auxiliary, Sister Katharine Joyce.

National President Katharine Joyce: Commander-in-Chief, Officers and members of the national body, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I came to pay my respects yesterday. I wasn't treated too nicely by my own Department—that is, by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, so I thought I would come over today and get an apology from Walter. But, since he isn't in the room at present that will have to wait until later—and, after all, it's all in fun.

Seriously, it gives me great pleasure to come again and wish you the very best as you go along in future years. These years are going to mean a great deal to our organizations, and what you do will greatly affect our Auxiliary. As we have told you before, we are back of you 100% in every way, shape and form.

In my report, I had a recommendation similar to that of my predecessor, Past National President Edna Lambert, who favored the Sons so graciously last year; and today it is an honor and privilege to bring not only greetings from my national body, but also something a little more substantial than greetings—and it is a great pleasure to present to you, Commander-in-Chief Moran, for your organization a check from your Auxiliary in the amount of \$500.00. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I am going to ask Brother Stoudt to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Sister National President, sincerely we thank you.

CONTRIBUTION FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: At the close of the session this morning, the officers of the National Association of Past Department Commanders therefore, offer to sponsor the necessity of funds for the National Chief-of-Staff for entertainment purposes at our National Encampment the officers of this association, acting as the executive committee of our group discussed this matter and have reached an agreement on it. The National Association of Past Department Commanders therefore, offer to sponsor the entertainment for the next Encampment at no expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move you that the offer of the President of the National Association of Past Department Commanders be accepted. (Seconded by several, and carried).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: Commander-in-Chief, and Brothers; your Committee on Constitution and Regulations will conclude its report at this time by proceeding to our last proposition which is a proposed amendment to the Constitution as to dual membership. It has been published in General Orders No. 5, the September, 1947, issue of The Banner. (Reads proposed amendments as published in The Banner). The Committee approves of said proposition, and action.

H. HARDING HALE, Massachusetts, Chairman,
JULIUS ISAACS, New York,
A. W. ROBINSON, Vermont.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Does a member holding dual membership pay dues in both Camps?

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: On a member holding dual membership, which Camp pays the per capita tax? As I understand it, it should be the primary Camp. Your amendment to Section 10, Article II of Chapter I provides that no per capita tax shall be charged by any Department on members holding secondary membership. I think you need more than that to make it understandable.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: There is nothing there to specify that it be paid through the primary Camp.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Buffer: I agree with Brother Locke that it should be specified more clearly that the dual member pay per capita tax through the primary Camp.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: The proposed amendment—Section 10 reads: "Secondary members so reported shall not be counted in the strength of the Camp for representation in the Department Encampment, and the Camp shall not pay per capita tax on them."

Acting National Secretary Lambert: I would like to say a few words on this subject. I have served in the capacity of Department Secretary-Treasurer of New Jersey for a few years; and I think that most of the Department Secretary-Treasurers will agree that this will be difficult to put into operation. I am more or less in sympathy with the proposed action as to what they are trying to accomplish but I do not believe it will affect twenty-five such members in our entire organization. I think most of our members will agree that it would be nice to retain membership in their original, home Camp; and one where they now reside. However, the experience of the Department Secretary-Treasurer in many of our Departments is that at least 50% of the Camps do not give us quarterly reports, at present, in the manner in which they are supposed to. They send in the reports, with little or no information at present—so that if we require the Camp Secretaries to list dual members on these reports, I am afraid that many of them will be confused as to the classification of such members. I am wondering if, and why, we can't authorize a man to belong to two Camps and pay his dues and per capita tax in both Camps.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: I am simply rising to testify that this plan is working very well in Massachusetts, and I have never

heard our Department Secretary make any criticism or say anything about having any difficulty with it. I know it can be made to work out satisfactorily—we are doing it in Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Then why enact a law covering it, if they are already doing it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I would like a point of information. I would like to know how they work it out in Massachusetts. Do all the Camps work together on this deal?

Commander-in-Chief Moran: There is only one Camp with dual members.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The thing that has me wondering is this: We don't get reports filled out as they should be now. We don't even get vital statistics, and the report forms are comparatively simple. If we put this into effect, I think we are going to confuse them to such an extent that we won't get any information at all.

Let me give you an example of possible complications. A lot of us in Pennsylvania, including myself, run over to New Jersey and they, in turn, come over to Pennsylvania to our Camps. I know that we would willingly put our card in one or two of those Camps in Jersey, and they would do the same in Pennsylvania. Now, conditions change a little and I drop out of Camp 200, and I don't send word to the secondary Camp in New Jersey—so I am a member in New Jersey, although I have dropped out of Pennsylvania. The Secretary would forget to report such a situation, or be so confused that he wouldn't know how or what to report so, he wouldn't report it at all and you wouldn't know my status at all. The whole thing seems too complicated to me. If Massachusetts is running it now, I think we would do better to let them go on as they are—and forget about it.

Every Past Commander-in-Chief in this room is a member of two Camps. We are members of Lafayette Camp in New York and nobody ever proposed a bunch of laws to cover that. It seems to me that this dual membership would apply only to a few men, at the most, and the Department Secretaries would only become more confused. I believe this would be unworkable, and I am not in favor of it—we have enough to do now as Department Secretary, without adding confusion and making double work for all of us.

