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Forty-eighth Annual Encampment

Portland, Me., Sept. 10-12, 1929

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Forty-eighth Annual Encampment was opened in regular ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief, Delevan B. Bowley, presiding.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Forty-eighth Annual Encampment, Comandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is called to order. I appoint George N. Pond, Past Department Commander, Maine, as Guide; Inside Guard, E. L. Torrey, delegate, Department of Michigan; Outer Guard, C. C. Webster, delegate, Department of Maine; and Color Bearer, Harry Hartwell, Department of Vermont. The National Secretary will call the roll of the officers of the Encampment.

The roll was called, showing officers present as follows:

Delevan B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief; John W. Kennedy, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Everett F. Warner, Council-in-Chief; Rev. Frank C. Huston, National Patriotic Instructor; Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain; H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer; John E. Sautter, National Counselor.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief John W. Kennedy was assigned to the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Joseph N. Day, Commander Department of Maine, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Credentials Committee is appointed as follows: H. H. Hammer, National Secretary; Julius Isaacs, delegate, New York; W. J. Hickox, delegate, California & Pacific; O. M. Pine, Commander, Nebraska; Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine.

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

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, there are eight Past Commanders-in-Chief; fourteen Department Commanders; 177 accredited members of the Encampment. This is a preliminary report. I move that same be accredited as the official roll call of the Encampment; the names of additional members reporting duly accredited and considered roll call.

Seconded by Will F. Jenkins, Past Department Commander, Illinois. Adopted.

OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

Encampment Roll, Forty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, Portland, Maine, September 10-12, 1929.

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Commander-in-Chief Bowley then presented the Department Commanders present as follows: Harry W. Marden, Alabama & Tennessee; J. Wilbur Coursey, California & Pacific; James G. Noll, Colorado & Wyoming; Morgan B. Haven, Connecticut; Joseph N. Day, Maine; E. H. Pitcher, Maryland; Chester A. White, Massachusetts; Edward A. Vickery, Michigan; O. M. Pine, Nebraska; John B. Davis, New Hampshire; Alexander Edgar, New Jersey; Walter A. Waterman, New York; James M. Hughes, Jr., Ohio; J. Edward Seipp, Pennsylvania; George E. Bowman, Rhode Island. They were welcomed and applauded.

Arthur M. Soule, Past Department Commander of Maine, made an announcement regarding the press.

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Ritual and Ceremonies: E. H. Pitcher, Department Commander, Maryland; Alexander Edgar, Department Commander, New Jersey; Charles H. Hudson, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin; Harry W. Marden, Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee; Morgan B. Haven, Department Commander, Connecticut.

Resolutions: Edwin C. Irelan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland; Harry D. Sisson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts; W. L. Waterman, Department Commander, New York; William Schneider, Past Department Commander, Missouri; J. W. Coursey, Department Commander, California & Pacific.

Officers' Reports: E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts; James G. Noll, Department Commander, Colorado & Wyoming; Alfred A. Boyer, Past Department Commander, Illinois; Arthur M. Soule, Past Department Commander, Maine; Everett F. Warner, Past Department Commander, Maryland.

Special Committee to express appreciation to Knights of Columbus: Frank A. Webb, Past Department Commander, Maine. This was for thanks to the Knights of Columbus for tendering the use of their hall for the sessions of the Encampment, but which was not accepted as it was the custom to hold meetings when possible in the hotel.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, of New York: I move that the Commander-in-Chief read his report. (Agreed to).

(Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief John W. Kennedy assumed the chair and Commander-in-Chief Bowley read his report).

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

San Francisco, Calif., August 1, 1929.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Portland, Maine.

Brethren:

In assuming office as your Commander-in-Chief attention was called to the fact that a great responsibility was placed upon every man of us, for the Sixty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic passed unanimously the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have for many years endeavored to co-operate with and assist the Grand Army of the Republic in carrying on its work, particularly in the matter of decoration of the graves of the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic;

"RESOLVED, that in all cities or other localities where there is a Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War it is recommended that these be given charge of the service."

This request of the parent organization should be a powerful incentive to us to gather our forces together and help forward the ideas and ideals of our organization. It will, therefore, be necessary for Department Commanders to organize a Camp of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War wherever a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic exists or has existed. We have committed ourselves to mark the graves of all Union Veterans of the Civil War and to properly decorate said graves on Memorial Day.

This sacred duty cannot be performed properly unless Camps, and/or Departments, are instituted in a majority of the states of the Union; as the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of the Civil War are buried everywhere. With the fixed idea of rendering a greater service to the Departments and through the Departments to the Camps, your Commander-in-Chief created an Eastern, a Central, and a Western National Department, placing the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in command of the Eastern Department, and the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief in command of the Central Department. Every National Officer should be assigned to a State or States and actively engaged in the work.

This plan has been so successful that we have added to our official family, the new Department of Colorado & Wyoming, and forty new Camps.

Your Commander-in-Chief appointed all Past Department Commanders and other qualified and representative members as National Aides to assist the Department Officers in organization work, and to advance the good and welfare of the order. Department Commanders were asked to report Camps that were not functioning properly before suspending same to State Chairman of National Aides, and to National Headquarters that the National Officers might have an opportunity to place said Camps on a proper footing if the Department Officers were unable to render the proper service. I regret to state that I have yet to hear from a single Department that complied with this request.

By keeping the initiation fee at \$5.00 and dividing said fee with an organizer, considerable progress was made in organization work. This plan was necessary, as we have no national organization fund. Many Departments realize this need and have raised funds to devote to organization work in their Departments. Twenty Past Commanders of the Department of Illinois donated \$200.00 for organization work. Members of the Washington Department subscribed \$185.00, and the Oregon Department pledged \$1.00 from each and every member, which indicates that our members have awakened to their responsibilities and propose to conduct their affairs on a business basis, complying with the latter part of our obligation: "To obey the Regulations of this Order, and actively to promote its objects and interests always and everywhere," and fulfill the expectations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As our order has suffered in some Departments from the selection of inexperienced Department Officers, I recommend, that, as all Past Department Commanders in good standing are members of the Commandery-in-Chief, they be appointed PERMANENTLY as National Aides, and be requested to organize a Past Commander's Association in their respective Departments for the purpose of co-operating with the Officers of their Departments and advancing the good and welfare of the order, and keeping their Camps and Department in good standing.

The advice and services of experienced officers, particularly Past Department Commanders, especially when welded into an active association, are needed by officers who are new to the work and will result in great benefit to the order.

Camps have reported to me that they have not received an official visit or a communication from their Departments during a period of two years. In many instances I discovered accredited Camps, were merely shells, and really existed on paper only. A complete reorganization was necessary in many cases, which emphasizes the great need of a strong national organization to co-operate with our Departments.

The Index Card System of the Massachusetts Department; and the Iowa Department's organization and re-organization plan on the County Unit basis I earnestly recommend all Departments to adopt. Lack of knowledge of the Constitution and Regulations was so apparent that I caused to be published the following hints to organizers:

"Appoint a local organization committee of at least five representative eligibles. Publish the objects and purposes of the order, eligibility, names of organization committee and date and time of institution in all newspapers. Notify in person Grand Army Posts, Allied Orders and neighboring Camps.

"Forward Charter Fee for charter and supplies to Department Commander and have supplies that use of same may be explained on night of institution. Secure Degree Team and initiate all applicants in an impressive and creditable manner, using long form in Ritual. Have members of new Camp select their Officers and decide upon name of Camp.

"Forward Application for Camp Charter and duplicate Organizers Reports (Form 26) to Department Commander, for approval. Department Commander or Secretary will forward the Charter Application, Charter Fee of Five Dollars and Organizer's Report to National Secretary and after approval by the Commandery-in-Chief, the Charter will be forwarded through the usual channels. A compliance with these suggestions will insure success and avoid trouble and delay."

Today in business it is "go ahead" or "go behind." It is the same in our fraternity. Keep up or get off the trail; strike out and swim or sink. It is the day of the survival of the successful man. None but an enthusiast in our Order has instituted a Camp or built up the membership. Our great Order is ennobling. It is dearer to our Fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, than life itself, for the interest of our fraternity and our country are identical. The Revolutionary Patriots pledged to each other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor and our Comrades, the Union Soldier, Sailor and Marine of 1861 and 1865 offered his life that the United States of America might survive. We can look any man squarely in the eye at all times and feel and act as one who is engaged in a great ennobling work and express honest surprise that an eligible is not a member of our worthy Order. It is a simple matter to organize Camps and secure members, but it is a difficult matter to keep the Camps and the members unless your Departments and the Commandery-in-Chief are in a position to render service.

The business of the Camp, the Department and the Commandery-in-Chief must be conducted on a business basis. When a Camp fails to send in the quarterly reports and per capita tax, nine cases out of ten the Camp needs help. Instead of threatening suspension, a Department, and/or National Aide, should be put on the ground to ascertain the trouble and supply the remedy. A bit of help in time of need will save more Camps and Members than a whole pack of letters. It is the personal contact that brings results. In the eyes of eternal justice perhaps we are all doing about the best we can do, considering heredity, environment and opportunity, or the lack of it. There is no such thing as failure to the member that really tries and often failure that seems most complete, is in reality glorious victory.

Whether your accomplishments be little or big, you are entitled to honor and congratulations, if you are doing the best that you can do. We all amount to so little that a few years smooths out the differences among us. Many of our members will tell you that they can-

not afford the time to attend Camp meetings, but in reality no Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War can afford not to, for facts show that members today, as never before, need the aid of the Camp to help them to help themselves. If you can solve the question of the unemployed who have attained the age of forty years and past, you will have solved our greatest question—Dropped Members for non-payment of dues.

We as a great National Patriotic Society must face and solve this problem. I know of no other way than by creating two classes of members—Active and Associate. I do not believe in dropping members for non-payment of dues. I do believe that once a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, always a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. Our system of per capita tax, or more properly head tax, is not based on sound business principles, and is an indication of our financial weakness. The Camp and Department should pay a percentage on the actual receipts and not a per capita or head tax. Your Commander-in-Chief pointed the way to financial independence for Camps, Departments, and the Commandery-in-Chief, and sincerely trusts that this Encampment will endorse the recommendation as made in our Official Publication.

The announcement of my first General Order and greetings extended in writing by National Secretary Hammer, brought a favorable response from Commander-in-Chief John Reese of the Grand Army of the Republic which reads as follows:

"NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Broken Bow, Nebraska.

October 15, 1928.

The Grand Army of the Republic is proud of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and if, during my administration I can in any way be of assistance to you, command me.

(Signed) JOHN REESE,

Commander-in-Chief,
Grand Army of the Republic.

Notwithstanding this beautiful tribute, the reports forwarded by the Departments to National Headquarters were so disheartening and revealed unmistakably the inertia of the membership, that I issued a "Call to Arms" requesting each and every member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to perform one of three things:

Secure one applicant for membership, or reinstate one dropped member, or failing so to do, to deposit with the Camp Treasurer the sum of \$1.00, one-half of which was to remain in the Camp Treasury as a reserve fund, and the balance to be divided equally between the Department and the Commandery-in-Chief, and forwarded through the usual channels. A prompt compliance only in part with the above request would have meant financial independence for many Camps and Departments, and even the Commandery-in-Chief itself, for the National Officers never know positively whether the Department's per capita tax will be received in sufficient sums to cover all expenditures or not.

During the first six months of my term, on account of unusual sums expended for new Rituals, new Charters, new Seals, etc., due to

change of name, I did not dare expend the money that should have been used in promoting the organization of new Camps in states where our order is not represented.

In my first General Orders, Camps were requested to arrange an appropriate program, and to hold an open meeting Veterans' Day or Veterans' Night, Monday, November the 19th, 1928, or as near said date as convenient, and to invite the attendance of all Union Veterans of the Civil War, their sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, nieces, grand-nieces, and great-grandnieces, whether members of the Allied Orders or not and requested that all persons entering the meeting have their names and addresses registered for future reference.

Also that Camp Press Correspondents ask their local newspapers to print Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and publish an invitation in the name of the Camp to all Union Veterans of the Civil War and their descendants, to attend the exercises.

Camp Commanders were requested to instruct their Welfare Committee to promote a Degree Team, Fife and Drum Corps, or Band, a Uniform Official Escort for the Grand Army of the Republic, and for other purposes, publicity in the local press, and a class initiation. Members were asked to form Portland, Maine, Clubs and prepare for the next National Encampment by saving a specific amount monthly to defray the expense of the trip and try to have every Camp and Post represented. It is significant that those Departments and Camps that complied with the suggestions of your Commander-in-Chief show substantial gains, and those Camps that failed to maintain a proper functioning Welfare Committee, and failed to comply with the suggestions that were made in the monthly circular letter of information, show a decided loss.

The result of advertising our patriotic days one month in advance in our official organ and upon the front page of The Banner, namely: Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Grant's Birthday, Major General Logan's Memorial Day General Orders No. 11, Flag Day, the Declaration of Independence, General Thomas' Birthday, and Constitution Day, has resulted in much good. Never in the history of our order of patriots has there been such a general observance of our patriotic days, particularly Lincoln's Birthday and Memorial Day. The bringing of the organization so prominently and favorably before the public must benefit the order. I wish to stress the fact that more can be accomplished by publicity and personal contact than in any other way. This fact is proven by results of official visits to Department Encampments and Camps.

Therefore I wish to recommend that all Departments known as the Eastern Department hold their Encampments during the month of April; that all Departments known as the Central Department hold their Encampments during the month of May, and that Departments known as Western Department hold Encampments during June, that the Commander-in-Chief or some member of his official family may attend said Encampment, and come in personal contact with the members. Particularly do I wish to recommend that official visits be made to the Department Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the other Allied Orders where there are no Departments or Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the purpose of interesting our co-workers in building up our order.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE.

The welfare of our order demands the immediate revival and up-building of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, which constitutes part of the National Defense. Military Drill appeals to the youth, and our

Military Department will accomplish much in retaining interest in our organization. As the official escort of the Grand Army of the Republic, we should present a proper military appearance on all occasions while acting in that capacity. Every Camp should have a firing squad to respond when called upon by the parent order.

The wonderful Encampment held by the Pennsylvania Department on the historic Battle Field of Gettysburg, where the Sons of Veterans Reserve were encamped, illustrates the wisdom of the immediate revival and upbuilding of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Thanks are due to National Military Aides, Past Commander P. F. Yengling, Ohio Department, Chairman; Colonel Edwin J. Prittie, Pennsylvania Department; and Colonel L. H. Boehm, Illinois Department, and many other loyal Sons.

Military discipline improves the youth mentally, physically, and morally, and creates better American Citizens, who have a greater respect for our laws, a greater love for our Flag, and all that it represents; therefore I recommend that every Camp Commander appoint a Military Aide to promote our Military Department.

BONDS.

Section Three, Article One, Chapter Five of General Regulations, requires the bonding of Department Commanders. The present system requiring each Department Commander to secure his bond is a source of great loss of time and needless annoyance to your Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary. With few exceptions errors were made in issuing and renewing said bonds. The bonds should be yearly renewable bonds to cover the office and not the individual. It should specify that it covers the office of Department Commander of Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and run in favor of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in the sum of \$1,000.00. Less than 20% of our Departments furnished bonds that were made out correctly, which resulted in an endless chain of correspondence, therefore I recommend that the following be added to Section Five, Article One, Chapter Five of General Regulations:

"The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to secure a yearly renewable bond to cover all Department Commanders, the premium to be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief, and charged to the Departments."

PUBLICITY.

Publicity is the great need of our Fraternity today. If it were possible for the splendid work of the Allied Orders to be known by all eligibles, future growth would be assured.

Every Camp should have a competent Press Correspondent. Publicity in the newspapers printed in the community where the Camp is functioning will add greatly to the prosperity and growth of the Camp. All newspapers are glad to print news, and your Commander-in-Chief has caused to be published on the first page of the Banner, one month in advance, subject matter pertaining to our Patriotic Days that the press will and have published if requested so to do.

There are many other ways of advertising our order. Each and every member should procure and be proud to wear the official button on the lapel of his coat. Every member who owns an automobile should have this emblem of appropriate size attached to the radiator cap of his car.

National, Department, and Camp Officers should speak on all occasions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, when they at-

tend the meetings of other organizations, Civil, Patriotic, and otherwise. The result will be gratifying.

Camps that are in a position financially to do so should have printed copies of the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed, and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address for distribution, and if your home town is Cosmopolitan, in other languages than English.

THE BANNER.

Recommend that an earnest effort be made to secure the adoption of our official organ, *The Banner*, as the official organ of all the Allied Organizations. The interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Organizations are identical and anything that will promote a closer relationship and build up all the Allied Orders should be encouraged.

If all the organizations would adopt *The Banner* as their official organ the great guaranteed circulation would pave the way for creating an asset, in lieu of our largest item of expense. I wish to thank Brother A. S. Holbrook for his splendid co-operation at all times.

MARKING SOLDIERS GRAVES.

In connection with attending the Department Encampment in Connecticut, I attended a meeting of Griffin A. Stedman Camp in Hartford. While in Hartford I was guest at the home of Brother Charles R. Hale, Chairman of the Committee on Marking Soldiers' Graves. There it was my privilege to examine his records, which are very extensive and complete, including card indexes of name, military service, date of death, and place of burial of soldiers whose graves have been located; a card index of all members and former members of the Grand Army of the Republic in Connecticut; a card index of all soldiers at whose graves a monument has been erected; a card index of Union Soldiers upon whose record each son of Union Veteran in Connecticut has joined our order; a list of newspaper clippings, alphabetically arranged, regarding service men; a typewritten list of all soldiers, their military service, etc., arranged by towns; a large collection of documents, records, muster rolls and other papers of the Grand Army of the Republic of Connecticut; a list of all cemeteries in Connecticut, (over 1700) each charted on map showing exact location.

These records are wonderful and afford convincing evidence of what thought and interest, systematically applied, can accomplish. Brother Hale is most effectively and practically carrying out one of the purposes of our order—the perpetuation of the memory of the services and sacrifices of our sires.

In the accomplishment of this work Brother Hale is receiving the hearty and valuable assistance of the State Librarian and the Adjutant-General of Connecticut, with all the wonderful facilities at their command. I visited the State Library where I met Mr. George S. Goddard, the State Librarian. He has gathered there copies of all the vital records of all the towns in Connecticut in full down to 1850. He has a vast amount of original Probate Records. I mentioned to him the name of one of my early ancestors who lived in Connecticut. In the space of one minute, he placed the original will of this ancestor in my hand, and within five minutes presented me with a photostatic copy.

Brother Hale, while exhaustively searching for and completing the records of Civil War Veterans, securing the names, service, etc., of many that are in danger of becoming lost, has extended his efforts to secure records of service of men of all Wars, Colonial, Revolution-

my, et. Of course, the earliest Colonial War is the Pequot War of 1637. Brother Hale showed me the graves of two soldiers of that war, Thomas Bull and Samuel Stone.

He informs me that while the work cannot ever be fully accomplished, yet he believes that at least one-half of the possible work has been accomplished. He has enlisted the active assistance of other persons about the State, and the completeness with which some sections have been done affords the example and incentive for like performance in others. The importance of this work cannot be exaggerated, and I urge its earnest attention from each Department and Camp.

SUPPLIES.

Organization work has been retarded by virtue of the fact that many Departments have not sufficient supplies on hand to organize a Camp. When amendments are adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, the National Secretary prints and forwards said amendments in the form of a paper to be placed in the Constitution and Regulations. Said amendments are always published in our official organ. The Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief adopted Section 7, Article 5, Chapter 1, of Regulations, making the appointment of a Camp Welfare Committee mandatory, and yet Departments are distributing copies of the Constitution and Regulations that do not include this important law. The supplies needed by Camps are numbered and it is a simple matter for Departments and Camps to file said supplies numerically and alphabetically so that they can be readily secured when needed.

I recommend that Department Commanders and Department Secretaries make a careful inspection of supplies on hand, destroy all out-of-date supplies, and see to it that sufficient up-to-date supplies and corrected copies of Form 11, Constitution and Regulations, are on hand to avoid unnecessary delay and confusion.

THE ALLIED ORDERS.

The fraternal relations of John Reese, Commander-in-Chief, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all of the comrades of this grand national patriotic society have been most cordial, and when, on public occasions, your Commander-in-Chief has announced the institution of a new Department, or new Camp, or an increase of membership, the joy that has manifested itself in the faces of our dear Comrades was sufficient reward to induce us to renewed endeavor.

Minnie T. Horseman, President of the National Woman's Relief Corps; Cassea Hopper Osborn, National President, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Elizabeth C. Hansen, President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Hazel L. Riley, President Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the members of their respective organizations have always been ready to advance the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I wish at this time to extend to each and every one of them my sincere thanks and appreciation for all efforts and courtesies extended in our behalf.

Recommend that in those Departments where the services of members of our own order cannot be obtained that Department Commanders appoint as Department Aides representative members from the Allied Orders, particularly to assist in organization work, and patriotic endeavor. Much enthusiasm has resulted in the appointment of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic as Camp Inspectors.

THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF.

The needs of our organization are so great that no member should accept office in the Commandery-in-Chief who is not willing to sacrifice his time, strength, money or his business or profession. Too many members of our order seek office in the Camp, the Department, or the Commandery-in-Chief to acquire the honors and then lay down on the job.

Those who contemplate aspiring for office should ever bear in mind the following obligation:

"I, in the presence of the Great Creator and the witnessing members of this Camp, hereby voluntarily and solemnly pledge myself to support and defend the government of the United States of America, to offer my life if need be to preserve the flag from being lowered in defeat; to always observe the day set aside by the Grand Army of the Republic as Memorial Day, sacred to the memory of the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861 to 1865 and do all in my power to persuade others to do the same; to be faithful in all the duties of citizenship, to be obedient to the law of the land, to obey the Regulations of this Order, and actively to promote its objects and interests always and everywhere. So help me God."

Our order, to be successful, must be conducted on a business basis. The Constitution and Regulations must be enforced. If your National Officers are to be held responsible for the welfare of our beloved order, they must be given sufficient authority, assistance and finances to enforce the Constitution and Regulations. Too much time, money and wasted energy is expended yearly which could be prevented by simply following established methods of conducting affairs, answering communications, and complying with general orders. No member should hold office who is not thoroughly familiar with the Constitution and Regulations.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John S. Gallagher, has represented the order in the New England States, and would have accomplished a vast amount of good for the order if he had received the response to his suggestions, to which, as a National Officer, he was entitled.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John W. Kennedy, made good his promise to secure the Department of Colorado & Wyoming. He has represented our order most creditably. If all Camps had responded and complied with the appeals of your Commander-in-Chief as did Colorado State Camp No. 1, of which Brother Kennedy was the first Commander, we would have a new story to unfold at this Encampment.

Our Council-in-Chief, consisting of Everett F. Warner, Ed. S. Wilson and Storrs T. Richmond, have been active in their Departments for which your Commander-in-Chief is grateful. National Patriotic Instructor Rev. Frank C. Huston has made several splendid contributions to The Banner, among them an original poem entitled "The Challenge of the Flag." National Chaplain Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig has also contributed to our official organ. He has called attention to necessary changes in Department and Camp Chaplain's reports which I recommend should be favorably acted upon by this Forty-eighth Annual Encampment.

The past term has been an unusually hard one for our National Secretary-Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer. The amount of additional labor thrown upon the National Secretary by virtue of the action of the Forty-seventh Commandery-in-Chief, in ordering new Rituals, and

new Charters, has been most trying. Much of this labor could have been avoided if Camps had complied with the request of the National Officers as outlined in The Banner. Brother Hammer is entitled to efforts in its behalf.

My National Counselor, John E. Sautter, has never failed during sickness or in health to respond to any request made of him for all of which I wish to express my sincere thanks.

Our Legislative Committee, consisting of Past Commander-in-Chief Harvey V. Speelman, Past Department Commanders J. Clinton Hatt and James W. Lyons, have ably represented us at our National Capitol, Washington, D. C., and have stood ready at all times to co-operate the sincere thanks of every member of the order for his untiring work with the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders on Pension and other legislative matters. The work of Brother Charles R. Hale, Chairman, Marking of Graves Committee, is very important. Brother Hale has proven himself very efficient in this work, and I recommend the reappointments of the present members of the Legislative Committee and the Marking of Graves Committee. I also recommend that a Marking of Graves Committee be appointed in each and every Camp of the order.

Floyd E. Shaw, whom I appointed Assistant Publicity Editor, I wish to thank for his able contributions to The Banner. The column "Among Ourselves" has awakened interest and I am convinced that more read The Banner at the present time than heretofore.

OUR DEPARTMENTS.

Upon assuming command I communicated with each and every Department requesting the Commander, and/or Secretary, to write me the needs of the Department, and to suggest how the Commandery-in-Chief could be of service. The replies have led me to the conclusion that a faithful few in each and every Department are performing the work which has developed into a burden. This is not in accord with our Constitution and Regulations, for ours is a representative organization, and if each and every member fulfilled his obligation, this situation would be impossible.

Co-operation is the secret of success in every endeavor. Without it failure is inevitable. It is a vital element in all fraternal organizations. The spirit of "pull together" must never be lost sight of. Department Commanders were requested to mail their Department Orders to the Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and all Departments.

You can always learn from the other fellow, and it is well to know what your neighbor is doing to keep going ahead.

A separate report upon each and every one of our twenty-five Departments will be presented in a supplementary report.

(Reads reports from Departments as Supplementary Report).

CAMPS.

Make your Camp the center of your community for culture, literature, music, learning, refinement, and debate. Invite the prominent men of your Camp and town to address you on all Patriotic Days and to discuss the vital questions of the hour.

Study the Constitution and Regulations, secure a Live Welfare Committee, read and observe General and Department Orders. Build up your Military Department. If your members are interested in basketball, tug-of-war, baseball, a debating society, a singing society, or a luncheon club, lend a helping hand.

Visit the sick, bury the dead, and find employment for those who need it. Encourage your business and professional men. See to it that your Press Correspondent and all Camp Officers perform their duties. Urge Camp Officers to commit their charges in the ritual to memory, that they may be prepared for Class Initiations, and that the initiatory work may be impressive and satisfactory.

The first impressions on the candidate for initiation are most lasting and inspiring. The initiatory ceremony is most important. We are receiving more aid from new members than old ones, in many localities, in the effort to build up the Order.

Do not expend all your money for hall rent; a half a dozen rousing meetings a year are better than twenty-four poorly attended meetings. Members of affairs will attend worth-while meetings and cheerfully render a worth-while service when assigned a specific duty of merit. Camps that follow the Regulations and observe these suggestions grow and prosper.

THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S OBLIGATION.

Every member has the right of voice and vote in the Order's management. If the Camp, Department or Commandery-in-Chief are at fault, the blame rests as much with him as any other member or officer; and he is supplying ammunition to the "enemy within our gates" when he knocks his Camp, Department or National Officers.

If there are Reds or Pinks in our beloved Order let us unite and smoke them out. We belong to the finest family in the world—the family of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is fine for a member to have an incentive such as ours—to do all that he can for the comfort and happiness of our Grand Army Family. It is fine to meet, as we are meeting today, to plan and work and keep going ahead; that the heroic deeds of our patriotic sires may ever be kept fresh and green in the minds of a grateful people, and that we may render a greater service to our country—a nation of happy homes—our native state, and the community in which we live and pay homage to the Great Architect of the Universe.

Faithfully yours,

DELEVAN BATES BOWLEY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy: You have listened to a splendid report from our Commander-in-Chief. It will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

(A rising vote of thanks was given Commander-in-Chief Bowley with much applause).

National Secretary H. H. Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I present (reading in title) the reports of the respective National Officers, which were referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Waterbury, Conn., July 23, 1929.

Delevan B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief,
And Members of the Forty-eighth Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I am submitting herewith my report for the past year. I do so with a feeling of deep regret. To have been honored at Denver, Colorado, with the office of Senior Vice Commander, was a surprise and an honor which was accepted because I fully believed that I could be of service to you and the Order we represent.

I regret exceedingly that it was impossible for me to come up to the expectations of my brothers and myself, and while it will not help any to enumerate the causes for this, I will only say I have done the best I could with the time given me.

Upon my return home from Denver I immediately communicated with the Department Commanders of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, offering the services of my office, and inviting suggestions from them. I regret to say I had no word from them. I wrote to these Department Commanders at various times a letter expressing some thought of mine which I felt might be of some cheer to an over-worked Commander, and that he might pass on to his Department if he so desired.

I have attended many meetings of various kinds and when possible spoke to the Brothers. My topic throughout the year has been Personal Service, to make every brother feel that if our Order is to attain its proper place among the patriotic societies, and carry on the great work which we have been asked to do, required the earnest effort of every individual member. I had great hopes of attending the Department Encampment of eight states but I regret to say, due to many causes, I could visit but two, namely Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Visited Vermont, but due to error in Encampment dates as published, my trip was in vain.

It has been a pleasure to work with Commander-in-Chief Bowley the past year wherever possible, and now at the close of my official year I want to express my sincere appreciation for the honor conferred and to say that while I have tried to perform my duties, and through causes have failed, I want to assure all my Brothers that my interests in the Order have not lessened and I will continue to labor in its behalf. In closing may I wish for my successor a pleasant and profitable year for our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

J. S. GALLAGHER,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Denver, Colo., July 22, 1929.

Mr. D. B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief,
2550 Pine Street,
San Francisco, California.

My Dear Brother Bowley:

When the Forty-seventh Encampment did me the honor of electing me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I promised, if possible, that we would organize a Department of Colorado & Wyoming. This was accomplished on March 22, 1929, with ten Camps.

They did me the honor of electing me the first Department Commander. Our first Encampment was held at Fort Collins, Colorado, from June 18th to 20th, 1929—twelve Camps. The following resolutions were adopted:

- Endorsement of the Robinson Bill.
- Endorsement of President Hoover's speech on Law Enforcement.
- Endorsement of a movement for the creation of a National Home for indigent Sons of Union Veterans.

Recommending the election of John W. Kennedy as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Electing Brother James G. Noll, Department Commander, and Robert J. Hill, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Our Department now has thirteen Camps with two more being organized which will make us fifteen Camps. This was accomplished by the good work of the officers and members of Colorado State Camp No. 1, and the \$100.00 given us by our Commander-in-Chief, D. B. Bowley, and his untiring efforts in our behalf. The future of our Department is very bright, and with the help and co-operation that we have received in the past, we are sure that we will have a very successful Department.

Our Department Secretary-Treasurer, Robert J. Hill, visited Salt Lake recently and met with the members of the Camp there, and they had a very successful visit; they are very desirous of joining our Department after they have built their membership up.

Yours very truly in F. C. and L.,

JOHN W. KENNEDY,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1929.

To Mr. Delevan Bates Bowley,

Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present the following report of this Department for the term 1928-1929.

Our finances are improved, cash balance larger than last year by approximately \$2000. We have maintained our credit, met all obligations notwithstanding principal source of revenue—per capita tax and membership fees—was affected by less membership and fewer initiations than anticipated.

As directed by the last Encampment new Charters (at a cost of \$686.17) and revised Rituals (at expense of \$469.15) to conform to all changes relative to the Name and Title of the Order, Departments, etc., were supplied to the twenty-five (25) Departments and 947 Camps at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief. These with cost of promulgating—postage, express, etc., explain unusually large expenditures in the specific items.

Receipts were approximately \$300 less than last year's Council-in-Chief budget specified. Expenditures were well within the amounts designated (less by \$614.47). Careful financing and strict economy produced the financial condition under the circumstances to be considered favorable.

About finished with extraordinary expenditures incident to the changed Name and Title of the Order with this term; finances permitting it is

RECOMMENDED: That during the coming year the Commandery-in-Chief refund, return the amount (\$516.00) contributed at the last Encampment by the National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and that order in payment thereof be authorized.

