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## THE LARGER SCOPE OF THE SPRINGFIELD ENCAMPMENT

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The Springfield Encampment was marked by unusual activity by all members of the G. A. R. Family, in which the Sons of Union Veterans were represented by their Commander-in-Chief, Frank C. Huston.

### TRIBUTE AT LINCOLN'S TOMB. Sunday, Sept. 18, 1:00 P. M.

A beautiful service was planned and executed by Commander-in-Chief Samuel P. Town, of the G. A. R., in which all the Allied Orders participated. A most fitting program was carried out on the south side of the Lincoln Tomb, in which Commander-in-Chief Huston gave the invocation, in the absence of Comrade J. King Gibson, of the G. A. R., and addresses were made by Commander-in-Chief Town and Governor Louis L. Emerson, to a large and reverent audience. At the conclusion of this program, the heads of the Allied Orders entered into the Tomb, where each made a deposit of a large wreath of flowers at the sarcophagus under which lies the sacred dust of the Great Emancipator. The Commander-in-Chief took his place in this program. This service in its entirety will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present on the occasion.

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### DEDICATION OF THE FLORAL FLAG.

Immediately following the Tribute at the Lincoln Tomb, the audience was held for the formal dedication of the "Floral Flag," which had been placed at the entrance of the Tomb plot. This was the development of an idea by Department Commander Archie M. Campbell, of Illinois, and was put into effect by the local Camp of Sons of Union Veterans in Springfield, in co-operation with the local committee. It was a beautiful piece of work in the floricultural art, and was dedicated in the

Sunday Evening, First Christian Church.

This year, Commander-in-Chief Town carried out a very practical plan for a beautiful Joint Memorial Service, by all the Allied Orders. The large building was crowded to its utmost capacity, and hundreds were turned away. In this service, each of the orders was represented



by its National Chaplain, as tributes were given in memory of their departed members.

The address of the occasion was given by Rev. Frank C. Huston, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons, which was as follows:

#### IN REMEMBRANCE.

A prominent characteristic of the human family is the desire to be remembered. It is a strange, and eccentric individual, indeed, who does not hold, in some measure, at least, that desire.

As a result of that desire, the world today has many memorials. Go, if you will, to your silent cities of the dead, and there you will find mute, but eloquent appeals for remembrance. Monuments in great number, some large, some small; mausoleums and tombs, ornate or otherwise, many of them constructed during the life of those most concerned, and built according to such plans and specifications as they desired, to serve to perpetuate that mute appeal to be remembered. Foundations, Memorial Institutions, Named Funds, for eleemosynary and philanthropic purposes are created. Trees and groves are planted, and all stand with silent but insistent request for remembrance.

Nor is that desire of human interest alone; it has divine precedent. Frequently we read in Holy Writ of the prominent place of memorials in the early history of the race. It was the Man of Galilee, who, on the night of his betrayal, when he had already entered into the shadow of the cross, brought into being an institution, simple and humble in its origin, which is perhaps the most widely observed of anything of its kind, or any other, for that matter, in all the world. And he said to his followers, whom he was so soon to leave, "eat of this bread and drink of this cup, and do this in remembrance of me." So this desire to be remembered, has not only human sanction and endorsement but divine precedent.

Then there is a counterpart: the desire to do honor to those who have brought benediction and blessing to us, and to posterity, to remember. And, there is something of beauty and power in that insistent urge that dwells within the normal human heart, that wants to find some type of tangible expression for these feelings of reverence and gratitude.

And that, too, must be akin also to the divine; for the Holy Book of God has much to say by way of praise, and the giving of thanks, which must be a constituent part of the well rounded integral in the life of man. Being always thoughtful to praise, is surely one of the cardinal virtues, and in contrast how despicable ingratitude may become.

Among the great blessings which we enjoy in superlative measure, is the glorious country in which we live. If the Jewish Psalmist, then in exile, could sing: "O Jerusalem, if I forget thee, may my right hand forget her skill; if I remember thee not, may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem beyond my highest joy:" most surely, if he could thus sing of his country, what ought to



be the song of Americans, privileged as we are beyond all in the recordings of time?

But our country is not such by mere accident. There have been prices to pay; sacrifices which must be made. Blood and tears, and toil, have all been necessary to make this glorious heritage which is ours today. Today, we thank those who have been willing to pay the price which has been so essential. Well may we sing:

“O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to  
shining sea.”

America, the beautiful! But no, not beautiful by accident. God has done his part, and we, today, would remember Him, first of all. Then Jesus, too, for His supreme contribution to America. He, the Light of America. Jesus, the Light of the World.

Then God has used men and women. We would remember those who wittingly or unwittingly went forth at the call of God, to drive forever from these fair shores, the curse of human slavery, and make it indeed a land of Liberty. Four long years of bloody conflict, awful privations, wounds, and death for over 400,000. These, we would remember. These we dare not forget, lest we sin the sin of base ingratitude. Then through the years, through which the patriotism of peace must be carried on, the survivors of the carnage of battle have continued their contribution by a meritorious citizenship. As the ravages of time each year deplete the ranks of the living, we find ourselves in sincere attempt to do honor to those who answered their final roll call during the last year.

The Grim Reaper has taken heavy toll from the survivors of that noble army, the Grand Army of the Republic. These, tonight, we would honor, and express for them an undying devotion.

Memorial Day, the 30th of May, is a day of remembrance to every member of the G. A. R. Family. It is a Grand Army Day. To us, it is a holy day, and not a holiday.

Each Order of the G. A. R. Family has been called upon to swell the Sallie Thompson ~~and that moves to that mysterious realm, from whperty.~~ This was quite an achievement, as they always had strong competition. These “stunt nites” call out much latent talent and its it to splendid use, both in the Departments and Camps, as well of in the National meetings, providing superior entertainment for all. of mmander-in-Chief Huston was the Master of Ceremonies, as he has Cjen since he started the featuro fifteen years ago at the 1917 Encampment at Boston.

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#### THE LEGEND OF COLLODEN.

There is an oft repeated legend told, that during the last conflicts of the Stuarts, on the Moor of Colloden, in Scotland, where was fought a battle of frightful carnage; soon after the battle, from the soil which had been literally drenched by torrents of blood, there sprung up, on that field, a hitherto unknown flower. It was called the "Flower of Colloden," and was a flower of peculiarly beautiful shade of blue. It seems the seeds had been lying dormant and inert, through, no one knew how many years, until the blood of the valiants there provided the necessary element to cause them to germinate and spring forth in marvelous beauty. So perhaps the blood and the sacrifices of the heroic men, and the tears and toil of the noble women, may have brought their munificent benedictions to the world. It must have been so in America.

Of the two groups here aforementioned—those who desire to be remembered, and those who desire to remember—by far, the latter is the larger group. The memorial erected by those who would perpetuate their own good names, and, "a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," these are but few as compared to those which have been erected by loving hearts and loyal hands, because of this semi-divine attribute of the human heart to remember our benefactors. And those who gather here this evening, while perhaps, all holding a natural, wholesome desire to be remembered after their passing, belong to that larger group who would "Remember." And, in the holy hush of this memorial hour, we would remember. We would remember and honor those who have loved and served. We would remember, also, those who suffer most keenly because of their leave-taking; those near and dear by the ties of the flesh, as well as those of fraternity. And, in thus honoring them, we can but honor ourselves in the performance of this sacred service.

Everette H. Dunning has given us some very beautiful words, which, with apologies for some minor changes we would leave with you in closing:  
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### DEDICATION OF TABLET.

On Monday, September 19, at 10:00 A. M., a large bronze tablet containing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was presented to the Lincoln Library of Springfield, by the Sons and their Auxiliary, the presentation being made by the National Patriotic Instructors of the two orders, Walter A. Waterman, of New York, and Mrs. Sallie Thompson, of Pennsylvania. The tablet was presented in the Ball Room of the New Leland Hotel, and was received by \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of the Library, with profuse appreciation. The tablet will be placed in the "Lincoln Room" of the Library.

The Commander-in-Chief was also present and made short addresses on two occasions at the Arsenal. It was certainly his busy week.

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### "STUNT NITE."

Wednesday night of Encampment week has become by general acceptance of the Sons and their Auxiliary, to be set apart as "Stunt Nite." And while not an official part of our Encampments, it appears to be a feature which has made a home for itself. The chief difficulty now seems to be to find a place large enough where all who wish, may see and enjoy the "show," and still have room for the performers, and for those of our own particular group, who after doing their part, want to witness for themselves. This was very apparent at Springfield. Many splendid stunts were provided by the different Departments, which showed a marvelous range of versatility in our Orders. The Massachusetts Department, for the third consecutive time, won the Sallie Thompson loving cup, which makes it their permanent property. This was quite an achievement, as they always had strong competition. These "stunt nites" call out much latent talent and puts it to splendid use, both in the Departments and Camps, as well as in the National meetings, providing superior entertainment for all. Commander-in-Chief Huston was the Master of Ceremonies, as he has been since he started the feature fifteen years ago at the 1917 Encampment at Boston.

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## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

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The Fifty-first Annual Encampment was opened according to ritualistic form, by Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, who presided.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: The officers and members of the Fifty-First Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will now please come to order. I have appointed the following to serve at this meeting: Department Commander Henry P. Kesselring of Missouri to be Inside Guard; Delegate J. H. Disseler of Wisconsin, Outside Guard; Past Department Commander Frederick C. Caster of New Jersey, Color Bearer; Past Department Commander Fred J. Phillips of Illinois, Guide; and Delegate Sam White of Kansas and Past Department Commander Fred J. Phillips to take up the pass word and countersign to see that all present are entitled to remain.