Delegate Wm. H. Warner, Connecticut: You also have the problem of two separate Departments keeping track of one member if a man holds a membership in his home Camp in one Department, and joins another where he resides.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: What action do you wish to take on this matter?

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: I think we ought to move that the report of the Committee, as a whole, be adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: With all the difficulties we now have in keeping a member in one Camp, I don't see why we want to make it more difficult by trying to keep him in two or three. If Massachusetts, in its wisdom, has seen fit to accept dual membership and obtain the per capita tax and Camp dues from the member in two different Camps, it concerns them. I quite agree with Brothers Lambert and Mabie on this matter. I doubt whether twenty-five members would be affected; and I move that the report of the Committee on that matter be laid on the table. (Seconded by Acting National Secretary Lambert, and carried).

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I wish to present a supplementary report of the Committee on Resolutions:

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the General Chairman of the Encampment Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Union W. Mackey and his Committee, to the City Officials of Grand Rapids, to the Rowe Hotel, to Major Santelmann and the U. S. Marine Band, to the Chamber of Commerce of Grand Rapids, to the newspapers and all who have made our stay in Grand Rapids so enjoyable, and for all courtesies extended.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY TOWLE, Maine, Chairman,

PERIE L. FOUCH, Michigan,

WILLIAM O. FULLER, Massachusetts,
Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: I move that the additional report of the Resolutions Committee be adopted. (Seconded by Delegate Wm. C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoult: I move that the Acting National Secretary be directed to send a letter of appreciation to the Auxiliary for their contribution of \$500.00 to us. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I don't know whether this would be new business or not, but having been in touch with members of the Council-in-Chief I understand there is an item they are going to delete from the budget this year—not because of vicissitudes, but because of necessity. They are deleting the amount of \$50.00 which we have been appropriating for Arlington Hall. Part of the work of the National Patriotic Instructor is collecting funds which are ear-marked as the Grand Army of the Republic fund; and since we do not have sufficient funds in our treasury to continue the annual appropriation, I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that \$50.00 be appropriated from the Grand Army of the Republic fund to Arlington Hall, and that it be given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Seconded by Past Department Commander W. T. Alstrand, Iowa, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Brothers, I want to make an announcement at this time. The Grand Army of the Republic voted this morning to disband. They are holding together until next year, when they will disband.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: In addition to that, I understand the next Encampment is to be held at Springfield, Illinois, or Indianapolis, Indiana; and they voted accordingly. The Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic is awaiting proposals from those places, and expecting representatives here to extend the invitation to them.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I was about to make a motion that \$500.00 be appropriated for the Grand Army, as heretofore. However, if they are going to disband next year it might be lost. I, therefore, move that \$500.00 be appropriated from the Grand Army Fund, to be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic as a love gift at the next National Encampment, if needed or required. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Liesee: Your Council-in-Chief submits the proposed budget, and our recommendations:

Proposed Budget for 1948-1949 Term**Receipts:**

Balance on hand, September 10, 1948.....	\$1,552.14
Membership Fees, 500 Members at 50 cents.....	250.00
Per Capita Tax—13,000 Members at 40 cents.....	5,200.00
Charter Fees—5 New Camps at \$5.00.....	25.00
Premium on Bonds	15.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	35.00
Transferred from G. A. R. Highway Fund.....	14.05
Total Receipts	\$8,591.19

Disbursements:

Supplies	\$1,050.00
The Banner	2,250.00
Encampment Expenses	1,000.00
Shipping Supplies	30.00
Secretary-Treasurer's Salary, including rent....	1,600.00
Premium on Bonds	15.00
Federal Tax	16.00
Miscellaneous, including P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	200.00
Printing Stationery, Postage, etc.....	200.00
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,000.00
Unpaid Bills	1,858.53

Total Disbursements **\$9,219.53**

DEFICIT **\$ 628.34**

Received from National Association of Past Department Commanders

Love Token from National Auxiliary to Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War 500.00 650.00

BALANCE **\$ 21.66**

Recommendations:

(1) That the Per Capita Tax be continued at 40 cents per annum.

(2) That The Banner be renewed at 18 cents per member per year—six issues.

(3) That the compensation of the stenographer be \$200.00 for her services at this Encampment.

(4) That the salary of the National Secretary-Treasurer be \$1,600.00 per year, including office rent.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. LIESEE,
CHARLES C. WEBSTER,
GEORGE E. BAILEY,

Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: You have heard the report—what is your pleasure?

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: I move that the report of the Council-in-Chief, together with the recom-

mendations contained therein, be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Is the Credential Committee ready to report? (Chairman Howland presented the following report):

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

To the Officers and Members, Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

Your Credential Committee presents its final report.

Number of members enrolled, 163, composed of:

Past Commanders-in-Chief	12
Past Department Commanders	60
Department Commanders	16
Delegates	70
Alternate Delegates	5
Total	163

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN H. HOWLAND, Chairman, Massachusetts,
DANIEL OBLINGER, New Jersey,
ALLEN F. SPINK, Connecticut,
ROBERT L. BROWN, Indiana,
Credentials Committee.