The Departments with few exceptions show larger balances in their treasuries than in some years past. This would permit of organization activities for new Camps, if applied and proper effort made. It is regrettable that not more endeavor is made, more interest manifested by Department Officers for organization of Camps, keep closer active contact with Camps to have them interested in securing new, reinstate former members and have productive, effective results.

In several Departments Camps are almost neglected by Department Officers. Requisitions delayed in filling, correspondence given little, often no attention, business methods ignored, duties neglected. It is surprising that Camps in these few Departments really have any interest or a desire to continue existence. Such failures answer the question as to cause of conditions and why the Camps and Order are not what we expect and strive for. These conditions are responsibilities of Departments—especially Department Councils. Their duties are explicitly defined for such state of affairs.

FINANCIAL.

DR.		CR.	
Sept. 21, 1928, To balance	\$ 510.59	By General Expenses.....	\$15964.91
Rec'd for P. C. Tax and Membership Fees ..	\$16536.00	Office Expenses	998.38
Charter Fees ..	210.00	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..	1194.91
Supplies ..	3079.48	By Total Expenditures..	\$18158.20
Auxiliary S. U. V. C. W. Contribution ..	516.00		
Total Receipts	\$20341.88	By Balance, Sept. 1, 1929	2694.27
	\$20852.47		\$20852.47

FINANCIAL RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	P. C. Tax	Charter	Supplies	Misc.	Total
	Receipts	Fees			
Alabama & Tennessee..	\$ 109.25	\$	\$ 28.45	\$	\$ 137.70
California & Pa.	475.28	50.00	427.55		952.83
Colorado & Wyoming..	46.94	35.00	144.53		226.47
Connecticut ..	842.30		103.25		945.55
Illinois ..	445.48	10.00	94.09		549.57
Indiana ..	512.66	10.00	45.88		568.54
Iowa ..	348.00	40.00	217.33		605.33
Kansas ..	191.37	5.00	27.82		224.19
Maine ..	687.75	5.00	114.24		806.99
Maryland ..	230.32		28.70		259.02
Massachusetts ..	2778.94		390.97		3169.91
Michigan ..	285.57	5.00	58.40		348.97
Minnesota ..	134.30		20.40		154.70
Missouri ..	183.59		53.07		236.66
Nebraska ..	100.80		12.10		112.90
New Hampshire ..	399.40		85.90		485.30
New Jersey ..	558.88		53.56		612.44
New York ..	1609.18		330.87		1940.05
Ohio ..	1470.14	20.00	187.86		1678.00
Oregon ..	156.11	10.00	74.16		240.27
Pennsylvania ..	3934.97		418.20		4353.17
Rhode Island ..	197.42		53.80		251.22

Vermont	387.12	5.00	54.30	446.42
Washington	140.60	10.00	15.10	165.70
Wisconsin	310.03	5.00	38.95	353.98
Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans Civil War			516.00	516.00
Total	\$16536.10	\$210.00	\$3079.48	\$516.00
				\$20341.88

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:

Stock and Supplies	\$3195.02
The Banner, Subscription, September, 1928-August, 1929, inc.	8302.95
Encampment, Printing Journal of Proceedings Forty-seventh Encampment, Shipping to Departments, etc.	140.28
Printing, (Including new Charters for Departments and Camps)	699.71
Shipping Supplies (Requisitions)	107.52
Salaries, Sept. 20, 1928-Aug. 20, 1929, inc.	2200.00
Bonds, National Officers	27.50
Miscellaneous, (Past) Commander-in-Chief Badges, etc.	105.13
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief.	36.80
Committee on Marking Graves	50.00
	<u>\$15964.91</u>

Office Expenses:

Wrapping Paper and Twine	\$ 4.17
Postage	167.50
Express	30.71
Telegrams	13.90
Stationery	164.15
Rent	602.19
Miscellaneous	19.76
	<u>\$ 998.38</u>

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage	\$ 24.44
Telegrams	11.88
Traveling	982.64
Office	5.70
Stenographer	117.50
Miscellaneous	52.75
	<u>\$ 1194.91</u>

Total Expenditures \$18158.20

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	The Heller Co.	Supplies—Badges and Badges	\$ 360.28
2.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.	Supplies—Seal Presses	7.83
3.	W. O. Flatt Co.	Supplies and Stationery	212.32
4.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson,	Bonds National Officers	25.00
5.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Supplies—Seal Presses	13.21
6.	The Heller Bindery,	Supplies	185.00
7.	W. O. Flatt Co.,	Supplies and Stationery	91.15
8.	The Banner,	Subscription: Sept., 43953 copies, \$805.80; Oct., 44060 copies, \$807.76; Nov., 43438 copies, \$706.36 —\$2409.92; Supplies and Printing	2474.84
9.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson,	Bonds, National Officers	2.50
10.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Supplies, Seal Presses	71.15

11. The Banner, Supplies and Subscription December 43244 copies, \$792.81	1263.11
12. W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies and Stationery	65.00
13. Colonial Trust Co., Rent January-March, Inc.	200.73
14. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c October-December	50.00
15. Edward M. Beers, M. C. Government Printing Office, Encampment Journal—printing	73.35
16. A. Hoen & Co., Printing—Charters	520.00
17. W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies	180.50
18. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	81.36
19. The Heller Bindery, Supplies, Printing	134.55
20. The Banner, Subscription, January, 43044 copies	645.66
21. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January	55.00
22. Keystone Electrotype Co., Supplies	25.24
23. The Robbins Co., Supplies, Badges	140.00
24. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	82.04
25. W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Printing, Stationery	28.25
26. The Banner, Subscription, February, 42720 copies	640.80
27. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February	34.00
28. Grace Bailey, Secretary, a/c 1928 Encampment Journal	10.00
29. The Robbins Co., Supplies, Badges	120.35
30. Grace Bailey, Secretary, a/c 1928 Encampment Journal	50.00
31. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	73.32
32. The Banner, Subscription, March, 42443 copies	636.97
33. Colonial Trust Co., Rent, April-June, Inc.	200.73
34. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March	40.00
35. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April	421.00
36. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	30.86
37. W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Stationery	27.25
38. The Banner, Subscription, April, 42428 copies	636.42
39. The Robbins Co., Supplies, Badges	270.00
40. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	12.16
41. The Banner, Subscription, May, 42378 copies	638.64
42. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April-May	177.02
43. The Robbins Co., Supplies, Lined Buttons, Badges	263.00
44. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	16.26
45. W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Stationery	249.25
46. The Banner, Subscription, June, 42343 copies	635.18
47. Colonial Trust Co., Rent, July-September, Inc.	200.73
48. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c June	277.72
49. W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies	65.00
50. Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies, Seal Presses	26.91
51. The Banner, Subscription, July, 42318 copies, \$634.77; August, 42119 copies, \$627.78	1266.55
52. C. R. Hale, Committee Marking Glasses	50.00
53. D. B. Bowley, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July	139.77
54. H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Supplies, Encampment, Printing, Shipping Supplies, Postage, Express, Freight, Telegrams, Stationery, Commander-in-Chief's Badge, Salary	3954.81
Total Amount of Vouchers	\$18158.20

STOCK AND SUPPLIES.

Receipts from sale of supplies were approximately \$500 less than the Council-in-Chief's estimate in their budget for this term, and \$48.57 from last year. Camps not being required to replace Rituals and initiations not as great whereby badges were needed, is accounted for as the cause of decreased business.

Departments are not stocked with or carrying the quantity of supplies they should; nor are Camps. It is the exception that a Department Headquarters can fill a requisition from a Camp until such supplies are requisitioned for and received from the Commandery-in-Chief. This causes unnecessary delay to Camps, interferes with their affairs. The small amounts requisitioned for by some Departments are ridiculous and costly to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Cost of Supplies on hand August 21, 1928.....	\$3119.55
Cost of Supplies charged off--Action 1928 Encampment:	
Rituals	\$98.90
Forms 1, 8 ^{1/2} , 27D, 28D	116.92
	\$215.82
Commandery Ribbons for Charters.....	17.28
Department Ribbons for Charters	40.00
Commandery-in-Chief Officers	9.71
	\$ 282.81
Total	\$ 282.81
Actual Cost of Supplies	\$2836.74
Cost of Supplies purchased	\$3195.02
Cost of Supplies to account for.....	\$6031.76
Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1929.....	\$3455.63
Cost of Supplies sold	\$2576.13
Amount Received for Supplies	\$3079.48
Cost of Supplies sold	\$2576.13
Cost of Shipping	107.52
Wrapping Paper and Twine.....	4.17
Express and Freight on Supplies purchased.	8.44
	\$2696.26
Total Cost	\$2696.26
Profit	\$ 383.22

MEMBERSHIP--DEPARTMENTS--CAMPS.

An inducement for ~~shades~~ to join the Order is necessary. An incentive should be devised to have members retain their membership. Every effort should be resorted to and made effective to re-instate Dropped members. Camps should have that brought to their attention and emphasized to the utmost. There should be special action to have Dropped members return to and be re-instated in every Camp throughout the Order. Camps should provide some method or means as an attraction, something in the nature of a return--to make it worth while for members to unite with or join the Order. The routine of Camps, the continual call for and reminder of payment of dues, reports due, etc., does not interest, concern or impress members. They want and expect a return for their dues, some benefit, some recompense for payment in and for their membership. Unless some features of interest are provided for Camps, and it is apparent that generally they are unable to find such (it confronts seriously the Commandery-in-Chief to consider some plan or outstanding policy to produce something of this character) we cannot expect or look for different results than our reports show from year to year.

As an effort and to encourage all Camps to conduct a general movement in all Departments, to make a drive, to secure or re-instate all former members dropped for non-payment of dues, it is

RECOMMENDED: That until December 31st, 1930, Section 1, Article VI, page 17, Chapter 1, REGULATIONS, C. & R., reading: " * * * the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than three (\$3.00) dollars * * *"

Be and is hereby suspended as applicable to and affecting the application of a former member of a Camp dropped for non-payment of dues; and that Camps are authorized and MAY admit such former members upon payment by them of ONE (\$1.00) Dollar."

CAMPS AND MEMBERS—GAINS AND LOSSES IN DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	June 30, 1928		June 30, 1929		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Mem.	Camps	Mem.	Cps.	Mb.	Cps.	Mb.
Ala. & Tenn.....	13	295	13	295				
*Cal. & Pac.	28	1134	26	1019			2	15
†Col. & Wyo.			12	466	6	201		
Connecticut ...	41	2366	34	2125			7	241
Illinois ...	38	1327	33	1173			5	154
Indiana ...	30	1416	28	1365			2	51
Iowa ...	23	776	34	1064	11	288		
Kansas ...	19	566	18	482			1	84
Maine ...	43	1895	43	1790				105
Maryland ...	12	627	12	601				26
Massachusetts ...	142	7726	142	7325				401
Michigan ...	18	796	18	758				58
Minnesota ...	11	387	10	358			1	29
Missouri ...	14	491	11	431			3	60
Nebraska ...	12	378	11	273			1	5
New Hampshire ...	33	1089	33	1074				15
New Jersey ...	28	1593	28	1476				117
New York ...	102	4367	100	4178			2	189
Ohio ...	91	4159	94	3891	3			20
Oregon ...	10	314	12	412	2	98		
Pennsylvania ...	156	11156	154	10357			2	799
Rhode Island ...	16	544	16	509				35
Vermont ...	33	1133	32	1021			1	112
Washington ...	14	406	14	386				20
Wisconsin ...	20	846	19	787			1	59
Total ..	947	45687	947	43596	22	587	28	2091

*6 Camps, 265 members transferred to Dept. Colorado & Wyoming.
 †6 Camps with 201 members organized.

RECAPITULATION.

No. in Good Standing, June 30, 1928.....	Camps	Members
Gain—	947	45687
By Organization and Initiation	38	2469
Transfer	6	373
Reinstatement	5	373
Total Gain	49	3215
Aggregate	996	48902
Loss—		
By Disbanded	24	398
Death		620
Honorable Discharge		214

Transfer	6	351
Dishonorable Discharge		1
Dropped	19	3722
Total Loss		49 5306

No. in Good Standing June 30, 1929..... 917 42596

Increase in gain by organization and initiations over 1928 was 789.
 Loss was 550 less than in 1928.

Amount on hand in Department Treasuries	\$ 7707.19
Amount on hand in Camp Treasuries	68947.77
Amount expended for relief by Camps.....	43392.18
No. Members or their families relieved	686
No. Veterans or their families relieved	115

NEW CAMPS IN DEPARTMENTS.

Applications for Camps were approved and Camps instituted in Departments, with number of Applicants and Charter Members, as follows:

	No.		Instituted:	
	Applications Camps	No. Applicants	No. Camps	No. Charter Members
California & Pacific	111	317	11	263
Colorado & Wyoming	4	128	4	100
Illinois	2	63	2	63
Indiana	2	49	2	25
Iowa	8	273	8	262
Kansas	1	15		
Maine	1	15	1	15
Massachusetts	†		1	19
Michigan	1	25	1	24
Ohio	4	179	4	179
Oregon	2	46	2	43
Vermont	1	24	1	18
Washington	2	53	2	50
Wisconsin	1	27	1	27
Total	40	1214	39	1088
1927-1928	11	379	15	416
1926-1927	14	376	17	428

*One (1) Camp in California; nine (9) in Colorado & Wyoming.

†Approved preceding administration.

‡Fee in Supplementary Report.

NEW CHARTERS.

Blanks for duplicate or transcript of Charter from every Camp were provided and solicited to verify dates, records, data, etc. Returns were received from 587 Camps. These indicated inaccurate and omission of valuable data and records in many instances, and conditions no better at several Department Headquarters, no records, no Charters. These delinquencies have been remedied. Failure of Camps to make returns indicate that their officers are indifferent, or that the Camps are not functioning. It is to be expected that Department Officers will be interested in keeping proper records and appreciate the need and responsibility in that connection.

NEW DEPARTMENT.

We now have—with the constitution of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, March 22, 1929, twenty-five (25) Departments on our

roster. This Department was instituted by Junior Vice Commander in Chief John W. Kennedy with ten (10) Camps and consummated one of your projects. It is in a promising and substantial condition with officers of ability.

PRINTING ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL.

The Honorable Edward M. Beers, Member of Congress from Pennsylvania, again favored us by having Congress authorize printing by the Government Printing Office and promulgating our 1928 Encampment Proceedings. This saved considerable expense to the Commandery-in-Chief, as well as all Departments. We are obligated to Congressman Beers for this action, as well as several years in the past.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

This Committee has rendered effective and valuable service in Washington relative to pension and other matters in which Camps and Members have been interested. The members of this Committee are influential, have access to the leading figures in our National affairs and accomplished considerable to the credit and influence of the Order.

ALLIED ORDERS.

Our relations with the Allied Orders are very pleasant and most agreeable—in entire harmony, especially with Hon. John Reese, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has on more than one occasion commended our Order, relating to services rendered. Evidence (quoting the Commander):

"* * * I surely appreciate the splendid spirit of co-operation shown by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in all Departments, and thank you for what you have done to assist in securing the consideration of pension legislation for Veterans and widows by this special session of the 71st Congress.
"With my best wishes to all Sons of Union Veterans, * * *"

The National Officers of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have all been active and earnest in their interest, cordial for our purposes and efforts in all matters and occasions.

Our Auxiliary ably conducted by National President Mrs. Elizabeth C. Hansen has frequently demonstrated its influence in assistance to us and the services rendered to Camps and Departments. The Auxiliary is a willing, capable ally and of great value to all Camps.

THE BANNER.

Our Official Organ—"THE BANNER," Past Department Commander A. S. Holloway, Editor, DeWitt, Ill., under the provisions of the 1928 Encampment, reduced in size and mailed to restricted enrollment of Camp members appears to be satisfactory. New contract was entered into as directed. Editor Holloway is of inestimable assistance in many ways in the conduct of affairs relating to the Order and co-operates to the fullest extent in the interests and to the benefit of the Order.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Reports indicated that many Camps had the usual difficulties in the conduct, observance of and participation in Memorial Day to comply with the duties and obligations involved therein. These troubles were due to other organizations and action of Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, members or communities. This annual experience leads to the suggestion that much of this trouble is the result of

the appearance of our Camp and Members. Our turnouts or parades in civilian attire make no impression, do not reflect the proper dignity or spirit of the occasion, not a patriotic demonstration, not representative and does not indicate the real meaning of our participation in such affairs. If some distinctive dress or part of attire—Grant hat, with cord, white gloves, dark clothes—were provided in our Regulations for Camps to appear when on parade or turnout as a body, an organized or official designation would be given. The effect and cause for our part in or on a patriotic occasion would have recognition as such and emphasize our claim for and to the part undisputably ours as an Order—for and on Memorial Day.

CONCLUSION.

You conclude a trying experience. To hold the material or membership, secure accessions, have all in proper order of operation, secure action from indifferent officers, keep Camps and Department Officers functioning, required your constant application. You gave it—hard service. You are to be congratulated upon the results. Your unceasing efforts were encouraging and helpful to those who faltered; they took renewed interest and in many instances gave to their duties the required attention which you inspired. You retire with appreciation of all for your services, esteem and affection of your associates and the membership.

The cordial cooperation and assistance of yourself and all National Officers is acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and L.,
 H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

National Secretary-Treasurer, September 12, 1929.

DR.:	RECEIPTS.	CR.:	DISBURSEMENTS.
Sept. 1, 1929, To balance.	\$2694.27	By General Expenses.....	\$1522.16
Received for Charter Fees	\$15.00	Office Expenses	229.41
Interest on Bank Balances	53.29	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	184.88
Total Receipts ...	68.29	By Balance, Sept. 12, 1929	\$ 826.11
	\$2762.56		\$2762.56

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:	
The Banner, Subscription, September, 1929, 41931 copies at \$4.15—\$423.81, less credit \$4.65	\$ 627.56
Encampment, Portland, Maine, 1929.....	869.60
Printing	25.00
	\$1522.16
Office Expenses:	
Aug.-Sept. Postage, Express, Telegrams, Miscellaneous, Rent	\$ 229.41
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:	
Aug.-Sept. Telegrams, Traveling, Office, Express.....	\$ 184.88
Total Expenditures	\$1936.45

VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
55.	D. B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief, Encampment and Aug- Sept. Expenses	Commander-in-Chief, Encampment and Aug- Sept. Expenses	\$ 418.14
56.	J. W. Kennedy, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encamp- ment Expenses	Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Encamp- ment Expenses	125.19
57.	E. F. Warner, Council-in-Chief, Encampment Expenses...	Council-in-Chief, Encampment Expenses...	54.92
58.	F. C. Huston, National Patriotic Instructor, Encampment Expenses	National Patriotic Instructor, Encampment Expenses	64.93
59.	J. K. Craig, National Chaplain, Encampment Expenses...	National Chaplain, Encampment Expenses...	41.56
60.	J. E. Sautter, National Counselor, Encampment Expenses...	National Counselor, Encampment Expenses...	42.50
61.	C. R. Dunbar, Stenographer, Encampment Expenses.....	Stenographer, Encampment Expenses.....	75.00
62.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, Printing, Postage, Telegrams, Miscellaneous August-September, and Encampment Expenses	National Secretary-Treasurer, Printing, Postage, Telegrams, Miscellaneous August-September, and Encampment Expenses	144.92
63.	The Banner, Subscription, September, 1929, Printing Of- ficers Reports and Roll, Portland, 1929, Encampment..	The Banner, Subscription, September, 1929, Printing Of- ficers Reports and Roll, Portland, 1929, Encampment..	760.64
64.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent.....	Colonial Trust Co., Rent.....	200.73
65.	D. B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief, Express.....	Commander-in-Chief, Express.....	6.92
	Total		\$1936.45

RECAPITULATION.

September 21, 1928, To balance	\$ 510.59
Total Receipts	20410.17
Total	\$20920.76
By Disbursements: General Expenses	\$17487.07
Office Expenses	1227.79
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1379.79
Total Expenditures	\$20094.65
September 12, 1929, Balance, cash	\$ 826.11

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Wilkinsburg, Pa., July 26, 1929.

To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Forty-eighth
Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Brethren:

The duties I was called upon to fill this year as your National Counselor did not prove to be very arduous. While several questions were submitted to me by the Commander-in-Chief, but one of them called for a formal opinion, since it applied to one of the fundamentals of our organization—the Eligibility clause.

Frank A. Webb, Commander of the Department of Maine, sub-
mitted the following question:

"Can a nephew of a soldier join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? I see in Article III, Constitution and By-Laws, it is worded 'all male descendants,' and would like for you to tell me just what that embraces."

HELD—That a nephew, unless he also be a descendant of a soldier, sailor or marine, under the provisions of Article III

FORTY-EIGHTH ENCAMPMENT

of the Constitution and Regulations, through the paternal or maternal line, is not eligible to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

A full copy of the decision rendered is attached hereto and made a part of this report.

The Commander-in-Chief submitted to me copy of his opinion rendered under date of December 10, 1923, to Benjamin F. Higgins, Commander of Elgin Camp No. 22, Department of Illinois, upon the question of eligibility of a descendant of a deserter, in which he held that such a person was not eligible to membership so long as the records of the War Department indicate that the party through whom eligibility is claimed was a deserter.

In this opinion I concurred.

There was submitted to me the inquiry of Brother L. S. Brickfield of the Department of Massachusetts, asking if it would be permissible for him to use the tag charge of our Initiatory Service, as printed in the Ritual in a Memorial Day address.

We could see no objection to so doing, and advised accordingly.

There was also submitted an inquiry of Past Commander-in-Chief P. A. Barrow, covering the question of the advisability or necessity of General W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, Department of California & Pacific, taking action in connection with its incorporation because of the change of name of our Order.

ADVISED-- That the Order of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, was incorporated in the State of Illinois, and that when the name and title was changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Past Commander-in-Chief Church, acting in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, had the incorporation changed or amended in the State of Illinois.

SUGGESTED-- That in view of my lack of knowledge of the requirements upon a question of this kind under the Laws of the State of California, that it be submitted to an Attorney in that State, and that General W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2 be guided by this opinion.

I am very happy to report that no questions of discipline were submitted to me.

In giving consideration to a question raised in connection with the formation of the Colorado & Wyoming Department which, however, did not require a formal decision, several omissions of our Regulations became apparent. To cover this there will be submitted to this Encampment, amendments to the Regulations, prepared by me, but it is not essential that they be made a part of this report.

In preparing the only formal opinion rendered, as referred to above, I was brought face to face with the fact that no digest of decisions and opinions of the Commander-in-Chief and National Counselors, has been prepared for a number of years, necessitating considerable research of the proceedings of the various annual encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief. I recall that in the early days of my connection with the organization there was in existence a "Blue Book of Decisions." The latest digest appears to have been one prepared by Edward K. Gould, Judge Advocate General in 1897-98, a copy of which I was able to obtain from the National Secretary. Since that time there has been numerous changes in the Constitution and Regulations, and a large number of decisions rendered. It was my purpose to prepare a digest, believing that such information would be of great value, and is of much importance. I found, however, that the task was too difficult for one not learned in the Law, inasmuch as to prepare it in proper form would necessitate the use of legal terms

and explanations thereof. I can only suggest, therefore, that if my successor be one learned in the Law, that he prepare a digest of the decisions and opinions rendered by the various Commanders-in-Chief, and approved at the several sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief.

It has been a very great pleasure to be one of the official family of this administration, and to Commander-in-Chief Bowley, I express appreciation of the confidence shown in my appointment, and extend my thanks to him and all brothers for the courtesies received by me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. SAUTTER,
National Counselor.

Question submitted by Frank A. Webb, Commander of the Department of Maine:

"Can a nephew of a soldier join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I see in Article III, Constitution and By-Laws it is worded "all male descendants" and would like for you to tell me just what that embraces."

It is assumed that the question is based upon a "nephew" who is not more closely related to one who served as a Soldier, Sailor or Marine, under the provisions of Article III. This because there are many members, and many who are eligible to membership, by reason of being Sons, Grandsons, Great-Grandsons (to illustrate) and who are likewise Nephews of Veterans who served as Soldiers, Sailors or Marines.

It will be noted that the Commander made his quotation of Article III with the words "All male descendants." Following these words are those, which in my judgment really define the individuals who are eligible, "whether through the paternal or maternal line."

Judge Advocate General W. S. B. B. ruled, in 1892—"The Son of a daughter of a Veteran is eligible to our Order, the word 'descendant' as used in our Constitution, being held to include a son, grandson or other descendant to the remotest degree. The word 'descendant' has often been the subject of Judicial Construction, and is held to include a son, grandson, or other descendant to the remotest degree."

This decision was approved by Commander-in-Chief Marvin E. Hall, and sustained and adopted by the Twelfth Annual Encampment, held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 15-18, 1893.

The use of the words "remotest degree," in view of the words which preceded them, "son, grandson," were, without doubt, used in an illustrative manner only, and must mean in direct lineage only, or to further illustrate, great-grandson, great-great-grandson.

Certainly a nephew is not a descendant from the paternal or maternal line, but rather of a brother or sister of such an individual.

Webster's dictionary defines "paternal" as follows—"Being the specified ancestor or relation on one's father's side; as, paternal grandfather." The same definition applies, of course, to "maternal," save as it relates to different sex.

Held—That a Nephew, unless he also be a descendant of a Soldier, Sailor or Marine, under the provisions of Article III of the Constitution and Regulations, through the paternal or maternal line, is NOT eligible to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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The foregoing opinion was approved by Commander-in-Chief Bowley December 8, 1928, and decision rendered accordingly.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Knightstown, Ind., August 8, 1929.

To Mr. Delevan B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander and Brother:

It is with a deep sense of gratitude I am able to submit to you my report as National Patriotic Instructor of our beloved order. First, my gratitude is to you for your honorable appointment; then, to the brothers and sisters whose loyal hearts have made the activities reported possible; then, to our fathers, for the heritage they have bequeathed to us; and to the good Father of us all, whose watchful eye guides the destiny of our nation.

It has been an eventful year; perhaps not wholly different from many others, yet it has been one of inspiration to your Patriotic Instructor, as, by reports and private correspondence, he has learned of the large number of sincere souls, who, all over our land are constantly on guard, watchful for opportunities to teach patriotism and thus conserve our national greatness and integrity, by repeating "line upon line, and precept upon precept," the principles, which alone, have made, and can make America great; and what it means to be an American citizen.

The manifold weakness of the old form of blanks used in securing tabulated reports, is again in evidence this year, yet much can be gleaned from such reports that is most encouraging; though these facts and figures reveal much by way of accomplishment in major activities, it is but a small part of the work which has actually been done by our order; and, scattered as we are over such a broad expanse of country, the value of these numberless activities is almost beyond human computation.

Your Patriotic Instructor has learned, as never before, the value of these activities and reports. He has been led to believe that if all entrusted with this work in Departments and Camps, really knew how much of value there is in the work and the reporting of it, the many tardy, and more or less incomplete reports would be immediately forthcoming when due. Consider for a minute what it would mean if there were no such activities to report; then, an hour's careful thought would forever prevent any carelessness or neglect in the work or the making out of the reports.

Herewith, we present the tabulated reports, which, at best, only approximate the major activities of the order:

REPORTS AS TABULATED.

From California & Pacific comes evidence of sincere patriotic endeavor. A new Camp organized and named Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 14, with the entertainment of the Veterans and a general alertness to patriotic opportunities.

The new Department of Colorado & Wyoming has found its stride in boosting other patriotic societies, especially assistance to the Boy Scouts. This is fine. Service is a big word when put into action.

From Connecticut comes much valuable information as to work done, as shown by Department Encampment proceedings received. Very little of this activity had found its way into the report as given upon the regular blank.

Illinois shows sustained interest in the work as carried on through many years.

The Iowa Department is deserving of much more credit than is shown in the report. Past Patriotic Instructor Pratt has been a host

in himself and his intense concern has made the work of our order of large consequence in the state "where the tall corn grows," Iowa we believe, leads in new Camps this year.

Maryland shows an increasing devotion to the cause to which we are all committed.

The Old Bay State of Massachusetts is keenly alive, taking every advantage of possibilities. And while this Department shows well in the report, we know of much done which has not been incorporated there. "Always at it" seems to be their motto.

Michigan, in the distribution of literature relative to the meaning of Memorial Day, is doing a fine service.

From Missouri we learn they are active in providing banquets for the Veterans. They also sponsor flag contests.

New Hampshire reports local Camp activities as the giving of many prizes, flags and money, to stimulate patriotic study. Such information is always desirable.

The Department of New Jersey shows a keen sensitiveness to its obligation.

New York shows the fine sum of \$3,577.00 expended in its Department for patriotic instruction. In the activities which must have attended such expenditures, this Department has earned the praise of the entire order. The cost of Gen. Grant's tomb in this state is not overlooked, and the observance of Grant's Birthday affords an occasion which is reverently and splendidly utilized.

Patriotism has not been allowed to suffer in Ohio, as is evidenced by such information scarcely suggested in the regular report. Much good work was done.

Pennsylvania has kept pace with her former good record, and has made her influence felt for much good. The placing of copies of the "American's Creed," and the rolled "Salute to the Flag" in every schoolroom of the state is an small accomplishment, and in an example worthy the emulation of every Department. In addition, \$2,879.00 was spent in patriotic teaching. We could wish for all other Departments to have educators, who, like Brother Wentzel, believe patriotism should be a part of every curriculum in every educational institution. More power to him.

Vermont Camps reveal a large percentage where Camps take entire charge of Memorial Day. This ensures its proper observance by those who know the real significance of the day. They have been active also in flag presentation to High Schools, et al.

From Wisconsin we learn a splendid service rendered in teaching the meaning of Memorial Day by distribution of literature, and the general use of newspapers. Many of the younger generation knew very little or absolutely nothing of what the day really means. This is a great work every Camp and Department can do.

In Indiana, "where your good corn grows," and the home of the Patriotic Instructor, the Camps have been generally active. A special activity has been the use of the poem "The Challenge of The Flag." It has appeared in many newspapers with free permission from the copyright owner, and many Camps have distributed large numbers of copies in the schools. Benton Camp, Richmond, the home of Department Secretary-Treasurer Roy L. Babylon, has run the poem in each city dailies of large circulation, and distributed over 1,000 copies in the schools of the city. Princeton Camp also was very diligent in its distribution. We are now about to complete the raising of a fund to

assist the Loyal Legion in providing a bronze bust of Gen. P. A. Haskleman, the only Indiana General to be killed in battle, to be placed in a niche in the State House.

It is certain that many splendid things have been done which will have no mention in these reports; but they shall not be without their reward in the great accounting.

Since the dissatisfaction with the present blanks appears to be so general; and, since the opinion, also general, that the time when the reports of Patriotic Instructors should be due should be changed to conform with the fiscal year, rather than the calendar year (this being the only office in which there is an exception) we offer the following recommendations:

I. That a committee be appointed by the coming Commandery-in-Chief, consisting of three members, whose duty it will be to receive suggestions from members of the order, relative to the preparation of new blanks; and such committee shall from such suggestions select and compose new blanks for the offices of Patriotic Instructor.

II. That the reports of the Department Instructors to the National Patriotic Instructor shall be for the fiscal year, rather than for the calendar year. Such reports shall be due June 1st of each year, after the plan is set in operation, the first report to cover from December 31st, the present ending, to May 31st.

In closing, let me thank you, and all for the kindly and courteous relations which have existed. It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you and the order, and the cause of patriotism we all love so devoutly. May the old Flag ever challenge each one of us to do our best under her protecting and beneficent folds.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE FLAG.

"Old Glory," when we look on you, as you are hanging there,
We wonder, could there ever be a banner still more fair?
No other such arrangement of your stripes and stars that gleam,
Could ever be so beautiful, nor holy, it would seem,

As if the God above us all, in looking down could see
Just what our nation needed most, and what its flag should be,
And guided those who made it so, in every thought and way,
To make you, Glorious Banner, just what you are, today.