At the opening of this Commandery-in-Chief meeting I have here a gavel given to the Commandery-in-Chief, coming from the State of Rhode Island; but I am using my own gavel, which was presented to me on February 13, 1932, by the Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia, for the opening session of this Encampment.

We will now have roll call by National Secretary Hammer.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll, reporting all officers present except the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I hereby declare the Fifty-First Annual Encampment duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Before I go further, I want to express my personal appreciation, and I think the appreciation of every member of the Commandery-in-Chief, for this fine attendance at our opening session. It speaks remarkably well, when we consider the times through which we have been passing, and I hope I can say from which we are emerging. Some of you have come at a great personal sacrifice. Some have not had to make such sacrifices. I think most of us have felt, keenly, our coming, this year. I think that the fact that it has cost us something will make it one of the most successful we have had in years. I want that we shall have a sort of an understanding as to who are the main workers in our organization. A great many here this morning are



delegates, and, some of you do not know the officers who have been in harness down through the years. First of all I want that you may know who are the Past Commanders-in-Chief who are here this morning. As I call their names I want them to come up here, and want that you shall know these men who not only served during one year and bore the strenuous duties as Commander-in-Chief, but they have in their hearts, I need not say, "perhaps," I say it in a more positive way, that no one has the interest of the affairs of the organization on their hearts more than these men who stand before you, and others who cannot be here because of the times. Those present—Ralph Sheldon, New York; Ralph M. Grant, Connecticut; John E. Sautter, Pennsylvania; William T. Church, Illinois; Frank Shellhouse, Indiana; Ernest W. Homan, Massachusetts; Walter C. Mabie, Pennsylvania; Theodore C. Cazeau, New York; Allan S. Holbrook, Illinois. (Applause).

Brothers, I trust you may keep in mind the names of your Past Commanders-in-Chief. You want to know them personally, and I know they want to know you, personally. You can make their acquaintance during the leisure hours of the Encampment.

How many Department Commanders are there in the room? Will you kindly stand? I think I know some of these personally but not all of them. I could not go to all the Encampments. Those present—William J. Hickox, California & Pacific; Vernon E. Cheaney, Colorado & Wyoming; Ralph B. Hutchinson, Connecticut; Archie M. Campbell, Illinois; Albert L. Pauley, Indiana; F. Aubrey Smith, Iowa; E. S. Spangler, Kansas; Leonard C. Holston, Maine; Robert J. F. McElroy, Maryland; Lester D. Hobson, Massachusetts; Henry P. Kesselring, Missouri; George N. Bell, New Jersey; William Allan Dyer, New York; Aubrey E. Hess, Ohio; Frank S. Reavey, Rhode Island; Wilbur W. Farr, Vermont; Maurice S. Hoover, Wisconsin. (Applause).

That is very fine. Now we will have all the Past Department Commanders. Will you please rise, whether or not you may have served as Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commanders present—Harry W. Marden, Alabama & Tennessee; Fred W. Geist and Robert J. Hill, Colorado & Wyoming; Ralph M. Grant, Connecticut; Wm. T. Church, Wm. C. Schneider, Richard F. Locke, A. D. Rhinesmith, J. Colby Beckman, Fred J. Phillips, Will F. Jenkins, A. S. Holbrook, Harry M. Coen, Alfred A. Boyer, E. F. Ream, Morton G. Slocum and Lester F. Stewart, of Illinois; Frank Shellhouse, A. W. McDaniel, Frank C. Huston, E. D. Smith, of Indiana; L. C. Neff, of Iowa; H. M. Lewis, of Kansas; Everett F. Warner, James W. Lyons, Druid H. Evans, of Maryland; Frank L. Kirchgassner, Ernest W. Homan, William L. Anderson, of Massachusetts; Perle L. Fouch, of Michigan; E. H. Milham, W. J. Hiland, J. V. Dexter, J. Kirkwood Craig, of Minnesota; Fred G. Ernst, E. E. Schoening, William Schneider, Wm. G. Helm, A. J. Albrecht, Edward Brandle, Wm. L. Frank, Claurice G. Closson, of Missouri; O. M. Pine, of Nebraska; Frederick C. Caster, of New Jersey; Ralph Sheldon, Theodore C. Cazeau, Neil D. Cranmer, W. S. Beilby, Walter A. Waterman, Fred C. Barnard and Charles H. Schwartz, of New York; P. F. Yengling, Michael G. Heintz, James M. Hughes, Jr., of Ohio; H. H. Hammer, John E. Sautter, Titus M. Ruch, Walter C. Mabie, J. Edward Seipp, of Pennsylvania; Louis H. Knox, Fred O. Arnold, of Rhode Island; H. S. Siggelko and H. C. Mock, of Wisconsin. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have used this time to very good purpose. These men in all probability are here and can answer

some of the questions you new men want to ask. I am not trying to get you boys into trouble. I know you can be helpful.

Past Department Commander M. J. Heintz, of Ohio, was appointed to serve as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: The Credential Committee, composed of National Secretary H. H. Hammer, Pennsylvania; Department Secretary Julius Isaacs, New York; Past Department Commander H. S. Siggelko, Wisconsin; Delegate Clay Platt, Missouri; Department Commander Vernon E. Cheeney, Colorado & Wyoming, please report.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee respectfully submits preliminary report; there are 8 Past Commanders-in-Chief; 30 Past Department Commanders; 23 Departments represented out of a possible twenty-five. There are 131 accredited members and the names of additional members reporting will be duly accredited and enrolled. I move the acceptance of this preliminary report, and that it be considered as the opening roll call of this Encampment.

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## OFFICIAL ROLL CALL

(Asterisk (\*) indicates members present)

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- \*National Counselor, R. F. Locke,  
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Commander-in-Chief Huston: I have appointed the following Committees (in addition to Credential Committee):

Credential—National Secretary H. H. Hammer, of Pennsylvania; Department Secretary Julius Isaacs, New York; Past Department Commander H. S. Siggelko, Wisconsin; Delegate Clay Platt, Missouri; Department Commander Vernon E. Cheeney, Colorado.

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Ritual and Ceremonies—Past Department Commander Ruch, Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander Warner, Maryland; Department Commander Reavey, Rhode Island; Past Department Commander Pine, Nebraska; Department Commander Holston, Maine.

Officers' Reports—Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, Massachusetts; Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander Cranmer, New York.

Resolutions—Past Commander-in-Chief Church, Illinois; Department Commander Hobson, Massachusetts; Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau, New York.

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Grand Army of the Republic—Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, Indiana; Past Commander-in-Chief Grant, Connecticut; National Counselor Locke, Illinois; Past Commander-in-Chief Mable, Pennsylvania.

Woman's Relief Corps—Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, Massachusetts; Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon, New York; Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan.

Ladies of the Grand Army—Past Department Commander Kirchgassner, Massachusetts; Past Department Commander Phillips, Illinois; Department Commander Hess, Ohio.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans—Past Commander-in-Chief Sautler, Pennsylvania; Department Commander Smith, Iowa; Past Department Commander Stewart, Illinois.

Daughters of Union Veterans—Past Department Commander Yengling, Ohio, Chairman; Department Commander Dyer, New York; Past Department Commander Phillips, Illinois; Past Department Commander Arnold of Rhode Island.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We next come to the Reports of Officers. I will ask the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to take the place of the Commander-in-Chief while his report is read. While he is occupying this chair I will ask Past Department Commander Michael G. Heinz of Ohio to occupy the Chair of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Meeting was here interrupted to permit the Welcome Committee of Illinois to greet the assembled convention).

The Committee was escorted in by Past Commander-in-Chief Homan of Massachusetts and Past Department Commander Stewart of Illinois.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, Mrs. Alice M. Odell, Past Department President of Illinois.

Past Department Commander Stewart of Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I take pleasure in introducing to you Mrs. Kathryn Conyne, of the Illinois Greeting Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are delighted to have you with us.

Mrs. Alice M. Odell, Illinois Past Department President: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Union Veterans, we realize this is not just the time to come in but we feel that we want to bring our greetings from the Welcome Committee to this National Body, and we hope you will be patient with us.

Commander-in-Chief, when I read our Department Orders it gave me a happy feeling, not only for the association, but just for the thought that you and I are trying in our private lives to work along the same lines, our Master's business. Your busy life reminds me of the story in the Bible of the loaves and the fishes. You are taking your time to serve these men—sometimes it seems you haven't but the loaves and the fishes, but to the best of your ability you have divided the loaves and the fishes. Sons of Union Veterans, I hope when you go from this Encampment that you will gather up the fragments and follow your Commander's example, and make those loaves and fishes reach in your special departments; sometimes it gives a little feeling to some of our Auxiliary members. This year was my first visit to a Grand Army Encampment, at our State Encampment. I am only a Son's wife, and I thought when I went there it was because of their closer relationship, but before I left home I looked up the word auxiliary and I found Webster tells us it is "to be, to do and to suffer;" so the wives have felt in bringing up sons and daughters to carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have troubles of our own, we are war veterans. Your sons may some day watch these same sons pacing the floor for the sacrifice that only the son's wife can make. If it hadn't been for this sacrifice of the son of a veteran and his wife the principles of your fathers couldn't have brought to them the strength when Uncle Sam called them to come.

Commander-in-Chief, I know you are busy, and in behalf of the

Department President, Anna Byron, of the Auxiliary, and Department Commander Campbell, of the Sons, we welcome you to Springfield. (Presented a bouquet of flowers to the Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I surely appreciate these very kind words and these expressions of God's smile, and I am sure the brothers appreciate this first visit. I am going to ask you ladies and brothers to be seated. We are glad to have these words of welcome.