Report adopted on motion of Chairman. (Complete report, as per Encampment Roll).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Is there any other new business to come before this Encampment? If not, all Committees will be discharged, with thanks; and we will proceed to nomination and election of Officers.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move we go into nomination, election and installation of Officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Acting National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The Acting National Secretary called California & Pacific when Past Commander-in-Chief Barrett gave way to Michigan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, for a good many years we have had a brother in Michigan who has worked hard and has been a credit to our organization. It was my honor to receive the obligation of this Order from him when he was acting in the capacity of Department Chaplain. He has been a member of our State Legislature quite a few years, prosecuting attorney in Allegan County for a number of years; and it is an honor to present the name of Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch for Commander-in-Chief. (Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Illinois, seconded the nomination; also seconded by Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa).

Department Commander Ludwig E. Manoly, Maryland: I would

like to submit the name of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thomas L. Butfer of Maryland as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief. He is a Past Department Commander, is now the Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Maryland and the Secretary-Treasurer of his Camp. He has served our organization faithfully and, therefore, we wish to present him as a candidate for the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Acting National Secretary continued calling the roll, with seconding the nomination of Perle Fouch by Delegate Chas. F. Carey, Oregon; Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania; Department Commander Albert Fowler, Rhode Island; Past Department Commander Arthur W. Robinson, Vermont; and Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I appoint as tellers National Patriotic Instructor Linsley and Department Commander Ludwig E. Manoly, Maryland.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Butfer: I appreciate the thoughtfulness and the desire of the Maryland Department and of our Department Commander in nominating me for the office of Commander-in-Chief. In view of the fact that there are only two candidates, I would ask that my name be withdrawn, and the vote made unanimous for Perle Fouch of Michigan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: There being but one nominee before this Encampment, I move the Acting Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Brother Perle L. Fouch for Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John C. Yocum, Pennsylvania).

(Acting National Secretary cast 163 votes for Perle Fouch for Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I, therefore declare Brother Fouch to be elected Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Brother Fouch, do you accept?

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan: I do.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I move that all further nominations be made from the floor, and roll call dispensed with. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: According to the rules and regulations, the roll should be called.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Nominations from the floor have been made at previous Encampments and were acceptable.

Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa: The Iowa Department has looked forward for a great many years to the time when we can take our place as Officers in the national body, and we feel that time has come. We do not believe in offering someone just for the honor of serving in such an office. We have a man who was to have been presented for the office of Commander-in-Chief but, upon finding that Brother Fouch was a candidate, we decided to postpone that for another year; and we offer you the name of Roy Bennett for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

He became a member in 1922 and started to work immediately. His whole heart and soul is in this Organization and its welfare. He has held every office in our Camp, every office in the Department and,

during his year, he has organized Camps—one of which has become our largest and most successful Camp. We do not have a better member in our Department. He is a successful business man and, if he had been selected Commander-in-Chief, he would have assumed that office without cost to the Commandery-in-Chief; and the same will be true for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. We offer you the name of one of the finest members of the Department of Iowa, Roy J. Bennett. (Nomination seconded by Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania; Department Commander Ludwig Manoly, Maryland; and Past Department Commander George E. Bailey, Minnesota).

Department Commander E. Edward Wetzel: I have the honor to present the name of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thobaben, who has been in the service of the Department of Ohio for many years. During this past year he has done our Order honor in the capacity of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and who is a very capable man. I, therefore, present the name of W. C. Thobaben for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer: On behalf of the New York Department, I rise to second the nomination of Roy Bennett; and I know of no one more qualified for that position. (Nomination of Bennett also seconded by Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey; by Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey; Department Commander Albert Fowler, Rhode Island; Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California & Pacific; Department Commander John B. Fuller, Colorado & Wyoming; Past Department Commander Arthur Robinson, Vermont; Department Commander A. Leroy Reynolds, Illinois; Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin; and Delegate Wm. R. Baugh, Oregon).

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thobaben: When I arrived in Grand Rapids, it was with the intention of completing my year as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and then getting out. I have endeavored to serve you well and have been on call to the Commander-in-Chief at any time he wanted me. During the year, I received one call from him and I did my best to fulfill his wishes. Other than that, I paddled my own canoe for the organization. I wanted to get out but the brothers from Ohio have apparently felt different about it. For the respect they have shown and for their confidence in me, I most heartily thank the Brothers. I know where I stand with the Ohio boys and I know they will back me up when I say that you are to withdraw my name so the ballot can be unanimous. I, therefore, wish to withdraw my name and move that the ballot be unanimous for Roy J. Bennett for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by Department Commander Robert L. Brown, Indiana, and carried).

The Acting National Secretary cast the Encampment vote.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Brother Bennett, you have been elected as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Roy J. Bennett, Iowa: I do, and will serve to the best of my ability.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate William Nemitz, Connecticut: The Connecticut Department is honored in presenting the name of a Brother to this Encampment for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. He has served his Department in all capacities in a capable and efficient manner, rising from Camp Commander to Department Commander, Counselor

to the Auxiliary; and serving the national body as Council-in-Chief in years gone by. It gives me great pleasure to present the name of Allen F. Spink, of Connecticut, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Nomination seconded by Department Commander Allen Howland, Massachusetts; Past Department Commander Fred J. Arnold, Rhode Island; Department Commander Daniel Oblinger, New Jersey; Department Commander Charles L. Messer, New York; Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa; Department Commander Walter H. Brooks, Michigan; Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire, and Delegate Chester S. Hubbard, Wisconsin).