But, far beyond the beauty rare—God only could create,
We recognize in symbols that which makes our nation great;
No god of gold; no favored class; no selfishness, nor greed;
But, "Righteousness and Brotherhood," this is our nation's creed.

Within that flag, we see, today, embodiment of Grace;
The better things of all mankind for all the human race.
The Red, there, tells how blood was shed that freemen still be free,—
How heroes died to usher in those better things to be.

The White, there, tells that for this land no hero dies in vain,—
That those who live will ever keep that flag without a stain.
The field of Blue, bedecked with stars,—a bit of heaven's dome,
Reflects the glory of our God, who gives us such a home.

Could any banner ever float o'er nation half so blest?
The friend of all the needy world, the hungry and oppressed.
She brooks no fears; desires no foes; but, advocates the plan
That those who live beneath her folds, should be AMERICAN.

No hyphenated loyalty can give her honors due,—
 Allegiance, undivided, THAT makes a man true blue;
 "No man can serve two masters;" why should one care to try,
 While living 'neath the grandest flag that ever graced the sky?

"Old Glory," when we see you there, what challenges you bring
 To us who know just as you ARE, and now your praises sing!
 You challenge us to lives that tell in high and holy deeds,—
 To lives of noble thoughts and acts,—not merely mouthing creeds.

And, so, we pledge you here, today, the best that in us lies,
 That you may wave, forevermore, the fairest flag that flies.
 We love you, dear old Banner Bright; God help us each to see
 That YOU are but the symbol of what WE, ALL, ought to be.
 —Copyright, 1921, Frank C. Huston.

Ever sincerely in F. C. and L.,
 FRANK C. HUSTON,
 National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

To Delevan Bates Bowley,
 San Francisco, Cal.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In the first place I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for the honor which you conferred upon me in granting me the privilege of serving as National Chaplain during the year which is now fast coming to a close.

I am sure that you and your staff will agree unanimously that we have not accomplished as much as we had hoped. It has been my ambition as National Chaplain to secure 100% of our Department Reports. I had likewise hoped that every Department Chaplain would secure 100% of his Camp Reports. This is as it ought to be and in my judgment it could be, if each and every officer took more seriously his responsibilities and appreciated more fully his honors, conferred first in his birthright and second in his being chosen by his fellow-members to serve the Order in any capacity.

As to my activities, I can report only the following:

First—I have had considerable correspondence with the National Officers, the Department Chaplains, and the Commanders of those Departments in which deaths of members of the Commandery-in-Chief have occurred during the past year; and correspondence with the National Chaplain of the Auxiliary in planning the annual Joint Memorial Service.

Second—Memorial Sunday, I spoke in one of the churches of Greater Pittsburgh and in the afternoon delivered two addresses, one at the tomb of Major Davis, the founder of our Organization; and the second at the burial place of the Pittsburgh Arsenal Victims—the latter service being under the direction of the Auxiliary.

Third—On Memorial Day, the National Chaplain delivered the address at the Greenwood Cemetery exercises being under the direction and supervision of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

Fourth—The National Chaplain was asked to serve as toastmaster at the annual banquet of the American Flag Day Association at the William Penn Hotel, Friday evening, June 14, at which time about

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National Patriotic Instructor
for year ending Dec. 31,
1928.

Names of Departments and
Department Patriotic In-
structors making Reports.

	Date Report Received	1. Do All Public Schools Have Patriotism?	2. Flag Salute Given in Schools?	3. Observe Patriotic Days?	4. Do Teachers Show Patriotism?	5. Prizes Given to Schools?	6. Prizes Given to Pupils in School?	7. Gettysburg Tablets Presented to Schools?	8. S. S. Asks to Help Memorials?	9. Public Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day?	10. Memorial Sunday Observed by Churches?	11. Objections to Use of the Word "Patriotism"?	12. Do Churches Offer Memorial Day?	13. Do Churches Offer Memorial Day?	14. Do Churches Offer Memorial Day?	15. For Good of the Order and to Stimulate Patriotism	
Alabama and Tennessee A. R. McAdam	Feb. 20	yes	daily	yes	yes	no record	no record	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no record	yes, all on all occas.	yes	Campfires, entertainments, etc. Provide entertainments; patriotic programs. Formation of Junior reserves, some Camps.	
California and Pacific Nelson M. Holderman	Aug. 7	yes	daily	yes	generally	some	some	some	yes, fine	yes, fine	yes	no	\$155.00	fully or in part	yes	Boosting Scouts; S. A. R.; D. A. R., et al.	
Colorado and Wyoming E. M. Stone	Aug. 2	yes	daily	yes	most do most of them	four	no	St. Cap.	yes	yes	yes	yes	no record	yes	not required yet	Boosting Scouts; S. A. R.; D. A. R., et al.	
Connecticut Daniel Emery	April 23	no	daily	yes	most of them	none	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes	None.	
Illinois W. A. Desby	June 27	yes	daily	yes	yes	all sup.	no	many	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$150.00	yes	where permitted Assisting G. A. R.; teaching patriotism.	
Indiana Dr. W. P. Dearing	Mar. 4	most	daily	yes	yes	many	three	three	yes	yes	yes	no	\$124.00	yes	when permitted	Patriotic addresses; distribution patriotic literature.	
Iowa H. Q. Weaver	Aug. 5	yes	occas.	yes	yes	few	few	yes	yes	yes	yes	can't say	no record	yes	yes		
Kansas Chas. E. Jenkins	May 16	yes	both	yes	yes	sixty	none	none	yes, gen	yes	yes	no	\$70.00	generally	some do		
Maine John A. Frye	Aug. 16	yes	daily	yes	yes	few	few	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$25.00	yes	yes	Helping Boy Scout Movement.	
Maryland Dr. Adelbert A. Taylor	June 1	yes	daily	yes	yes	fifteen	yes	few	yes	many	many	none now	\$150.00	yes	all now	Unite with all patriotic societies in patriotic services.	
Massachusetts Geo. B. Stratton	Mar. 16	yes	nearly all daily	yes	yes	111	ten	none	yes	yes	yes	none	\$1530.00	yes	nearly all do	Meetings at schools; patriotic meetings; radio service; publications.	
Michigan William H. Malone	May 22	yes	daily	yes	yes	142	four	few	yes	yes	yes	no	\$205.40	yes	most do	Publicity; Meaning of Memorial Day. Drum Corps.	
Minnesota Aug. 8	yes	can't ans.	yes	yes	yes	some	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	General effort to promote patriotism.	
Missouri Leen L. Roberts	May 31	yes	occas.	yes	yes	eight	several	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	\$81.25	yes	where allowed	Purnish speakers for patriotic occasions.	
Nebraska Minor A. Bacon	July 3	yes	daily or occas.	yes	yes	five	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	yes, with others		
New Hampshire Andrew J. Crooker	Mar. 12	yes	daily	yes	yes	thirty	yes	four	some	yes	yes	no	\$29.00	yes	in most cases	Camps give flags, money and prizes for patriotic work.	
New Jersey Fred A. Williams	Mar. 11	yes	daily	yes	yes	five	yes	all	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$425.00	all but 1	assist G. A. R. Hold public patriotic meetings at every opportunity.	
New York Carl F. Hill	April 7	yes	daily in most	yes	generally	38	some	21	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$3577.00	yes	2-3 camps do, others join	This Department sponsors annual observance of Gen. Grant's birthday at his tomb. Successful affair.
Ohio Geo. Darling	Mar. 18	no	both	yes	yes	55	some	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	\$400.00	most all	some	
Oregon C. A. Howard	Aug. 15	yes	daily	yes	yes	few	no	one	yes	yes	yes	no	\$45.00	yes	yes	Aids Americanization.	
Pennsylvania J. H. Wentzel	April 13	yes	occas.	yes	not too lively	286	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	can't say	\$2579.13	yes	yes	Copies of American Creed, and revised pledge to flag placed in all school rooms, and taught. Splendid results.	
Rhode Island Arthur H. Berry	Jan 29	yes	daily	yes	yes	none	none	none	no	yes	yes	no	\$150.00	yes	yes		
Vermont E. T. Griswold	July 13	yes	daily and occas.	yes	All but 2 locally	thirty	1 towns	six	yes	yes	yes	no	\$35.00	yes	22 camps take charge, bal. join	Hold frequent patriotic exercises to which the public is invited. Hold joint Camp meetings.	
Washington W. O. Fowler	Aug. 14	yes	weekly	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	some	yes	no	\$8.75	yes	yes		
Wisconsin J. E. Waldron	June 20	yes	both	yes	yes	282	yes	eight	yes	yes	yes	Mussey, one	\$275.00	yes	yes	Patriotic programs; prizes for patriotic essays.	

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT—1922.

Department	Number of Brothers in Long Camp	Number of Brothers Participating in the 100 Day Observance	Number of Brothers Attended the 6 Day Camp	Number of Brothers in Camp at the 10 Day	Number of Firing Squads	Number of Brothers in Addresses at 10 Day	Number of Brothers in 100 Day Observance	Number of Camps (United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America)	Number of Months in Camp	U. A. R. Number of Funerals attended by Camp in 1922	S. V. Number of Camps conducted in 1922	"A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S" "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"	Number of Officers in Charge	Number of Messes placed on	Number of Orders of Visitation given	Number of Camp Reports	Number of Camps Not Reported	Pct. Cent of Camps Reported	
Alabama & Tennessee	295	199	13	12	187	187	187	1	1	25	10	1	33	35917	35917	13	13	33%	
California & Pacific	696	207	20	18	158	158	158	1	1	10	10	1	33	4046	4046	9	18	62%	
Colorado & Wyoming	19	125	16	12	112	112	112	1	1	5	5	1	16	162	162	76	76	62%	
Connecticut	2308	797	58	43	570	570	570	11	11	37	37	1	30	15348	10307	31	10	75%	
Illinois	605	222	84	70	199	199	199	11	10	10	10	1	119	11899	7852	33	33	58%	
*Indiana	1041	625	18	18	41	41	41	11	10	51	10	1	39	6604	5522	20	10	67%	
*Iowa	176	119	32	28	109	109	109	4	4	9	9	1	59	6604	5522	20	10	67%	
*Kansas	219	22	8	8	3	3	3	1	1	35	10	1	26	1753	1654	11	11	61%	
Maine	1673	294	144	130	6	23	23	18	18	16	16	1	177	20776	20776	34	34	80%	
Maryland	610	267	38	38	261	261	261	11	11	1	1	1	292	6292	12	12	100%		
Massachusetts	5673	2677	348	338	127	1797	1797	11	11	58	11	1	469	47963	38959	102	59	84%	
Michigan	660	237	25	22	8	17	17	1	1	2	2	1	254	6182	4607	13	6	72%	
Minnesota	358	213	21	28	5	16	16	1	1	16	16	1	29	7756	7756	3	1	90%	
Missouri	393	143	30	32	11	92	92	1	1	8	8	1	89	5066	3555	11	2	85%	
Nebraska	203	109	11	11	11	11	11	1	1	1	1	1	29	2594	2610	8	2	72%	
New Hampshire	715	60	36	135	6	206	206	10	10	13	13	1	146	5456	4643	17	16	51%	
New Jersey	1521	678	185	264	11	399	399	14	14	18	18	1	208	17306	15180	25	2	90%	
New York	2373	1334	215	269	13	32	32	44	44	26	26	1	339	30271	20800	88	34	47%	
Ohio	2566	583	183	207	18	665	665	36	36	115	26	1	8	3291	35755	22932	36	55	39%
*Oregon	251	101	20	20	1	1	1	5	5	1	1	1	32	1889	408	34	61	35%	
Pennsylvania	5833	3845	1373	1577	50	292	2877	53	137	215	50	132	963	70169	2203	80	47	81%	
Rhode Island	606	211	52	111	6	140	140	1	1	12	12	1	109	7209	5016	12	1	81%	
*Vermont	866	472	82	140	3	103	103	3	5	5	5	1	148	8317	4705	13	2	81%	
Washington	500	60	3	1	3	2	2	1	1	10	10	1	1	1000	1000	1	1	100%	
Wisconsin	222	233	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	8035	6528	12	2	41%	
Total	34062	14238	3218	4141	177	19483	367472	947	2031	3388	2511	2	114580	360883	248720	608	382	61%	

*Report copied from last year's figures.

800 members of various patriotic, fraternal, church and educational bodies paid their tribute to the history and symbolism of the Flag of the United States of America.

I submit herewith copies of the proposed revisions of reports to be submitted by Camp Chaplains to Department Chaplains and Department Chaplains to the National Chaplain. I see no reason why the Department Chaplains should feel it necessary to send to the National Chaplain reports covering each Camp Report. The consolidated or tabulated reports from the Camps should be submitted by the Department Chaplain to the Department Commander, submitting only the summary as herewith indicated. These revisions would not only simplify matters for the Camp, Department and National Chaplains but would also save considerable cost in printing the forms.

I heartily recommend the approval of these recommendations in regard to revisions of Camp and Department Chaplains Reports. Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me and for the high privilege of association in the Commandery-in-Chief circles. I remain,

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

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG.

National Chaplain.

P. F. Yonally, Past Department Commander of Ohio, announced that the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army requested that 100 uniformed men act as escort in the parade Wednesday morning.

Wm. L. Anderson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts, requested all the color bearers with American Flags to be present at the reception Tuesday night to be held at the Chamber of Commerce for the trooping of the colors.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland, Maryland: Before recess is taken today, there is an important resolution to consider. I move that we suspend the rules and have resolutions taken up at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley called for the resolutions.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I have received the following resolutions and communications: one from Illinois, one from Michigan, two from Connecticut, one from the District of Columbia, one from Ohio, and one from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

Telegram from Theodore H. Little, Department Commander of Washington:

Department Washington, Idaho, Montana extend greetings. During past year Commander-in-Chief Bowley has been of invaluable assistance to Department. His term of office brilliant with accomplishments. Department heartily endorses movement to petition Congress invite Blue and Gray as guests National Government in Washington for Grand reunion 1930 paying all travel and accommodation expenses old soldiers and wives. Wish you successful, harmonious Encampment. Regret unable attend.

Another from Edward F. Ream, Past Department Commander, Illinois:

Disappointed at not being at Encampment. Best wishes to you and all delegates for a constructive and successful Encampment.

A telegram from Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief J. S. Gallagher, Connecticut:

Regret I cannot attend convention. This is a busy week for me. Wish you a pleasant convention.

A card from Estelle M. H. Underhill, Past National President, Daughters:

COMRADESHIP WITH YOU.

There's a trail forever winding
Through the valley of my dreams;
And whenever I go strolling
Down its happy way, it seems
That a dear old friend is with me
Sharing as we used to do
All the golden, joyous moments
Of my comradeship with you.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

Greetings for a most successful convention. Sorry I am unable to meet with you this year. Congratulations for all the good work put over by you during your term, working for the "Good of the Order." Warm personal regards and fraternal regards to all the boys.

A letter from Harley V. Speelman, Washington, D. C., Past Commander-in-Chief and Chairman of Legislative Committee:

Please accept my heartiest congratulations upon your very successful administration now drawing to a close. I greatly regret my inability to be present at the Encampment at Portland. I always look with fond anticipation to these happy reunions covering a period of more than forty years when genuine friendships are formed. My earnest hope is that such action will be taken as will result in lasting good for our beloved order. Please convey to all brothers present my best wishes for long life and happiness, and give an extra "hello" to our Buckeye boys headed by Jim Hughes, that prince of good fellows, our Department Commander, who is always working for the "Good of the Order."

Warm personal regards and fraternal regards to all the boys. Good luck to your successor.

A letter from A. E. Deems, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific:

Greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment. Owing to illness we are detained at home this year and this year of all years we did want to be present to hear and see the result of your labors.

A telegram from Past Commander-in-Chief W. M. Coffin, Ohio:

Greetings to Forty-eighth National Encampment. Congratulations to you upon effort and accomplishment of past year. Regret exceedingly my inability to be at Portland now but my thoughts and hopes are with you. We expect to be your hosts next year, so let this be a welcome to you all.

A telegram from George S. Geis, National Commander 8th Army Corps, Veterans of the Philippines:

The Veterans of the Philippines and China Relief Expedition are holding their second annual reunions of many regiments at Denver, Colorado, the same dates as your National Encampment. From across the space we send to you and to your organization fraternal greetings and best wishes. Many of our Eighth Army Corps Comrades belong to the Sons of Union Veterans and are glad to note the progress of the past year, and your splendid efforts. Our Eighth Army Corps

Philippine Veterans served in the first war, after the Civil War, captured Manila and the Philippine Islands, worth \$8,000,000,000, took part in 2811 engagements and skirmishes, furnished many officers in the World War. We are following the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans in patriotic work and will help you "tell the world the story" and assist all comrades everywhere. I regret I cannot be with you and many other dear friends attending your meetings and wish you a successful Encampment.

REUNION RESOLUTION.

Charles F. Sherman, Past Commander-in-Chief, asked the unanimous consent of the Encampment to have read the resolution presented by E. H. Pitcher, Department Commander, Maryland.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Irelan read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, His Excellency, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, the Governors of thirty-one States in our Union, the Secretary of war, the Chief-of-Staff of the United States Army, as well as numerous other American citizens, both in public and private life, have unanimously approved a Reunion between the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Veterans of the Confederacy, and

WHEREAS, It is believed that such a Reunion will create a better understanding between the North and the South; that it will develop a greater spirit of Unity throughout our Nation; that it will remove forever the irritation of sectionalism, caused by the aftermath of the Civil War, and

WHEREAS, Our Martyred President, Abraham Lincoln, during the last day of his life, counseled us to foster this Reunion, by his beautiful as well as benevolent admonition, "We Must Distinguish Our Resentment If We Expect Harmony and Union," and

WHEREAS, By consummating this consummation of the highest type of Brotherly-Love, we shall exhibit a spirit of nobleness that shall commend the admiration of the World; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in National Encampment assembled, and in memory of our Fathers, memorialize the Grand Army of the Republic, now in National Encampment assembled to give due consideration to the advantages ensuing from a Reunion of the Blue and the Gray in the City of Washington, D. C. to be held during the year 1929, or at such time as the Grand Army of the Republic deems most convenient, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all auxiliaries of both Armies be requested to participate in such Reunion, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic in National Encampment assembled.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. PITCHER,
Commander, Department of Maryland.

Telegram from Richard A. Sneed, Commander-in-Chief, United Confederate Veterans, to E. H. Pitcher, Commander, Maryland:

Your telegram of August 30 has just reached me, in reply will say that I am expressing the sentiments of every true son of the South

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(2:00 P. M., September 10, 1929)

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The Encampment will come to order in unfinished business.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: Your committee, to whom has been referred the resolution concerning a reunion of the Blue and Gray in the City of Washington, D. C., has carefully considered the same together with the requisite exhibits and recommends the adoption of same. I move the adoption of this report.

Seconded by Michael H. Crowley, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.

John E. Sautter, National Counselor: I question whether all know what they are voting upon. This is of the most important matters that has come before this organization for a long time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan read the Resolution and all matter relative thereto again.

Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn: It seems to me unfair to have this resolution come up at this time. Certain opposition to it arose this morning and during this short space of time it could not be fully discussed. I move that the matter be laid upon the table and made the first order of business at the next regular session at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday.

Seconded by A. M. Campbell, delegate of Illinois. The motion was adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: I hope that it will not be thought that I was taking advantage of any brothers being absent. The Encampment was called at a certain hour and if the members do not see fit to be here it is their own fault.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The matter will be taken up immediately as the first order of business at the next session.

National Secretary Hammer: I present the report of the Committee on Marking Graves, and move that the recommendations therein be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander W. H. Klein of New York. Carried).

National Secretary Hammer also presented the reports of the Legislative Committee and the Special Committee concerning pardon of Henry Romine, Comrade G. A. R., moved it be adopted and the committee dismissed with thanks. Seconded by several. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

Hartford, Conn., July 24, 1929.

To Delevan B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief, and Members of the Forty-eighth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Permit me to submit to you the report of the Committee on Marking Graves during the past year.

Although some commendable work has been done, the results are far below what we have a right to expect in such a worthy cause.

Letters from this Committee have gone to every Department Committee. Some of these Department Committees must have gone out of existence, as we have failed to receive their acknowledgments. In one case our letters have been returned marked, "Unable to find."

In one Department the Chairman writes that he assumes, not hearing from the Camps in his Department, "All Camps have the records in their respective districts." As far as that goes it is true, and they deserve much credit for the work they have done; but this Department consists of thirty Camps, and in one of the largest states thirty Camps cannot begin to cover the work in the entire state unless they add more territory than they now cover. They could get members of the allied orders in towns which they do not cover interested in the work. In the Connecticut Department some of the best workers are not members of the Sons nor any of the allied orders. They are working for this cause without hope of fee or reward. If Connecticut can find such workers among men outside the Order, surely then other Departments can.

There is an old saying, "After the clouds, the sun." Some of our Departments and Camps are doing a wonderful work along these lines. Illinois continues to be one of the banner Departments.

Michigan, under the leadership of Brother Francis E. Hall, is doing fine work. The work in this Department is almost wholly in and near Grand Rapids.

Iowa has an excellent Committee at work with Brother H. M. Pratt as Chairman, and this Committee is procuring the military records of every soldier buried in Webster County, Iowa, and is sending special printed blanks. The Committee plans to enlarge the work to cover other counties.

New Hampshire is doing very good work. Buzzell Camp No. 23 at Dover has all the cemeteries at Dover and nearby towns charted and all soldiers' graves located.

Massachusetts Department has several Camps hard at work. Special mention should be made of the work of Cook Camp No. 24 of Taunton and Elijah A. Morse Camp No. 118 of Eastondale. Camp No. 118 has located the graves of Veterans of all wars beginning with the French-Indian War, 1756-1764, and has printed the same in book form.

New York Department has a splendid Committee composed of members of all the Patriotic Societies of Ulster under Brother C. E. Morey of Utica as Chairman. They have completed the work of locating and marking the soldiers' graves in that city and are now at work in nearby cities and towns.

Pennsylvania has a Camp at Hellertown which is doing a very creditable work. It takes care of all the cemeteries in the county and decorates all the soldiers' graves, beginning with the Revolutionary War.

Connecticut has kept steadily at work on the locating and marking of soldiers' graves. This Department has about fifty thousand graves located, all charted and listed. It covers soldiers of fifteen wars beginning with the Pequot War of 1637. Much of the work is done by loyal men and women not connected with any Patriotic Society.

This work in Connecticut has been greatly encouraged and assisted through the hearty encouragement and helpful co-operation of George S. Godard, State Librarian, and of the Adjutant-General of Connecticut, through whom the State of Connecticut furnishes and sets the official memorial soldiers' headstones.

On the whole, a sufficient number of Departments and Camps have shown interest enough to justify the continuation of this policy of locating and marking of soldiers' graves.

Through persistent effort on the part of each individual and organization, this work, our recognition of the great sacrifices made for us, will progress. Ours is a small task compared to what they did for us. Let us redouble our efforts to keep fresh the memory of our fathers and to teach the coming generation the worth of those men "who died that this nation might live."

We recommend that the Committee be continued for another year. The cost for the year has been fifty dollars for typewriting and postage.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. R. HALE, Chairman.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Washington, D. C., August 1, 1929.

Hon. Delevan B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief, and Members of the Forty-eighth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

There was no general pension legislation transacted by Congress at the session ended March 4, 1929. A number of meritorious bills were introduced but no final action was taken; hence, they died with the adjournment of Congress.

A special session of Congress was called in May, 1929, and a number of bills were introduced and are now pending. The Grand Army of the Republic favors the Robinson Bill (S. 477) which favors Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, also widows, and it is hoped that the same will be enacted into law during the coming regular session if it is not done during the special session. This bill provides that all discharged veterans for a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, or now upon the pension roll as a Civil War veteran, shall, from and after the passage of the Act, be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$72 per month. Those who are helpless or nearly helpless shall receive \$125 per month, and those who are blind shall receive \$150 per month. Widows will receive \$50 per month.

Your Committee recommends that Congress be urged that the Robinson Bill be enacted into law during the early days of the session in December, or sooner.

Your Committee attended a meeting at the office of Senator Robinson, and also a conference with President Hoover at the White House. Both were upon invitation of Commander-in-Chief Reese of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Through the influence of Congressman Beers, of Pennsylvania, the Proceedings of the Forty-seventh Encampment were printed by the Government Printing Office by order of Congress, thereby saving our Order several hundreds of dollars. For this we are very grateful.

The Order owes our Commander-in-Chief a debt of gratitude for his efficient and hard-working administration. May he have a long and happy life.

Wishing the best of success for the Portland Encampment.

Fraternally submitted.

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN, Chairman.

J. CLINTON HIATT,

JAMES W. LYONS.

Legislative Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING PARDON OF
HENRY ROMINE, COMRADE G. A. R.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 2, 1929.

Delevan B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
2550 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In line with partial report to you November 3, 1928, relative the matter of pardon for Comrade Henry Romine who was serving a life term in our state prison, will at this time make final report. I hardly think it necessary to make any more of a detailed report than to refer you to the enclosed correspondence which is self-explanatory.

Exhibit A—Copy of my instructions for the work.

Exhibit B—A very comprehensive press notice of the incident.

Exhibit C—Copy of a very nice letter received from the son.

Exhibit D—Copy of my reply to such letter from the son.

Exhibit E—Copy of letter from the son in which all is satisfactory.

It is my pleasure to further report that by inquiry from an authentic source in the locality of North Vernon, I found that the Romine family was and is today considered very reputable

and well meaning. They are endeavoring as best they can to live down the unfortunate affair in which their father was years ago involved. You will especially note letter from the son, Exhibit E, in which he comes right up with his check for the expenses of the transaction.

In conclusion will say that in my opinion our Organization may feel proud of the achievement. Many expressions of congratulations were received from members of the Grand Army family and otherwise. I feel that we should give most of the credit of this successful termination to the able assistance of Colonel A. B. Crampton plus the ever and always recognized love and sentiment for the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have not reported to Secretary H. H. Hammer or The Banner; instead will allow you in your discretion to attend to the matter of publicity. It might be that you may desire to make report of our success to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Fraternally,

FRANK SHELLHOUSE.

(EXHIBIT A)

At Denver, Colorado, September 20, 1928.

To the Governor of the State of Indiana,
Indianapolis,
Indiana.

Sir:

Please be advised that the officers and members of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in session in the city of Denver, Colorado, received for consideration a resolution from our Brother and Past Commander-in-Chief, Frank Shellhouse, in reference to one Comrade, Henry Romine, a Veteran of the Civil War now serving a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary of the State of Indiana.

Please find attached copy of this resolution, which is self-explanatory and which was unanimously adopted by our convention.

It was the further action of the Convention that we, in the name of our organization, respectfully petition you as Governor of the State of Indiana to give earnest and as soon as convenient consideration to this, as we see it, very important and humane matter.

Respectfully submitted,

DELEVAN B. BOWLEY, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER, Secretary,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-Seventh National Encampment of Sons of Union Veterans, Assembled in Denver, Colorado, September 20, 1928.

WHEREAS, the attention of the members of the Indiana Department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been called to the imprisonment of one Henry Romine, a Veteran of the Civil War, whose home is in Indiana and who, 16 year ago, was convicted with others, for the murder of a person; and

WHEREAS, his conduct has been of such an exemplary character during those many sixteen years, never once showing confidence and privileges granted, and during this time, his deportment has been most excellent, meriting the esteem and confidence from all officials; and

WHEREAS, this Comrade Veteran is attending this encampment at this time, upon parole which has been graciously granted for the last fourteen years, with no restraint of any nature imposed; and,

WHEREAS, he does now and has ever protested in his innocence and he was a man who gave his services to his country and is today 83 years of age,—

THEREFORE, BE IT HERE RESOLVED, that the Indiana Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in this the Forty-seventh National Convention assembled in the City of Denver, Colorado, do sincerely implore the Governor of Indiana to grant a full and complete pardon, as well as to restore full citizenship to Henry Romine of Indiana; also that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the Governor of Indiana, with the urgent request for favorable action, that Henry Romine may be permitted to spend his closing days in peace and harmony under the Flag he fought to save.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Approved:

C. S. SCULL,
Commander of the Indiana Department.

(EXHIBIT B)

Clipping from Indianapolis Star of December 2, 1928.

"Henry Romine was with his 'buddies' today.

"Released yesterday from the Indiana state prison, where he was completing the fifteenth year of a life sentence for murder, Romine today began a new life at the Indiana State Soldiers Home at Lafayette.

"Romine arrived at the Home last night about 8 o'clock, accompanied by Col. A. B. Crampton, representing the G. A. R., and Frank Shellhouse, of Indianapolis, representing the Sons of Union Veterans.

"He was received by Col. Charles F. Zillmer, Commandant of the Home.

"Romine's permanent parole from the state prison, granted by the board of trustees of the institution, sitting as a parole board, was brought about at the request of, and through courtesy of, the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Col. Crampton and Mr. Shellhouse made pleas for the 81 year old Civil War Veteran, asking that he be released in order that he might not die in a place of confinement. Romine was received at the prison in March, 1913, on a life sentence for the murder of two men in Jennings county in 1912.

"He was taken to the Home by his comrade, Col. Crampton, in order that he might be among friends and spend his declining days away from confinement. Although he must obtain permission from the prison officials when he desires to make an extended visit, he no longer is a prisoner, enjoying the freedom of other guests of the Home.

"Romine was taken to the hospital immediately upon his arrival at the Home. He remained there last night and will continue to live there until his application has been passed upon by the board of trustees of the Home. He must be admitted to the Home in the same manner as the other 500 men and women making their residence there.

"It is a beautiful place where Romine will spend his remaining days. Situated approximately four miles from the city, the men are given freedom of the grounds to roam at will. They have their club-rooms, and other places where they gather to live over and over again the days of Chicamaugua, Gettysburg, Bull Run and the other famous battles of '61 to '65.

"Romine was contented today. He was taking life easy and enjoying the freedom from restraint that comes with the life at the Home. He was practically a free man at the prison, spending most of his time in the 'senate,' where the older men who were not required to work much, spent the hours discussing the important problems of the day. He will continue to have these hours of leisure at his new home, but it will be among entirely different and more pleasant surroundings."

(EXHIBIT C)

North Vernon, Ind., December 11, 1918.

Mr. Frank Shellhouse,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

I read with great pleasure the account in the "Star," of the meeting and the decision of the board of prison trustees, in regard to my father's case.

I want to congratulate and thank you and our good friend Colonel Crampton in accomplishing something that I had failed to do in twelve long years. Father and I shall never forget what you have done for us and if you ever need a friend in this neck of the woods, please remember yours truly.

I will call on you the first time I have an opportunity to do so. You may send me the bill for your expenses any time you care to and I shall take care of it.

Again thanking you and Colonel Crampton for the good work you have performed and wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed—THOMAS A. ROMINE, Son)

(EXHIBIT D)

January 23, 1929.

Thomas A. Romine,
North Vernon, Indiana.

My Dear Tom:

In your letter you asked me to send you an account of the cost in question and I have rather delayed the matter account of Christmas holidays and in general the rush of business for the first of the year. However, find enclosed bills. You will find that I have included nothing for chair-cars, taxicabs, or dining-car service, which little amounts it will be my pleasure to stand. First trip, October 25, 1928, for the two days total amount \$24.64. The next trip for two days, November 30, amounted to \$41.09, making total \$65.73. If I have made a miscute any place, let me know about it and I will correct.

I am now preparing a detailed report of the entire pardon matter which I will send to our Commander-in-Chief. You wrote a mighty nice letter of appreciation and thanks sometime ago, also you included the statement that you would like to take care of the expenses, all of which gives credit to you and your entire family. I will send copy of this letter to our Commander-in-Chief with the report.