Mrs. Kathryn Conyne: I am very happy that Sister Odell chose me to come with her on this Committee. I am a granddaughter of a Son of Veteran, the daughter-in-law of a Veteran, and I have been in this work for years. I am glad of the opportunity to greet you.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: National Chaplain Craig, please answer these sisters.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief and Sisters. It is always a great pleasure to have you come here and to bring your own and these expressions, and also these beautiful flowers. It was on a Mother's Sunday, the second Sunday in May, that two members of my church sang a beautiful song which I wish never to forget. This song was "Music, Flowers, Sunny Hours,—if you love them tell them so." I am sure these Sons of Veterans here as a body would far rather that you would bring this bouquet, large as it is and small as it is, now when we can see and smell and enjoy it, than to wait until we are gone. Thank you very kindly for the flowers and these words. Thank you. Glad to have you come again.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Will you take back to your National President and your Encampment the very best wishes of this Encampment. (Escorted out).

Meeting was resumed—proceeding with Reports of Officers, Commander-in-Chief reading report).

#### REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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

Greetings:

One year ago last Saturday, your speaker was selected by unanimous choice of the Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, for the high honor of Commander-in-Chief of our Order, and was duly inducted into that office. At the time of such installation, he pledged himself, by the help of God, to serve the Order to the extent of his ability. As to what measure of success he may have attained by way of serious effort to make good that pledge, he must leave to the judgment of those who know of the high ambitions held, and the conscientious efforts put forth to realize such ambitions.

I believe, however, I should not fail to mention the fact that when asked concerning the possibilities of my acceptance of the office in case it should be tendered me, I had my misgivings of my own ability to cope with the unusual conditions which confronted, not only our order, but practically every other organization of men, and realized, at least to a degree, the largeness of the undertaking. Whatever of success or failure the years' work has brought, I wish it clearly understood that, for your Commander-in-Chief, it has been a ceaseless labor of love. However exacting or strenuous the demands have been, there has not been a moment when he has felt that any work was too hard, nor any sacrifice too great. It has been a distinct honor thus to serve the Order, and its members as my brothers, through a busy year.

Like all my worthy predecessors, I entered into the duties of my



office with some special objectives which I hoped to achieve. Especially, did I hope to be able to augment our membership by the recruiting of large classes of grandsons. Many pledges were made for the organization of such classes, but, while several grandsons are among the number of new memberships, still the results from classes of grandsons, as such, are far from the realization of our hopes.

But, in strict justice to all, we are not unmindful that we have faced, this last year, perhaps the most difficult year in economical affairs, with which we have had to deal in a long period of time. How well we know that it is often much easier to make excuses than it is to make good. Your Commander-in-Chief has made conscientious efforts to make good, and does not care to acquire the habit of making excuses. Probably the conditions we have faced may serve in a measure as mitigating circumstances, and justify the excuse, but we cannot help but believe the thing *might have been done*, and hope that in the future, *it will be done*.

It isn't the fact that you fail in the act

That has so much of sin in it;

But, what is your goal? And how much of your soul

Are you willing to put in to win it?

The report of the National Secretary will show exactly what progress we have made, or what losses we have sustained, so that repetition here is not necessary, nor perhaps, desirable.

#### VISITATIONS.

One of the hopes of the administration was to visit each Department at some time during the year. This hope was not quite realized, though each Department, except two, was visited, either in person, or by duly accredited representative. I have personally visited twenty-two Departments, making thirteen Department Encampments. To make such visitations required the travel of about 19,000 miles; over 4,200 miles of which was by air travel. I have given the equivalent of over four and a half months of time, in office and travel, in the interests of the Order. I have spoken one or more times in the following cities: Cincinnati, O.; Evansville, Ind.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Terre Haute, Ind.; Martinsville, Ind.; Dayton, O.; Washington, D. C.; Columbus, O.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Boston, Mass.; Concord, N. H.; Westbrook, Me.; Providence, R. I.; Melrose, Mass.; Hyde Park, Mass.; New Haven, Conn.; New York City; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Patterson, N. J.; Springfield, Ill.; El Reno, Okla.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Enid, Okla.; Wichita, Kan.; Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Lancaster, Pa.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Council Bluffs, Ia.; Joliet, Ill.; Albany, N. Y.; Lima, O.; Waukesha, Wis.; Richmond, Ind.; Corvallis, Ore.; Olympia, Wash.; Denver, Colo., and Jackson, Mich.

These trips were made, involving being in or over twenty-eight states, including office expenses for the year, also expense of \$142.04 for representatives of the Commander-in-Chief, for a total of only \$1,214.96. The \$142.04 were paid as follows, to P. C.-in-C. Holbrook, \$24.50; P. C.-in-C. Shellhouse, \$32.85; Sr. V. C.-in-C. Anderson, \$64.69; and P. C.-in-C. Pelham A. Barrows, \$20.00. With the use of the total of \$1,214.96, there is still a snug little balance of \$285.04 in the Commander-in-Chief's expense fund.

In these visitations, your Commander-in-Chief experienced the satisfaction of obtaining a more intimate acquaintance with the brothers of the Order. Many of our splendid brothers seldom, if ever, attend a National Encampment; in much larger numbers they do attend

the Department Encampments. Here it is possible to obtain this more intimate "close up" of the personnel of our membership, and this has but added to our appreciation of the worth of our Order.

On account of so many of our Encampments being held on concurrent dates with others, it was not possible to remain through any one particular Encampment, without neglecting or completely ignoring others. This factor in the program of any Commander-in-Chief, in a large measure lessens the value of his visits. This we hope may some day be remedied. This will be treated in further detail in my recommendations.

In every Department, save one, the Department Commander and brothers showed the utmost courtesy and loyalty, all deserving of special mention, some perhaps more than others; this being a hazardous thing to do, we refrain from any such precarious undertaking, and sincerely thank all for such genuine courtesies which we received from such lavish hands. In the case of the one exception we have made, a number of good brothers of high standing in their state, saved the day for their Department, and made our visit a very pleasant one, how profitable, is yet to be determined. Too much by way of appreciation cannot be said for all kindly courtesies shown. If my successors shall fare even half so well as I, they indeed shall be fortunate; and, I am sure they will be.

#### THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Pursuant to the instruction of the Des Moines Encampment, that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and the National Chaplain prepare a memorial service for the ritual, this service was prepared, and after submission of the work to, and consultation with several of our prominent and intimately concerned brothers, the service was printed in all new rituals; also printed as inserts to be placed in all old rituals now held by Camps. We have observed its use, and believe, if properly given, it will be found to be a helpful addition to our Ritual.

#### THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

The statistical tables shown by the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer, reveal much. However, all conditions cannot be set forth by any group of figures. On the whole, while figures do indicate with somewhat accurate degree, there are hopeful outlooks and worthy achievements, and high ambitions, which we believe are held by many thousands of the Order, whose sacred possessions cannot be tabulated. High idealisms thus held, to be of real value, must find their expressions in life. We believe many will do so. One item gleaned from reports shows that there were over 327,000 flags placed upon veterans' graves. Visualize the idealisms and activities which cluster around this one tabulated item, and a finer sense of the state of the Order may be obtained.

#### THE FUTURE OF THE ORDER.

It is always wise to view the past, as well as the present. But such can only be of value as we discern the successes, and determine they shall be continued, and see our failures and weaknesses and set ourselves steadfastly to overcome them. It is a trite saying, and perfectly obvious that our Order, like that of our fathers, is, each year, finding our membership depleted by the ravages of time. Many sons could yet be persuaded to take membership if proper pressure were exerted. Many of these might possibly become active in the Order; but the chances for our perpetuation are far greater now in the field of the

grandsons, rather than in the field of the sons. We urge a more determined cultivation, and the employment of the possibilities to be found there.

We would suggest, also, that the Camps, everywhere, as Camps, enter more largely into the inauguration or development of worthy objectives; in the building of a higher type of citizenship, and in general community betterment. Seek a worthy objective in your respective communities, and stay with it loyally and put it through. This will be a good thing for those who take part in the enterprise; for the Camp, and the Order as a whole; and for those who benefit directly by such undertakings. Many of our Camps are now putting this in practice, and are correspondingly benefitted thereby.

#### THE ALLIED ORDERS. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

To the G. A. R.—our fathers. It is a distinct honor to have been associated with the official family of our Commander-in-Chief, Hon. Samuel P. Town; always kindly, courteous; a Christian gentleman of a high order; a true patriot and a staunch friend of the Sons. No Commander-in-Chief of the Sons could possibly have sustained a more cordial relationship with his Chief, than has been mine this year, with Commander Town and his good wife. Such, also, has been the experience with all the officers and members of the G. A. R. Already devout in his high regard for these "grand old men," the experiences of the year have but served to increase that sincere devotion. GOD BLESS THE G. A. R. Brothers, let us make their declining years their most joyous ones.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The W. R. C. In the splendid personality of Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, National President of the W. R. C., we have found a most gifted and efficient leader of that wonderful group of noble women. No finer representative could have been chosen to serve with Commander Town, and it has been an esteemed privilege to share in this splendid association. This relationship was also one of joy on every occasion, and they were many, when we were privileged to meet with the larger groups, or the individual memberships of this noble order. It is a most heartening thing to know, as I have learned in larger measure, while visiting the different Department Encampments of the W. R. C., of the worthy work they are doing in all sections of their membership. Their work is a mighty factor in the making of the greatness of our nation. It cannot be praised too highly.

#### LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. A great contribution is being made to our national life by this great organization. In Mrs. Helen M. Lehman we found a fine example of womanly loyalty. We found in her group other splendid loyalties in great number. Mrs. Lehman was greatly burdened in that in addition to the arduous duties of her office, she had the care of her mother through a long illness which proved fatal. Our sympathies go out to Mrs. Lehman in these hours of her deep grief. She, too, was a highly honored member of the year's official family.

#### OUR AUXILIARY.

Our own Auxiliary. No Commander-in-Chief was more fortunate than I, in the selection made by our Auxiliary, for their National President. Mrs. Willma L. Combs has shown a loyalty and devotion



to our Order every moment of the year, which should not pass without special note. It would indeed be difficult to conceive of a more superb loyalty than she has given. This, too, has been true of her whole organization. They truly merit the title of Auxiliary. Special thanks are due to this, our most intimate member of the family. They have been of valuable assistance, times without number. Again, we thank you.

#### DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

The Daughters. Our personal relationships with the Daughters have been, quite generally, happy ones. We found in Encampments, many splendid groups of our sisters. Inspired by the same worthy motives as our own, we hold very much in common with them. They are doing a great work, and their contributions to the comfort and welfare of our fathers is deserving of our sincerest gratitude. Indeed Mrs. Harriett J. Goetz heads a fine group of loyal women.

Without exception, all the Allied Orders have made valuable contribution to our own welfare. It is the hope that our gratitude for such services may not end merely in the saying of complimentary words, and expressions of comity, but, that as a result, the ties which bind us in a common, but peculiar relationship, may be so strengthened that we all may find ourselves more helpful and useful to each other, and more worthy as citizens of a great nation.

#### STAFF OFFICERS.

What shall I say of my own Staff Officers? No words could adequately express my appreciation for all the activities of my own official family. Not perfect, perhaps, but nevertheless one which will be held in grateful appreciation, so long as life is. Every kindness possible has been shown. Every request has met with generous response, save possibly one, and that, my plans for "getting out of the red." To this writing, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Anderson, and National Patriotic Instructor Waterman are the only ones reporting activity in this regard. It is to be hoped that others have responded who have not yet reported. But, whatever of praise or blame may exist, I am sure none are without cause for gratitude upon the part of your Chief, and he shall so hold them in the garden of memories.

Of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Horace H. Hammer, who has ever done justice in speaking of his virtues in office? For years many have ransacked the vocabularies of the wisest men for words and terms of phraseology which would tell it all, but, so far, all have failed, and I, too, must be content with my payment of sincerest homage and heartfelt gratitude for the assistance he has been, personally, to me. Always a wise, careful and conscientious counselor; punctilious, painstaking and punctual, he has, even more greatly endeared himself to one already his friend, for his genuine worth; and, like Abou Ben Adhem, "may his tribe increase."

#### THE BANNER.

We have sought to make use of the columns of The Banner. At our discretion, space was offered by our genial editor, P. C.-in-C. Holbrook. From the commendatory letters we have received with regard to our "First Page" material, we believe this effort has not been without beneficial results. The use of The Banner in the promulgation of General Orders makes it highly desirable that it be carefully read. We believed so much in the importance of this, that we made it mandatory for these General Orders to be read with the Front Page arti-

cles in all Camp Meetings. We believe it a wise policy to continue such practice, and suggest the advisability of such continuance to the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Brother Holbrook is to be congratulated upon the general high plane of the editions of The Banner for the year. We believe it would be well if, in some way, the quality of the paper stock used in our official organ might be improved. This, we know cannot be done without additional outlay of money, and perhaps now is not the time to urge this important matter. It should be a matter of deep concern, however, and the change effected as soon as is practicable.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AS CITIZENS.

In these days of insidious propaganda, and unconscionable misrepresentation by both the platform and press; when the interests of self-centered men in the minds of many, are paramount to every interest of the nation as a whole; in days, when, for the sake of filthy lucre men seem willing to sell, not only their own souls, but the souls of their neighbors and their neighbors' children, as well; and to exploit the weaknesses and appetites of others for sordid gain, it would seem that we, as sons of worthy sires, should give serious consideration to these dangers which confront our national life, and be willing to face the situation, *ascertain the facts*, and stand together as a strong unit for everything which will strengthen the policies of good government, and oppose anything and everything which would tend toward weakening the policies which have been woven into the warp and woof of our national life, at the sacrifice of toil and blood, and because of which all that is good, today, in America has been made possible.

As Sons of Veterans, we have a duty to our fathers, and to their comrades now living; we must meet this duty and perform it as men. To these, and to those comrades who have answered the great roll call, we owe a debt, which to them, can never be paid. We do well to honor them and to preserve the memories of their glorious achievements. But, to stop there and rest content in the performance of these duties alone, is far beneath the ideal of citizenship which should actuate and motivate us, either as individual citizens, or as an organized group of sons of the men who not only preserved the Union, and forever wiped the curse of human slavery from this fair land, but who through succeeding decades so conducted the affairs of government of the Nation, that America has been privileged to attain to the very pinnacle among the nations of the world. If we would honor our fathers, seriously; if we would extol the virtues of their service, we, too, must take *our* place and perform *our* service in meeting the problems of *our* day, and effecting their solution, as *they* met the problems of *their* day and accomplished *their* solution.

Among the problems which we face, today, is the rapid growth and development of Communism. We should concern ourselves, also, about the conditions which make possible the easy development of such doctrines. There is no place in America for Communism, if here our principles of government are faithfully adhered to. We have a duty not only to eliminate the fallacies of Communism, but to create such an ideal citizenship that these doctrines will find no place in the thinking of intelligent citizens. Since Holy Writ has declared that "righteousness exalteth a nation," and "blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord," and sounded forth the solemn warning that "the nations that forget God shall be turned into hell," there must be no place found in America for the development, nor the harboring of "Societies of the Godless," neither in our homes, nor the schools,

nor the universities, nor any other spot in the land. These *do* exist in entirely too large numbers, today, and we should be on the alert for their eradication. We should encourage and support any and all laws and efforts tending toward deportation of any and all aliens who are here to spread doctrines and policies inimical to our government.

#### SONS OF VETERANS AND THE CONSTITUTION.

One of the gravest questions which confronts us today, is the attitude taken by many who enjoy the privileges of American citizenship toward the Constitution. To entirely too many, it is as a mere scrap of paper. The Constitution has always been since the beginning of our national life, and is *now*, the guarantee of our rights and liberties. It was formed by wise men who seriously sensed the importance of merging the individual rights and liberties into the larger rights and liberties of all citizens for the general welfare, *thus guaranteeing to all every right which is due to any citizen.* It has repeatedly been declared to be the greatest document ever produced by the mind of man. There has, however, always been a selfish minority who have opposed this view, and have sought to trample it under foot for the purpose of personal and individual gain. Since the World War, this selfish minority has grown, with many other evils, to menacing proportions. These principles of government in these days of propaganda merit the most thoughtful consideration of every real friend of America.

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that policy was wrong in 1861; and that if it was wrong then, it is wrong now. As loyal citizens we should get our minds "put" on all these great issues, and by intelligent action fix them so they will stay "put." Perhaps the most highly honored member of our Order, Vice President Charles Curtis, has recently in his speech of acceptance, delivered a great statement with reference to the Constitution. Every brother should read it.

Your Commander is perfectly aware that there might be those who would criticize the raising of such questions as these in a National Encampment, with the honest conviction that it would be injecting political issues, where they, in no way, belong. And this contention would be right, if this was a political question. It is not a political question which I have raised; it is a moral and economic one, and is mentioned today in political circles, only because designing politicians, irrespective of political affiliations, have sought to make it appear as a political issue. If one or the other dominant parties had declared itself on the issue, and the other have failed to do so, then it could be truthfully said that it had been made a political issue. But since there is practically no difference between the positions of the parties, it cannot be a controverted question in the sense I thus make use of it. If *this* issue is a political issue, then the *Civil War* was a *political war*; but it was not, for there were citizens of practically all existing parties, in the Union Army. It was a question of saving the Union, then. It is a question of saving a citizenship, now. If a nation cannot be what it ought to be, while "half slave," neither can it be what it ought to be, while "half drunk."

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#### NECROLOGY.

The Rider of the Pale Horse has been active. The names of the departed members of the national body appear in the report of the National Chaplain. Suffice it to say that one Past Commander-in-Chief and thirteen of our Past Department Commanders have answered the call of Death, this year. These will be properly recognized at the Memorial Service, and records will appear in the Proceedings of the Encampment. Our sincerest sympathies go out to their loved ones who are thus bereft by their departure.

#### OTHER PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS.

We are glad for every organization which has for its purpose the preservation of our priceless heritages, and the development of a better American citizenship. We should be willing to co-operate with every such organization in every way practicable. We should not consider each other as competitors nor enemies, but as allies. There will probably be some points of disagreement, but there will be more points on which we can be in accord. Every organization, or individual, who is a true friend of America, is, and should be our friend, and so recognized, whether from the North, South, East or West. If some differences exist, let us minimize these differences, and magnify our agreements. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should strike glad hands with all true friends of America, no matter who they are, nor where they are. We greatly deprecate all efforts to engender animosities. These should find small place in the thinking of any true patriot, though there should be no compromise of truth to maintain such position. All true patriots will seek to avoid creation or perpetuation of such animosities. Let us strive for the strength which comes from unity.

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II. Since "The American's Creed," now used by some of our Allied Orders, has been given quite general endorsement by patriotic organizations, we believe that it will be well that we, too, add our endorsement; with the suggestion that it be committed to memory by all members; also that it be used when found practicable at our stated and special meetings. Your Commander-in-Chief assumed the responsibility for having it printed in a space which appeared blank in the new edition of the Ritual, and asks for the endorsement of the Commandery-in-Chief for such action.