Delegate Carder Perkins, Massachusetts: I move the Secretary cast the ballot of the Encampment. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

Acting National Secretary cast the vote of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Brother Spink, you have been elected to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Allen F. Spink, Connecticut: I do and will serve to the best of my ability.

Council-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Nominations are now open for Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: I wish to present the name of Past Department Commander George E. Bailey, of Minnesota, to again serve on the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I desire, on behalf of the Department of New York to present the name of Past Department Commander Rudolph Genthner for Council-in-Chief.

Delegate Judson W. Knappan, Maryland: I should like to present the name of Department Commander Ludwig E. Manoly of Maryland to serve on the Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Last year, Pennsylvania made the announcement that we would have a candidate for Commander-in-Chief this year but we have changed our mind; he will be presented next year. However, we would like to present a man for the office of Council-in-Chief. He has served his Camp for many years and has served faithfully and well. He is a Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania and is very active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve, and I know he will serve the national organization well. I, therefore, present to you Past Department Commander John A. Ruggles of Pennsylvania.

Department Commander Albert Fowler, Rhode Island: I would like to present for consideration one of our very active Past Department Commanders, Clarence E. Esten, of Rhode Island.

Delegate Wm. C. Rule, Massachusetts: I move that nominations for Council-in-Chief be closed. (Seconded by Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Moran: I will appoint as tellers Council-in-Chief John Liesee and Past Department Commander John C. Yocum of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Do I understand correctly that Brother Bailey is entitled to serve another year on the Council-in-Chief? (Reply was "Yes"). I just wish you would keep that in mind because he should be carried on for another year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that we have a five

minute recess to prepare for balloting. (Seconded by several, and carried).

After a five minute recess, the Acting Secretary called the Departments with the following

Departments:	Result of Vote				
	Bailey	Genthner	Ruggles	Esten	Manoly
California & Pacific.....	3	3	3		
Connecticut	6	6	6		
Illinois	8	8	8		
Indiana	2	2	2		
Iowa	6	6	6		
Maine	2	2	2		
Maryland	8		8		
Massachusetts	19	19	19		8
Michigan	16	16	16		
Minnesota	2	2	2		
New Hampshire	2	2	2		
New Jersey	5	5	5		
New York	18	18	18		
Ohio	15	8	7	7	8
Pennsylvania	18	18	18		
Rhode Island	6	6	6		
Vermont	2	2	2		
Wisconsin	5	5	5		
	143	128	135	7	16

Recapitulation

George E. Bailey	143
John A. Ruggles	135
Rudolph Genthner	128
Ludwig Manoly	16
Clarence Esten	7

Commander-in-Chief Moran: By your vote, you have elected Brothers Bailey, Ruggles and Genthner to serve as Council-in-Chief. Do you accept? (Each responded affirmatively).

National Secretary-Treasurer

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Nominations are now open for National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Department Commander Fred H. Combs, Sr., New Jersey: We, of the Department of New Jersey, respectfully offer to this Encampment a candidate for the office of National Secretary-Treasurer, fully realizing the magnitude of the office and the opportunity of that officer to assist and help every administration. He is particularly fitted for this position, holding a college degree in accounting and business law; in addition to his many activities in various organizations. He is the Treasurer of his Camp, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey Department, Secretary-Treasurer of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic of New Jersey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Past Department Commanders Association of New Jersey and Secretary of the Joint Memorial Day Committee in the city of Trenton. He has been sober and industrious, efficient and thorough—with the result that we have had many outside our own Department express the desire that he have the opportunity to serve the national body in this capacity. I,

therefore, am happy to present for National Secretary-Treasurer Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert of Trenton, N. J.

(Nomination seconded by Past Department Commander Robert W. Doughty, New York; also by Department Commander Earl F. Riggs, California & Pacific, and Department Commander A. Leroy Reynolds of Illinois).

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: I move that the nominations close, and the unanimous ballot of this Encampment be cast. (Seconded by Delegate Wm. C. Rule, Massachusetts, and carried.

Past Department Commander and Personal Aide John W. Emery cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment.

Acting National Secretary Lambert: I would like to ask a question. I assume that everyone knows it is for an unexpired term and is effective at a certain time—is it not?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: This election becomes effective upon the resignation of Brother Hammer, as of September 30, 1948. Is that not correct?

Commander-in-Chief Moran: Yes, it is for an unexpired term and is effective September 30, 1948. Brother Lambert, do you accept?

Acting National Secretary Lambert: Yes, with thanks. I don't think anyone who has had the experience with our National Secretary-Treasurer that some of us have had, could step into this position without a certain amount of trepidation. Those of us who have served with Horace Hammer know what an invaluable aid he has been. He has made this Organization his life's work, and nothing was closer to him or of more interest to him than the Sons of Union Veterans. No Commander-in-Chief ever turned in a request to him that was not carried out, and he always acted for the best of our interests at all times; and he has served us faithfully and well. Those are pretty big shoes to fill, but I will do all that I can to carry out the work of this office.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief-elect Fouch was escorted to the station of the Commander-in-Chief. He appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook as Installing Officer and Past Department Commander Cloy V. Smith, Michigan, as Installing Guide.