I have had almost hundreds of complimentary remarks and congratulations from especially members of the Grand Army family for the successful outcome and achievement of the entire procedure. I hope everything now is well with your daddy and the entire family. Your daddy is not, in my opinion, in a very good physical condition and I hope he may enjoy for many years yet to come the comradeship of his buddies at the Home.

With my best wishes, I am

Fraternally,

FRANK SHELLHOUSE.

(EXHIBIT E)

North Vernon, Ind., January 28, 1929.

Mr. Frank Shellhouse.

My Dear Friend:

Received your letter of January 23. Very glad indeed to hear from you and also to learn that you have no regrets for the part you had taken in my father's behalf. I was pleased to hear that you had received so many compliments. It goes to show that the people in general were with us.

In regard to the bill of expenses inclosed in your letter, will say that I am well satisfied and you will please find inclosed a check for the amount of your statement (\$65.73).

Should you ever drive into North Vernon, on State Road No. 7, inquire for me at the first filling station inside the city limits.

I wish again to extend to you my sincere thanks for going to the rescue of a stranger. May you never have cause to regret it.

With very best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed—THOMAS A. ROMINE, Son)

National Secretary presented a supplementary report of the Credential Committee of fifteen additional members enrolled in the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn moved that the Encampment recess until tomorrow at 2:00 p. m. Carried.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

(2:30 P. M., September 10, 1929)

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary took place in the Falmouth Hotel, National Chaplains Fannie E. VanNoy and Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., having charge.

The hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung.

A prayer was offered by National Chaplain J. Kirkwood Craig, followed by responsive readings.

Sons—I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me though he were dead yet shall he live. Whosoever believeth in me shall never die.

Auxiliary—The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Unison—Can it be so? Matter immortal, and shall spirit die? Above the noble shall less noble rise? Shall man alone, for whom all else survives, No resurrection know? Shall man alone, immortal man! Be sown in barren ground, less privileged than the grain on which he feeds?

Sons—Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Auxiliary—Yea, though I walk through the Valley and the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Sons—God hath made of one blood all nations of men and we are his children—brothers and sisters all.

Auxiliary—With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on.

Sons—But the right is more precious than peace and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest and dearest our hearts.

Auxiliary—In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek succor, but of Thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

Unison—Yea, O Lord, most mighty, deliver us not into the bitter pains of Eternal Death, but grant us Everlasting Life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

National Chaplain Craig: We will have some of the memoirs now. Past Department Commander S. F. Blumer, Missouri, passed away on November 13, 1928. Past Department Commander William Schneider will respond.

Past Department Commander William Schneider, Missouri: Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst suddenly on November 13, 1928, our dear brother and Past Department Commander, S. Ed. Blumer, beloved husband and father in his sixtieth year of his life. Whereas, by his death his wife and children have lost a kind and loving husband and father, and our order a good and worthy member, therefore be it Resolved, that the pro-

found sympathy of his Camp, the Department of Missouri, and the Commandery-in-Chief be extended to his bereaved family, and be it further Resolved that a copy be sent his bereaved family and a copy to the Department of Missouri and Commandery-in-Chief.

Brother S. Ed. Blumer joined Warren T. Stewart Camp No. 11, Cape Girardeau, Mo., in 1897, at the age of 29 years, during this time he had served his Camp continuously in some capacity always faithfully. Brother Blumer was one of our Order's staunchest supporters and willing workers. He was Department Commander in 1902 and served the Department with credit and was Secretary of his Camp many years and at the time of his death, (which came suddenly, dropping dead while going to work after dinner) was Secretary Treasurer of his Camp and D. B. A. Brother Blumer was honest and upright and never known to do wrong, and as a citizen of his town he is sadly missed by all. May he rest in peace. "Well done, good and faithful servant" enter thou into the courts of the Lord.

Rev. F. G. Beardsley, Chaplain, Department of Missouri, responded for Charles C. Wippo, Past Department Commander of Missouri: Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, on January 14, 1929, our dear brother and Past Department Commander, Charles C. Wippo, beloved husband of Cora Wippo, (nee Osterwisch) in the fiftieth year of his life. Whereas, by his death his wife has lost a loving husband and our order a worthy member; therefore, be it Resolved, that the profound sympathy of his Camp, the Department of Missouri and the Commandery-in-Chief be extended to his bereaved wife, and be it further Resolved, that a copy be sent to his bereaved wife and a copy to the Department of Missouri and Commandery-in-Chief.

Brother Charles C. Wippo joined General John C. Fremont Camp No. 35 in 1895 at the age of 18 years and during which time he had served his Camp in every capacity faithfully. He was loyal to the cause and ever ready to do his share to build up and maintain our Order. He was elected Department Commander in 1912 and again showed his good work during his term of office. He was Department Commander at the Thirty-first Annual Encampment held in St. Louis in 1912 (under Commander-in-Chief Newton J. McGuire) which was handled so well that it was remembered many years after for the fine arrangements he had planned. He was a member of the General C. D. Wolf Camp No. 5, St. Louis, at the time of his death. May he rest in peace. "Well done good and faithful servant," enter thou into the courts of the Lord.

Past Department Commander A. A. Bronsdon, Massachusetts, responded for Frederick J. Bradford, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts, who died in August, 1929: By the death of Frederick J. Bradford, the organization has lost a member who was an outstanding figure when with four Camps the Provisional Division of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans, U. S. A., was organized on March 28, 1883. Brother Bradford, who was then a member of Camp 1, of Lowell, was elected as Colonel, and presided at the first convention of the then new organization as distinct from the "Earp faction" so-called, which was later assimilated.

Throughout all the years that have intervened, Brother Bradford retained his interest and gave such service as he could. As recent as 1927, he was in attendance at the Department Encampment, an event to which he looked forward each year.

In the point of service he was one of the oldest employees on the Boston & Maine Railroad and active up to the time that failing health caused his retirement.

There is not much that can be said about a man as modest and quiet as Fred Bradford. He did not seek praise. He was friendly and kind. He never got ruffled. He never spoke harshly. His influence was felt because it was wholesome and sincere, his judgment was sought because it was sure to be clear and conservative. He was dependable.

Like many of the old-time members, the Sons of Veterans was his first love, his first experience in fraternal organizations. The ardent service he gave in the early days kindled the fire of devotion that never dimmed until death took from the rolls this fine character, and splendid example, a real Son of a Veteran.

Department Secretary J. L. Reeger, New Jersey, for George Carter, Past Department Commander of New Jersey: I will read the article that was printed in *The Banner* regarding the death of the late Brother Carter. George H. Carter, Sr., died at St. Francis Hospital Thursday afternoon, November 22, 1928, at 5:30 o'clock after a long illness, lasting over one year.

Funeral services were held by Fred V. Dayton Camp No. 3, Trenton, on Sunday evening, November 24, at which a large number of the members of the Order were present, as well as a good attendance of members of the Auxiliary. A good delegation was also present from Garfield Camp No. 4, Trenton, and Arnett Camp No. 10, of Lambertville and representatives of the several Auxiliaries attached to the several Camps named.

The following were also present at the services: Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mable, of Philadelphia; Past Department Commanders Samuel E. Lueck, Luther I. Jones and wife, of Atlantic City; Herbert D. Williams and wife, of Trenton; Department Junior Vice Commander, Harrison M. Williams and wife; Department Secretary-Treasurer John L. Reeger, P. D. C., and Department Chaplain Walter G. Barr. Services were conducted by the Rev. Howard D. Stratton, pastor of the Broad Street M. E. Church. Interment was at River-view Cemetery.

Brother Carter is survived by two sons, Ross Carter of Trenton, and David J. Carter of Wilmington, Del.; one brother, Edward W. Carter of Bristol, Pa., and four grandchildren. Mr. Carter was active in fraternal circles, being a member of Washington Camp No. 7, P. O. S. of A.

Brother George H. Carter was mustered into Fred V. Dayton Camp No. 5, Trenton, on December 30, 1900, aged 48 years. His father served as a private in Company C, 5th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, who was discharged because of disability incurred in the service, August 31, 1862.

The deceased was a Past Camp Commander of his Camp, and then served the Division of New Jersey as Division Chaplain in 1918 and 1919; Junior Vice Division Commander, 1920; Senior Vice Division Commander, 1921; Division Commander, 1922; Division Secretary-Treasurer, 1923 to 1927, in which year he had to resign because of physical breakdown from which he never recovered.

Brother Carter served the order in the above offices with zeal, faithfulness and capability. His work for the Order was steadfast from the very time of his muster into the Order. We, of the New Jersey Department, have lost a Brother who has endeared himself throughout the Department. He died with a firm belief in his Lord, whom he served fervently and cleanly.

There were many floral tributes from the several bodies of the organization in the Department and city.

E. M. Lowe, Delegate from Ohio, for Past Department Commander D. Q. Morrow, of Ohio: Demont Quinton Morrow was born at New Market, Highland County, Ohio, on April 15, 1859; died at his home in Hillsboro, Ohio, on November 24, 1928. Burial was made at New Market. He is survived by his widow.

Colonel Morrow had lived all of his life in Highland County. When a young man he taught school for a few years and was then admitted to the bar. He practiced law in Hillsboro for over forty years and was recognized as one of the leading lawyers of Southwestern Ohio. During the administration of President Harding he was offered the position of U. S. District Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio but declined to accept. Later President Harding appointed him an Assistant Attorney General. He served in this capacity for three years, being connected with the Allen Property division, spending six months in Germany.

Possessing a fine knowledge of the law, a keen analytical mind, an exceptional understanding of human nature, a wonderful retentive memory, a fine command of language, being foresighted and logical in the presentation of a case, Col. Morrow was a very able trial lawyer. In the court room no one could ever tell by the demeanor of Col. Morrow when things were going against him. His face would remain unchanged no matter what happened.

Throughout his adult life, Col. Morrow took an active part in politics, was one of the leaders of the Republican party in Ohio. He served as state central committeeman from this district for several terms and was chairman of the State Central Committee two years. For the last twenty-five years he was the undisputed leader of his party in Highland County.

Col. Morrow was a charter member of E. Carver Camp No. 48, Sons of Veterans, which was organized in 1883. In 1904 he was elected Commander of the Sons of Veterans of Ohio. He always took a live interest in the organization.

In April, 1897, Col. Morrow was appointed a trustee of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Orphans Home at Xenia by Gov. Beane and served in this position for over twenty-five years. For a number of years he was president of the board of trustees. He took a personal interest in the institution and the boys and girls. He was the friend of every boy and girl who had attended the Home and befriended many of them after they left the institution. All that was needed to arouse his interest and secure help was for a boy or girl to tell him that he or she at one time had been in the Home. He believed the state owed a duty to these children of men who had fought the nation's wars and did all in his power to give them every opportunity and advantage.

Col. Morrow was a man of exceptional ability and strength of character. He was a doer of things and a leader of men. He knew what he wanted and worked with energy and wisdom to secure the results he desired and his courage never faltered in any contest. A life of great activity, wide and varied interests and great accomplishments ended when Col. D. Q. Morrow answered the final summons.

Department Secretary M. D. Friedman, Alabama & Tennessee, presented a memorial for Past Department Commander John F. Ehrhart, Alabama & Tennessee: John Frederick Ehrhart was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1870, and was mustered into Camp No. 1 at Birmingham, Ala., April 25, 1899, and served as Captain the year of 1900. He took active interest in the Order and was elected Departmental Commander the first time on July 4, 1902, at Chattanooga, Tenn. and as Commander attended the 21st Encampment of the Commandery in Ohio at

Washington, D. C., October 6, 1902. He attended the Thirty-second Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Chattanooga, Tenn., September 16, 1912, and was again elected Department Commander May 20, 1916.

Besides his activities in the Sons of Union Veterans he was a 22nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar, a Shriner, an Elk and Knight of Pythias. He took great interest in all of his fraternities and was beloved by all of them.

He is survived by his widow and leaves a record that any member of our Order may feel justly proud of.

His many associates during his life paid due tribute to his memory on the day of his burial in which the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Union Veterans performed their part.

Past Department Commander Herman L. Laska responded for Frank K. Maples and Wm. J. A. Rooney, Past Department Commanders of New York.

Frank K. Maples, Past Department Commander, 1906—Died January 26, 1929. In passing over the unknown chart into the great hereafter, Frank K. Maples took with him the love of a fine family—of untold friends,—the esteem of those who knew him as a man and a brother, the good will of all, even unto those who did not always agree with him.

Upon a question of principle, he knew no compromise, but strove for the right as he saw the right.

In point of service he was one of the oldest members of our Order, and in the City of Brooklyn was active in the affairs of the city until a short time before his death.

New York Department mourns his loss and pays this loving tribute to his memory.

William J. A. Rooney, Past Department Commander, 1908, 1917—Died February 14, 1929; age 57 years.

We who knew him well, called him "Bill." We know too his fidelity to the Order. His sincerity in the discharge of his duties—His Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The principles of our Order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, were exemplified in his every day life. Time does not permit to give in detail his numerous acts of charity, nor the manifold activities he undertook for the sake of the Order, nor can I dwell at length upon his unselfish devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic and our Order.

Yea—His interest and unselfish devotion to our Order, was to a great extent the cause of him being called from us so soon, for it was while Department Commander that he was first stricken, and only conducted his Encampment at a great sacrifice. It can well be said that he died on the firing line—a martyr to duty.

His memory is held in the highest esteem not only in his Camp and Department but also in the Commandery, many of whose sessions he has attended.

His loss will be keenly felt by many of the members of our Order with whom he worked to make our Organization a living monument to our Fathers.

Services were conducted on Saturday, February 16, 1929, at 8 o'clock in his home by McPherson-Doane Camp No. 26. A large delegation of Department and Past Department officers and brothers of other Camps assisted at the last sad rites.

Above the average type, clean minded, genial, genteel, a pleasant personality his friends were legion.

His home life was beautiful, a charming wife, a lovely daughter, both being members of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Rooney being a Past Department President of New York. The sorrow and respect of this Department goes out to his dear wife and daughter as we pay this tribute to his memory, for he was a loyal brother, a loving husband, a fond father, and a man's man.

National Patriotic Instructor Rev. F. C. Huston responded for T. Warren Allen, Past Department Commander of Indiana. In Memoriam—T. Warren Allen, by Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Webbhouse. I hardly know of any acquaintance or friend of whom I would rather speak words of respect, honor and sweet memory than that of our late brother, T. Warren Allen, who came to our own Indiana state from the state of Illinois some twenty-five years ago, to be and has been, until his death, some few months ago, one of our devoted and most sincere workers in the Camp, Department and nation.

Past Department Commander Allen was ever loyal in his church work, as well as many fraternities in which he held memberships, especially was he very prominent in our own order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was not content with merely continuous membership, but in addition was always earnest, willing, able and helpful in activities of the affairs in all departments.

He was a constant attendant at Department and National conventions, where he held many positions of honor and responsibility. T. Warren Allen was a kindly and lovable personality. He was friendly, courteous and cordial, yet in the discharge of his duties, whenever and wherever assigned, was always firm, direct, dignified and honorable.

Very few of our members in a general way, knew so well the law of our Order, and his conduct and dealing with our officers and members in reference to the affairs of our Order, was always willing and did give valuable assistance and advice, therefore, hundreds of Sons of Veterans were made better by reason of his acquaintance.

On the floor of our conventions, Tom, (as we best knew him), was ever open and frank in discussions. He would never dodge issues. On the other hand, when the thought of duty came to him he would stand face to face with his opponents until the matter at issue was settled. He was never known to be disloyal to his friends.

Tom possessed no little degree of wit and humor, and it was a distinctive humor of his own that cropped out when least expected. Others might prattle and ramble for a time, but we all waited for the time when Tom would say the word that would bring joy and laughter to us all.

Brother Tom was devoted to his family and home. It was his pride, not long before his death, to witness the initiatory ceremonies incident to receiving into our Camp No. 356, his sons, Lawrence, Herbert and Roy, three splendid gentlemen who at once became interested and active in our fraternal and patriotic work.

Sister Allen, the widow, is a most gracious and amiable personality, and is loved by all who knew her. She is one of the faithful members of our Auxiliary No. 10.

We learned to love Past Department Commander T. Warren Allen, for the good that was in him and for the good that he performed. And so

I cannot say—I will not say
That he is dead,
But instead
Our Brother Tom has wandered away.

Brother William Cutler, Delegate from Minnesota: George W. Turner, Past Commander of Department of Minnesota, died at his home on March 19, 1929, after a very short illness, at the age of fifty-five years.

Brother Turner was a very enthusiastic Son of a Union Veteran, taking an active part in the work of the order over a period of about thirty-five years, holding at different times most of the offices in both Camp and Department.

For his work on Memorial Days and attendance at the funerals of Comrades of the G. A. R. he will particularly be missed by his Brothers of the Order.

Junior Vice Commander Fred O. Arnold, Rhode Island; for Claude W. Perry, Past Department Commander Rhode Island: It is with the deepest sorrow that we announce the death during the past year of Brother Claude Perry, Department Commander of the State of Rhode Island during the year of 1916. Brother Perry was a direct descendant of Admiral Perry of Lake Erie fame, and he was one of those men whose loss is keenly felt. He was one of the most loyal workers for the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that the Department of Rhode Island ever had, and after many years of faithful service, was taken to his just rewards.

National Chaplain Craig: Past Department Commander Ray J. Brown, of Brandon, Vermont, died in June, 1929.

Past Department Commander Guy Richardson responded for William E. Choate, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts: During my connection with the Sons of Union Veterans I came to know Past Department Commander, William E. Choate, very well. Only ten months after he received his badge of Past Department Commander of Massachusetts he answered the last call. We will all miss him very much. He always had a cheery smile and was always helping somebody. The Camp he belonged to at Beverly he helped to make the largest Camp in Massachusetts. I am sure that no brother was more loyal than Brother Choate.

As I have been looking to these memoirs, the thought came to me that this is one of the proofs we have of immortality. In this way the good deeds that these brothers have done will live on. These memoirs seem to paint magic living pictures of them. With the passing of the G. A. R. they are not lost, as they pass on they belong to us all.

National Chaplain Fannie E. VanNoy: The Auxillary will now have their Memorial Service for 290 sisters who have passed away since the last Memorial Service, five Past National Officers, two of whom were Past National Presidents, Ella Jones of Pennsylvania and Julia Moyulhan of New York. Sister Katie H. Carr will respond for Past National President Ella Jones.

Sister Katie H. Carr: Past National President Ella Jones was one of the very early workers of our Auxillary which was then the Ladies Aid Society. Sister Jones was elected to serve on the National Council; she served as Treasurer for several years and National President for two years. She served her Department in the same offices and two years as Treasurer.

For the past number of years Ella Jones has taken care of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Home where she spent her last days. She was always glad to see everyone who came to see her. Sister Jones passed away April 18, 1929.

Past National President Mayme Dwyer responded for Past National President Julia Moynihan, New York: You will all agree with me that no human hand, by its touch, could add one lotus to the beauty of the lilies of the field, that God has taken care of the birds of the air and clothed them with all the beauty of the world. I feel no word could add to the beauty of the life of Julia Moynihan. She was one who never pushed or forced her ideas upon you. She was never known to raise her voice in protest against anything, but in her humble way spread all the virtues of true womanhood throughout her life among her friends. She was an influence wherever she went. Her personality entitled her to every honor, not only with her own Auxiliary and Department, but with the National Organization.

As Brother Richardson has said, she, too, today is among us and we have read of the early days of Christian Martyrs. She lived the life of a martyr suffering willingly and never asked her friends among her friends. She always had a word of comfort to those she thought were in more trouble than herself. She has passed on to a just reward, but the example she left us will inspire us to carry on and to do better deeds and to do all that lies in our power for our organization. All that she put into and gave this organization has left a great influence thereon. Julia Moynihan should not be forgotten.

National Chaplain VanNoy: Two Past National Secretaries have passed away during the past year. They are Sister Ida Patterson of Illinois and Sister Mamie Dorsey, of Maryland.

Sister Emma Wolfe: For Sister Ida Patterson, who passed away January 27, 1929, in her fifty-fifth year. Sister Patterson was one of our oldest workers. She was a member when we were called the Ladies Aid Society. She was a member of Auxiliary No. 2 at Rockford, Illinois. President eight years, Department President two years and National Secretary one year.

I cannot tell you how I feel on this occasion, but I feel I voice the sentiment of this entire organization when I say in the passing of Sister Ida N. Patterson our Auxiliary has lost one of its most loyal members, one who in every way measured up to the test of true womanhood. I feel honored to pay tribute to a lifelong friend of mine. I cannot tell you what a shock it was when we heard Sister Patterson had an incurable illness. I can say I lived a better life, a purer life by knowing such a woman as Sister Patterson. Sister Ida had wonderful ideals and lived up to them. We who know her know this. We cannot feel that we shall ever know her voice again in the history of our organization where she lived and died.

Our dear friend, long and well have we known you, devotedly have we followed you, implicitly have we trusted you. We shall try to do as you would do and we will work on without you. You are laid away. Your life will be a guiding star. If there be any graces, honors, virtues in a dear departed friend, I lay them at your feet.

National Chaplain VanNoy: Sister Wallace will respond for Past National Secretary Sister Mamie Dorsey. (Sister Wallace then responded).

National Chaplain Van Noy: A Past National Chaplain has passed away. Sister Anna Cummins, of New Hampshire, and Past National President Blanche L. Beverstock will respond for her.

Past National President Blanche Beverstock: Sister Anna Cummins, Past National Chaplain and Past Department President of New Hampshire, was called home on June 9. This is the first break in our circle. While we had known her health was poor, when the word came, there was a gripping at the heart, a tear in the eye and lips would tremble. Much has been the measure of her service. In a sur-

did and selfish world, the glory of service triumphs even as sunshine breaks the darkness of a leaden sky. Much was her contribution to our fraternity, her kindly spirit, her helpfulness and cheer, her patient and constant devotion to our Order, are now treasured heirlooms to the many who loved her and who honored her. Let us remember her for the good she has done and emulate her virtues.

May we ever be firm in our belief
That death is a gateway to a higher life
A life much broader than the one we see
A volume of what we are
And what we hope to be.

National Chaplain VanNoy: Several Past Department Presidents have passed away during the past year and the present Department Presidents will deposit a flower on the altar for them. They are Ella Miller and Ida Patterson, Illinois; Mamie Dorsey, Maryland; Anna Cummins, New Hampshire; Julia Moynihan, Ida Jones, Bessie Headlund, Kathryn DeFries, New York; Louisa Pool and Ella Jones, Pennsylvania; Anna Zimmerman and Jessie Karstner, New Jersey; Rose Kelly, Maine; Fannie Moorman, Kansas.

Rev. Frank A. Huston, National Patriotic Instructor, rendered a solo.

Sister Dowley, mother of the Commandant-in-Chief, D. B. Dowley, of the Sons of Union Veterans, brought a bouquet of California poppies from her state of California to the State of Maine and placed them on the altar as a living tribute to the members of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxillary who had passed on.

The fourth verse of "America" was sung and a prayer by National Chaplain Craig concluded the service.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(2 P. M. September 11, 1929)

The Encampment was opened in the regular ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief Rowley presiding. The following officers were appointed: Wm. R. McGirr, Department Secretary of Pennsylvania, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Robert T. Alorn, Past Department Commander of Connecticut, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie, of Pennsylvania, as Chaplain; G. A. Williams, of New York, as Guide; Charles D. Mercor, of Massachusetts, as Assistant Guide.

Commander-in-Chief Rowley: The Commander-in-Chief and the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army state that this year the annual escort to the veterans of the Civil War was the finest they have seen in many years. Your Commander-in-Chief appreciates this service and I express my sincere thanks to each and every brother who was in line. Please accept the sincere thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The National Secretary reported for the Credential Committee that 208 delegates were accredited on the roll of the Encampment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee again read the Resolution regarding the Relations between the Blue and the Gray; also the protest from William B. Cushing Camp, and the communication from Commander-in-Chief Reed of the Confederate Veterans. The Committee recommended approval of this resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Without debating the question, on behalf of the committee, I move that this be adopted. (Seconded).

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: To those of you who have studied Civil War history, you will note that I am placed in about the same position as Senator Douglas. This resolution was presented to the Resolution Committee and the doorstep is never responsible for what is put on it. The resolution emanated from the Department Commander of Maryland in person and not through the Department and what we want is to particularly stress the main part of the resolution. The Committee is submitting this matter to you to consider thoroughly and to vote thereon.

Council-in-Chief Warner: I offer an amendment to the motion—that the resolution be laid on the table for this reason, this resolution was signed by Brother Pitcher, Commander of Maryland, and as Secretary-Treasurer of the Maryland Department I never saw this resolution until I reached Portland. I am opposed to anything of this kind emanating from our Order. I think the Comrades of the G. A. R. should do with it what they will as it belongs entirely to them. I am safe in saying that this resolution could not pass the Maryland Department. You just heard a letter read from a Camp in Washington. In this pamphlet I want to call to your attention page seven, paragraph three, which reads as follows: "However, if the occasion is to

have its full significance and to carry conviction, if it is to be more than a dramatic gesture, it would seem that it should result from an invitation emanating from the Grand Army to their numerous Sons, but now compatriots, to meet them in a joint encampment. Let this invitation come from the Grand Army.

Past Department Commander Frederic V. Bell, of Massachusetts: I rise to a point of order.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: State your point of order.

Past Department Commander Bell: My point of order is that a motion to table a resolution or motion is not debatable, and that the author of the motion is debating it.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I shall rule that your point is well taken and that a vote on the motion is called for.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn then called for the question. The motion was declared carried affirmatively.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

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

Your committee to whom has been referred the resolution concerning a matter appertaining to the Good of the Order and presented by Brother A. M. Campbell, Delegate Illinois Department, has been approved and recommend its adoption.

For the Good of the Order—That the Commander-in-Chief issue a request to all Department Commanders to have members in their respective Department carry an application blank for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on their person at all times so they will be prepared to fill it out at the first opportunity.

Resolution No. 2. Submitted by the Department of Michigan:

Whereas, The government of the United States of America is now and has been furnishing marble slabs for markers for its soldier dead, and

Whereas, Marble is the only nationally designated marker, and

Whereas, Many cemetery organizations refuse to permit the use of marble in their cemeteries in conflict with the provisions of the Government of the United States of America; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Camp use its best interest with the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Commandery-in-Chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that there be a co-operation with other societies in an effort to secure through publicity and presentation of these facts to our National Law Makers in an appeal that granite be also a recognized national marker to be used and furnished by the Government on the same basis as marble marker wherever so required.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. LEWIS, P. D. C.

The above resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of State Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at Detroit, Mich.

ARTHUR E. LEWIS, Secretary
FREDERICK McMURTRIE, P. D. C.

The above resolution was brought before the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment at Bay City, Michigan, and was unanimously voted in favor of bringing the same before the Forty-eighth National Encampment at Portland, Maine.

H. E. FRENCH, Secretary.

Resolution No. 3 emanating from Department of Michigan. This body has in times passed and acted favorably upon a similar resolution and memorialized Congress in the matter and that so far as your committee can learn, the standard marker for graves of soldiers is made. However, the committee recommends that the resolution in question be referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for his consideration and for such correspondence with the other patriotic societies as he in his judgment may deem requisite and necessary.

Your committee recommends its adoption.

Seconded by Michael H. Crowley, Department of New Hampshire. Carried. Adopted.

Resolution No. 4 has been carefully considered and is referred to the incoming Commander-in-Chief for his attention and for such publicity as he may deem will accomplish the letter and spirit of the resolution. The matter is a rather local one and as such necessitates the co-operation of the different units of our order and cannot be handled efficiently through a general plan.

Resolution No. 4, submitted by James M. Adams Camp No. 6, Hartford, Conn.: Appoint a committee to visit the proper officials of your city or township and request them to display Old Glory on the public buildings during the hours of the funeral of a Civil War Veteran, as is done in Hartford, Conn. Let us show the old Veterans all the respect in our power.

Committee recommends its adoption.

Seconded by A. M. Campbell, Delegate, Illinois. Carried. Adopted.

Resolution No. 5, presented to the Encampment, has been considered and as it embodies a political question your committee feel it is one that owing to the cardinal principles of the Order should not be considered by this body and recommend no action be taken thereon.

Eighty-seventh Congress, second session, "granting suffrage to residents of the District of Columbia." This resolution proposed: (1) A new constitutional power for Congress; (2) a new right and power for residents of the District, to be enjoyed when Congress in its discretion shall exercise its new constitutional power.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: As this resolution embodies a political question it should not be considered and the committee recommend that no action be taken thereon.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It is adopted.

Creating and restoring past ranks. Case—E. M. Lowe, Ohio Department—The committee has carefully and most thoroughly considered the resolution presented by the Ohio Department, and whilst your committee commends Brother Lowe for the privilege he has enjoyed of being a member of our order for so long a period, yet it feels that this body has no constitutional right to create the office so as to entitle this brother to the honor suggested. A deviation from our established usages and customs in such matters, particularly since the 1919 Encampment, would simply create a lack of appreciation of the honor which has not been merited by the mode provided in our Constitution and reduces the general respect for the office. Your committee reports unfavorably upon the resolution.

Resolution No. 6 from the Department of Ohio:

Whereas, The Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is fortunate in having within its membership a brother who has for a period of forty-five years faithfully and actively served our Order in every capacity save and except that of Department Commander; and

Whereas, Due to circumstances and the arduous duties demanded, it is highly improbable that said brother will ever assume the active duties of Department Commander; and

Whereas, The Association of Past Department Commanders of Ohio, by unanimous vote, has expressed the feeling that the services rendered by said brother during a long period of years merit the distinction and privileges of Past Department Commander; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in its Forty-seventh Annual Encampment assembled, that this Department, by the adoption of this resolution, does confer upon Brother E. M. Lowe, Past Commander of J. M. Anderson Camp No. 110, Uhrichsville, Ohio, all of the privileges and honors of a Past Department Commander.

Be it further Resolved, That the Secretary-Treasurer of this Department be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, with the request that the same be presented to the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief at Portland, Maine, for its consideration and that the Commandery-in-Chief be urged to confer upon Brother E. M. Lowe the rank and privileges of a Past Department Commander.

Be it further Resolved, That the delegates from the Department of Ohio to the Commandery-in-Chief be and hereby directed to work for the conferring of these privileges upon Brother E. M. Lowe.

The adoption of this resolution is recommended by the Association of Past Department Commanders of Ohio.

Reported unfavorably by the committee.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It is so ordered.

The restoration of the rank of Past Department Commander. The brothers named in the resolution presented by the Colorado & Wyoming Department for reasons assigned above is unfavorably reported.

Resolution No. 7 from the Department of Colorado & Wyoming:

Resolved, That because of the disbandment of the former Department of Colorado & Wyoming because of the death of the Department Commander and the disbandment of all Camps the following Past Department Commanders lost their honors, viz:

Jesse A. Ditson, Colorado State Camp No. 1.

John H. Head, Colorado State Camp No. 1.

George E. Yetter, Colorado State Camp No. 1.

Robert Hanna, Greeley Camp No. 3.

John Frye, Greeley Camp No. 3.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That inasmuch as the above brothers are now in good standing in their own Camps and because of their efforts in helping reorganize the new Department of Colorado & Wyoming, that their past honors as Past Department Commanders be hereby restored.

Resolution from Daniel E. Horton, Box 111, Stamford, Conn., relating to THE BANNER. As the contract for THE BANNER has over two years and six months to run the resolution cannot at this time be considered and is, therefore, reported unfavorably.

Resolution No. 8 from Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2, Stamford, Conn.:

Supplementing the remarks of Brother DeForest and the comments of Brother Shaw, in the August issue of THE BANNER, re-

garding the improvement of our official organ, the following suggestions are submitted, for consideration, as possible means of attaining the desired results:

1—Abolishment of the present practice of supplying all members of the Order with copies of THE BANNER, and substituting therefor a nominal subscription price of say 75 cents per annum, to be paid by each individual desiring THE BANNER.