III. We are facing the time soon when the nation shall recover from the days of distress through which we have been passing for many months. This should be a season in which we shall seek to retrieve our losses of recent years. We recommend that each Camp in the Order be requested to set, as a definite goal, a gain of 25% in its membership during the coming year; and that the Commandery-in-Chief and the several Departments be charged with that consummation.

#### CONCLUSION.

Permit me to thank each and every one who has contributed to the realization of any of my ambitions for the Order. It has been a strenuous year, but a very happy one. My time, and such talents as I may possess, have not been grudgingly nor stintingly given. We cherish the hope it has not all been in vain. You have greatly honored me. The memories of this year will ever be held in sincerest appreciation. May our fathers never think less of us, nor the worth of our nation suffer because of our labors together for this year. As our fathers taught us the meaning of true devotion to the flag, may we, together, carry on in the stead of those whose ranks are gradually depleting.

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Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, you have heard the report of your Commander-in-Chief, if there are no objections we will refer same to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

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

Commander-in-Chief Huston (taking the chair): I thank you brothers for your reception of my efforts to at least give you my idealisms for the order.

We will now have the reports of the other Officers.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I am presenting the reports of (reading in title) the respective National Officers. They are in printed form. Referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Jamaica Plain, Mass., August 19, 1932.

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Dear Commander and Brother:

A year ago I was chosen to serve our National organization as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I gladly accepted and fully realized the honor conferred. I pledged myself to roll up my sleeves and go to work for the best interests of the Order, and to answer the call of the Commander-in-Chief, when in his judgment he saw fit to call for my services. At his request I attended the Department Encampments of Maine, Vermont and Connecticut; accompanied the Commander-in-Chief to New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts Encampments; accepted invitation to the Sons of Veterans Club Banquet in February, held in Philadelphia, and General U. S. Grant Memorial Services, held at Grant's Tomb, New York. My presence as a National Officer was requested in many parts of my home State of Massachusetts and I accepted every invitation in order that I might urge co-operation in the carrying out of the principles of our Order, and asking the members to re-dedicate themselves to the ideals for which we stand. I received a most cordial reception wherever I visited.

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Camps meet too many times a year for the amount of work that they do, which means an overhead in expense of hall rent and taking men from their modern pleasures to, in most cases, uninteresting meetings causing disinterest. Camps cannot live long by paying out every month more than they receive. Quarterly meetings would be sufficient; hall rent would be saved; better attendance would be had; a meeting worth while could be arranged.

We talk about having a project in view that would be constructive. When Camps cannot collect dues and pay their bills how can we plan constructive methods? Financial embarrassment prevents constructive ideals. Let us get rid of the dead wood throughout our National Order and give the members who pay their dues and sincerely believe in the Order a chance to band together and carry on with the faithful few. Let us forget the crave for members, and call upon willing hands to perpetuate the ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic. Is it too late? We are 51 years old as an Order; the Union Veterans are rapidly answering roll call to their Commander-in-Chief above, so let us pray for strength, interest and courage.

In compliance with the order of the Commander-in-Chief issued in the July Banner, I have sent a letter to every Senior Vice Department Commauder asking his co-operation in getting his Department out of the RED.

I trust this Encampment will so inspire us that when we go back home we shall prove to the Grand Army of the Republic that their services and sacrifices for the perpetuating of this nation shall not have been in vain.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON,

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

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There being, apparently, no assigned work for me to perform, and having received no specific instructions, I regret I cannot render a report that shows actual results attained in any particular effort during the year. Locally and throughout the state I have always responded to call in the interest of the Sons as requested. In company with Department Commander, Brother Dr. L. L. Shope, I made several visits to other cities for the purpose of influencing and encouraging the muster of new Camps.

After an active and attentive contact of more than forty years, serving in all capacities of the ranks up to and including the office of Department Commander, one naturally feels qualified to express himself, as is his right and duty, on any and all matters that may make for the betterment of the Order. While I shall not presume to avail myself of this privilege to any lengthy extent, still I cannot refrain from offering one suggestion which, I trust, will be duly considered by your Encampment.

At this time there is unmistakably a hesitancy, or at least a "slow-ing-up," on the part of many members with respect to the payment of Camp dues. This is frequently the result where funds are tied up in closed banks; and a condition develops which cannot be altered by those affected. As a natural consequence, when members do not pay dues, the Camp will soon be unable to meet its obligations to the Department. It is the custom, we assume, that Departments do not, generally, revoke Camp charters—for failure to forward per capita tax on their membership—until one or two years have elapsed. Meanwhile the Department regularly draws upon its treasury for tax to the National for the delinquent Camp. Should the Camp finally cease to function—usually with a depleted treasury—the Department has no recourse by which it shall be re-imbursed moneys forwarded to the National during the period the Camp became delinquent until it was dropped. It would seem that in all fairness legislation should be enacted to relieve Departments of this possible financial burden. I respectfully urge serious deliberation of the foregoing.

In closing, I wish again to thank you for the honor given to me, and the opportunity to participate with you, in a small way, during your notable administration. May we all reconsecrate and rededicate our lives upon the altar of Patriotism as founded by the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

A. D. BUNGER,  
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Reading, Pa., August 20, 1932.

To The Reverend Frank C. Huston,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to report details, finances and statistics for the year. The National economic conditions affected our Order. We have reason to be encouraged at the results for the term and commend the Departments, Camps and Members, for meeting the experiences we and they all had, in the manner in which they did. There are some weak spots which is to be expected and may be due to extraordinary adverse circumstances, lack of means or ability to meet and cope with such state of affairs. The results reported seems evidence that our Order can carry on under almost any conditions.

Losses were to be expected and any expectation for gain in membership was not well founded on experience and knowledge of the Order.

In spite of our receipts being less by approximately \$2400 we are closing with a substantial balance—over \$1,000 above last term. Our expenditures have been considerably lower comparing with last term—more than \$2,100.

Receipts suffered from decreased per capita tax principally, and, exemptions from payment of per capita tax on members by reason of being unemployed.

## FINANCIAL.

DR.:	CR.:
Sept. 17, 1931, To Balance ... .. \$ 2868.72	By General Expenses...\$11211.87
Received for:	Office Expenses ..... 1008.72
Per Capita Tax and Membership	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ..... 1204.59
Fees .....\$12919.21	By Total Expenses....\$13425.18
Charter Fees .. 40.00	
Supplies . .... 1360.45	
Bonds, Department Coms. ... 30.00	
Miscellaneous .. 149.96	
Total Receipts .....\$14499.62	By Balance, August 20, 1932 .....\$ 3943.16
<u>\$17368.34</u>	<u>\$17368.34</u>

## ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS.

Department:	P. C. TAX Charter					Total
	Mem.	Fees	Fees	Supplies	Miscel.	
Ala. & Tenn.....	\$ 89.08	\$ 5.00	\$ 11.79	\$	\$	\$ 105.78
Cal. & Pac.....	268.66		76.89	9.27		354.82
Col. & Wyo. ....	151.46	5.00	48.70			205.16
Connecticut ...	677.12	5.00	79.10			761.22
Illinois ...	315.74		40.12	1.72		357.58
Indiana ...	365.92		31.32	28.33		425.57
Iowa ..	232.76		28.20	5.19	2.50	268.65
Kansas ..	159.07		12.48	2.83	2.50	176.88
Maine ...	514.20		58.39	6.10		578.69



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	Mem. Fees	Fees	Supplies	Miscel.		
Maryland . . . . .	191.06	5.00	48.83		2.50	247.39
Massachusetts . . . . .	2321.78		215.68			2537.46
Michigan . . . . .	224.15	5.00	40.38			269.53
Minnesota . . . . .	89.41		39.38	12.81	2.50	144.10
Missouri . . . . .	126.30		10.50	2.54	2.50	141.84
Nebraska . . . . .	128.35		10.36		2.50	141.21
New Hampshire . . . . .	325.61		26.30			351.91
New Jersey . . . . .	444.74		26.70		2.50	473.94
New York . . . . .	1355.72		123.85	3.06	2.50	1485.13
Ohio . . . . .	995.61	5.00	76.31		2.50	1079.42
Oregon . . . . .	107.54		15.71		1.38	124.63
Pennsylvania . . . . .	3015.93		185.20	58.51		3259.64
Rhode Island . . . . .	153.78		22.41	11.42		187.61
Vermont . . . . .	316.96		51.48	2.43	2.50	373.37
Washington . . . . .	90.37		30.79	4.37	2.50	128.03
Wisconsin . . . . .	257.89	10.00	49.67		2.50	320.06
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$12919.21</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$1360.45</b>	<b>\$149.96</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$14499.62</b>

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

GENERAL EXPENSES:

For Stock and Supplies . . . . .	\$1230.42
The Banner, Subscription, October 1931-August 1932, inc. . . . .	5847.67
Encampment, (1931), Printing, Shipping to Departments, etc. . . . .	462.34
Printing . . . . .	48.50
Shipping Supplies . . . . .	42.84
Salaries . . . . .	3300.00
Bonds, Nat'l Officers and Dept. Commanders. . . . .	65.00
Committee Marking Graves . . . . .	55.00
Miscellaneous—Dues to Federated Patriotic Societies, Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief, etc. . . . .	160.10
	<u>\$11211.87</u>

OFFICE EXPENSES:

Wrapping Paper and Twine . . . . .	\$ 6.97
Postage . . . . .	80.13
Express . . . . .	2.98
Telegrams . . . . .	12.10
Stationery, National Officers . . . . .	78.22
Rent . . . . .	802.92
Miscellaneous . . . . .	25.40
	<u>\$ 1008.72</u>