He appointed:

Patriotic Instructor—Department Commander Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.

Chaplain—Past Department Commander Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire.

Personal Aide—Past Commander-in-Chief Urien W. Mackey, Michigan.

Chief-of-Staff—Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

At this time, a large delegation from the Michigan Department of the affiliated organizations were admitted for the installation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Acting National Secretary will call the names of the newly-elected officers (complied with and

Commander-in-Chief—Perle L. Fouch, Michigan.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Roy J. Bennett, Iowa.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Allen F. Spink, Connecticut.

Council-in-Chief—George E. Bailey, Minnesota.

John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania.

Rudolph M. Genthner, New York.

National Secretary-Treasurer—Albert C. Lambert, New Jersey (to complete unexpired term of H. H. Hammer, effective September 30, 1948).

Patriotic Instructor—Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.

Chaplain—Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire.

Personal Aide—Past Commander-in-Chief Union W. Mackey, Michigan.

Chief-of-Staff—Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania.

were installed in Ritualistic form).

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: I have been able to attend this Encampment because of the assistance and courtesy of my brother who is a member of Camp 100 in Illinois, and a resident of this Department at the present time. He has been kind enough to bring me to this Encampment.

One of my fond hopes has been realized today to have Brother Perle Fouch elected Commander-in-Chief of this Order. I know from past experience that he will be an admirable leader for all of us.

I have been very much disturbed by two statements made here today—the first, that the next Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic might be the last. I have followed the Grand Army of the Republic for sixty years. I was initiated into the Order in 1886, have been an active member ever since and have served in practically all the offices of this organization; so I truly say to you that I am sorry to hear about the Grand Army of the Republic disbanding as they have always been an inspiration to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The other note of distress I heard is of the physical condition of our esteemed brother, H. H. Hammer. I have known Horace personally, and intimately, since 1897. He was one of the staunchest supporters of this organization, faithful to every Commander-in-Chief under whom he has served since the administration of Past Commander-in-Chief James Lewis Rake. He has probably done more than any other individual for the good of the Order, and has added more to its prestige than anyone else.

I am extremely happy that I could have been with you for this Encampment. Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I thank you.

(The Department President of the Michigan Department, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, extended congratulations, and presented a gift to Commander-in-Chief Fouch).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Sisters, I am delighted in having you come over for the installation and I am grateful for this courtesy shown to me. To the brothers, I want to say "thank you." That is a weak term for the things you have done for me during this Encampment so, if you will permit me to choose the words from that popular song "A Tree in the Meadow," I want to say that "I shall love you 'till I die."

We, in this organization, are grown up men so I can freely speak to you as such. I am not only going to work with you, but I want you to work with me. We must have some solicitation to bring members into our order, and we want them brought in with the idea that they are going to stay and become active members. I suggest that

when you go to some grandson or great-grandson of a Union Veteran, you might say to him that his Father or Grandfather lies in one of those 500,000 graves that were filled by the Union Army soldiers. You might say to him that his Mother, Grandmother or Great-grandmother was in one of those homes darkened by the shadow of that war, and by the misery and suffering caused by that war. Bring before them the great importance to this Union of those soldiers, which we represent today. I have said many times, "Remember that our Fathers were the ones who made it possible to do away with the slaves, to keep the young babe from being sold from its Mothers breast, to part husband and wife; and it was our Fathers who made it possible for the 13th, 14th and 15th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

I remember in 1913, in Findlay, Ohio, the Chaplain in opening a meeting prayed to our God that we were thankful that God permitted us to have a Congress, and that the Congress of the United States could give a pension to the old soldiers. When I talked to those veterans, I said, "Thank God for the soldiers, who made it possible for us to have a Congress."

I do not want to detain you any longer, so let us go to work. I am interested in anything that is good, for maintaining and making permanent this Order, so let us get busy now. Let's all give of our best for this organization—to maintain it and perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Lastly, I want you to go home, as our Fathers did in pioneer days—hook up the ox and go to work for this organization. Thank you.

(The Department President of the Michigan Department, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, extended congratulations and presented gifts to Commander-in-Chief Fouch).

SONS OF UNION VETERANS PUBLICITY

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: If I might, I should like to interrupt you for a moment. I realize that no business can be transacted now, but I have a matter upon which I would like to speak briefly.

The Illinois Department is planning to put into the 7th and 8th grades and the high schools of our State something which will advertise the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We have prepared a blotter, and blotters must be used by school students, so we feel this is a good means of bringing our name before them. In my experience, nothing has ever had better general approval than this blotter. I sent out sixty-five to members of this Order, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Having had previous experience in writing to Sons of Union Veterans, and then hoping for a reply, my hopes were satisfied as never before on anything which I have ever attempted. Better than 85% replied after I sent them out, asking for criticism on the material used on them. That was the most encouraging thing of which I have heard for many a year in this organization of ours.

We are past the stage when we can transact any business, so I should like to tell you about these blotters. I am glad too, that the Allied Orders are so largely represented; because I hope they will join with us in what is proposed by the Department of Illinois.