It is conceded, I believe, that THE BANNER is not being read by many of the Sons. How many, it, perhaps, is impossible to say, but basing an estimate on a statement printed in the columns of THE BANNER, by a brother, that only 10,000 Sons were actively interested in the Order, it might not be unfair to assume that not many more than that number were regular readers. If this be true, the effort, time and money spent to place the paper in the hands of the other thirty odd thousand Sons, whose names are on the membership roll, is wasted.

Given 10,000 Sons who read THE BANNER and who will subscribe for it at 75 cents per annum, the revenue therefrom would almost equal the amount now expended by the Commandery-in-Chief, for the paper. For this amount, the publishers might be able to produce a more attractive magazine, of 10,000 to 12,000 circulation instead of the 46,000 now guaranteed, at the same time as being as valuable an advertising medium, because reaching a 100 per cent reading public instead of a doubtful 30 per cent reading public.

If made attractive enough, Camps could provide for copies to be placed in the reading rooms of their local public library and Y. M. C. A. building, where grandsons, whose fathers have never identified themselves with the Order or have dropped out, may become somewhat familiar with it and be led to inquire further about it. Should such a change be adopted, the money now being expended for THE BANNER by the Commandery-in-Chief, could be used in part:

- 1—To supplement the subscription price, if need be;
- 2—To encourage patriotic endeavor in the various Camps;
- 3—To build up fund, for the erection, by the Sons, of a suitable memorial at Appomattox, commemorating the peace which the American soldier, North and South, pledged there more than three score years ago.

2—Eliminate all reference to "soda" and refreshments, except possibly, in reports of National and Department Encampments, and other special occasions.

One reading the items from the various Camps as now printed, might easily gain the impression that the chief purpose of the Sons in holding gatherings and meetings was for the refreshments that usually follow.

It reminds one of a certain doctor's experience with his little son and daughter, aged 9 years and 12 years, respectively. Having taken them on a trip to Philadelphia where they had witnessed a football game between two universities; visited Fairmont Park, and various points of interest; seen the visible remains of Benjamin Franklin, then on to Washington where they saw the Capitol, Mount Vernon, and all that was of historic interest; he said, after they had got home: "Now, children, you have been everywhere, and seen everything, great football game, Ben. Franklin, George Washington and other historic sights; tell me, of all the things you saw or felt, what did you like most?" Immediately, without hesitation, in chorus, both exclaimed "Eating on the train!"

It is not recorded in the histories that our fathers feasted following the battles they participated in. We must assume that they partook of food, however, else there would have been fewer battles fought. Let us assume that the Sons fare as well at their various gatherings and conserve the space in THE BANNER for matters of more general interest to its readers.

3—As for contributions, it is quite possible that among our Patriotic Instructor, past and present, National, Department, and Camp, we have enough talent to furnish the columns of THE BANNER with interesting reading for months to come, without engaging paid talent. The article, "Appomattox Day," by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief H. M. Pratt, in the April, 1927, BANNER, is sufficient proof of that. At the same time, Camps would furnish their quota of Camp news as at present.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Resolution No. 9.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby places itself on record as recommending the enforcement of the Constitution of the United States and all acts of Congress necessary and requisite to impress upon the citizens of our country the dire necessity for the maintaining of that bulwark of National Independence and loyalty to the Government and for which our ancestors gave their full portion of devotion and pledge the loyalty of each member of our Order to those principles which has made our nation the greatest of all nations and our efforts shall be expended toward the end that peace at home and abroad may be maintained.

And that the incoming Commander-in-Chief shall, by an appropriate communication set forth such action to His Excellency the President of the United States.

Your committee moves its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It is adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Resolution No. 10:

Whereas, This Encampment has entered the hospitality of the City of Portland, be it resolved that we hereby extend to all civic and commercial interests, as well as to the Press and Hotels, our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Your committee moves its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It is adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Resolution No. 11.

Be it Resolved, That this Commandery-in-Chief again records its deep and lasting interest in our parent organization and tenders its co-operation in every possible manner to the end that the memory of those who have passed to the great beyond and of those whose presence we are privileged to enjoy may ever live on perpetual record, and that this nation shall ever be reminded that its present greatness, power and influence could never have been attained except through the sacrifices, hardships and courage of the "Boys in Blue" and that we again extend to each Veteran that sustaining arm as can be given by no other than those through whose veins the same patriotic blood flows as was the dynamic force which caused them to answer to Abraham Lincoln.

Your committee recommends its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It is adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: I move the adoption of the report in its entirety except as acted upon.

Seconded. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: Your Committee on Officers' Reports have listened to the very carefully prepared report of our Commander-in-Chief and read with interest the reports of all other Officers and Committees. The report of our Commander-in-Chief speaks for itself, showing in a way no words of ours could, his sincerity of purpose and great love of our Order. We congratulate him upon the splendid work done in the West in the formation of the new Department of Colorado & Wyoming. We would especially call the attention of all brothers to the phrase used by our Commander-in-Chief on page 5: "It is the personal touch that gets results."

The supplementary report on Departments is a valuable addition to the report, and gives to the Commandery the latest news as to the condition in the various Departments. It is to be regretted that he did not have them in time to make a brief resume of work done and actual conditions of each Department.

His first recommendation: "That as all Past Department Commanders in good standing are members of the Commandery-in-Chief, be appointed permanently as National Aides and be requested to form a Past Commanders Association for the purpose of cooperating with the Officers of their Department, and advancing the good and welfare of the Order and keeping their Camp and Department in good standing." Adopted.

Second—"That all Departments known as the Eastern Departments hold their Encampments during the month of April, that all Departments as the Central Departments hold their Encampments during the month of May, and that all Departments known as the Western Departments hold their Encampment during the month of June. That the Commander-in-Chief or some member of his official family may attend said Encampment and come in personal contact with the members."

Your committee realizes that it is unfortunate that we have so many conflicting dates at Encampment time and that it would be an ideal condition to bring about but we must remember that we are pledged first of all to meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic. Your committee therefore makes no recommendation. Adopted.

Third—"That official visits be made to the Department Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic and other Allied Orders, where there are no Departments or Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the purpose of interesting our new workers in building up our Order." Adopted.

Fourth—"That every Camp Commander appoint a Military Aide to promote our Military Department."

We believe with the Commander-in-Chief and with National Secretary Hammer, that there are occasions when we, as Camps, are called upon to parade or render some particular service for the Grand Army of the Republic and when so called should have a unit at least that would be properly drilled and uniformed for such services. Adopted.

Fifth—"That an earnest effort be made to secure the adoption of our official organ, "The Banner," as the official organ of all Allied Organizations."

We feel very strongly the need of an official organ for the Allied Patriotic Orders, but do not feel that it should necessarily be "The Banner." We do believe that such an official organ would be the ideal means of co-ordinating and promoting that closer relationship of which our Commander-in-Chief speaks. Adoption recommended.

National Secretary: I object. I think the committee is making a mistake in that matter. We are not supposed to tell the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., that they ought to take our paper. I think we are doing what we tried to do in the G. A. R. a few moments ago. I do not think it is our business to tell others what should be theirs.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I wish to inform you, National Secretary, that you did not get all the words involved.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that that part of the Committee's report be not concurred in.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter.

Recommendation No. 5 not concurred in.

Sixth—"That Department Commander and Department Secretary make a careful inspection of supplies on hand, destroy all out of date supplies and see to it that sufficient up-to-date supplies and corrected copies of Parts II, Constitution and Regulations, are on hand to avoid unnecessary delay and confusion."

In the words of our Commander-in-Chief, the business of the Camp, the Department and the Commandery-in-Chief must be conducted on a business basis, with this we all heartily agree, and have adoption. Agreed to.

Seventh—"That in those Departments where the services of members of our own Order cannot be obtained, that Department Commander be urged to call upon representative members of the Allied Orders, particularly to assist in organization work and patriotic endeavor.

Your committee can see the possibilities for good in this recommendation and move adoption.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter objected because he knew of no constitutional provision for such action.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Would it be possible to appoint an Honorary National Aide?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I know of no authority to name them as Aides in the Commandery-in-Chief. I do not believe it is proper to name such an Aide to the Commander-in-Chief, or to solicit assistance of Allied Organizations.

The recommendation was withdrawn.

Eighth—"That the following be added to Section Five, Article One, Chapter Five of General Regulations: The Commander-in-Chief is authorized to secure a yearly renewable Position Bond to cover all Department Commanders, the premium to be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief and charged to the several Departments."

Knowing from personal experience the delay and difficulties always met with in the past in trying to secure these bonds, we believe the Commander's recommendation to be a wise one and recommend that this be adopted as a procedure and so make it effective at once without necessary change in the Regulations. Approved.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gallagher is one of appreciation and of effort to serve the Order. His report contains no recommendations.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy is one showing interest and activity. His efforts in the West are to be

commended and he is to be congratulated upon the results of his labor. There are no recommendations in this report.

NATIONAL SECRETARY TREASURER

New words are not at our command to describe the accuracy and completeness of the work performed by our National Secretary Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer. The same words apply each year and yet we are not sure that we do justice to his splendid achievements which seem to be greater each year in our behalf.

We note by his report that a larger cash balance is shown at the end of the fiscal year than that shown one year ago and that all bills have been paid. This, in face of the fact that of fewer initiations from which to derive financial revenue. We do not forget either the extra expense demanded by the work made necessary as a result of the change of the name of the organization.

With reference to his recommendation to refund to the National Encampment of the Auxiliary the sum of \$214 contributed by our sisters at our last Encampment, we are in accord and recommend its adoption. His comment to the effect that Departments and Camps should aim to carry larger stocks of the various supplies needed for the conduct of business is timely and should be carefully considered and adopted by those directly concerned.

His recommendation to devise ways and means to re-instate members who have been dropped and to find ways and means to interest and hold members and also to gain new ones for our ranks should be thoughtfully considered and we are in hearty accord with his recommendation that Section I, Article VI, page 17, Chapter I Regulations, C. R. & R., relative to minimum admission fees for members being less than three dollars be suspended until December 31, 1929, this to affect the applications of former members dropped for non-payment of dues, and that Camps be authorized to admit such former members upon payment by them of one dollar. Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

We regret to note by his report that the organization made a loss of 28 Camps and 2091 members and trust that the records will show a gain instead of a loss another year.

We note his suggestion that our thanks are due Honorable Edward M. Beers, Member of Congress, of Pennsylvania, for his part in securing through Congress the printing of our National Encampment Proceedings and recommend that our thanks be duly recorded.

It is a source of satisfaction to note the pleasant relations existing between the G. A. R. and affiliated organizations not in the least overlooking our special allegiance to our Auxiliary and we unite in recommending that Secretary Hammer's kindly reference to these organizations be unanimously approved and made a part of our records.

We note Secretary Hammer's words of praise for THE BANNER and the splendid service rendered by Editor Holbrook under the new contract and are in hearty accord with his words of praise.

What Secretary Hammer says about our duty as to the observance of Memorial Day is timely and we agree that steps should be taken by Camps and Members to provide a suitable uniform and that the same should be prescribed by our Regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: The reference regarding uniforms; while this matter of uniforms has been brought up it might be well to discuss it. Camp No. 200 of Philadelphia have hit the right uniform. They carry out the idea of the G. A. R. and I think

we should consider that as the uniform of our order. There were 324 uniforms in the parade this morning.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

National Counselor John E. Sautter gives us what we had a right to expect and that is a brief but careful account of his stewardship.

We recommend that his several decisions be approved and that his suggestions as to the revisions of the digest of opinions and decisions pertaining to the laws of our organization should be revised and printed for promulgation as soon as we can finance the doing of the work. Adopted.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

National Patriotic Instructor Rev. Frank C. Huston has given us a carefully prepared report of the activities of our Departments in the matter of patriotic work done during the year. We commend his energy and zeal and recommend that his suggestions that Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors use every possible effort to secure reports that our activities may be recorded as showing what we are doing along constructive patriotic lines.

His recommendation that a committee be appointed by the incoming Commander consisting of three members of the Order relative to the preparation of a blank that will meet more nearly the needs of our work. We endorse and recommend its adoption.

We concur in his suggestion that the reports of the Department Patriotic Instructors should be made out as of June 1 each year instead of the calendar year and that the first report be made up as of December 31 the present year and ending with May 31, 1909.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move as a substitute motion that the committee instead of consisting of three members have only the National Patriotic Instructor and National Chaplain. (Seconded).

National Secretary Hammer: If I understand this right, we have had for two years a committee to prepare blanks for the Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain. It was referred to a committee last year. Why wait another year. I am sure we can prepare a form that we know the Camps want. If we wait another year we will have waited three years. Commander-in-Chief Mable made this recommendation last year. Brother Huston and Brother Craig were that committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: These blanks have been submitted to the committee. They are ready to be examined. There are about 100 copies and may be examined by any brother who wishes to see them.

National Secretary Hammer: The committee has been given two years to prepare these and they ought to be ready with their report. I am opposed to continue it for another year.

Council-in-Chief Warner: I move that the committee be allowed to withdraw that recommendation. (Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The recommendation made by Commander-in-Chief Mable last year was that a committee be appointed to prepare these report blanks, this committee to consist of Brother Huston and Brother Craig.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: I can assure this Encampment that I have received the blanks from the National Chaplain regarding both his own and the Patriotic Instructor's blanks. He will withdraw this matter until we get in touch with the National Chaplain.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: If there is no objection we are taking too much time on this matter.

National Secretary Hammer: I object. A draft of the report and blanks should be presented.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: We will give the National Patriotic Instructor time enough to prepare his blanks.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

National Chaplain, Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., has given us another year of faithful service and we commend also his efforts in our behalf. We note his recommendations with reference to the need of the revision of the report blanks to be submitted by Camp Chaplain to Department Chaplains and to the National Chaplain, believing that the work of these officers would be simplified and much money saved to the organization as a result of such revised forms and blanks as in his judgment are needed to give us the results of our work in statistical form.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: The committee recommends adoption of the recommendation in the National Chaplain's report, which was agreed to.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

The report of Brother Charles H. Hale of his work during the year shows a healthy growth and increasing interest in this very important matter of marking Soldiers' Graves. His recommendation that the committee be continued for another year, we most heartily endorse and move its adoption. The committee recommends adoption of the recommendation in the Report of Committee on Marking Graves. It was adopted.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

We commend the work of this committee on the several bills that were before Congress and believe that our Order should be congratulated on having these interested workers at our National Capitol.

They recommend that Congress be urged that Robinson's Bill be enacted into a law during the early days of the session in December or sooner. Adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING PAPER OF HENRY ROMAIN, COMRADE OF THE G. A. R.

The report of Brother Frank Shellhouse as sole member of this Special Committee is self explanatory and particularly gratifying. Your committee feels that Brother Shellhouse handled this matter in a very satisfactory way and brought happiness to those most concerned for which he has our sincere thanks. Adopted.

Signed for the Committee,

DR. E. W. HOMAN.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: With the exception of those motions that were referred back to the committee, the Committee on Officers' Reports will be adopted.

Delegate A. M. Campbell, Illinois: I presented a resolution that an application be in the pocket of all Sons at all times. Was any action taken on that?

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It has been adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The Secretary will read the communications at this time.

Telegram from Newton J. McGuire, Past Commander-in-Chief of Indiana: "Greetings to all. Success to Cazeau. Business prevents attending."

Telegram from Fred J. Phillips, Past Department Commander of Illinois: "With best wishes and regards to all the boys of the Commandery-in-Chief. Third convention I have missed in twenty-five years."

Telegram from J. R. Warner, California: "Greetings—Colonel E. D. Baker, Camp 21, Oakland, California, wishes you and yourself very successful convention. We are with you in thought if not in presence."

A beautiful bouquet of red, white and blue flowers was presented to Commander-in-Chief Bowley by the Department of Maine.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & REGULATIONS.

Past Department Commander Harry F. Weller, Massachusetts, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution & Regulations, presented the following report:

Resolution from Colorado State Camp No. 1—

As instructed by unanimous vote at our Encampment at Fort Collins, in June, I hereby present the following resolution, namely:

"That any Past Department (or Division) Commander who has lost his honors on account of being dropped from membership be now eligible for re-statement to the full honors of his position providing he is now a member in good standing in his Camp."

Past Department Commander Weller, Massachusetts: The committee unanimously recommended leave to withdraw this resolution. They are decidedly against it. May I explain further that we were in conference with some of the members of the Colorado & Wyoming Department.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: If there is no objection we will comply with the request of the committee.

Past Department Commander Weller, of Massachusetts: Resolution presented by Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Amend Section 3, Chapter IV, "Sons of Veterans Reserve," in General Regulations to read:

"Section 3. The combined units of any one Department in the Order shall be its Military Department, provided that no military rank in the Reserve shall be higher than a Colonel. The uniform and other regulations as far as practicable and consistent shall conform to the less advanced U. S. Regulations, preferably nearer to that of the Union Army during the period of the Civil War." Committee concur.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Recommendation approved and so ordered.

Past Department Commander Weller, of Massachusetts: Amendments to Regulations, recommended by National Counselor Scatter:

Add to Article I, Chapter II—

"Section 3. Upon the formation of a Department there shall be called a special Department Encampment at such time and place as may be designated by the Commander-in-Chief. At such special Encampment complete organization of the Department shall be effected, including election of officers and adoption of Department by-laws. The officers elected at such special Encampment shall serve until the annual Encampment, and shall be entitled to all honors accorded officers completing an elective term." Committee concur. Adopted.

Change Section 1, Article III, Chapter II, to read—

"Section 1. Departments shall meet in annual Encampment. Said Encampment shall be held on a day between the first day of January and the first day of July." Committee concur. Adopted.

Section 2, Article IV, Chapter II, after the word "elected," sixth line, insert "at the annual Encampment." Committee concur. Adopted.

Section 2, Article IV, Chapter II, in the sixth line, strike out all words following the word "designate." Committee concur. Adopted.

Change Sections 4, 5 and 6 to read Section 5, 6 and 7, Article IV, Chapter 2. Add—

"Section 4. The term of all elective and appointive officers shall be for one year, provided, however, that Departments may elect their Secretary and Treasurer, (or Secretary-Treasurer) and fix their term and location of office." Committee concur. Adopted.

Amend first paragraph of Section 2, Article VI, Chapter II, to read—

"Section 2. Departments shall pay to the Commander-in-Chief twenty-five dollars for the Department charter and five dollars for each Camp charter, which amount shall accompany the application." Committee concur. Adopted.

Section 2, Article IV, Chapter III, after the word "elected," sixth line, insert the words "at the annual Encampment." Committee concur. Adopted.

Past Department Commander Weller: The committee recommends that this report be accepted.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: No objection, the report is accepted and adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I appoint as the committee to extend Greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut; Past Department Commander Charles H. Heimsoth, New York; Past Department Commander Theobald C. Cassin, New York; and Past Department Commander William Schneider, Missouri.

Chairman of the Council-in-Chief Everett F. Warner: Because of illness and business Ed. S. Wilson, of Ohio, and Storrs T. Richmond, Rhode Island, members of the Council-in-Chief, are unable to be present, I submit the following report:

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

The Council-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year 1928-29, met at Denver, Colorado, September 28, 1929, the following members being present: Everett F. Warner, Storrs T. Richmond, Providence, R. I.; Ed. S. Wilson, Columbus, Ohio.

The Council organized by the election of Everett F. Warner, Chairman; Ed. S. Wilson, Vice Chairman; Storrs T. Richmond, Secretary.

Official bonds of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer were fixed. Commander-in-Chief, \$1,000; National Secretary-Treasurer, \$10,000.

The meeting then adjourned.

BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

Estimated Receipts:	
Per capita (45,000 at 36 cents per annum).....	\$16,200.00
Fees for new members (2,000 at 50c).....	1,000.00
Charters	200.00

Supplies	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Bank balance	2,762.56
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	\$23,187.56
Estimated Expenses:	
General expenses	\$17,390.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
Marking graves (committee)	75.00
Commander-in-Chief	1,500.00
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Total	\$19,215.00

The balance on hand for this Encampment is deposited in the Reading National Bank & Trust Co., certified by W. G. Mast, Cashier, at the close of business on September 7, 1929, is \$2,762.56.

The matter of Dropped members is a question of serious concern to our Order and we respectfully suggest to the Incoming Commander-in-Chief that he take counsel and endeavor to formulate some plan whereby this tremendous loss sustained each year may be greatly reduced if not entirely eliminated.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to Commander-in-Chief Delevan B. Howley and the National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer, for the excellent work performed by these worthy officials during the year; to Commander-in-Chief Howley we wish to extend our hearty congratulations for his success due to his untiring efforts for the welfare of our beloved Order, and to National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer we extend our sincere thanks for his faithful, courteous, painstaking, economical and efficient service during the year, and to each and every member of our organization who have in any way contributed to the success of our Order during the past year.

THE READING NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY
READING, PA.

September 7, 1929.

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

We are pleased to advise that at the close of business today, Mr. H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, had on deposit with us the sum of \$2,762.56.

Very truly yours,
W. G. MAST (Signed)
Cashier.

WGM:FMB

The accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer have been audited and the balance on hand at the close of business on September 7, 1929, is \$2,762.56 and his accounts are hereby approved with the thanks of the Council-in-Chief for his excellent records of business transacted.

EVERETT F. WARNER,
Chairman, Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Warner: I move adoption of this report as read.
Seconded by several. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I appoint on the Daughters of Union Greetings Committee: W. F. Jenkins, Past Department Commander, Illinois, Chairman; H. Harding Hale, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts; E. A. Vickery, Department Commander, Michigan; A. M. Campbell, Delegate, Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I ask the unanimous consent of this Commandery-in-Chief to read the balance of my supplementary report which consists of letters from the Department Commanders. It is very brief and will be of value to your incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Acting Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy took the Chair.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

DEPARTMENTS.

All attached communications are included in this supplementary report and made a part hereof.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE—Several Grand Army Posts are functioning in Florida, where no Camp exists. Steps should be taken to institute new Camps immediately.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC—The district meetings held in various parts of the state has awakened interest and resulted in much benefit to the Camps. These district meetings should be continued and more Camps should be instituted throughout the state on the county unit basis.

COLORADO AND WYOMING—Our new Department should be commended for prompt compliance with all general orders and suggestions as contained in the circular of information printed monthly in The Banner. Colorado State Camp No. 1 was instituted by your Commander-in-Chief January 11, 1928, and the Department of Colorado and Wyoming by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy March 22, 1928. When one takes into consideration that the area of the state of Wyoming is greater than the combined area of New York and Pennsylvania, and that the highway is impassable three months of the year, the greatness of this achievement can be fully appreciated. I wish at this time to thank Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy, Department Commander Noll and members of Colorado State Camp No. 1 and the Department of Colorado and Wyoming for the splendid cooperation that they have given your Commander-in-Chief, and recommend the creation of a Rocky Mountain Department to include the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Idaho. Colorado is more advantageously situated geographically to render service in these states and to organize Camps, than are the Departments to which they are attached at the present time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I understand that Commander-in-Chief Bowley, in his recommendation, provides for a revamping of part of the western territory into new Departments.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: No. We have assigned certain states to certain Departments. If the Commander-in-Chief has the power to change this I recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that if the Department of Colorado & Wyoming wish to change their name to the Rocky Mountain Department that he approve of it.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS AUXILIARY GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

The Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary was announced and Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn, Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander William F. Anderson, Massachusetts, and Past Department Commander Herman L. Lange, New York, were detailed to escort the Committee into the Encampment. They presented Past National President Margaret C. Palmer, Mrs. Bowley, Mother of the Commander-in-Chief, and Mrs. Ida Lange, Past Department President of New York.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Sisters of our beloved Auxiliary, I can assure you that it is indeed a pleasure to have you come here, especially when you are accompanied by the mother of the Commander-in-Chief. Please be seated on my left, which is nearest my heart. Brothers of the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment, we have with us the Greetings Committee of our Auxiliary. I ask you to give them a royal welcome. (Greetings Committee is welcomed by all present).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I have the very great pleasure to present Past National President Mrs. Margaret Palmer.

Mrs. Margaret Palmer: The pleasure and honor of bringing your Auxiliary greetings to this Encampment was an unexpected one, for our Past National President, Sister Mamie Deems, who is a Californian like our Commander-in-Chief, was the one chosen to bring our greetings. It would seem more fitting for Sister Deems to bring greetings to Brother Bowley for since she comes from his own Department, she could better tell you of his good work and of his achievements. However, if it is well to be appreciated by the home folks, it is also well to have your good work known by those who come from afar and I want to tell you, Brothers, that Brother Bowley's devotion to the Sons and his good work for your Order is known not only on the Pacific coast but it is also known and appreciated all through our Country and from California to Massachusetts Brother Bowley's sincere interest in your Order, his earnest work for it, and his vision for its future is known and appreciated.

The National President sends her personal greetings to you, Commander-in-Chief, and I want to tell you that she and all of us appreciate the many courtesies that you have extended to her personally and to our organization. In Sister Hansen's behalf and in our own behalf, we thank you.

We extend to you the greetings of your Auxiliary. Perhaps the best thing that I can say is to remind you that for more than forty-three years we have been working with you, submerging our identity in yours and we are proud and happy to do this because we rejoice in being the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We are glad to have a part in your work, to share in your disappointments and your successes and to work with you for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Today, all of us feel greatly inspired at the splendid and touching parade which we have just witnessed. I am sure that those of us who saw it this morning will always bear in our memory the sight of this parade of Civil War soldiers held more than sixty-four years after the close of the war. Of course, the parades are not what they used to be and just the last few years have seen the number of marching comrades pitifully lessened, but the spirit, the courage is there, as of yore. O, let us dedicate ourselves again to the purpose of our respective organizations; let us try to help these Comrades and their dear ones in every way we can. The Sons of Union Veterans and their

Auxiliary are organized to carry on the spirit and the purpose of these men and of their Comrades who have marched their last march. Their spirits, their hopes, their ideals should march through our organizations; let us here resolve that they will.

Your Auxiliary extends its fraternal greetings to you and hopes that the future will bring you even greater success and prosperity.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It certainly gives me the greatest of pleasure to present Past Department President Ida Lange of New York.

Past Department President Ida Lange: Commander-in-Chief Bowley, and brothers of this Encampment, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I come here and extend to you the greetings of the Auxiliary. I have come to ask you to try and make your organization just a little bit better than it is today. We hope, as your Auxiliary that you will go as the boys in blue have gone, with the same step, with the same firm idea, that these United States will stay united and that the Sons of Union Veterans will do their best with every iota of strength. I wish you the very best of success. Your Commander-in-Chief has been wonderful this past year and we hope that when your new Commander-in-Chief takes the chair he will be just as loyal and true as the one before.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Brothers of this Forty-eighth Encampment, I present my mother.

Mrs. Bowley: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, I feel like saying my sons, because I am one of the older members. I do not know what to say to you but they say, "When in doubt, tell a story" so I will tell you why I am a member of the Auxiliary. I was one of the members of the Woman's Relief Corps and I was here in Maine in 1885 at the National Encampment. The badge I am wearing now was given to me as a Past President's pin to help me show that we give gold badges in California. This was the first one ever issued in that Department, and so as the years have rolled by and many of the Grand Army Veterans have rapidly passed away I realized that I was one of them because in those days I worked for the boys of the Civil War. I saw many of them fall and saw them return and witnessed and realized the terrible results of the War. I felt I was better able by experience to work in your Order and tell the story for fear that it would be forgotten. We want to have it go on for generations when there will be no more Comrades. So I went into the Auxiliary. This is my story and I simply want to say that when I was initiated I thought I recognized the voice of the one who was giving me my obligation and I looked up and my son was doing the initiation work. I always see the humorous side of anything and it came to me how quickly mother and son became sister and brother but I didn't think about the obligation very much so when they asked me to express myself I said, "I am afraid I will have to have the obligation repeated. I was so interested in the one who was initiating me that I am afraid I did not understand thoroughly the obligation."

They asked me to serve on this Greetings Committee knowing I would enjoy coming into my Sons convention. Now, Commander-in-Chief, I cannot tell you what pleasure it gives me to come to your Encampment. I have thought of it long but now that I am here and received all the courtesies and honor that is given to me and when I thank them for it they say "You are the mother of the Commander-in-Chief." I do not forget that you are my son and it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be here.

I extend my greetings to you all and ask that you stand firm and renew your obligations. The Auxiliary is working hard to support you.

It seems to me that as I see you that you are going to take the place of the Grand Army of the Republic. I wish for you all the best things, all the courage to carry on and I beg of you to keep going and keep doing and I am sure we will have a gain this year for I have seen that during the last two or three years that you have been growing. I am delighted that I have joined the Auxilliary because when I happen to be walking along I hear someone say "Here is Mrs. Rowley, the mother of the Commander-in-Chief" and it gladdens my heart. I hope that I shall always be a mother to you all.

Commander-in-Chief Rowley: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Horn to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters from our Auxilliary and members of this Encampment, it is with almost as much pride as the Commander-in-Chief must have as the chairman of this committee to meet and respond to their greetings. The committee is complete in its makeup and it is expressive of many things. I have just come back from their convention. Commander-in-Chief, one of the brightest moments of your life will be when the badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief is pinned on your breast. It is a prouder moment when your own mother visits this Encampment. The words between ourselves as brothers is as sweet and tenderly expressed. There is one, however, to all of us, who is more dear, next to God, and that is our mother; therefore I say it must be a proud moment to have your mother as our guest. Sister Margaret Palmer, representing New England, and we have as the other member of the committee Sister Lange who will probably be the next National President of our Auxilliary. When we went to visit them our representatives were Brother William Anderson, from Massachusetts, representing New England, myself from New Jersey, Mrs. Hansen's Department, Brother Lange, husband of the next National President, and Brother Hansen, husband of the National President. In behalf of the committee I will say we performed our duty in extending the greetings and may I bring back to you the Greetings of the National President and the whole Encampment. They wanted me to bring to you their personal greetings and they expressed the hope that your encounter will be as loyal and true as you have been to our Auxilliary and first above all, the G. A. R. May I say to you, sisters, that I have already talked with you at your Encampment and in behalf of this Encampment there seems to be nothing more to add except that we appreciate the loyalty you have given us as a real Auxilliary. To you whom is due success. Take back with you the expression of love to your organization, and thanks for the work you have done and will do and during the next year we know that the Commander-in-Chief will go hand in hand with the National President. They are from the same Department. May we all work along hand in hand as brother and sister together with all the other organizations of our Grand Army family. We all aim for the same goal, that of perpetuating the Grand Army of the Republic. At times there may be differences of opinion but yet under all we are bound to the one flag.

Past Department Commander Charles H. Hudson, Chairman of the Rituals Committee, read the following report with the recommendation that it be adopted.

REPORT OF RITUALS COMMITTEE.

Whereas, The Ritual of our Order has recently been rewritten and revised; and

Whereas, The committee believes the form of initiation and the charges given by the Camp Officers, and especially the lecture on the

Flag by the Commander, are now striking and impressive if properly presented; and

Whereas, No suggestions of amendments have been received by the committee;

Therefore, we, the committee, recommend that no changes in our Ritual and Ceremonies be made at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. HUDSON,

HARRY W. MARDEN,

MORGAN B. HAVEN,

Committee.

Adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
(Continued)

The balance of the Supplementary Report of the Commander-in-Chief was read.

CONNECTICUT—It was my privilege to attend the Encampment of the Department of Connecticut. Efficient Department officers were chosen; a Past Department Commanders' Association formed and apparently a new interest awakened. No Camp in this Department or any other Department should be dropped without first giving notice upon the national officers and all Past Department Commanders, that they may have an opportunity to save the Camp.