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES:

Postage . . . . .	\$ 17.00
Telegrams and Telephone . . . . .	25.60
Travelling . . . . .	1113.54
Office . . . . .	4.45
Stenographer . . . . .	17.75
Miscellaneous . . . . .	26.25
	<u>\$ 1204.59</u>

Total Expenditures . . . . . \$13425.18

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Stationery National Officers.....		\$ 34.78
2.	Marion Co. State Bank, Ind., Bond Commander-in-Chief		10.00
3.	Maryland Casualty Co., Bond Nat'l Secretary-Treasurer.		25.00
4.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent, three months.....		200.73
5.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief Exp. a/c Sept. '31.....		2.00
6.	Geo. J. Mayer, Exp. a/c Commander-in-Chief.....		2.55
7.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Supplies .....		25.00
8.	The Banner, Subscription The Banner, October, 1931, 37,985 copies (\$569.78); Circular Letter 50th En- campment, exempting unemployed from per capita tax (\$10.46) .....		580.24
9.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c October.....		7.20
10.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Printing, Stationery.....		346.78
11.	The Banner, Subscription, November, 1931, 37,899 copies		568.49
12.	The Robbins Co., Supplies, Membership, Past Officers' Badges .....		474.01
13.	The Banner, Subscription, December, 1931, 37,170 copies (\$557.55); Rosters, Printing, Shipping, etc.; Journals 50th Encampment (\$446.02) .....		1033.82
14.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Stationery National Chaplain.....		6.75
15.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent, three months.....		200.73
16.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c November....		27.78
17.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Stationery .....		139.75
18.	The Banner, Subscription, January, 1932, 35,462 copies.		546.93
19.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January.....		24.50
20.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January.....		25.70
21.	The Banner, Subscription, February, 1932, 35,819 copies		537.29
22.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February.....		32.85
23.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February ....		127.28
24.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Supplies—seal press.....		3.83
25.	The Banner, Ritual Amendments, Inserts, Memorial Ser- vice, Shipping, etc., to Departments, 1M Rituals, Supplies (\$202.33); Subscription, March, 35,059 copies (\$525.89) .....		728.22
26.	C. F. Heller, Printing .....		5.00
27.	Emily J. Tompkins, Treas., Dues Federated Patriotic So- cieties, 1932 .....		25.00
28.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent, three months.....		200.73
29.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March.....		4.95
30.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Supplies, Printing .....		76.00
31.	The Banner, Subscription, April, 34,585 copies.....		518.78
32.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April.....		165.95
33.	The Banner, Subscription, May, 34,365 copies.....		515.48
34.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Bonds Dept. Commanders.		17.50
35.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., Stationery Commander-in-Chief, Na- tional Secretary-Treasurer .....		9.75
36.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief (Com-in-Chief)		19.16
37.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May.....		119.61
38.	The Banner, Subscription, June, 33,860 copies.....		507.90
39.	American Surety Co., N. Y., Bond Dept. Commander...		2.50
40.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, Bonds Dept. Commanders		10.00
41.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent, three months.....		200.73
42.	Pelham A. Barrows, Exp. a/c (Com-in-Chief).....		20.00
43.	Frank C. Huston, Com-in-Chief, Exp. a/c June.....		495.38
44.	The Banner, Subscription, July, 33,847 copies.....		507.70
45.	C. R. Hale, Committee Marking Graves.....		55.00

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
46.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief (Com.-in-Chief)		45.33
47.	Frank C. Huston, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July		21.45
48.	The Banner, Subscription, August, 32,792 copies		491.83
49.	H. H. Hammer, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c, Salary, Aug. 21, 1931-Aug. 20, 1932, inc.; Shipping Supplies, Postage, Telegrams, Express, Past Commander-in-Chief Badge, Office, etc.		3614.29
50.	Frank C. Huston, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c August		62.90
Total Vouchers			\$13425.13

EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF PER CAPITA TAX.

The action of the Fiftieth Encampment relating to exemption from payment of per capita tax on members who would be Dropped for non-payment of dues by reason of being unemployed proved and demonstrated that a great number of members are being carried on the rolls of Camps long past the period prescribed by the Regulations.

Twenty Departments exempted members from payment of per capita tax and reduced thereby their amounts of tax to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Exemptions were for as many as thirty-two (32) quarters, members were carried in Camps for that length of time, or covering that period and they are still on the rolls of Camps.

It was next to impossible to secure the lists of members delinquent, or exempted from dues and per capita tax, showing the number of quarters. Department Commanders and Department Secretaries had great difficulty to obtain these lists from many of their Camps, due either to neglect, indifference, or condition of Camp Treasurers' accounts.

Department:	Quarter September	Quarter December	Quarter March	Quarter June	Total For Year
Cal. & Pac. ....		30	33	29	92
Col. & Wyo. ....		18	21	27	66
Illinois ...	69	61	94	124	348
Indiana ...	65	52	59	64	240
Iowa ...	13	13	13	13	52
Kansas ...	7	13	8	6	34
Maine ...		11			11
Massachusetts ...	169	286	262	214	931
Michigan ...		30	29	37	96
Missouri ...	5		15	5	25
Nebraska ...				78	78
New Hampshire ...	35	28	15	34	112
New York ...	36	80	81	81	278
Ohio ...	157	221	228	282	888
Oregon ...		3	29		32
Pennsylvania ...	71	166	174	324	735
Rhode Island ...		15	24	26	65
Vermont ...	29	38	74	65	206
Washington ...		5	9	25	39
Wisconsin ...	20	20	37	47	124
Total ...	676	1090	1205	1481	4452

## DEPARTMENTS—CHARTERS IN JEOPARDY.

The Constitution provides that a Department may be formed to consist of ten (10) or more Camps with a minimum aggregate membership of two hundred and fifty (250) members. It also provides power to revoke the Charter of any Department which may not conform to the same or which becomes reduced to less than the number of Camps and members required for organization thereof (a Department).

In this connection five (5) Departments with less than the Number of Camps, or Members, (not both—Camps and Members) specified, are in danger so far as retaining their Charters are concerned as Departments and, also to be continued as Departments, viz:

Ala. & Tenn...	14 Camps (more than required)	237 members (less)
Minnesota.....	11 Camps (more than required)	226 members (less)
Missouri.....	9 Camps (less than required)	325 members (more)
Oregon.....	9 Camps (less than required)	288 members (more)
Washington...	10 Camps (Number required)	247 members (less)

These Departments—Officers, have been impressed with the necessity for organization—new Camps where under the required number and increase in number of members where less than the specified membership for a Department.

Article 6, Sections 3, 5, of the Constitution, were referred to on this subject to Departments affected and officially presented to you. Inasmuch as they either have sufficient number of Camps or membership, as specified even though deficient or insufficient in another proviso, not lacking in both specifications, number of Camps and Members, it would appear that the provisions of the Constitutions are not violated. These Departments are on the danger line and it is hoped they will realize that Camps and Members are essential for them to retain their status as Departments.

## SUPPLIES.

In this Department numerous orders for supplies were received for quantities smaller than heretofore, which accounts to a great extent for the small item, compared with previous years, of expense in shipping supplies—approximately half compared with past years. Departments will not apparently carry a working stock of supplies on hand, so that Camp requisitions are not filled as promptly as they expect. This is a matter for Department Headquarters officers and not the Commandery-in-Chief. Camps should not be delayed in having their requisitions filled and would not if Departments had supplies on hand in sufficient quantities to fill their orders.

Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1931.....	\$3208.09
Purchased .....	1230.42
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To account for .....	\$4438.51
On hand August 20, 1932.....	3550.50
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Sold ... ..	\$ 888.01
Amount received for Supplies on Requisitions.....	\$1360.45
Cost of Supplies Sold .....	\$888.01
Shipping .....	42.84
Wrapping Paper and Twine.....	3.97

Express . . . . .	2.98
To National Officers . . . . .	6.47
Total cost of supplies sold . . . . .	\$ 944.27
Profit . . . . .	\$ 416.18

MEMBERSHIP IN DEPARTMENTS—GAINS, LOSSES.

Department	In Good Standing June 30:		Gain Cps. Mb.	Loss Cps. Mb.
	1931 Camps Mem.	1932 Camps Mem.		
Ala. & Tenn.....	13 295	14 237	1	58
Cal. & Pac.....	23 763	21 700		2 63
Col. & Wyo.....	18 502	11 321		7 181
Connecticut . . . . .	33 1919	34 1778	1	141
Illinois . . . . .	31 1020	30 911		1 109
Indiana . . . . .	30 1104	30 1044		60
Iowa . . . . .	23 717	22 581		1 136
Kansas . . . . .	19 445	19 423		22
Maine . . . . .	41 1566	32 1265		9 301
Maryland . . . . .	13 543	14 535	1	8
Massachusetts . . . . .	142 6550	142 6281		269
Michigan . . . . .	19 658	18 600		1 58
Minnesota . . . . .	11 250	10 226		1 24
Missouri . . . . .	11 375	9 325		2 50
Nebraska . . . . .	13 389	13 356		33
New Hampshire . . . . .	32 993	29 897		3 36
New Jersey . . . . .	27 1260	25 1178		2 82
New York . . . . .	96 3952	88 3639		8 313
Ohio . . . . .	84 3181	77 2844		7 337
Oregon . . . . .	11 346	9 288		2 58
Pennsylvania . . . . .	140 8809	128 8089		12 720
Rhode Island . . . . .	16 469	16 423		46
Vermont . . . . .	31 1005	30 877		1 128
Washington . . . . .	10 291	10 247		44
Wisconsin . . . . .	16 767	18 710	2	57
Total . . . . .	903 38169	849 34775	5	59 3394

RECAPITULATION—MEMBERSHIP.