It is an ordinary blotter in the usual size, with a Flag, in color, in the upper center portion. At the top left there appears the "Preamble of the Constitution of the United States." Below that, "That government is the best government which governs the least." To the right is a picture of Abraham Lincoln. In the lower right hand corner, there appears this quotation, "He who is forgetful of his ancestry is

neglectful of his posterity." To the left of the picture of Lincoln is a verse entitled, "Lincoln." In the center is "Let us keep YOUR LAND AND MINE as it came to us from our fathers," and below that "Illinois Department—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

It is proposed by the Illinois Department that these blotters be placed in the schools of our State. There is considerable expense connected with it, but we think we can do it. I have a few of them here, and would like to have them distributed. This is submitted to you without any strings attached whatever—it is just to tell you what we propose to do in the State of Illinois.

Too many of the rising generation never heard of the Grand Army of the Republic and probably not one in a hundred ever heard of us, so it is time for us to do a little advertising. I hope you will take this in the spirit in which it is given. If you can use the idea anywhere else in the country—go ahead. It is not protected by patent, or anything else of that sort.

PRESENTATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: A year ago, at the hands of Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer, I received the badge of Commander-in-Chief. Now, it is with great pleasure that I pin this badge upon you knowing that, through the years of service you have given, you earned this office. I am certain that, one year hence, when you retire we will all say that you have performed your duties to the best of your ability, and to the best interests of this organization. Commander-in-Chief Fouch, I present you with this badge.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I accept it in the same spirit in which it is given.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, first permit me to congratulate you and pledge to you my whole hearted support in anything you endeavor to accomplish; and I know that you will have an ambitious and constructive administration.

I also want to speak to the outgoing Commander-in-Chief, Brother Moran. I have a very pleasant duty to perform—the honor and privilege of presenting to you your Past Commander-in-Chief's badge. During the past ten or twenty years, I have had the good fortune, in the providence of God, to be at these Encampments and enjoy them, and this past year is no exception. Many times throughout the year, your Commander-in-Chief and I have been together; and I know some of the hardships under which he operated, and I know of the loyalty and unselfish devotion given by him in his every waking moment, to this organization. I know he justly and honestly deserved the honor of Commander-in-Chief, and I know he also deserves the honor which I am about to bestow upon him. I take this opportunity, and am very happy to welcome him into the ranks of the so called "charmed circle," that of the Past Commanders-in-Chief who, by virtue of the experiences they have had, and the time given to this organization feel a great responsibility to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The intrinsic value of this badge isn't too much; but a man must have served this organization, and served it well to deserve it—and it is with great pleasure that I present it to you, Past Commander-in-Chief Moran, and I hope you enjoy many years of future service in this organization.

And now, for Horace Hammer, who annually performed this duty, and in his name, I present the lapel button to be worn by you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: Brother Lambert, and members of this organization; thirteen months ago, I had no thoughts of ever

being Commander-in-Chief of our organization. I was elected at Cleveland, and we did have a lot of difficulties; but all these difficulties and so-called hardships and work has been compensated by the friendships that one makes in the work of the organization. I wasn't able to accomplish all the things I desired, but I tried and all of my officers tried their best. I can assure you that I appreciated my badge as Commander-in-Chief and I appreciate this badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief; and I pledge to this organization renewed devotion, if that is possible, after forty-two years of service. I will continue to give the organization all that is in me for its advancement.

To receive the lapel pin of a Past Commander-in-Chief from Horace means a lot. I have known Horace Hammer, and of Horace, long before I was able to join the organization. He has been a great help to me this year, and I regret that he is unable to be here at this Encampment. I deeply appreciate this lapel pin from him.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch, anything I can do for you to help increase the membership, or advance the interests of the organization, I pledge you.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Past Commander-in-Chief Moran.

At this time, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you Mrs. Perle Fouch.

(Mrs. Fouch congratulates her husband, and wishes for him a successful administration).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bennett: Commander-in-Chief, first I want to pledge all the assistance that I can give you, and the 13,000 members of this organization. Words cannot express what I feel in the region of my heart, at this moment, in being honored to this office. With God's help, I will carry out that trust to the best of my ability.

(Mrs. Roy Bennett presented. She congratulates her husband, and wishes him success).

Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania: I move that a rising vote of thanks be given to Past Commander-in-Chief Moran in recognition for faithful and distinctive service to this organization. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania; and rising vote given).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I move that the minutes as taken by the stenographer be the official record of this Encampment, and that sufficient number of copies be printed and distributed. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Spink: I would like to thank the Encampment for the honor you have given the Connecticut Department in electing me to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I pledge to you my personal support, and the support of the Connecticut Department in anything you may call on them, or myself to do.

Past Department Commander W. C. Thobaben, Ohio: In the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports this morning, they approved of a recommendation I had in my report that we establish the practice of placing a wreath upon the burial place of all former Presidents upon the anniversary of their birth, but that it be assumed by the several Departments rather than the Commandery-in-Chief. I should like to offer my services to Department Commanders, or Departments who see fit to take up that project. If you will get in touch with me,

I will be glad to furnish additional details or information on how it works.

Council-in-Chief Genthner: I wish to thank the Department of New York, with its three generations of Sons for proposing me for this office, and the Encampment for electing me to it. If there is anything the national body wants from the Department of New York, let me know and I'll do all that I can to get it for you.