ILLINOIS—The Department of Illinois should be congratulated for inaugurating a Father and Son luncheon at their Department Encampment. The twenty Past Department Commanders who contributed \$200 to their Department for organization purposes, I wish to thank for their generous action. The exchange of greetings which took place during the Department Encampment in the same hall between the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxillary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War demonstrated the true fraternal spirit that should exist between these three organizations.

INDIANA—It was my privilege to be present on the last day of the Department Encampment held at Martinsville. The State of Indiana paid a great tribute to American womanhood by creating a shrine surrounding the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Your Commander-in-Chief desires to pay a tribute to individual members of the Department of Indiana; to Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse for securing the pardon of Comrade Henry Romine, and to National Patriotic Instructor Frank Huston for distributing his poem entitled, "The Challenge of the Flag."

IOWA—To Ray B. Gibford and staff, the present Department officers and Brother H. M. Pratt, President of the Federated Patriotic Societies, the thanks of the order are due for a splendid year. The achievement of seventeen new Camps was obtained by securing the assistance of members of the allied orders and the following suggestions outlined in the monthly circular of information printed in The Banner. Greater activity in our military department is earnestly suggested and recommended.

KANSAS—The Department of Kansas comprises the states of Kansas and Oklahoma. The present headquarters are Topeka, Kansas. The Department has been unable to render a proper service in the state of Oklahoma resulting in the loss of practically all the Camps in said state. The prospects are bright for a new Department in the

state of Oklahoma. After careful survey of the situation and after conference with Department heads at the Department Encampment at Blackwell, Oklahoma, I recommend that the state of Oklahoma be detached from the Department of Kansas and attached to the new Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

MAINE—The Departments of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut meet during the month of April and I wish to suggest and recommend to the Department of Maine that they hold their Department Encampment during the month of April to enable their Commander-in-Chief to make an official visit.

MARYLAND—Have received urgent requests from Past Commander Col. U. S. Grant, III, and Commander E. H. Pitcher requesting the Commander-in-Chief to make an official visit to the Maryland Department. It was a keen disappointment to me that I could not do so, and accompany the Maryland Department to visit the Department of Pennsylvania at Gettysburg. Urgently request the incoming administration to comply with aforesaid request.

MASSACHUSETTS—The business of the Department of Massachusetts is carried on creditably. A Card Index System for members in good standing, dropped members and eligibles is in use and should be adopted by all Departments. National Aide William L. Anderson offers the following suggestion: "Let every member put on overalls and a smile and go to work for our order."

MINNESOTA—This Department comprises the states of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Department suffered a great loss in the death of Secretary-Treasurer George W. Turner. Arranged a District Meeting at Minneapolis September 1, 1922. Efforts will be made to reinstate all dropped Camps, and to organize new Camps in the Minnesota Department.

MISSOURI—The report of their Department Commander is self-explanatory. The Department comprises the states of Missouri and Arkansas.

NEBRASKA—Broken Bow, Nebraska, is the home of Hon. John Reese, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Have written many letters to Department heads of the state of Nebraska, earnestly asking that they unite in a campaign for increased membership, and awakened interest in honor of the Grand Army Christain.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—The New Hampshire Department held a very successful Encampment. Past Department Commander Elliott took me in hand upon my arrival and saw to it that I delivered seven addresses in seven hours. Past Department Commander Foster of Massachusetts represented me on the last day of the season.

NEW JERSEY—It was my privilege and pleasure to attend the annual observance of General U. S. Grant's Birthdays at Hoboken, New Jersey, on the eve of April 27, a banquet, entertainment and dance with Past Commander-in-Chief Walt Mabie as Master of Ceremonies, merited greater publicity than was received.

NEW YORK—It was my pleasure to participate in the exercises held under the auspices of the New York Department in honor of Gen. U. S. Grant on the anniversary of his birth before the impressive Grant Tomb situated on the banks of the beautiful Hudson River. To Department Secretary Julius Isaacs and his earnest co-workers our order is greatly indebted for the success of this annual celebration. It has been the custom for many years to place a beautiful wreath on the tomb of this great Union General, and I beg leave to offer as a suggestion that this auxiliary place a wreath on the tomb of Mrs. Grant as a tribute to American womanhood. Was the guest of the Nordquist

Camp No. 44, at Mt. Vernon, at a banquet held at the Elk Club, April 30; ninety-five eligibles attended the dinner, who were the guests of individual members of the Camp; Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman Estes eulogized Gen. Grant and the Rev. Finch praised the work and objects of our beloved order. Camp Commander Wm. A. Miles, Sr., the present Department Commander Waterman and Maj. W. F. S. Root are to be commended for promoting this modern method of increasing the membership. Commander Chas. F. Gould of Cortez, Colo. Camp No. 5, of Vesalia, by forming a basketball team and by earnest effort secured great publicity and built up the membership for which your Commander-in-Chief wishes to thank and congratulate him.

OREGON—Under the leadership of Past Department Commander H. L. Howe, the Department of Oregon gained in Camps and members during the past year. At their Department Encampment they pleased their members to contribute one dollar each to create an organization fund. At my request a district meeting was held at Roseburg, August 18, and plans formulated to institute more Camps on the county unit basis. I earnestly recommend that in the future the Department Encampment be held on a date not conflicting with the Encampment of the Department of Washington.

PENNSYLVANIA—The Department of Pennsylvania is to be congratulated for having permanent headquarters, efficient Department officers, and for reviving its military department. I sincerely trust that more attention will be given to organization work.

RHODE ISLAND—The Encampment of the Department of Rhode Island completed all business in one day, concluding with a supper and campfire. Rhode Island celebrates Grand Army Flag Day on February 12 of every year, in honor of the National Flag of the Grand Army of the Republic and the anniversary of the birth of the immortal Abraham Lincoln which is sponsored by the Commissioner of Education. The work of the Commissioner of Education of the State of Rhode Island is most commendable, and should be adopted by other states.

VERMONT—Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Gallagher kindly offered to represent your Commander-in-Chief at the Vermont Department Encampment, but unfortunately the Encampment met on a different date than the date which they published in The Banner, which resulted in depriving our worthy Senior Vice Commander of the pleasure of attendance. I trust that the Vermont Department will hold its future Encampments during the month of April to insure attendance of their national heads.

WASHINGTON—The Department of Washington during the past year has required the constant attention of your national officers. It comprises the states of Washington, Idaho and Montana.

WISCONSIN—Department Commander C. D. Mayhew has submitted a report that merits careful attention.

DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA & TENNESSEE

July 27, 1929.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

Your letter of July 14 to hand and appreciated.

Complying with your wish, state that I have studied the needs of this Department but have not arrived at any tangible solution thereof. There is no doubt that the Order could be better served if we had more

State and thereby have more Camps to make two or three Departments of the vast area which our Department takes in, however, this is impossible at this time, or the near future and we must do the best we know how under present conditions.

We are doing our best to keep the present number of Camps in the Department on the rolls, and of the thirteen Camps, Camps 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 14, 16, 20 and 23 are alive and doing something, while Camps 2, 7, 13 and 22 just drag along. By states we have one Camp each in Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia, two each in Tennessee and Louisiana and six in Florida.

We are sorry that conditions have prevented our Department from showing any degree of gain in the content and recast exceedingly that we cannot get your Flag for this Department.

As to Memorial Day, you and the other members of the Order can rest assured that every member of this Department is doing his duty every year in this sacred duty.

At this time, I hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting you at Portland, Maine, and until that time wish you all success in all your endeavors for the upbuilding of our beloved Order.

H. W. MARDEN,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC.

August 21, 1929.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

On account of other pressing duties my reply to your letter asking for suggestions concerning our order has been delayed a few days, I trust, however, it will be acceptable at this time.

As the years between the great Civil conflict and our own day increase the interest in our Patriotic Order deepens, hundreds who are eligibles are ready and willing to enlist with us at the asking, recent progress in building up the organized Camps and forming new ones in our Department proves this. Our appeal is unique, being founded on relationship, one foreign to all other Fraternal Organizations.

We need more members. We need also more men who can devote their time to securing new recruits and instituting new Camps. There are some states, and in other places large tracts where there is not a representative organization of any of our Allied Orders. It should be possible to work out some system whereby paid organizers could be employed.

We need more publicity regarding our Patriotic Society, modern methods should be employed and some definite plans put into operation to accomplish more along this line.

We need an order to enlist the youth of our patriotic families, to be known probably as the Junior Patriots.

In this manner they would be receiving patriotic schooling and be ready for membership in our adult orders at the proper time.

Some provision should be made for the husbands of our daughters, and the husbands and sons of our Relief Corps members who are not eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans Camps.

The forming of Past Commanders Clubs is a move in the right direction and should be encouraged everywhere.

The uniforming of officers and drill teams in the Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary is very commendable and should meet the approval of all.

I believe that the more nearly the Department boundary lines of all of our organizations coincide the better and that we should work toward that end.

I have briefly outlined a few thoughts which I feel worthy of consideration and trust same will meet the approval of others.

J. WILBUR COURSEY,

Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO & WYOMING.

August 17, 1929.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

Referring to your request for a report from our Department, I am pleased to advise that, since the institution of our Department on March 22, 1929, we have organized and instituted the following Camps: Pueblo Camp No. 7 at Pueblo, Colorado; Fremont Camp No. 8 at Canon City, Colorado; Loveland Camp No. 9 at Loveland, Colorado, and Longmont Camp No. 10 at Longmont, Colorado. Our Department Organizer, George C. Keech, is now working on a new Camp at Grand Junction, Colorado, which we expect to institute before the first of September, and which will give us a total of fifteen Camps in our Department, or an increase of five Camps since March 22.

We had a very successful Encampment at Fort Collins, Colorado, June 18 to 20, regarding which you have already had a report from our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John W. Kennedy.

In reference to the needs of our Department, would say that we have been organized such a short time that it is hard for us to outline our needs or make any recommendations or suggestions; however, we believe that the Commandery-in-Chief should provide a special fund to help defray part of the expenses involved in organizing new Camps, as in this way many new Camps could be added, where at present, the Departments do not have the spare funds to push this part of the work.

In behalf of our Department, I desire to thank you and other National and Department Officers who have assisted us in our work in organizing our new Department.

August 30, 1929.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

Conforming with your instructions in reference to getting a report to you by September 1 covering increase in the membership of our Department since the National Encampment held at Denver last September, I am pleased to report that at that time we only had the Camps of Denver, Ft. Collins, Casper and Wheatland, with a membership of 156; whereas now we have a membership of 506. Since turning in our quarterly report on June 30 showing 12 Camps with 466 members, we have added Loveland Camp No. 9 at Loveland, Colorado, with 17 members, and Longmont Camp No. 10 at Longmont, Colorado, with 23 members, making an additional increase of 40 members, or a total of 506 members. When we instituted our Department on March 22 we had 10 Camps with 396 members, showing an increase since that date of 110 members. Inasmuch as the Commander-in-Chief's trophy consisting of a Regulation Banner will be presented to the Department making the greatest numerical gain, we believe this should be considered, as far as our Department is concerned, from the last National Encampment, the same as the other Departments. An in-

crease in our Department since that time of 3450 members would warrant our receiving this Banner. We may be able to add to this report the new Camp we are now organizing at Grand Junction, Colorado, which we hope to have instituted before the National Encampment.

JAMES G. NOLL,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT.

August 9, 1929.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 14, and as you request, give herewith a brief report of the state of our Order in Connecticut, together with its needs and a few suggestions for its welfare.

At the present time, this Department enjoys the respect and friendship of all the patriotic orders and societies in the state. Years ago many of the brothers were prone to complain that certain organizations were bent upon taking from us our birthright. Today, there is no ground for such a murmur; in fact, one is sometimes led to believe that the members of the other brotherhoods respect our heritage more than do many of our own laager members. The attitude of these several orders towards us has influenced the general public, and it is becoming more and more accepted that the responsibility of keeping green the memories of the Civil War Veterans rests with the Sons.

This being so, we may well wonder why the membership of the Department is comparatively small. All societies, however, seem to find an increasing difficulty in attracting new members. There are more amusements than ever before, a man is no longer obliged to leave his home for an evening of enjoyment. As a result, lodge and Camp rooms are deserted, unless a special feature is being presented. The district meeting was originally the means of getting our brothers together, but a failure to keep up the original purpose of these assemblies is apparent, and one can hardly blame the Sons of certain districts for becoming tired of listening to stories and jokes that have no connection with the aims and purposes of their Order.

Our real need is younger, more vigorous leadership. Many of the Camps are at last awake to this want, and are getting grandsons and great-grandsons in the chairs. I believe that a careful deliberation of the leaders among these groups could work out something that would seize and hold the interest of their generations. Our main principles should remain unchanged; but our methods must be new if we are to successfully recruit our ranks.

It is my belief that the Connecticut Department, and all Departments, have been favored with very fine plans for the good and welfare of the Order. The National Encampments have deliberated earnestly and well. I am reminded, however, of Marshal Foch's criticism of the Germans. The plans were splendid, but the execution was poor.

The Commandery-in-Chief cannot be held responsible for a failure to keep the wheels of machinery in motion, such action being essentially the duty of the Departments and their many Camps. I earnestly recommend, however, that the Commandery-in-Chief endeavor to keep in closer touch with each Department, and give every encouragement to the proper execution of whatever plans are made for the well-being of the Order.

Members of the Connecticut Camps feel that your visit to their Forty-Eighth Annual Encampment did more to bring this Department into a closeness with the Commandery-in-Chief than any recent occur-

rence in our history. We wish that it might be possible for all your successors to remain throughout the coming Encampments; and not merely say a few words, fine though they be, and then leave us to our own deliberations. A feature on which I have written and talked for almost three years is newspaper publicity. It is easily seen that certain Camps are minus a brother who will take the responsibility of getting the work of our Order into print. Numerous suggestions relative to the matter are being made from year to year, and in many localities they fail to bear fruit. I do feel, however, that the Commandery-in-Chief and every Department should continue to urge the Camps to make use of the columns of their local newspapers. From personal observation, I know that such publicity builds up a Camp.

The Connecticut brothers are counting on having you with them in Hartford on the evening of September 20, at which time we shall hold our state class initiation. The affair promises to be a success, and all of us know that your presence will do much to give the candidates a real conception of our true aims and purposes.

Looking forward to meeting you in Portland, and with deep personal regards, I am,

MORGAN B. HAVEN,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

August 9, 1929.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley:

Relative to your request of July 14, I will attempt to reply. Although just assuming the command of the Department I am hunting out the flaws of which I have found a great number already.

My attempt will be—and my desire is—to place the Department of Indiana on a higher basis of efficiency. Some of our Camps are very much alive, and very active, others lagging. It is the laggard, which I will go after. I have a few prescriptions in mind and I have just started giving them, but it is too early yet to determine a cure. I believe in general the result will be effective for good.

In my home Camp we have joined together with the Spanish War Veterans and the American Legion and organized what we call the Memorial Day Executive Committee.

We have four officers which are chosen as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers are chosen from the four organizations including the Grand Army and your humble servant happens to be the Secretary. It is the duty of this committee of four to take full charge of school visitations, Decoration Day and Memorial Sunday. We appoint sub-committees from the organizations to assist with the work. We have nine cemeteries and twenty-one public schools including high schools to look after and by this organization there is none missed.

The Flag Ritual and the Flag Salute is performed in every school in the city and we make our quarterly visits of inspection.

On Decoration Day all cemeteries and soldiers' graves are decorated with flowers and a flag placed on each grave, at our larger cemeteries we have programs prepared and the people turn out in mass. I sincerely hope this will be food for thought in places where it is not practiced.

GEO. W. NENSEN,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE.

D. B. Bowley, Commander-in-Chief.

August 3, 1929.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In reply to yours of July 14th asking for a report from this Department, briefly outlining our needs, accompanied with recommendations and for suggestions for the good and welfare of the Order, will say.

The problems of this Department are local and the Commander-in-Chief cannot do much in aiding us to solve them. The Department has suffered the loss in membership which has continued over several years, and now reports a small gain for the June quarter.

The duty of the Order in this Department is now well defined. The local Camp takes charge of Memorial Day services, and sees to the marking and decoration of Civil War graves. In some instances the Camp has taken over and is preserving the G. A. R. Hall as a Memorial of the Civil War. We find that if the Camp has a good treasurer who is diligent in the collection of dues that the Camp exists and functions in the way suggested. An inefficient treasurer soon kills the Camp. An energetic Commander can and does secure new members.

It should be and is our aim to have a Camp in every place where a G. A. R. Post has or does exist. This we have not yet accomplished but are striving to do so. This means much field work on the part of the Department Officers and this is greatly hampered by lack of funds. To increase the tax would mean the loss of Camps as some of them find it difficult to pay the tax now imposed.

For a suggestion, I will add that the Commander-in-Chief can help us by not enacting damaging legislation. To arbitrarily fix the admission fee should be avoided. This Department has suffered from such legislation in times past. The local Camp should be left free to fix its own fees and dues, as it is the best judge of local conditions and what eligibles and members can afford in this regard.

The National body can aid us by having the Commander-in-Chief visit our Encampment if possible, or coming at some other time and addressing such assemblies as can be gathered together. This encourages the workers and spurs them on to greater endeavors. Such has been the result of such visits in the past.

Another suggestion is do not increase the tax if it can be helped. Such increase might and probably would result in a loss of Camps. These briefly cover some of the problems of this Department.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH N. DAY.

Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND.

August 1, 1929.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Your letter of July 14, 1929, has been received and your request for certain recommendations and suggestions to be read at the coming Encampment have been carefully considered.

This Department is reviewing several suggestions in the form of resolutions that are to be presented to the Encampment, and for your information, a general idea is hereby submitted as the reasons for making them in order that you may be somewhat acquainted with their nature and purport.

From a very careful observation, it is very apparent that the fraternal and patriotic interest in our Order is decidedly on the wane, not only during the past year, but this most unfortunate condition has been steadily going on for a considerable time, and this means but two things, either something be done at once to check this trend or the Order will soon pass into oblivion, therefore the question—What are we going to do about it?

This office has been working for some time on a matter that should assist in some way to awaken interest, to bring the Order before the public by doing some worthwhile thing that will attract those who are eligible, this action will be one thing, and then there should be some means devised whereby newly admitted members will be permanent after once being admitted to the ranks.

Consideration of the above conditions is being seriously considered in the resolutions to be offered, these suggestions may be classed as somewhat radical in their attitude but they will be by no means revolutionary. When considering the dreadful progression with which we are confronted, it would be remembered that all attempts in the past to stem this tide of deterioration have failed and unless something drastic and effectual is done at once this devastating condition will seriously affect the perpetuity of our organization.

It is regretted that space will not permit a further explanation of this important subject, but if the resolutions referred to can be completed before the time specified in your letter a copy will be sent you.

If you have any suggestions that you feel should be considered in a matter of this kind please be assured that they will be very welcome.

Looking forward with much pleasure to meeting you at the Encampment and with kind personal regards,

Please believe me most sincerely and fraternally yours,

E. H. PITCHER,

Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

August 3, 1929.

As the writer visits the different Camps in the Massachusetts Department and experiments with several ideas, he is convinced that our greatest need is co-operation. It is the foundation of success and without it we can never hope to complete the construction of a living memorial that will suitably represent the Grand Army of the Republic.

In my checkup at headquarters, I find that about fifty per cent of the Camps of Massachusetts have a set of officers who are willing to co-operate, who will take immediate action on all orders issued, answer all correspondence and send the required reports to headquarters promptly. These I am calling my one hundred per cent Camps. To these Camps we must look for our Department Officers and for our advisors. It is up to the one hundred per cent Camps to help educate those Camps who do not qualify for that marking.

The question comes up, "Who is to blame?" I have found that seventy-five per cent of the fault lies with the Commander of these Camps. The other twenty-five per cent is up to the Secretary. What are we to do? How can we eliminate these defects? It is a fact that if a Camp will answer a letter from headquarters it is in the one hundred per cent class.

I believe that an educational program should be started dividing the state into districts, forming a committee of five in each district, using your District Commander as chairman who will meet once a month and receive and discuss the complaints from headquarters of the several Camps in their said district. Visit those Camps who have refused to comply with the orders of the Department and also devise some just penalty for those Camps who ignore the request of the committee.

As the efficiency of a Camp improves so will your members increase. In closing I will again say that co-operation between Camps and Headquarters will eventually bring the required result, "SUCCESS."

CHESTER A. WHITE
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Commander Edward A. Vickery, Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, herewith tenders a report.

The forty-fifth annual convention of the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was held at Bay City, Michigan, June 2, 3 and 4, with a very good attendance, considering the fact that Bay City has no Camp and is in the northeastern part of the state and the larger Camps are located quite some distance away. Since the convention, we have four prospective new Camps to be organized this fall.

Not having much activity to report upon at this time, perhaps the following suggestions, if given consideration, may prove helpful for the betterment of Camps throughout the different states.

First: Raise standing and ability of personnel among the members as well as the officers. My point is that whenever a meeting is held, if members who attend are not officers to train them as future officers and create an interest that will get them to attend more often.

Second: More association of Camps through frequent get together meetings; i. e., whether Camps extend invitations to one another have the work put on by the visiting Camp, or have several Camps invited and the work put on by the several Camp Commanders and others.

Third: More activity of Camps along lines tending to better acquaint the general public with the object of the order. This can be well brought about by joint socials with the Auxiliary and Daughters, inviting the public to same and having patriotism to be the chief subject dwelt upon.

Fourth: Observation of all days of patriotic interest and more especially those closely associated with the G. A. R.

Fifth: Eliminate the payment of political debt at the expense of Camps and Department welfare.

Sixth: Pick members for the Junior Vice Commander whom you would want to see advance to the Senior and eventually Commander as it is my belief that a member working in the several chairs becomes more proficient when elevated to the office of Commander. This I also believe should apply to Department and National Officers.

Seventh: Exemplify the initiation in a manner that will be interesting and have a tendency to make the candidate feel that the organization is a live wire organization, and as speedily as possible, in order that the work will not be tiresome. There are many little

things that can be done and said in the exemplification of the initiation that will leave a thought in the candidate's mind. One of the Camps in the state of Michigan, whose work it has been a pleasure for me to witness a number of times, conduct the candidates around the hall and as they pass the several stations the Junior Vice, Senior Vice and Commanders in turn eulogize upon matters pertaining to patriotism, fraternalism, loyalty, friendship and brotherly love.

Yours in P., C. and L.,

E. A. VICKERY,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

In making a report for Missouri, I feel compelled to ask that you not think so much of our Department from its numerical strength, but rather how Missouri's background affects us as an order.

No state has had a more colorful history, nor played a more prominent part in the setting of great rebellion. The very ground upon which we live has resounded with the tramp of soldiers' feet, the gallop of guerillas' horses and the sound of rifle and cannon. Camp Jackson, Wilson Creek, Westport, Lexington and even my own town, Independence, were scenes of battles and skirmishes. Here the famous guerilla Quantrell band vied with Kansas "Red Legs" in the work of pillage and destruction. Brother was divided against brother, prejudices became deep rooted so that they remain to this day. Such is the environment in which we endeavor to conduct our program. Because southern sentiment is strong our progress has been impeded.

As their fathers preserved Missouri to the Union in the dark days of '61 to '65 it is largely those boys of German descent in and around St. Louis who are preserving Missouri to the Sons of Union Veterans. All hail to them!

Regarding the present status of our order in Missouri, will say that we have felt the wave of depression that seems to have fallen upon ours and other orders and have lost members and Camps. Membership turnover has been too great. Memorial Day and regular meetings have not been attended as well as they could have been. Because of these things our program this year is not more Camps but better attendance and more active Camps.

As a business firm advertises more and puts forth a greater effort during a period of business depression we can, during what we feel is only a temporary lull in our growth, put on a more active campaign to bring our order out of the doldrums.

Many theories have been advanced diagnosing the reason for our order's present condition. Many ideas, some good, and some not so good, brought to light to be a cure for what might be ailing, but I frankly believe that if we would quit "singing the blues," roll up our sleeves and work instead of bemoaning our fate and saying the "old grey mare ain't what she used to be" draw up our chins from off our chests and with a cheerful voice say "the old mare is better than she used to be," we would be on the road to getting somewhere.

One of our main troubles is caused by the nearness to the Civil War, the ease with which one can gain membership, and the fact that as yet the honor of being a descendant of a soldier of that war is not appreciated. As an officer in the Society of Mayflower Descendants and active on committee work in the Sons of the American Revolution, I receive applications without solicitation and our gains are always greater than our losses. I feel that we should revamp our

own order more on the lines of some of the other patriotic-hereditary orders before we present the proper appeal to ourselves.

You may rest assured that though ours is not a state where sentiment is altogether with us, as in the Northern and Eastern states, we here at the grand old state of Missouri can still say "I fight mit Sigel."

There is no necessity to here repeat the cold figures of our losses, gains or other statistics. This data is shown in our regular reports. Will say, however, that we are doing what we can to maintain the principles laid down by our illustrious forefathers who wore the blue so that our nation may continue on and on in its glorious way.

We in Missouri are looking ahead with hope and confidence that our order will grow and prosper as more and more the sons, grand and great grandsons of those who fought to save the Union, are made to realize more fully what sacrifices their forefathers made for them.

CLAURICE G. CLOSSON,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In your letter of July 14 you requested a report from each Department, outlining the needs of said Department and suggestions for the good of the order. This Department, at the present time, is functioning as well as can be expected. During the months of July and August, the greater part of our Camps dispense with their meetings, owing to the hot weather. What this Department does need is more new Camps, to carry on the work in those towns where there are comrades buried, and no nearby Camp to look after it, the work being taken care of by the W. G. C. or the Legion. We have here in New Hampshire several towns where a Camp of seventy-five or one hundred could be formed. The great handicap now in these towns is that there are too many other organizations and the greater part of the inhabitants belong to two or more of these and are rather skeptical about forming a new one. I have visited several of these towns and tried with the help of some of my officers and brethren to stir up some interest about the same. There is not enough who respond to the idea of a new Camp, and the others do not want to travel ten or twelve miles to join the Camp nearest their town.

What I am trying to do now is to build up the smaller Camps and am succeeding slowly but surely. I would recommend that these district meetings be made a permanent feature in every Department. They have met with great success in New Hampshire. That each Department do whatever possible to cooperate in action with the other patriotic bodies. That each district have a district picnic at some time in the summer, and invite all patriotic orders in that vicinity. That a state-wide field day for all Camps in the Department be held in the Fall of each year, the time and place to be fixed by the Department Commander. That each brother seeking the honors of a Department Officer must be a District Deputy Commander the year previous. The experience in this office proves valuable in the years following in the higher offices.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN B. DAVIS,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY.

In reply to your request for a personal report of the Department Commander, Department of New Jersey, wish to say that the past month or two following the Department Encampment have been very diligent concerning the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans in this territory.

Expect something to happen in the way of activities when our Inspections take place, which are to begin in September and last through October.

There has been some talk among a few who would prefer to return to our former ritual or something similar, having a military bearing. Personally, I am perfectly satisfied with the present, as it contains enough to express the idea and purposes of our Order.

Would recommend referring this matter to a committee on rituals.

Kindly accept my personal thanks as Department Commander of this Department for your sacrifices and your indefatigable interest in the affairs of the Sons of Union Veterans and wishing for you and yours and those you represent all the blessings the Commander on High can bestow.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

ALEXANDER EDGAR,
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

My Dear Commander:

When I was elected Junior Vice Commander in 1927 I accepted the office only after deciding that I could undertake the responsibilities of Senior Vice and Commander as I saw the job. I believe no man should accept such an office without seeing his way through to the finish and then fitting himself for the work. I also believed that all the theories imaginable had been proposed for the strengthening and up-building of our Department and felt that only practical experience and personal knowledge of the affairs of the individual Camps in the Department could possibly fit one for advice and leadership.

I further believed and still advocate that every officer from the Department Commander down should show results in his own Camp and neighboring territory before trying to build up other Camps where he is not thoroughly acquainted with the local situation.

With that in view I have appointed aides so that as many districts as possible should have the assistance of Department Officers or personal representation of the Department Commander.

Two years ago Nordquist Camp No. 41, New York, was no more active than the majority of Camps in the state. We earnestly varied our membership for a number of years, though we did get in our reports and kept square with the Department Secretary.

When I returned from the Encampment at Syracuse in 1927 I recommended to our Camp a plan of action that was carried out and culminated in a dinner on April 30 this year in memory of the birth of General U. S. Grant. Over one hundred eligible sons were invited as our guests to this dinner which was attended only by Grand Army men or their descendants, including Commander-in-Chief Bowley and the other guests. Of these over forty men have signed application blanks, investigating committees have been appointed, and we expect to obligate at least fifty new members this year. This was not the

result of a sudden burst of enthusiasm or an ambition to win a prize, but the result of a program carefully planned and carried out, no one expecting or receiving any special credit for service. The results of these efforts extending over a period of twenty months should be enduring not only to promote the healthy growth of Newington Camp but of other Camps in that section, and I should hope in other Camps throughout the Department.

Our success in Mount Vernon convinced me of the soundness of the plan, which I recommended in a letter to Camp Officers last January. In brief, it was to plan the program for the year, immediately after the annual election of Camp Officers; appoint committees then for a fitting celebration of at least four important dates in our calendar.

Veterans' Night
 Lincoln's Birthday
 Grant's Birthday
 Memorial Day

With the other standing committees this will give every active member in the Camp a task which will interest him and make him realize the objects of our Order and his privilege, as well as his obligation to have a part in the carrying out of these objects. If those meetings are planned well in advance and sufficiently advertised they will have precedence on the calendar over all community events. There will then be less occasion for the excuse that other patriotic bodies are taking the place of the Sons of Veterans in that field of activities which belong to them by right of heritage. In Mount Vernon we have attracted men who would not be interested in frequent Camp meetings and ritualistic services but who appreciate the honor of working with their brothers and spending both time and money in furthering these serious commendable objects of their order.

If every active member has a specific task and a responsibility we shall live and grow.

I am thoroughly convinced that these ideas are sound and I have done my best to spread the Gospel of Work with definite objectives and a clearly defined program for the year, made by each new Camp Commander in October in conference with his Staff, and assigning a definite and responsible task to as many of the membership as possible.

Gratifying responses to my appeal have come in from various quarters and I am looking forward to good results. I hope, at least to lay the foundation of a stronger organization on which my successor may build up the Department if we do not see the desired results immediately.

There are four or five associations of Camps each covering a section of the state. These associations should arouse a spirit of friendly rivalry among the Camps and serve as a clearing house through which the Department Commander may deal more readily and more intelligently with the individual Camps. Of course I recognize the danger of the Camps losing their identity unless the association realizes and meets its responsibilities. However, the Department Commander must use every available opportunity with a view to strengthening the whole organization.

Throughly appreciating the splendid effort you have made, the inspiration that you have given to every Department, and with most cordial wishes that you may realize some satisfactory results from your endeavors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. A. WATERMAN,
 Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

In compliance with your request of July 14, I am enclosing here with a report on some of the "needs" of the Ohio Department as I view the situation after a few weeks of observation.

My comments on these needs are of necessity brief and perhaps incorrect, but are offered in a friendly spirit with only one thought in mind and that is for the good of our Department.

A. A very material reduction in the number of members dropped.
 B. Increasing the interest of the members.
 C. Instituting a Camp in towns where there is a Post of the G. A. R.

D. Deeper appreciation on the part of all members for the extraordinary privilege of being permitted to "carry on" for the Union Veterans.

E. A more active participation in the patriotic activities of our communities.

F. Annual celebration of the anniversary of some important event connected with the Civil War or the anniversary of the birth of some important Union Soldier, this to be in addition to Union Defenders' Day and Veterans' Night.

G. A more responsive attitude on the part of Camp officers to the requests of Department officers, especially in regard to reports.