Number in Good Standing June 30, 1931.....	903	Camps	Members
			38169
Gain—		Camps	Members
By Organization and Initiation . . . . .	11	1058	
Transfer . . . . .		83	
Reinstatement . . . . .	15	518	
Total Gain . . . . .		26	1659
Aggregate . . . . .		929	39828
Loss—			
By Disbanded . . . . .	22	293	
Death . . . . .		615	
Honorable Discharge . . . . .		257	
Transfer . . . . .	1	47	
Suspended . . . . .	23	513	
Dropped . . . . .	34	3328	
Total Loss . . . . .		80	5053
Number in Good Standing June 30, 1932.....	849		34775



Amount in Department Treasuries, Reported June 30.....	\$ 6,332.97
Amount in Camp Treasuries .....	55,691.84
Expended by Camps for Relief of Veterans or their Families, and Members of their Families .....	40,962.80
Number Members or Families relieved .....	853
Number Veterans or Families relieved .....	110

Initiations were less this year than last by slightly more than 400 members.

#### NEW CAMPS.

Six Departments organized New Camps. The number of New Camps was less than at any time. Applications were approved, Camps instituted and Charters issued thereto, follows:

Department:	Camp Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Instituted	No. Charter Members
Alabama & Tennessee .....	1	17	1	16
Colorado & Wyoming .....	1	28	1	28
Connecticut ... ..	1	28	1	68
Maryland ... ..	1	33	1	33
Michigan ... ..	1	24	1	20
Ohio ... ..	1	29	1	29
Wisconsin ... ..	2	41	2	43
Total ... ..	8	200	8	237

#### THE BANNER—AND MAILING LISTS OF CAMPS.

It is a universal complaint of Department Secretaries that many Camp Secretaries are negligent and lax in sending revised, corrected lists of members who should and should not receive The Banner. It has become a serious and expensive matter. If Camp Secretaries do not report Dropped members they receive and the Commandery-in-Chief is obliged to pay for papers to such. Several Departments continued to carry the delinquent or dropped members on the mailing lists thinking such persons would be interested and reinstated. The contract with The Banner provides that if Camps or Departments desire copies in excess of their membership—extra copies—they are to be paid for by the respective bodies—not by the Commandery-in-Chief; that the Commandery-in-Chief is to pay for copies as presented by bill therefor as furnished Camps on mailing lists through Department Headquarters; that names, etc., not entitled thereto (when members are dropped) are to be reported and stricken from the list by Department Secretaries. It is the duty of the Department Secretary to clear the lists.

The receipts under Miscellaneous show amount collected from Departments that had been having The Banner furnished members dropped and not entitled thereto. There should be some provision that the Commandery-in-Chief should not pay excess copies, or an amount above the number of members reported by a Department and upon which per capita tax is paid.

The bills or statements for payment are received monthly and paid. The returns from Departments (as well as from Camps to Departments) are received quarterly. The number of papers sent to Camps cannot be checked until the quarterly reports are received—months after the paper is sent to and received by a person who may not be a member for two or three months past.

We should, if possible, arrange to pay for actual membership of a Department, not in excess of the number of members a Department pays per capita tax on and reports in good standing.

Editor A. S. Holbrook, of THE BANNER, has been most helpful in the conduct of affairs between that office and our Headquarters, has always co-operated, assisted in every suggestion for helpfulness and advantage to conduct of business and promptness in details relating to mailing lists, etc.

CONCLUSION.

Your constant application and interest was a factor. It had important bearing on conditions that in a number of instances verged on more than mere discouragement. Your enthusiasm and confidence inspired and encouraged to renewed activity and effort. You gave all that could be expected in performance of duties. You have the esteem, affection and appreciation of all for the service rendered and the honor of a Commander-in-Chief faithful and sincere.

We regret that official relations, pleasant and in accord will cease. Courtesies are acknowledged. To the other National Officers association with whom was pleasing, appreciation for their co-operation and favors is expressed.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.

FINANCIAL.

September 22, 1932.

DR.:		CR.:	
Sept. 19, '32, To Balance.	\$3943.16	By General Expenses	...\$2042.13
Rec'd for P. C. Tax.	\$ 2.97	Office Expenses	..... 217.15
Miscellaneous	..... 26.65	Com.-in-Chiefs' Expenses.	7.40
Interest on Bank		Tax on checks	..... .26
Balances	..... 65.16		
Total Receipts	.....\$ 94.78	Total Expenditures	...\$2266.94
		By Balance, September	
		22, 1932	..... 1771.00
	\$4037.94		\$4037.94

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

General Expenses:

The Banner, balance subscription August, 1932;	
subscription, September, 1932	.....\$ 510.94
Encampment (Springfield)	..... 1434.77
Printing	..... 27.55
Miscellaneous	..... 23.77
Officers except Commander-in-Chief and National	
Secretary-Treasurer	..... 40.10
	\$2042.13

Office Expenses:

Postage, Rent (3 months)	.....\$ 217.15
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Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage, Telegrams	.....\$ 7.40
	\$2266.63
Tax on checks	..... .26
Total Disbursements	.....\$2266.94

## VOUCHERS.

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
51.	The Banner, Balance on Subscription August (\$10.72); Subscription September, 1932, (33348 copies, \$500.22); Officers' Reports, Encampment Roll .....		\$ 643.94
52.	F. C. Huston, Commanmder-in-Chief, September Exp. a/c Encampment Expenses .....		52.45
53.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief, Encampment Expanses .....		71.26
54.	Void		
55.	James M. Hughes, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses.....		61.40
56.	Charles R. Hale, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses.....		111.98
57.	William R. McGirr, Council-in-Chief, Enc. Expenses....		103.07
58.	Walter A. Waterman, National Patriotic Instructor, En- campment Expenses, Postage, etc. ....		72.92
59.	J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, Encampment Ex- penses, Printing, Postage .....		56.43
60.	R. F. Locke, National Counselor, Encampment Expenses.		9.40
61.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer, Postage, Encampment Expense, Printing, Miscellaneous, Floral Design, Telegrams .....		208.95
62.	Colonial Trust Co., Rent (3 months) .....		200.73
63-66.	Marcelle Blaicher, Stenographer, Encampment Report		125.00
64.	John E. Wightman, Treasurer, Dept. Pa., Encampment Appropriation Sons of Veterans' Reserve .....		500.00
65.	Newman Brothers, Lincoln Tablet, Springfield, Encamp- ment Appropriation .....		49.15
	Tax on Checks .....		.26
Total .....			\$2266.94

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Treasurer.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., August 4, 1932.

To Frank C. Huston,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander and Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith the consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors for the year ending May 31, 1932.

Supplementary reports from the following Department Patriotic Instructors indicates a sincere interest and appreciation of their own responsibility if not in all cases to the credit of the Camps in their Departments:

C. D. Donaldson, Wisconsin:

All but two Camps reported. Camp 2 issues certificates (1 copy retained) to non-members of Sons of Union Veterans who assist in the decoration of graves. Camp 4 gave active support to Washington Bicentennial Committee.

## National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Rep

Departments Reporting on New Form No. 51 and Patriotic Instructor of Department	SCHOOLS					
	1. Public Schools in Department.	2. Flags Displayed Outside.	3. Flags Displayed in Halls or School Room.	4. Using Pledge of Allegiance.	5. Memorial Day Programs.	6. Those Giving Patriotic Programs.
Alabama & Tennessee Wm. L. Gray.....	1275	875	875	300	25	125
Colorado & Wyoming M. T. Harned .....	206	All	Nearly All	All	All	Nearly all
Connecticut Edw. C. Carroll .....	423	402	2301	423	358	128
Illinois Chas. M. Thompson.....	1200	1000	1100	1100	950	700
Kansas E. M. Funk .....	\$250	\$250	Unknown	8250	Unknown	\$250
Maine Earle R. Hayes.....	255	All	400	All	75%	59
Maryland John F. Hauck .....	Not Known	Nearly All	Nearly All	Not Known	Not Known	Nearly All
Massachusetts Frank F. Johnson .....	727	727	727	727	717	727
Michigan Wm. H. Malone .....	345	345	Most All	All	All	4
Minnesota T. P. Gleason .....	\$200	90%	Some	Some	80%	Most All
Nebraska O. M. Pine .....	112	Ap. 50	150	All		80
New Jersey Wm. Clayton .....	275	275	275	275	275	250
New York Chas. L. Sharpe .....	352	All	Most All	All	475	90
Ohio A. E. Earlich .....	874	795	810	820	605	405
Pennsylvania Albert M. Rowe .....	876	876	957	876	619	230
Vermont Harry Stickney .....	123	121	140	97	125	33
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson .....	375	372	1495	382	301	182

## National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors Using "New" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1932.