Patriotic Instructor Hubbard: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers; I had to be talked into this thing. It seems that my friends had more confidence in me than I had in myself. After seeing the Staff with which I am to work during this year, I feel sure that it will be a successful one and I wish to thank you, Commander-in-Chief, for having given me this appointment. I am sure that you, and your Staff, will work together during this coming year that America may still remain as it is today.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Is there any other business to come before this Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move we adjourn. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the Proceedings of the Sixty-seventh Annual Encampment.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary.
MRS. A. BERHALTER,
Official Stenographer.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Law Building
 Richmond 19, Virginia

October 14, 1948.

Honorable Charles H. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
 72 Carlton Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

My Dear Mr. Moran:

I am enclosing herewith an official copy of a resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Fifty-third Annual Convention, held at Montgomery, Alabama, October 5-7, 1948, expressing the appreciation and thanks of the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, for the fine co-operation and services rendered by the Officers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in securing the passage by the Congress of a statute, saving and preserving Old Forts Sumter and Moultrie, in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, to the people of this Republic.

We want you to know that the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the people of the South, deeply appreciate the efforts of the Officers and members of your fine Organization, in preventing the sale of these two old Forts to private purchasers.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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WALTER L. HOPKINS,

Encs.

Adjutant-in-Chief.

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY
 THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, AT ITS FIFTY-
 THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION, HELD AT MONTGOMERY,
 ALABAMA, OCTOBER 5-7, 1948.**

WHEREAS, In the recent effort to save old Forts Sumter and Moultrie, in Charleston Harbor, from sale by the War Department to private purchasers, initiated by the Fifty-first Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, our efforts were enormously aided by the weight and influence of the Sons of Union Veterans, the sons of the men who wore the blue in the terrible conflict of 1861-65, thrown generously into the campaign at the climacteric moment and evidencing their kindly spirit toward the sons of the valiant men who wore the gray in that great War;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Sons of Confederate Veterans, in their Fifty-third Convention assembled in Montgomery in the State of Alabama, this 6th day of October, 1948, on behalf of every loyal son of the South, do thank the Sons of Union Veterans, and especially Honorable Chas. E. Moran, Commander-in-Chief, Commander Ludwig Manoly, of Cushing Camp of Washington, D. C., the Editor of The Banner—the official publication of that Organi-

zation—which so freely opened its columns to arouse the Organization's wide-spread membership to the emergent need for their help; and to the many officers and members of the whole Sons of Union Veterans, for the most efficient and effective share in the final passage of the statute by Congress, which freed old Fort Sumter from the ignominy of such a sale; and which motivated the Amendment to the Surplus Property Act, which now opens the way to saving many priceless relics, dear to us Americans, both of the North and the South.

RESOLVED: That the Adjutant-in-Chief be, and he hereby is directed to transmit official copies of this Resolution to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans with the felicitations of this body.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the thanks of this Convention be extended to Commander Enoch Smith of Palmetto Camp No. 22, of Columbia, South Carolina, for bringing this matter to the attention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to Judge Advocate-in-Chief Charles T. Clayton, of Washington, D. C., who bore the major burden of this Organization, in having the Congress to pass the statute saving Fort Sumter, for all the people of the United States, to Senator Maybank, who so ably represents the State of South Carolina in the Senate of the United States, and to the many members of this body whose efforts have contributed so effectively toward the passage of the statute which finally freed old Fort Sumter and makes it forever a reminder of the spirit of democracy—a spirit that cannot and will not die.

RESOLVED: That the membership of this body be urged to now consider the opportunity which has been given every patriotic American, by the passage of the Amendment to the Surplus Property Act, to obtain Federal protection for historic sites, buildings and monuments, which hereafter may be established as permanent silent teachers of the love of our country through the crystallized memories of the great lives and the great deeds of our forefathers; to which end we authorize and direct the Adjutant-in-Chief to furnish each Camp with copies of the Amendment to the Surplus Property Act, and direct that it be brought to the attention of each member with an explanation of its purpose.

RESOLVED: That the Commander-in-Chief be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to appoint a representative of this body to assist the Advisory Commission on Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments of the United States, an unpaid body, in its work of selecting such sites, buildings and monuments, and recommending such as should be set apart for special preservation; and that the person nominated and appointed, be designated to that body.

Official:

WALTER L. HOPKINS,
Adjutant-in-Chief,
Sons of Confederate Veterans.

MINUTES OF ALLIED ORDERS OF THE G. A. R.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 26, 1948.

The annual meeting of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic opened at 4:15 p. m. Sunday, September 26, 1948, in the Red Room in the Civic Auditorium, Grand Rapids, Mich. The meeting was called to order by National President, Mrs. Edna Lambert. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Mrs. Alice Larson. The Pledge of Allegiance was given under the direction of the National Patriotic Instructor,

Mrs. Edith B. Nile. Past National Presidents recognized were Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann, Mrs. Clara Gallagher and Albert Lambert. The minutes of the last national meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 10, 1947, were read and approved. The National Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4.66 on August 10, 1947. There were no receipts and no expenditures, leaving the same balance of \$4.66 on September 26, 1948. National Vice President Mrs. Alice Larson took the chair while National President Mrs. Edna Lambert gave her splendid annual message. Upon motion duly seconded it was received and placed on file. National President Mrs. Edna Lambert read the section of the By-Laws pertaining to voting membership. A count showed 93 members of the W. R. C. present, 24 of the Ladies of the G. A. R., 18 of the S. of U. V., 58 of the Auxiliary, 2 of the D. of U. V.

Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt asked for information relative to the invitation to the Daughters of Union Veterans. National President Lambert stated the invitation was sent and a reply received that it will be acted upon by the present National Encampment of the Daughters of Union Veterans. The National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Irene Mangle; Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Charles H. E. Moran, and National President of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, Mrs. Katherine Joyce, were presented. Sister Saulsbury of California suggested a collection be taken to do something for the future. She made a motion but it was not accepted as she is not a voting member. Past National President Mrs. Mary Love extended greetings from the W. R. C. Motion made by Department President Wagner of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of New Jersey that a collection be taken. Seconded by National Treasurer Mrs. Helen McGowan of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. Past National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Edith B. Nile, and National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Irene Mangle, offered an amendment, that the dues of \$10 be restored from each organization. Seconded by Past National President Mrs. Mary J. Love. Past National President Atwood of the W. R. C. stated if acted upon favorably, request will have to be sent to each organization. Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt and Past Commander-in-Chief Albert Lambert spoke on the motion. Past National President Mrs. Marie Bashum spoke on the value of hanging together. A vote was taken on the amendment, showing 18 in favor and 12 opposed. The original motion was then acted upon. It was declared lost.

The election of officers resulted as follows: National President, Mrs. Irene Mangle, Ladies of the G. A. R.; Vice President, Charles H. E. Moran, S. of U. V.; National Chaplain, Grace Vidette, W. R. C.; National Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Katharine Joyce, S. of U. V. Auxiliary; National Historian, Mrs. Edwina Trigg, Ladies of the G. A. R.; (National Secretary-Treasurer Neil D. Cranmer, S. of U. V., holds over).

The matter of a banquet for 1949 was left to the incoming officers. P. C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett spoke on future meetings of allied organizations. P. C.-in-C. C. Leroy Stoudt raised the question as to who would call such a meeting. Past National President Mrs. Mary J. Love stated the W. R. C. would call committee together. Past National President Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann spoke.

Motion to adjourn by P. C.-in-C. C. Leroy Stoudt and seconded by P. C.-in-C. Albert Lambert. Carried.

Closing prayer by P. C.-in-C. Dr. Ralph Barrett.

MRS. EDNA LAMBERT,
National President.

NEIL D. CRANMER,
National Secretary.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Grand Rapids, Mich., September 26-30, 1948

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

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	March 31, 1948 Membership.	Delegates
California & Pacific...	19	July 1, 1886	476	6
Colorado & Wyoming..	25	Mar. 22, 1929	45	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	771	9
Illinois	10	July 1883	310	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	312	4
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	221	3
Kansas	9	June 1883	218	3
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	701	8
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	304	4
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	2415	25
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	393	5
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	107	2
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	108	2
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	62	2
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	355	5
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	552	7
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	1289	14
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1102	12
Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	161	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	2622	27
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	226	3
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	412	5
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	304	4

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	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
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. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum S., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	622 Whitney Ave., Pittsburgh 21, 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 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1510, 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	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	

Address.	Department.	Elected.	Name.
1924 Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio	
1925 Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	4300 Roland Ave., Apt. 6-2, Baltimore 10, Md.	
1926 *Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts		
1927 Walter C. Mable	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth St., Philadelphia, 48, Pa.	
1928 *Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.		
1929 *Theodore C. Cazeau	New York		
1930 Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois	
1931 Frank C. Huston	Indiana	1071 Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, Florida	
1932 *Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania		
1933 Park F. Yengling	Ohio	21419 Kenwood Ave., Rocky River, Ohio	
1934 *Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts		
1935 Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	
1936 *Wm. Allan Dyer	New York		
1937 *Wm. Allan Dyer	New York		
1938 Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.	
1939 Ralph R. Barrett	Calif. & Pac.	7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.	
1940 J. Kirkwood Craig	N. Hampshire	10 View St., Franklin, N. H.	
1941 Albert C. Lambert	New Jersey	2772 So. Broad St., Trenton, 10, N. J.	
1942 Henry Towle	Maine	13 Free St., South Portland, 7, Maine	
1943 C. LeRoy Stoudt	Pennsylvania	1410 Mulberry St., Reading, Pa.	
1944 Urion W. Mackey	Michigan	417 Ardmore St., S. E., Grand Rapids 7, Mich.	
1945 H. Harding Hale	Massachusetts	6 Beacon St., Boston 8, Mass.	
1946 Neil D. Cranmer	New York	Elmira, New York	
1947 Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	72 Carlton St., Holyoke, Mass.	

Sons of Veterans

1881 ‡*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1882 ‡*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
1883 ‡*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884 ‡*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
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 COMMANDER

E. Howard Gilkey 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

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
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
60th	1941	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
61st	1942	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
62nd	1943	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
63rd	1944	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
64th	1945	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
65th	1946	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
66th	1947	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
67th	1948	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan

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