H. An individual belief in our Order that will tend to stimulate a greater desire for service.

I. Absolute necessity of adding new members especially among the grandsons.

The foregoing "needs" are evident in our Department, now as to recommendation.

(a) Regarding item "A"—Dropped members. I firmly believe that if each Camp Treasurer would take a personal interest in the collection of dues, see to it that the delinquent member is given an opportunity to state his reason for being delinquent. Make every honorable effort to keep the brother from being dropped, we would curb this disagreeable evil. The Camp Commander can assist by having interesting meetings; if necessary have few meetings a year, but for goodness sake, make them interesting.

(b) Interest in a Camp can be obtained by the Camp being of more service to the community; create "jobs" for the individual member to perform; have men of ability and initiative in your community address your meetings, get more publicity in the press; wear the bronze button.

(c) Obtain some active Grand Army man in a town where there is not a Camp and have him canvass the situation to see if there are eligibles enough to form a Camp, if there are, then let him go ahead. These old fellows are the best salesmen our order has. Better make use of them while we have them.

(d) Our privilege in being requested to "carry on" for the Grand Army ought to be enough incentive for any red blooded he man. But it seems to me that so many of us fail to thoroughly appreciate this honor. Try and make the luke warm member see this opportunity for service. Get him interested in Memorial Day. The privilege of being permitted to participate in the services of this sacred day ought to be sufficient to quicken within the hearts of every Son of a Union Veteran a strong desire for more active participation in all of our affairs.

(e) On special patriotic holidays obtain speakers to address the school children in all the schools. If your funds permit, give flags to churches, schools, etc., and always be ready to participate in any patriotic gathering.

(f) Every Camp ought to have some very particular celebration each year. Our own state of Ohio has been honored by having several Union Generals claim it as their birth place. Take the anniversary of the birth of some important character of the Union Army. Have a dinner with an appropriate program, obtain publicity and endeavor to make the celebration bigger each succeeding year. Have the Auxiliary and other allied organizations participate if necessary—make it a real worth-while event. If our organization does not take care of the anniversaries of this sort no other body will and in time Civil War history and Civil War characters will be forgotten.

(g) The sooner Camp officers realize they are important factors in the successful operation of a Department the better will be the workings of the Department. Camp Commanders should see that the various reports are forwarded to the Department Headquarters on time, not 30 to 60 days after they are due or until the Department Officer has been compelled to write several letters. Correspondence should be answered promptly. Endeavor to conduct the business affairs of the Camps in a business-like fashion.

(h) Cultivating a stronger belief in the principles and ideals of our Order today than the day we took our obligation will stimulate individual interest.

(i) For goodness sake, tell other eligibles about your Order. Don't wait for somebody else, do it yourself. There is almost an unlimited field. Get busy and sell the idea, if you don't then our Order will continue to grow smaller and more ineffective.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JAMES M. HUGHES, JR.
Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

My Dear Commander:

The needs of the Rhode Island Department, as I see them, are many but the ways to meet them are not very clear.

NEEDS.

- 1—A larger membership.
- 2—Active interest of Past Officers. (Important).
- 3—More self-supporting and efficient Camps.
- 4—More money in Camp treasuries.
- 5—Closer association with the activities of the G. A. R.
- 6—Camp for every Post of Veterans.
- 7—Greater publicity in celebrating important events.
- 8—More harmonious co-operation with allied orders. (Very important).
- 9—More men of public position in our ranks. (Important).
- 10—Interesting program at all Camp meetings.
- 11—Care for every Veteran's grave.
- 12—A systematic search for neglected graves.

13—Reorganization as leaders in patriotic work.

14—Good will and favor from every Post of Civil War Veterans. (Important).

I feel sure if all these needs were satisfied there would be no doubt about the future of the Sons of Union Veterans in Rhode Island.

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

GEO. E. BOWMAN,

Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN.

The needs of the Department are manifold. We need a Camp in every county seat at least. We need a membership which will respond when appealed to by their Department officers and National officers. We need a leader in every Camp who will take a special interest in keeping the brothers moving in the right direction. We need to reinstate many of the Camps that have been dropped through carelessness of the membership. We need a fund to make it possible for some Department officer to visit every delinquent Camp as many times during the year as is necessary to re-interest them in the work.

I would recommend that every Camp go out after members and try to get in at least 10% of its membership in new members each year. I would recommend that every Camp make a special effort to reinstate all delinquent members making a 100% Camp. I would recommend that the Commander-in-Chief authorize each Department to arrange for a continued membership in communities where there are not sufficient members to pay the hall rent and continue the regular meetings. It might be possible for the Department to say to those men that if they would forward a nominal membership fee of \$1.00 a year they would be kept in good standing and later a Department officer might visit the community and re-organize the Camp.

Your request for a report concerning matters to which you refer in your letter of July 14 is at hand and I am sending you by separate sheet in this enclosure the report as best I can.

Of course, you know that being a new officer in the Department, I am not as well informed on matters concerning the Department as my predecessor would be.

I regret very much that it will be impossible for me to be present at the Commandery-in-Chief meeting this year, but sincerely hope that you may have a most successful Encampment.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

C. D. MAYHEW,

Department Commander.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON

Legislation adopted by the Fortieth Annual Encampment (held in Hoquiam, June 18, 19 and 20, 1929) directed that the office of the Secretary and Treasurer be separated and the system of keeping Department records, files and correspondence that was instituted in 1921 (and maintained for several years thereafter) be restored.

It is the wish of the Department Council that Department Officers take such steps as will insure the system referred to being immediately put into effect and properly maintained. As a first move it is suggested that a balance be struck with each Camp and that propo~~se~~

entries be made to reconcile the ledger with such agreed balances, if any, either way. Thereafter each Camp should be charged (through journal entries) with all supplies (furnished on requisition or otherwise), per capita tax, membership fees and other charges as per respective reports, etc. They should likewise be credited with all payments made by them and all allowances that are made for camps or by Encampment legislation. New Camps should be charged with charter fee, packet of supplies as outlined in Section 4 of Article IV of Department By-Laws and all other debit items as was done before. Credit should be entered for such amounts as are received from them, etc., etc.

To prevent unnecessary delays in rendering reports to the National Secretary-Treasurer the Department Secretary and Department Treasurer are requested to comply with the requirements of Sections 3 and 4 of Article V of Chapter II of the C. & G. by presenting and forwarding their reports and remittances not later than January 13, April 30, July 31 and October 31 of each year. All information and remittances received from Camps (and other sources) up to the day each report is closed should be included therein. Books and records should be balanced and closed accordingly. Dates shown in books and records should be actual date of receipt and disbursement or entry covering. Reports, information and remittances received after books are closed for a quarter (and reports have been forwarded to National Headquarters) should be carried over to and included in the following quarter.

Camp officers should be earnestly requested to get their records into shape as will permit the rendering of reports and the making of remittances promptly at the close of each quarter. They should be impressed with the idea that every effort they put forth will be appreciated by all the Brothers whose "grit" will be honored thereby. It is suggested that each Camp Secretary shall forward his report form 27 to the Department Secretary on the last day of each quarter. Report form 28 should also be forwarded by each Camp Treasurer at the same time but the forwarding of report form 28 or remittance to cover. The idea of this is to give the Department Secretary a line on the status of each Camp so he can make his reports to the National Secretary on time and still have it reflect the exact status of the Department. Camps whose remittances do not follow their report form 27 very closely should be asked to hustle them along. If they have no money in the treasury with which to pay what is due the Department they should collect enough out hand to pay the bill. In the absence of doing that it is suggested that the Camp Commander and Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer sign and forward a due bill (for what they owe the Department) that they will guarantee payment within at least thirty days. A requisition form similar to that on form 27 should be provided for Camps whose status has not changed during a quarter.

Camps that have been dropped or are in arrears should be diplomatically brought up to date in the payment of their per capita tax and other charges and as speedily as possible. If no other way can be found the Department Council is prepared to sanction a definite compromise that will cover what the Department has advanced to National Headquarters to keep them in good standing or even less—if necessary to meet an emergency. Care must be taken to always allow for the \$1.00 that is charged by National Headquarters for reinstatement of Camps that have been dropped.

The Department Per Capita Tax was again fixed at 20¢ per member per quarter from and after July 1, 1929. Because all Camps were not advised of the fixing of that amount last year, and many have

been paying at the old rate of 20c, it was ordered that credit be passed to each Camp for all amounts that were paid by it in excess of 20c per member per quarter from July 1, 1928, to July 1, 1929. The Department Secretary will please attend to sending out the necessary credit memorandums, to such Camps as are entitled to receive them, at the same time Department Commander's first order (or circular) for the new term is mailed out. 10c per member per quarter of the Camp per capita tax paid at the rate of 30c will be placed in a special fund to be known as "Grave Marking Fund" and same shall be disbursed only on proper authority of the Chairman of the Department Grave Marking Committee and the Department Commander when the Department Encampment is not in session.

The Fortieth Encampment also ordered that the first sentence of Section 4 of Article V of Chapter II of the C. & R. be strictly complied with. To that end the Department Secretary will be furnished with requisitions, or warrants, to be used in drawing orders on the Department Treasurer. No funds will be paid out by the Department Treasurer without proper warrant unless ordered to do so by the Department Encampment when in session. Hereafter expenditures for Department Per Capita Tax, Membership Fees, Supplies, Printing, Stationery, Postage and necessary Official Travelling Expenses of Department Officers, when the Department Encampment is not in session, will be made only by authority of the Department Commander who will evidence his approval of the same by counter-signing all warrants drawn on the Department Treasurer and placing his O. K. on all bills rendered against the Department in accordance with his authorization. No expenditures will be made, or indebtedness incurred, for or on account of the Department—for any items not hereinbefore specified without the written approval of at least two members of the Department Council. Invoices properly O. K'd must accompany all requests on the Secretary for warrant on the Treasurer. Invoices will be retained by the Secretary and numbered consecutively in the order of payment being authorized by the drawing of a warrant. Warrant number must appear on the face of each invoice. A rubber stamp will be provided for the Secretary's use in these requests.

May we commend the zeal with which the new Department Secretary and new Department Treasurer are entering upon their duties. It certainly is refreshing to have two such capable Brothers who are willing to take the time necessary to attend to their respective offices in the manner contemplated in the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. If our good Department Commander can devise some way to get Camp Secretaries and Treasurers to follow suit he will earn the eternal gratitude of every member who has the good of the Order at heart, to say nothing of its being a milestone in the march of each Camp—and finally the whole Order—to that much desired goal: INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP, INCREASE IN INFLUENCE, INCREASE IN RESULTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORMS FOR CHAPLAIN AND PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

National Chaplain Craig: As a member of the Committee to prepare new blank Forms of Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain Reports, I present blank forms copies of which I sent to Commander-in-Chief Bowley and National Secretary Hammer.

This blank is simply as outlined. There are no other changes than this. I received from the National Secretary some suggestions which I have incorporated in these reports from time to time. This

has been approved. Before coming here I had my stenographer strike off 150 Camp Chaplains and Department Chaplains reports.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: I cannot see that you are getting completely out of trouble by the adoption of that blank for I remember one question, "number of churches," for instance in the city of Philadelphia. Only about one-half a dozen Camps report the number of churches. Another one, "the number of schools" for instance in the city of Chicago or the city of New York. What difference does it make. We are not interested with statistics such as that.

National Chaplain Craik: You noticed I said within the jurisdiction of this Camp.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman: The Camp has jurisdiction anywhere.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: I move we continue for the present with the Camp and Department Chaplains reports.

National Secretary Hammer: This is from the proceedings of 1928, page 42: "I move that the National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor be a committee to revise the report blanks of the National Chaplain and National Patriotic Instructor."

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that the present Camp and present Department Blanks as it pertains to the Patriotic Instructor be continued for one year and that the present Committee be discharged and that a new Committee consisting of the Patriotic Instructor be appointed to present a new blank to the next Encampment. (Carried).

Past Department Commander W. F. Jenkins of Illinois reported that the Greetings Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans had fulfilled its duty.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE W. R. C.

The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was reported to be in waiting. Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon and Sherman were appointed to escort them in. They were presented and welcomed.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I present to you Mrs. Sylvester, President of the State of Maine, Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Sylvester: Commander Bowley and members of the Sons of Union Veterans; as President of the Woman's State Relief Corps of Maine, I extend to you the greetings of our order. I welcome you to our grand state of Maine. There is a little bit of confusion in regard to our organization, so I will tell you what our organization means. In 1865, shortly after the close of the Civil War a few women here in Portland formed the first organization. We were the mother organization, the first organization to be formed in America, to help the Grand Army Veterans. We called our-selves the Woman's Relief Corps. Only women who were relatives of the Grand Army Veterans could belong. We now have a state organization of twenty-seven camps. Although our membership is not large we are still carrying on and will do all we can to help the G. A. R.

I extend to you the wishes of the State Woman's Relief Corps of Maine and I wish you a very busy and prosperous year and a successful convention.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I present Mrs. Alexander, Past President of the Association.

Mrs. Alexander: Surely this is a pleasant surprise to me to have the honor of accompanying our State President. It always fills me with inspiration to come to the Sons of Union Veterans Encampment

because my father was a soldier and I realize the work of the Sons is to carry on the work which our fathers have done. Of course their work is nearly completed. They have got to pass along and leave their work and it certainly falls on the Sons of Union Veterans. What greater work is there in America, beautiful America, and for the wonderful flag which means so much. I wish you success in carrying on your undertakings and in teaching the children to honor the flag.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon responded to the Greetings Committee: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters from the Woman's Relief Corps and Brothers, if I appear many more times in the role of responding to the ladies I will be called a ladies' man. Things have advanced very materially since I became a member of this organization, not only in science, but in the manner of running the organization and it has been so with the ladies. Here is a little story. "The other night an old lady answered the 'phone. It was her daughter and she said: 'It is three o'clock in the morning, mother, but do not worry about me. I am arrested and in jail. Kindly come down and bail me out.'" Things are progressing and that is the way it is with our organization. I am delighted to know that this is another organization for the advancement for the assistance of the G. A. R. and from the presence of you two ladies it augurs well for the G. A. R. in the State of Maine as well as for the Sons of Union Veterans. I know you work for one as well as for the other. I thank you for coming here. It is an inspiration to those here. When you return to your organization kindly extend our best wishes and we will be glad to see you again at any time.

The Committee was escorted out.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut reported that the Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the G. A. R. had performed its duty and that they were requested by that Encampment to accept greetings from them.

Brother Arthur Pratt of Massachusetts was detailed to take the place of Harry Hartwell, Color Bearer.

PRESENTATION OF FLAG.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: For the best gain during the period of the 1st of January, 1929, to the 1st of September, 1929, this beautiful American Flag is to be awarded. I have requested all Departments to report to me after the June report, and according to my own information and that furnished to me by our National Secretary, I wish at this time to announce the winner of the Commander-in-Chief's flag, with the title that goes with it, to the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, Sons of Union Veterans. Commander Noll, I present you with this Flag. (Applause). You have proven yourself a true son of a great soldier. I have known your father as Adjutant-General Noll for many years. I predict in the future that you will render to this organization the same service as your father did to the Grand Army of the Republic. I congratulate you for having the winning Department. I hope that you will allow the Commandery-in-Chief to use it until you go home. I wish you much prosperity and I surely appreciate all you and your brethren have done for our organization.

Department Commander James G. Noll of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming: In behalf of the brothers of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this gift. I am quite surprised that we should win this as we are the baby Department, but we certainly appreciate it. It is only through the hearty cooperation and work of Brother Kennedy and the Camp that we were able to do so, and also, Brother George Beach, our Organizer. In behalf of our Department I thank you for this wonderful gift.

SHELLHOUSE PRIZES.

National Patriotic Instructor Huston: Commander-in-Chief Bowley I have a proposition to place before this Commandery-in-Chief. Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, who is unable to be present, wanted me to put this before you. He proposed to have a Contest and for that fund has given \$200 to be distributed in four different prizes. First prize, \$100; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$30, and fourth prize, \$20. These prizes are to go to individuals and Camps that will provide the best five reasons on "Why I Should be a Member of the Sons of Union Veterans." The idea is to call out from the different workers throughout our Order the very best thought along this line. These may be submitted by the Camps and it is hoped that it should be the combined thought of the Camp. You may present these under the name of one individual member, but it is hoped, my friends, that you will enlist the whole Camp and that is Col. Shellhouse's thought, so that you may pool your answers and then submit to a committee, which shall be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief, and this committee shall make this contest known throughout the order to gain as much widespread interest in this matter as is possible. He has suggested, also, that no Past Commander-in-Chief may be eligible for this. I think you will see the wisdom in that. However, the Past Commanders-in-Chief can pool their answers with their Camps, but no Past Commander-in-Chief can receive the prize. They may operate through their respective Camps then the Camp at large may receive the benefit of their pooled wisdom in this proposition. I would like to have the matter discussed. Colonel Shellhouse gave me this very strict counsel. He said, "I have no money to throw away. I have \$200 to give to the Sons of Union Veterans if it is thought by the Commandery-in-Chief to be a worthwhile proposition." I have placed this before you and would like to get the consensus of opinion at this time. It is up to you whether or not these prizes will be forthcoming. Colonel Shellhouse is perfectly willing to give this money if it is for the good of the order.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Thank you for conveying the message of the Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse. We regret very much that he is not with us today in person. I know that we will all be very happy to accept this offer and I should like to have a motion made at this time that the Commandery-in-Chief accept this generous offer of Col. Shellhouse.

Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, of Massachusetts: I move that we accept this offer made by Col. Shellhouse and that a committee be appointed.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Crowley, of New Hampshire. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I suggest that we give a rising vote of thanks to Col. Shellhouse. (Carried).

National Patriotic Instructor Huston: I should have stated before I began this proposition that Colonel Shellhouse wanted to be at this Encampment but the condition of his wife's health made this an impossibility, but he told me to carry his love to this Encampment. The Lord never made them any better than Colonel Shellhouse.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon reported that the Greetings Committee to the Woman's Relief Corps had performed its duty.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter moved to recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning and then continue in session until ended. Seconded by Past Department Commander Crowley, of New Hampshire. Carried.

Adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

(9:25 A. M., September 12, 1929)

The Encampment was opened in regular ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Bowley.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was read:

Boston, Mass., September 9, 1929.

Only the most important business prevents my attending the annual convention this week at Portland. I had actually made all arrangements to leave Boston Tuesday morning for Portland, when I was summoned on a matter that I could not possibly have had continued. Needless to say I deeply regret this situation for I had looked forward with the fondest anticipations of greetings you and many dear old friends of the happy days gone by.

It goes without saying that you and the brethren now in session at Portland have my very best wishes and affectionate regards, and may the result of your patriotic labors be of the very highest type to our country, flag and organization.

With renewed assurance of my deep personal esteem for you and the convention.

Cordially and fraternally,

J. B. MACCABE,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: We are waiting for the committees to report. I call your attention to a method I have found of great value in keeping the dues paid in your Camp. I want to suggest that you have a quarterly honor roll of members of your Camp posted in your Camp room containing the names of all the brethren who have paid their dues up-to-date. You will be surprised to see how many want to see their names in print on that honor roll. Take this suggestion home to your Treasurer.

Robert T. Alcorn, Past Department Commander, Connecticut: What are you going to do with those members who haven't been to meetings for twenty or thirty years? We find in our Camp at Hartford that it is a good idea to have a collector. We have a man appointed to collect dues. The Treasurer has nothing to do with it. Stedman Camp, at the present time, has 95% of the dues paid.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: We must do something to stop the leak. This matter of dues is mighty important. Members are being dropped because of non-payment of dues. Has any Department Commander or Delegate any suggestions? Let us all get in on it.

E. L. Jancrow, Delegate, Vermont: I always tell the candidate who is going to join, when he asks me how much the dues are, that it is \$6.20 to join the Order. This includes the initiation fee and an-

meal dues. He pays a year's dues in advance. Ninety per cent of these fellows will pay. This is very effective and we very seldom lose a member if we start them right. In years gone by the Treasurer used to say, when I brought the application, initiation fee and dues, that he did not want the dues, he just wanted the initiation fee. Most candidates want to pay the whole business, the initiation fee and the dues all at once.

COMMITTEE ON SHELLHOUSE PRIZE.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The committee which will be known as the Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse Prize Committee is appointed as follows: National Patriotic Instructor, Frank Huston; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, John W. Kennedy, and myself, as requested by Colonel Shellhouse.

National Patriotic Instructor Huston: I would like to ask the Departments represented and the Camp Commanders who are here that we get after this information. We want to get the entire membership of every Camp talking about it. Get every Son of a Union Veteran writing, "Why I should belong to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The benefit which is to be derived from this will depend on the interest taken. I trust it will reach every member of the order as that is Col. Shellhouse's idea. He wants to awaken the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans. He wants them to get busy trying to think of an answer and to post those answers and next year, if the answers prove to be what we think they should I trust that they will be put into concise form. The benefits of this campaign are many and I trust we will have the hearty cooperation of every Son. Take this message back to your individual Camps. Let's make the most of it and show that we appreciate Colonel Shellhouse giving this \$200.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Morgan B. Haven, Department Commander, Connecticut, invited all the brothers who could to attend the State Department Class Initiation to be held at Hartford, Connecticut, September 29.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy: In the Department of Colorado & Wyoming we do not tell prospective members about paying the dues quarterly; we tell them that the dues are paid annually in advance.

J. Wilbur Conway, Department Commander, California & Pacific: I would like to stress the importance of the District meetings as we see it out in the West. I understand that in our domain quarterly meetings are being held and are similar to the District meetings in the West. Possibly you who have one state in a Department have County Organizations. On the Pacific coast we do not make divisions as small as that. We have to have our lines extend across more territory. We have our territory divided into districts and meetings are held quarterly. We have classes for initiations brought in by the different Camps. I feel that this information should be given in all the Camps at this time. Small Departments are necessary in order to strengthen our state, our entire organization. I thought I would mention this so that you may be able to know what we are doing and how much we appreciate and feel this arrangement is benefiting our organization. The Commander-in-Chief made mention of this in his report and it meets with his approval.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stearn spoke on Patriotism, Commander-in-Chief Bowley on Loyalty to the Flag, getting to work and making this organization the best in our country on the earth.

\$100 PRIZE—ENCAMPMENT OF 1928.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: Regarding the reward of \$100 approved by last year's Encampment. We are trying to get something done. Unfortunately this committee was appointed and your outgoing Commander-in-Chief was made chairman. At the time I did not notice the fact and left the Encampment without making any arrangements, without knowing what we were going to do. I just got ready to do something when I was taken sick. Then the committee was unable to get together to form any kind of rules as to conducting the contest. I thought I might be able to publish some kind of rules on "How to Hold the Interest of Our Younger Members." We have not enough to go ahead and do anything. It was not the fault of the membership that we did not get a bigger response. We ourselves did not do a thing. I do not think it would be right to report as nothing has been done. We have some answers that show a lot of time has been taken, a lot of thought has been given, and some of the suggestions made are worth while. It is for that reason that these answers might not be thrown out, that the time and thought given by these brothers have been wasted. Instead of making a report of any kind, instead of asking that the committee be continued, I want to turn these answers over, possibly to the Editor of The Banner that he might use the matter contained therein. I would much rather that you would reappoint a committee to take care of this composed of the Department Commanders. They come in contact with their various Departments where they will issue orders to their various Camps. Something might be made of this contest and the committee suggests that the answer already turned over be given to this new committee. No award will be made at this time but at the next Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection this report will be accepted and the recommendation adopted. It is so ordered.

Past Department Commander Fred G. Hansen, New Jersey: Brother Mabie recommends that this offer be continued. I doubt if we know where these answers are to be sent. They should be sent to one central place and this one central place send copies to the different Commanders. I move that Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie be a committee of one to handle the situation and when he thinks it is necessary to make the deciding award.

Seconded by Past Department Commander John L. Reeger, of New Jersey. Agreed to.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR—CHAPLAIN—NEW FORMS REPORT.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hamlett: Regarding the Needs of Camp Patriotic Instructor and Camp Chaplain, the National Patriotic Instructor and National Chaplain are prepared to report new forms. I therefore move that we reconsider the motion of yesterday relating thereto.

National Secretary Hammer seconded this motion. Adopted.

National Patriotic Instructor Huston: We are informed that the supply is practically all gone and therefore necessitates immediate printing of new blanks. We want all the information possible on this form which will be of some value to the Order as it comes to the Department and National Patriotic Instructor. (The Patriotic Instructor's proposed form was read). I move adoption of this blank or report.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: If there is no objection this recommendation will be adopted.

Past Department Commander D. D. Hammelbaugh, Pennsylvania: I haven't any serious objections to this blank. However it calls for a

report as to the number of flags presented to schools, the number of flags displayed on school buildings, etc. The Department of Pennsylvania would show blank on these items. That is, the item of presentation, because the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania make it obligatory that the flag be displayed on every school building every school day when the weather is not inclement. There is no opportunity in the State of Pennsylvania for any Camp to present a flag to the school. The law also provides that the flag shall be displayed inside the building as well as outside. There is no objection about the item of flags being presented by the Camps but in Pennsylvania there will be no opportunity to get this down as we have no opportunity to present flags.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: It is my understanding, however, that the law of Pennsylvania only provides that the flag be displayed on or about the school building. Within the last year the Auxilliary attached to our Camp has presented in the neighborhood of 75 to 100 flags to be displayed in the individual school rooms.

National Patriotic Instructor Huston: The laws of your state require the display of the flag on public school property and the display of the flag in each school room.

The Logan Fife and Drum Corps of Rockford, Illinois, rendered two selections.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Department Commander Harry F. Weller, Massachusetts, Chairman of the Constitution and Regulations Committee, reported: On the recommendation of National Secretary Recommended: That until December 31, 1930, Section 1, Article VI, page 17, Chapter I, Regulations C & R., reading: " * * * the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than (\$3.00) three dollars * * * " Be and is hereby suspended as applicable to and affecting the application of a former member of a Camp dropped for non-payment of dues; and that Camps are authorized and MAY admit such former members upon payment by them of ONE (\$1.00) Dollar." Committee concur in recommendation and recommend its adoption.

Past Department Commander Fred G. Hanson of New Jersey: I amend that by adding two words "no less" than \$1.00.

Department Commander J. Edward Selig, Pennsylvania: No doubt this is a good proposition and Secretary Hammer may be correct in saying it was work out. A Department has a perfect right to set its initiation fee, but we are doing just the thing that we do not want to do. We hold ourselves so cheap that no one wants to join. In many cases they say, "We are going to take you in for \$1.00 and everybody is anxious to join. It is going to hurt a man to let him come back for \$1.00. What are his chances of paying seven or eight years' dues when he knows he can come back for a dollar. We hold ourselves so cheaply that after a man drops out he can come back for \$1.00.

F. E. Harton, Delaware, Colorado & Wyoming: This may be all right but may be it isn't. We have a man in our Camp who would like to come in but he has many children. He was a member many years ago but had to drop out as he wouldn't pay his back dues. Under this plan he could get in for \$1.00 and he would pay his dues afterwards. If they have the money to do these things it is all right. In this particular case I think this would be a good idea.

Department Commander George W. Nexsen, Indiana: I most heartily concur with the brother from Pennsylvania. I think the Sons of Union Veterans are run on too cheap a basis. I think a man who hasn't any more regard for the Sons of Union Veterans than to let his dues run doesn't deserve to be a member. I think we should charge the same fee as initiation. If he is too poor let the boys pitch in and take up a collection so he can.

Past Department Commander John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: I am heartily opposed to the adoption of this committee's recommendation. A few years ago you set the fee at \$5.00 so that it would not be so cheap. Last year you put it down to \$3.00. Now you want to put it down to \$1.00. It is too cheap, as the brother from Pennsylvania has said. It is a wonder to me that we do not pay a premium and pay a man \$10.00 a year to join. I am most heartily opposed to any such thing.

Past Department Commander William Schneider, of Missouri: In regard to reinstating members. I have been on the Department Council and I dare say we have five in our own Camp at the present time where we are practicing the word "charity." Whether it is a new member or an old member, the night he is initiated we tell him that he must pay \$5.00, \$3.00 for dues for the year and \$1.00 for initiation fee. We have very few suspensions in our Camp. At the end of one year you pay up or you will be dropped or suspended. If any man is unable to pay there is a committee to find out why he is not able to pay and if they think he is worthy they remit the dues and nothing is said about it. We charge \$5.00 for reinstatement. Brothers, the 29th of March was the first day I had missed a meeting in thirty years. I think we have some very good men in our organization, but as the brother over there said, we are too cheap which is true. In some organizations it costs \$50 to join. We are not asked to join. We are only too anxious to get in. The sooner we do that the sooner we will make it worth while. As soon as the Sons of Veterans raise the price of the Initiation Fee the better off it will be. You will find that any man would like to become affiliated with the Order. Where a man finds it hard to remit his annual dues and you want to keep him in as a member of good standing, you should help him. I think that is where the word charity comes in.

National Secretary Hammer: If you will permit I will withdraw the recommendation in my report. I can see the sentiment. I am willing to submit. I have heard something here that has been quite interesting to me. I see that Missouri has lost three Camps, 98 members. New Jersey has lost 117 members, Pennsylvania has lost 799 members this year, 600 last. Indiana has lost 2 Camps, 51 members. I do not intend to reflect on any Department. I do not want to hurt anybody's feelings. In my own Camp I do not know how many meetings I have missed but I have missed some. I am not putting this up to the person individually. These are the suggestions that come to me. You do not have to take them. To close this debate, on behalf of the committee and myself, may I not withdraw this recommendation?

Past Department Commander John L. Reeger, of New Jersey: Point of order. His report has been referred to the committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Irelan moved the previous question. Seconded.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Shall the recommendation of the National Secretary be adopted? Those in favor say "Aye." Those opposed "No." The chair is in doubt. Those in favor, rise. Those

opposed, rise. The ayes have it. The recommendation of the National Secretary is adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I am glad you did this. I have been through every state of the Rocky Mountains. Those Departments have detailed for lack of attention on the part of the National Officers. Camps have been dropped for lack of attention on the part of Department Officers. You go into a community and try to get back into your organization a lot of men who belonged to your Order once and ask them to come back again for \$2.00, \$10.00 or \$20.00, or what they originally paid and see how far you will get. You have got to get out all of these fellows. A few will come in but you have got to get new timber. I want to point out to you the Colorado State Camp. This was instituted by your Commander-in-Chief on January 11, 1928. It is the new timber that has been brought into the Department of Colorado & Wyoming that has made it what it is today. You are limited for numbers. You have got to have all the eligibles and you cannot get them back by saying, "Let's reorganize the Camp." That is what our National Secretary had in mind when he wanted this matter to go through. I want to tell you this as your Commander-in-Chief, during this past year I have yet to find one single instance when Horace Hammer was wrong. If you were as fatalistic with the situation as your National Secretary, you would, without further consideration, adopt his recommendation. I would go further than he has gone if I had the power and would say that every Son of a Veteran that has joined this organization and dropped out be reinstated and got back on the roll without it costing him a cent. Once a Son of a Veteran, always a Son of a Veteran. I predict at your next National Encampment you will have a tremendous increase because of the wise recommendation by National Secretary Hammer.

Past Department Commander Harry F. Weller, Massachusetts: I might say that our committee were somewhat lukewarm on this but thought that we ought to experiment and try this scheme for a year.

The amendment of "not less than \$1.00" was adopted.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS GREETINGS COMMITTEE AND DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

The Woman's Relief Corps and Daughters of Union Veterans Greetings Committees were at this time announced and were escorted in. Past National President, Mrs. Emma Campbell of Minnesota, and Mrs. Van Tile, Department President of Michigan, represented the Woman's Relief Corps. Mrs. Nellie Goodman, Past National President, Department President Pearl Neville of California and Mrs. Bell, Past Department President of Illinois, represented the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: We are certainly happy to greet you. We are never too busy to find time to admit those who are true to us, our mothers, the Woman's Relief Corps, and our sisters, the Daughters of Union Veterans. Let us extend to our mothers and our sisters our welcome. (Welcome). It affords your Commander-in-Chief a great pleasure to present to you at this time one who has been an inspiration to our organization. One who has served our allied organizations faithfully during the past year as the National President of that great women's organization.

Past National President Mrs. Emma Campbell: Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of this National Encampment. In taking my seat up here with the other dignitaries from the other organization I was ~~amazingly~~ surprised at the size of this convention and I am glad and more than happy that our National President has selected

me to serve on this Committee of Greetings. Your organization is the one that lies very close in my thoughts. I have ever wished for it the greatest of success. There is no reason in my mind why this organization should not be one of the greatest powers in the United States and in the matters of government. You have a heritage of which you can well be proud, and I am hoping that you will succeed and that your membership will grow until you are that power I have just mentioned. Should the man from Minnesota be elected to be Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army we would be very happy. You have a friend in me and I shall do all in my power to do my best for this organization.

Our National President wished me to express her interest in your organization, motherly loving greetings to your organization and personal greetings to the Commander-in-Chief. When I was on the Pacific coast I met your Commander-in-Chief. I had a very pleasant time on my visits to the other Departments. I am anxious to get back to my own convention but I was doubly pleased to have the privilege of coming into this convention and I want you to know if you ever need us you have but to ask and receive the assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps at any time, at any place. We want to stand directly behind you and assist you in every way that we can be of assistance.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: We will hear from Mrs. Van Tile.

Mrs. Van Tile, Department President, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and members of this convention, this is the first opportunity I have ever had of visiting your National Convention. I assure you that I am very happy that I was chosen to be on that committee to bring the respects of the National Woman's Relief Corps to you. I come from the great state of Michigan and am very proud of it. It is said if a stone wall were built around Michigan her people would live with more comfort and ease than any other state in the Union. We have wheat, salt, oil, cattle and about all things that are necessary. We make more automobiles than any other place in the world. Henry Ford has shaken the world with automobile production. I am glad that we can do so. I am happy that today I came in at the same time as the Daughters of Union Veterans. I am not a Daughter of a Veteran as there is no Tent in our city. I have brothers who are eligible to this organization but I suppose they have never been approached, so if any of you live in Chicago or Dearborn you might see them and see what you can do. Sometimes we do not do as much as we might. That makes me think of an old story: There was an old man who wasn't much on stirring 'round. Such wasn't his desire, as he spent all his time sitting by the fire. At last he died by slow degrees. Folks said he died sitting by the fire. Seriously, members, you will never find the Woman's Relief Corps sitting by the fire if there is anything they can do for you.

Thank you for the courtesy extended and I feel honored at being able to come here to see you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman responded: Commander-in-Chief, and honored representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps, you have honored us by your presence as representatives of one of the grandest organizations that has ever functioned in the United States, the Woman's Relief Corps. Brothers, do not forget that aim of the patriotic allied organizations associated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the first and foremost and most important of all is that of the Woman's Relief Corps. They have stood ready to assist at all times and the work that they have actually accomplished makes the work of our organization sink into insignificance. I feel that I should stand bareheaded in the presence of the august

representatives of your organization. You certainly are entitled to the fullest measure of respect and, brothers, do they not represent that part of our great national life, that part of our life that makes even the sacrifice during the days of '61 to '65? Our comrades sacrificed much during those days, but I doubt if they sacrificed as much as did the women who bore the burden of carrying on and by their deeds of loyalty kept the fires of patriotism alive.

Please take back to your organization our profound thanks for the assistance that you have given us and say that we shall never forget them. May your loyalty never wane in the days that are to come.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps request that they be excused.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It gives me great pleasure to present Mrs. Nellie Goodman, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Mrs. Nellie Goodman, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, it gives me great pleasure to be able to come to you this morning to bring the greetings of the Daughters of the Civil War and especially the greetings of the National Organization. Your organization and our organization are founded on the same lines. You have your work to do and we have ours and we need your help and assistance in helping us build our organization. There is so much to be done for our beloved Comrades. Let us all get out and do it.

Our Brother Bowley from California wanted the love of the whole country so they sent me from Massachusetts. Our Department is proud indeed of our Past Commanders-in-Chief. We are always glad to come to the conventions and see so many brothers from Massachusetts here. Brothers, if you haven't any Daughters of Veterans in your town you do not know what you are missing.

We wanted to bring you a little something, Brother Bowley, and we did not know what it should be. In California they have big things. In Massachusetts they have small money. We brought you something to keep it in. We hope that after you are through you will have it so full of money you won't know what to do with it. It is now full of love from every Daughter of a Veteran in the United States. (Presented bill fold).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: When a lady tells you that she loves you all that you can do to show your appreciation is to kiss her. It is impossible for me to do this as all of the Daughters of Union Veterans sent their love to me and I couldn't kiss every one of them, so I am going to ask you, when you return to your National Encampment to impress a slight touch on the cheek of your National President, coming from the Commander-in-Chief.

Mrs. Goodman: I am a good soldier, but don't you think that he should go and give it to her himself?

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: At this time, I would like to present the Department President of California & Nevada, Daughters of Union Veterans, who comes way from California, Mrs. Pearl Neville.

Mrs. Pearl Neville: Brother Bowley, our Commander-in-Chief, and brothers of this Encampment, this is my first visit to the National Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans and I am very happy that I was appointed to serve on the greetings committee to come to you. I hope that you have a successful and harmonious convention. I am

indeed proud of the Commander-in-Chief from California. You are the sons and we are the daughters of these grand and noble sires. I am sure that the Sons and Daughters will work to perpetuate the names of our fathers, and the honor and glory they stand for. I want to wish for you a successful and harmonious convention and bring to you greetings from the Department of California & Nevada.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Will Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson please respond to the greetings of the Daughters of Union Veterans?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: Commander-in-Chief and Daughters of Union Veterans: It is a pleasure, I assure you, for me to express the sentiments of the ladies who are interested in the patriotism from the source of which we have inherited ours. I came into this world when my father was a soldier for Uncle Sam at the front leaving a proud and expectant mother and when he came back he found me. I hadn't been consulted, but I was there. I believe that that mother, a bride of a few months, exemplified no less than the father, the patriotic fervor that underlies the organization of a free government. I hope to see the day when the women of these times are recognized as being important in the patriotic services of our country as are the men, and we too memorialize these services by putting the stars and stripes in their last habitation.

We appreciate your coming and appreciate the love from all the individual members of your organization. We cannot return the love in person, but will do it by proxy, so will you kiss all the girls for me.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS AUXILIARY GREETINGS COMMITTEE.

A committee from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary was escorted in by Past Department Commander William Schneider of Missouri and Past Department Commander Herman L. Lange of New York. The committee was Past National President Margaret Palmer, and Sister Buckley of Pasadena, California.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Brethren, our Past National President, Sister Palmer, needs no introduction to you. Give her a brotherly welcome.

Past National President Margaret Palmer: When folks do not do their work properly, they have to go back and do it over. That is why I am here to tell you, Commander-in-Chief, about the gift which our National Auxiliary planned to present to you as an expression of their affection and esteem for you. Our gift is a clock, but unfortunately it has not arrived, so the members of this Encampment will have to forego the pleasure of seeing it. This clock will be duly sent to you and it will bear to you again the good will and the good wishes of the members of the National Organization of your Auxiliary.

Our National President, Sister Hansen, sent you these lovely roses and asked me to tell you that with these roses came her affectionate regard.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I thank you, Sister Palmer, and please thank our Auxiliary for me.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I would like to present one of the most earnest workers we have in our Auxiliary. When a comrade was ill she went to his home and helped and even did the family washing. Sister Buckley is a mighty fine Auxiliary member.

Sister Buckley: Brother Bowley, you know that California & Pacific are very proud of their Commander-in-Chief. Not only that,

but our little Camp and Auxiliary of Pasadena will never forget your fineness to them. We have the smallest Auxiliary in the state, but we got 100% at inspection and it is not because I am secretary and my daughter is president. They appointed me to pick out a gift to present to Brother Bowley and my daughter made up these little lines:

Brother Bowley, you're a dandy,
And when you are old and gray
We will serve you lasses candy
On a lovely golden tray.

Brother Bowley, you're a wonder,
And when you are old and gray
We will all say, "Yes, by thunder,
You were some lad in your day."

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Our Auxiliary hits on all cylinders. I am going to go way back East and ask Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan to reply.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I have responded to Sister Palmer for so many years, (no reflection on Sister Palmer's age as she is the youngest Past National President), that she knows every word in the vocabulary of what we say about the Auxiliary. The Sister from California evidently knows the Commander-in-Chief by the little song and speaking as one who has had the happy experience of having had a clock presented to me, I know that Commander-in-Chief Bowley will feel as the rest of us. As the clock is placed in his loving home and as the chimes ring out the quarter, half, three quarters and the hour, every time he hears the sweet notes of that bell, they will remind him of the happiness he has had with our Auxiliary. I wish to express the appreciation of Brother Bowley, Commander-in-Chief, and all the other brothers, for the thoughtfulness of your organization.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The gift that was presented to me was a picture of Abraham Lincoln and there is a verse on it as follows:

ROUGH DIAMONDS.

God sends great souls into the world
Clothed oftentimes in curious attire,
And one misses much good fellowship
Who thinks that from what men seem to be
He can determine what they are.

Past National President Margaret Palmer and Sister Buckley were escorted out.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: The recommendations that were referred back to our committee are as follows:

"Recommend that four National Departments be created, to be known as the Eastern, Central, Rocky Mountain and Western Departments, and that a competent member of the Commandery-in-Chief be placed in command of each Department, co-operate with the Department officers in said National Department, especially in the organization work that a Camp may be organized wherever a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic exists or has existed." *Non-concurrence.* It is up to every Commander-in-Chief to make his own divisions.

Second—"Recommend that Department Commanders be required to report Camps that are not functioning properly, at least sixty (60) days before suspending same to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary." Adopted.

Third—"Recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Army of the Republic requesting their co-operation in recommending to the several Departments the following: That all Eastern Departments hold their Encampments during the month of April; that all Departments centrally located hold their Encampments during the month of May and that all Departments in the West hold their Encampments during the month of June." Non-concurrence. The G. A. R. have been meeting on specific dates for so long a time that it is not up to us to change it.

Fourth—"That Department Secretaries be required to render an annual report of all supplies on hand." Adopted.

Fifth—"Recommend that the states of Utah, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Idaho be assigned to the Department of Colorado & Wyoming." Adopted.

Sixth—"That the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief be extended to all National Officers and members of the Legislature and Grave Marking Committees, our Publicity Editor, A. S. Holbrook, and Assistant Publicity Editor Floyd E. Shaw and National Aide William L. Anderson for services rendered during the past years." Adopted.

Seventh—"That all official communications between the Commandery-in-Chief and Departments and vice versa be typewritten." Non-concurrence. A good many Departments have no typewriters.

Eighth—"That all official communications between Departments and Camps and vice versa be typewritten." Non-concurrence.

This completes the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. We move its adoption.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: It is adopted.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee submits a supplemental and the final report showing 222 members in this Encampment, (152 in 1928 Encampment), with 11 Past Commanders-in-Chief, (8 more than last year), and 15 Department Commanders, a total of 222 members. I move adoption of this report and that it be the roll of the Encampment. (Seconded. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley announced that the Manager of the Falmouth Hotel is giving a Complimentary Ball to the Sons and the Auxiliary Thursday evening.

PRESENTATION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Delegate Hickox of California & Pacific: It is pleasant having come from the Department of California & Pacific to attend this Encampment. We have been honored having with us National Commander-in-Chief Bowley. We feel that he has done his work well and faithfully. It is an honor to the Department the way his work has been performed. I do not wish to take your time, but I have a pleasant duty to perform. We from your Department, from the Sons and Auxiliary, present you with this clock. We hope that when it is in your home and by your fireside that you will listen to the chimes and remember the pleasant times you had at your harmonious convention here in Maine.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Commander Hickox, I can hardly express my thanks to you and the brothers and sisters of the Department of California & Pacific. This is a complete surprise. The Bowley

household is going to have plenty of clocks. I am very grateful to you and I can assure you as the hands go around indicating the various periods of time I sincerely hope all will go well with you and I thank you and our brothers of California for this lovely gift which I will always cherish.

Council-in-Chief Warner of Maryland: I move that the Commandery-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer, thank the management of this hotel for their courteous treatment of us while here and our sincere thanks for the honor they are going to confer upon us tonight. (Agreed to).

Past Department Commander P. E. Yengling of Ohio: I move that the stenographer's notes of this Encampment be approved, printed and promulgated. (Seconded. Carried).

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Irehan: There being no further business I move that we go into the nomination of officers. (Seconded by several. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I appoint Past Department Commander Herman L. Lange, New York, and Past Department Commander William L. Anderson, Massachusetts, as tellers.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: The National Secretary will call the roll of Departments for nomination for Commander-in-Chief to be elected for the ensuing term 1929-1930.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll of Departments, beginning with Alabama & Tennessee. When New York was reached—

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman of New York: The importance of office for which we are about to place a brother in nomination is to be considered. I should recognize the desire of so many of you to complete the work of this Commandery in the shortest possible time, but the election of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is an important task and nothing of greater importance could possibly engage the attention of all members of this Encampment. I only need to refer to a paragraph in the report of your Commander-in-Chief read in your hearing on Tuesday, to emphasize that fact. I wish for your benefit to read it again. "The needs of our organization are so great that no member should accept office in the Commandery-in-Chief who is not willing to sacrifice his time, strength, money, his business or profession. Too many members of our order seek office in the Camp, the Department, or the Commandery-in-Chief to acquire the honor and then lay down on the job."

I lay that statement of facts before you as the foundation on which I propose to name to you a brother from the New York Department whom we believe is well qualified to receive the opportunity of serving you as Commander-in-Chief. We are glad that this is a democratic organization and that any member thereof is entitled to any office within the keeping of this organization and there has been no effort made whatsoever so far as your speaker knows to prevent the naming of any other candidate for this high and honorable office. Having our basis upon the fact that were you to choose between two or a number, we feel certain you choose would be the brother from New York State. You know right well, and there is no need for me to withhold from you the name of our brother. Were this a national political convention I should probably talk all around the subject for an hour and then at the very end introduce the speaker in order that it might be the culminating act of it all. You have seen throughout the hotel and have talked with the brothers and you know that we

want to place the name of Brother Theodore Cazeau of Rochester, New York, as Commander-in-Chief.

I am going to tell you as briefly as I can, because of the pressure of time, why I believe he should receive your suffrages at this time. He is the son of a Union Veteran. That is his first and last qualification and all others that he possesses are summed up between these two. He is a native son of a native son and his father served honorably in the Union Army and bore on his body the mark of that combat until he passed on to his eternal reward not long ago. Brother Cazeau was born in 1875 and there flowed through his veins from the moment of his birth patriotic life and every impulse of his life has been to further patriotic interests. In his early childhood he manifested a deep and sincere love of the flag and this is manifested by his work in the public schools. His connection with the Sons of Veterans is for many years and during the number of years he has served, he, to my knowledge, has never been a self-seeker of office. He is content to serve in the ranks. His connection in the city where he makes his home, with the G. A. R. is one that has always excited the admiration of those who come in contact with him. His high purpose in life is that of serving the G. A. R. Never has there been a task asked of him in connection with the G. A. R. but what it has been granted. He is always seeking an opportunity to serve our parent organization. I know personally the esteem in which he is held. Past Department Commander Col. Samuel C. Pierce has looked after him and fathered him through all these years. He was honored by the Camp of which he was a member, honored by the Department of New York. His ability was recognized when he performed the work of National Patriotic Instructor and there are none to say he did not do well. You might ask by what authority and from what section of the country I come to present the merits of this brother. Though he does come from the state of New York he does not claim to be a choice of the East, West, North or South. We present him as the choice of the Sons of Union Veterans of the whole order.

There are one or two significant things that I want to mention at this time; that is the work of our retiring Commander-in-Chief Bowley has been most satisfactory to all of us and to the allied organizations. Could his successor perform as faithfully and well as Brother Bowley they would be glad. I could say to you that Brother Cazeau would have no prospect during the coming year but to serve absolutely the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary in connection with the high and honorable service of the G. A. R. There will be no time when the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary can call upon Theodore Cazeau and not find him ready to devote himself, his time, his body, and money in behalf of the parent order. In selecting him you are selecting a Commander-in-Chief who in no sense will fail to measure up to the standard. He is so situated in business that he can and will do his best. He is in business for himself and not subject to someone else's will. He can serve you and will serve you if you put upon him the mantle of authority. Having known Brother Cazeau intimately for many years I feel that the New York Department will honor itself by suggesting to you this brother as its next Commander-in-Chief. We appeal to you to support the nomination and we will appreciate it if you will make it unanimous. Put upon him the authority to carry on for you during the coming year and when his year ends he shall return to you the history of what he has done. I believe he will make a most creditable record. I wish that I might have been able to speak with eloquence, that I might appeal sufficiently to you for the word of this brother, but I believe in all sincerity that if you honor him he will keep the fires of patriotism burning upon the altar

in the City of Rochester, in the State of New York, and in the whole country and that he will be the inspired leader even as Moses was called upon to lead the Children of Israel to the Promised Land.

I present for your consideration Theodore C. Cazeau of Rochester, New York, for a candidate as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn of Pennsylvania, moved that the rules be suspended and that Theodore C. Cazeau be elected Commander-in-Chief. Seconded by several. Carried. The Secretary cast its ballot for the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I take great pleasure in announcing that you have elected unanimously Theodore C. Cazeau as your next Commander-in-Chief. Please salute him. Brother Cazeau, do I understand you to say you accept the office?

Theodore C. Cazeau: I do. (Applause).

Nomination and election of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(The Secretary called the roll. When Connecticut was reached—)

Past Department Commander Earle B. Atwater, of Connecticut: I place before you for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief the name of a man who is not unfamiliar to hardly any of you here. He has served this order for a number of years and has been associated with patriotic orders for a long time. He knows what patriotism means. His name is H. M. Pratt, of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

(The Secretary continued to call the roll. When Ohio was reached—)

Past Department Commander Elmer E. Hedon, of Ohio: Brothers, the Department of Ohio feels the same as the rest of the brothers of this Commandery-in-Chief who are interested in the growth of our order. We in Ohio have a state which is a place for material growth in our order of command. We have had, to a certain extent, in years past, a substantial growth there. We have a brother in our Department who will give to this order the service as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief that which this order is entitled to. This brother from Ohio served as our Department Commander in 1906 having been active in the Department prior to that time and active every minute since that time. He has served you as a member of the Council-in-Chief for two terms, I think. He has served the Department of Ohio a number of years as Commander of our Reserves. He has served this Commandery-in-Chief for the various Commanders-in-Chief on the Staff or Guide at the Encampments. We feel from the Department of Ohio that this brother can give you more service at this time as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief realizing that there is a service to be performed and we want the service that will build up the organization. I ask the unanimous support of this Encampment for our Brother, Colonel Yengling, Past Department Commander of Ohio.

(The Secretary continued to call the roll. No further nominations were offered).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley introduced the candidates: Past Department Commander P. F. Yengling, Ohio, and Past Department Commander Harlow M. Pratt, Iowa.

After a recess the Encampment was called to order and the National Secretary directed to call the roll of Departments for election of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, which was announced by Past Department Commander Lange, for the Tellers, as follows:

Department:	For Pratt	For Yengling
Alabama & Tennessee .....	..	..
California & Pacific .....	..	4
Colorado & Wyoming .....	..	3
Connecticut	3	6
Illinois .....	..	2
Indiana	1	1
Iowa .....	..	..
Kansas .....	..	..
Maine	6	6
Maryland .....	..	9
Massachusetts	1	23
Michigan .....	..	4
Minnesota .....	..	..
Missouri	3	..
Nebraska .....	..	..
New Hampshire	5	..
New Jersey .....	..	8
New York .....	..	22
Ohio .....	..	9
Oregon .....	..	..
Pennsylvania .....	..	21
Rhode Island .....	..	4
Vermont	10	..
Washington .....	..	..
Wisconsin .....	..	..
Total	33	122

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Past Department Commander Park F. Yengling, of Ohio is declared elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing term.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, nomination and election.

(The Secretary called the roll. When Maine was reached—)

Past Department Commander Arthur M. Soule, of Maine: I realize the time is short and Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman said, when he nominated Brother Cazeau, just the words that would apply in nominating the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Maine is proud of him. He is still active and still doing things for the Sons of Union Veterans. He has been a loyal friend of the Sons of Union Veterans and patriotic orders in Maine. I present the name of Robert L. Whitcomb, Past Department Commander of Maine as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Waldo Perry, Maine: I second the nomination of Brother Whitcomb. For forty-seven years we have worked together for the good of the order. I know you will make no mistake in conferring upon him the honor of being Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief E. F. Warner: I move that in view of the excellent treatment we have received from Maine that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Encampment for the election of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded. Ballot cast).

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I declare Brother Robert L. Whitcomb elected unanimously.

Robert L. Whitcomb: I recognize this as a tribute to the Department of Maine and the Maine boys for they have tried to do efficiently the details which have been relegated to them in connection with this time. While this honor comes to me because I represent the Maine

Department I pledge you my continued, honest, personal efforts to be worthy of the job.

Nomination and election of Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: I present to this assembly a man whom you have all known, who has served you well during the past year. The report read of his stewardship is sufficiently conclusive as evidence of the fact that he is efficient. I nominate as Council-in-Chief, E. F. Warner, Secretary-Treasurer of the Maryland Department.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley seconded the nomination.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sisson: It seems to me this is the time that we put the affairs of the organization in the hands of men and it is my pleasure not to go into the eulogies of the candidate that I nominate exemplifying all those attributes that stand for a man in capital letters. It is my pleasure, not only for all of Massachusetts Department, to name a man who has rendered distinctive service for years to the Sons of Union Veterans but one who is also one of my truest personal friends; I take the extreme pleasure and appreciation of presenting to you the Reverend A. A. Bronsdon, for a place on the Council-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Herbert D. Williams, of New Jersey: I present to you the name of a candidate whom you all know. The work of the brother whom I am about to name is need to this kind of work and I take great pleasure in presenting the name of Past Department Commander Fred G. Hansen.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn, Pennsylvania, seconded the nomination of all three and moved that the Secretary cast one ballot. Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan. Adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I declare E. F. Warner, A. A. Bronsdon and F. G. Hansen, unanimously elected the Council-in-Chief. Do you accept?

Council-in-Chief Warner: I appreciate the honor conferred upon me and will do my best as I have in the past.

Past Department Commander Hanan, New Jersey: I express my thanks and am at the service of the Commanders-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Bronsdon, Massachusetts: There are some very fine things in life's truly and graceful way that move the hearts of men to larger ministry. There are some things that send men out to perform larger and nobler duties. The Sons of Union Veterans has been a contributing force in my life and I am grateful for the ministry that is mine just now to serve the Commanders-in-Chief. I thank you and the brethren of Massachusetts Department that I might have this opportunity to be a man among men.

Past Department Commander Arthur M. Soule, Maine: Every man possible should remain here and see the brothers elected installed into office. Unless a man absolutely has to go he should remain here.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were duly installed. Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, New York, acting as Installing Officer:

Commander-in-Chief, Theodore C. Cazeau, Rochester, New York

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, P. F. Yengling, Bay Village, Ohio

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert L. Whitecomb, Portland, Maine

Council-in-Chief, Everett F. Warner, Washington, D. C.

A. A. Bronsdon, Baldwinsville, Massachusetts.

Fred G. Hansen, Wechawken, N. J.

Commander-in-Chief Cazeau appointed John W. Kennedy, Past Department Commander of Colorado & Wyoming, as National Patriotic Instructor, and announced other appointments would follow later.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I have known Brother Cazeau for Thirty-five years and have never known him to fail to do what he has been called upon to do for the G. A. R.

Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: It goes without saying that I am deeply impressed with the responsibility of this office and it is with timidity in my own mind that I undertake it.

First, I want to say to you that we are mighty glad that Samuel Pierce dropped in here. When I was a lad in Rochester I remember marching in the parade Memorial Day. I was color bearer for School No. 3 and all through these years I remember that Memorial Day. It was a happy moment for me to remember that Col. Pierce is the one, who with his comrades, started me and it is true as Harry Sis on says, that we need patriotic zeal. I wonder why it is lacking. It is a great thing to be a part of this group. You ought to be proud of your ancestry. The greatest thing to me is that my dad served in the Civil War. To one who has given a great portion of his time to the services of the Grand Army of the Republic for the past thirty five years, there are some things that grow puzzling as time goes on. One thing in particular that impresses me, is the apparent indifference of citizens, many of them Sons of Union Soldiers, to the things for which the Sons of Union Veterans stand. In my own City of Rochester, there are many men, prominent in business and professions and quite outstanding in the circles in which they move, all Sons of Union Veterans, who apparently cannot be interested in the purposes of our esteemed order. Is it because of the press of modern business that demands their time and energies, or is it because of the highly organized state of our society that other clubs and organizations compete more successfully for the time of those who, we believe, should be active in perpetuating the principles for which the Sons of Union Veterans stand. At any rate, we know that there is a great untapped reservoir of energy and talent in the community that ought to be a fruitful field for the membership effort. Sometimes I wonder if there is anything wrong with the program which we offer, that our appeal is not more effective. It is true, of course, that our order is founded on a retrospect rather than on a prospect. In other words, the emphasis of our appeal is founded on something that is past rather than on something that is to come. And that past event from which some of us gain our highest enthusiasm, to many is something rather to be forgotten. A fratricidal war, a family quarrel, a sectional strife, why should it not be forgotten? This is the feeling, I fear, of a great many patriotic, unaffiliated Sons, who somehow believe the aim of the Sons of Union Veterans is to keep alive the old animosities between the sections, when the spirit of the time is for peace and union and forgetfulness.

Now, our task as Sons of Union Veterans, it seems to me, is to do away with the sentiment wherever it may exist. I believe it is our duty to show the public that our policies are constructive and that our aims are for the promotion of everything that makes for peace and union and brotherhood. Without surrendering one iota of our honor to the fathers who fought for the preservation of the Union, their place in the affections of their countrymen is secure still. I for one yield first place to no one in admiration for the bravery of the Southern soldiers who fought with the same honesty and sincerity as our own fathers. And with all groups who love the flag from every section of our beloved land, the Sons of Union Veterans will join

hands in any forward looking program having for its object the welfare of the Union and the righteousness that exalteth any nation.

I don't know that I can suggest anything more practical in getting our purpose before the public than to make the best of our participation in Memorial Day and Lincoln's Birthday, by putting our very best effort into making programs on these occasions before the younger generation, such, as will inspire in them a deeper love of country and greater esteem for those who have helped to make it great.

The Nation needs to know the purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans as heartily expressed in our ritual is a constructive force in our national life, to make them see it is our opportunity and task.

That is my message to you. I am afraid I would talk all around what I want to drive at. I have gone to G. A. R. conventions. I think I was born in Grand Army atmosphere. I want to thank all of you good men who have made my time pleasant here. I assure you with the coming of the incoming Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. everything he requests of us, that we will do. We will see if we cannot get a change for the better. I believe every man who is eligible should have his name on the roll of the Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans. They say, "My father served in the Civil War." You should say, "Why aren't you a member?"

We have a standard cast of stone and we should live up to it. In conclusion I appeal to you for your sincere and honest cooperation in helping to preserve the memory of the Comrades of the G. A. R. and also the picture of the greatest period of American Life, of 1861 to 1865. I thank you.

PRESENTATION TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BOWLEY.

Department Commander Coursey, of California & Pacific: I have a little duty to perform and it is a great honor. As coming from the Department of California & Pacific, and as outgoing Commander-in-Chief, it has befell to me to present him with the badge showing his retirement from office. I would like to have the privilege of pinning that badge upon your lapel upon your departing from the office, Commander-in-Chief Bowley.

National Secretary Hammer pinned the button of a Past Commander-in-Chief on Brother Bowley.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I should like the privilege of asking the officers of my administration to come forward. (Shakes hands). Commander-in-Chief, I want to say to the Commander-in-Chief, although you are Commander-in-Chief, as Commandery-in-Chief ever had a more faithful family. I want to express myself in the strongest of language and say to each and every one of you, my brothers, that there has never been a time that anyone of you has failed to do anything that your Commander-in-Chief has requested. National Counselor Sautter; I want to say that John has not been in the most robust of health. However, whenever I wrote to him I always got a reply by return mail. National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Huston, has performed his duties, I think you will agree with me, most creditably. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Kennedy kept his promise to us that he made at Denver. He has given us the best Department that we have had in many years. I want to say to Brother Warner that his services has warmed my heart towards him, and I wish to thank him for the splendid suggestions made at the time that the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic took official action recommending that Camps of the Sons of

Union Veterans of the Civil War take charge of the Memorial Day services.

I do not know what I can say to our Little Napoleon, Horace Hammer. He is the biggest little man I have known for many years. There is not going to be any tears. We are going to keep on fighting just the same. I want to assure you, Cazeau, that I am not going to lay down on the job. I am going to be just as busy now and work for this organization. I will have time to get into the field and do what I wanted to do.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have taken it upon myself, Brother Bowley, on behalf of my Brother Past Commander-in-Chief, to welcome you to our ranks, we "has beens" but say to you that we receive you into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, believing that you will, as you have just expressed yourself, continue your interest in the order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and that you will ever continue your activities in behalf of our beloved order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley: John, I am glad that you permit me to enter these ranks without going through any Button Degree and I thank you.

Department Commander Chester A. White, Massachusetts: We have decided that action is really the foundation of success and that co-operation perpetuates that cause. To simply show you that Massachusetts is starting a new year on a foundation of new members, in behalf of Massachusetts, I present you with a charter application for a new Camp for your approval. It is located in the hills of western Massachusetts.

Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: I thank you and if anybody else has any more we will be only glad to receive them.

Department Commander Joseph N. Day, of Maine: There are two charter applications on the way from Maine.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley: Commander-in-Chief, I did not stand you up before election, but I want to ask you to do something. The Past Department Commanders of Connecticut want you to visit Hartford to attend a class initiation. I want you to go down and see these boys in Hartford, if it is convenient for you to do so on your way home. I want to tell the Commander-in-Chief that I have been honored by being elected an honorary member of the Department of Connecticut and I am very proud of it.

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce requesting members to register. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Whitcomb stressed the matter.

Called upon, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Vestling responded: I will give just the same earnest work for this order that I have given for the past twenty-nine years. If there is anything in my part of the jurisdiction that can be done, point it out to me and I will be very glad to do it, any time, any place, anywhere.

The Encampment was then closed in due Ritualistic form.

The foregoing is a correct transcript of the action and proceedings of the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Portland, Maine.

DELEVAN BATES BOWLEY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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. 20-23	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

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	22 Central Square, East Boston Mass.
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	30 Elm St., Tacoma Park, Md.
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
1906	*Edwin M. Amles	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	108 S. 7th St., Richmond, Va.
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	401 People's Bank Building, Indianapolis Ind.
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	750 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	105 Hampton Ave., Wilkesburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South Fourth Ave., Mount Vernon, N. Y.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	231 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	1540 Wiltshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois	Jefferson Building, Peoria, Ill.
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	3060 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
1925	Edwin C. Irelan	Maryland	2815 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1885	†Louis M. Wagner		
1886	†Louis M. Wagner		

The Post System

1882-90	†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	
1889	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

Frank W. Coombs	114 Manchester St., Manchester, N. H.
E. Howard Gilkey	Columbus, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown	Detroit, Mich.
*Charles A. Bookwalter	Indianapolis, Ind.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

*Deceased.