Departments Reporting on New Form No. 51 and Patriotic Instructor of Department	SCHOOLS												CHURCHES				GENERAL						
	Public Schools in Department.	Flags Displayed Outside.	Flags Displayed in Halls or School Room.	Using Pledge of Allegiance.	Memorial Day Programs.	Those Giving Patriotic Programs.	Flags Presented by Camps or Individuals.	Pupils Participating in Memorial Day Programs.	Schools Visited by Patriotic Instructor or Others.	Those Having Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.	Do State Laws Require Display of Flag?	Do State Laws Require Pledge of Allegiance.	Churches in Department.	Number Displaying Flags.	Flags Presented.	Churches Visited by Patriotic Instructor.	Programs for G. A. R.	Prizes Given by Camps for Patriotic Contests.	Number Patriotic Programs.	Public Patriotic Programs.	Monuments or Tablets for Civil War Veterans.	New Memorials During Year.	Money Spent for Patriotic Instruction.
Alabama & Tennessee Wm. L. Gray.....	1275	875	875	300	25	125	75	450	30	900	Yes	Yes	1625	625	5	25	15	Unknown	Unknown	25	2000	10	None
Colorado & Wyoming M. T. Harned.....	206	All	Nearly All	All	All	Nearly all	2	Don't Know	18	All	Yes	No	271	All	None	Don't Know	18	1	129	15	11	1	\$70
Connecticut Edw. C. Carroll.....	423	402	2301	423	358	128	2	7600	72	139	Yes	No	572	461	3	11	61	4	287	29	197	2	\$150
Illinois Chas. M. Thompson....	1200	1000	1100	1100	950	700	310	85000	55	50	Yes	Yes	250	200	No Rept.	37	55	2	30	55	1100	10	\$290
Kansas E. M. Funk.....	8250	8250	Unknown	8250	Unknown	8250	334	Unknown	None	8250	Yes	Yes	4232	Unknown	Unknown	None	Unknown	15	Unknown	Unknown	9	7	None
Maine Earle R. Hayes.....	255	All	400	All	75%	59	6	Over 3500	30	100	No	No	227	87	2	31	51	1	12	11	27	4	\$365
Maryland John F. Hauck.....	Not Known	Nearly All	Nearly All	Not Known	Not Known	Nearly All	31	Not Known	None	1	Not Known	No	Not Known	Many Inside	None	None	4	None	2	See Special	None	None	\$215
Massachusetts Frank F. Johnson.....	727	727	727	727	717	727	60	21	207	291	232	No	742	593	4	81	134	14	180	125	108	10	\$165
Michigan Wm. H. Malone.....	345	345	Most All	All	All	4	100	11080	10	Most All	Yes	Yes	325	All	2	56	25	5	60	24	5	5	None
Minnesota T. P. Gleason.....	8200	90%	Some	Some	80%	Most All	None	25%	None	Most All	Yes	Yes	1600	Few	None	None	None	None	None	Many	None	None	\$50
Nebraska O. M. Pine.....	112	Ap. 50	150	All		80		4150		55	Yes	Yes	178		1		25			52	11		
New Jersey Wm. Clayton.....	275	275	275	275	275	250	5		25	All	Yes	Yes		All	None	55	25	None	None	25	11	2	\$270
New York Chas. L. Sharpe.....	352	All	Most All	All	475	90	19	50000	99	64	Yes	Yes	863	Over 300	11	56	67	6	310	63	12	16	\$550
Ohio A. E. Earlich.....	874	795	810	820	605	405	10	50000	250	185	Yes	No	1250	800	150	12	95			75		2	\$250
Pennsylvania Albert M. Rowe.....	876	876	957	876	649	230	20	90116	348	265	Yes		1076	745	520	234	167	10	752	402	825	12	\$2079
Vermont Harry Stickney.....	123	121	140	97	125	33	52	4833	20	15	Yes	Yes	103	52	53	23	13	0	0	17	150	2	\$19
Wisconsin C. D. Donaldson.....	375	372	1495	382	301	182	20	31185	35	69	Yes	No	554	237	4	11	55	0	0	45	430	71	\$12



National Patriotic Instructor's Consolidated Reports of Department Patriotic Instructors using "Old" Form No. 51 for Year Ending May 31, 1932.

Departments Reporting on Old Form No. 51, and Patriotic Instructor of Department.	1. Do Public Schools Have Flags?	2. Flag Salute Given In Schools.	3. Observe Patriotic Days.	4. Do Teachers Show Interest?	5. Flags Given To Schools.	6. Prizes Given Public School Pupils.	7. Gettysburg Tablets Presented to Schools.	8. Sunday Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day.	9. Public Schools Asked to Help Memorial Day.	10. Memorial Sunday Observed by Churches.	11. Objectible School Histories in Use.	12. Spent for Patriotic Work.	13. Do Camps Offer to Assist G. A. R. Memorial Day?	14. Do Camps Take Charge Memorial Day for G. A. R.?	15. For Good of the Order and to Stimulate Patriotism.
California and Pacific F. W. Crouch.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	none	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	none	yes	some places	
Indiana Roy L. Babylon.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	15	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	176	yes	yes	
Iowa R. J. Bennett.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	23	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	none	yes	some places	Placing of 18 Memorial Tablets, Flags, Pictures.
Missouri Alfred L. Moeser.....	yes	yes	daily	yes	all	yes	5	some	yes	yes	no	750	yes	yes	
New Hampshire Ralph S. Colby.....	yes	daily	yes	yes	1	1	none	yes	yes	yes	none	\$158	yes	yes	Attended what meetings I was able to.
Oregon E. W. Madison .....	yes	daily	yes	yes	yes	none	none	by some	yes	yes	no	none	yes	no	
Rhode Island John A. Young.....	yes	yes	daily	yes		yes	no	no	yes	some	no		yes	several	Fiftieth Anniversary Radio Broadcasts on several occasions.
Washington W. H. Cole.....	yes	yes	yes	yes	7	no	2	Mem. Day only	yes	yes	no		yes	yes	

Henry C. Stickney, Vermont:

Attended a number of Patriotic meetings. Purchased a marker and placed it on grave of a Captain of War of 1812. Out of 31 Camps 15 reported.

Frank T. Johnson, Massachusetts:

Made special effort to have flags displayed on all patriotic occasions.

Charles L. Sharp, New York:

Addressed letter to all Camp Patriotic Instructors in October, 1931, suggesting a program of activities for the year. Took part in Washington Bicentennial Committee program. Aided G. A. R. Posts in local meetings and reunions. Furnished speakers and firing squads at Mt. McGregor and at tree dedication in Rochester. Elmira reports maps and records of Veterans' graves, blue-printed and preserved in vaults. Riverhead Camp helped restore charter of Post surrendered against wishes of some of the members.

William Clayton, New Jersey:

Excellent programs were furnished on May 1 at Vineland Home and on June 5th at Kearny Home.

O. M. Pine, Nebraska:

Report incomplete because of comparatively few returns from Camps.

John F. Hauck, Maryland:

Special activities of the Washington Camps consisted of participation in the Washington Bicentennial Flag Day parade on June 14, and the introduction of resolutions looking toward united action on the part of the National Organization to prevent the spread of communistic activities in the United States. It is hoped that this will be ready for presentation at our Encampment.

Earle R. Hayes, Maine:

Report incomplete because of few returns from Camps.

As National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans I have endeavored to write, speak, and act to the end that true Patriotism, loyalty to our flag, and reverence for the men who preserved that flag might be taught and fostered in every Department of our Order. I have received many assurances of co-operation and evidences that many loyal Sons of Union Veterans are standing out in their Camps and Departments as teachers of patriotism and examples of true citizenship. The results of our efforts cannot be measured any more exactly than the patriotic work of numberless sons and grandsons can be judged from the meagre reports of our Department Patriotic Instructors. In spite of the lack of these reports I believe that the work on Memorial Day is increasing in seriousness and devotion if not in numbers engaged in this service. This seems to be true at least in the New York Department where I have had opportunity for closer observation. If the objects of Our Order are worth while fifty years of devoted service must have established an appreciation and respect for that service that can only increase as the years pass and other generations realize its significance.

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

WALTER A. WATERMAN,  
National Patriotic Instructor.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

August 10, 1932.

To Frank C. Huston,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander and Brother:

I have the honor of submitting herewith my report as National Chaplain for the current year. I am glad to be able to say that the tabulated figures include a report from every Department in the Order. In no case has it been necessary to use "last year's figures."

At the very outset I would like to express my appreciation to the Department Commanders, Secretary-Treasurers and Chaplains for their co-operation in helping to make this report possible.

Activities of the past year have included the following:

Attendance at the Class Initiation at Faneuil Hall, Monday evening, April 11, and a visit at the Massachusetts Department Encampment on Tuesday, April 12. It did seem mighty good to get back and have fine fellowship with the Massachusetts boys and girls in the old Bay State. I want to take this occasion to thank them for their courtesies and the cordiality with which they greeted the National Chaplain.

On May 22 it was my privilege to be present at the Second Annual National Memorial Service held in the afternoon at the Presbyterian Church at Gettysburg, at which time the National Chaplain preached the Memorial Sermon. The Church was crowded to its capacity, a few of the Veterans were present, the Sons of Veterans Reserve attended in a body. At the Sunday morning service Past Department Commander and Past Department President, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wentzel, Mrs. Craig and other friends sat in the pew occupied by President Lincoln at the Sunday service preceding his famous Gettysburg Address.

May 29, the National Chaplain participated in the service which is held annually at the resting place of Augustus Plumber Davis, Founder of our Order.

I want to take this occasion to express my personal appreciation of the splendid co-operation received from our Commander-in-Chief, Brother Frank C. Huston, Sister Lida Doherty, National Chaplain of our Auxiliary, Mr. F. A. Gibson and all others who have helped to make possible the plans and program for our Annual Memorial Service, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## IN MEMORIAM

December 21, 1931—John S. Gallagher, Past Department Commander, Connecticut; Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

George N. Howard, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

January 7, 1932—Frank W. Sault, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

February 4, 1932—Waldo H. Perry, Past Department Commander, Maine.

February 29, 1932—Charles H. E. Moran, Past Department Commander, New York.

March 20, 1932—James E. Henderson, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

J. Clinton Hiatt, Past Department Commander, Maryland.

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN—1932.**

DEPARTMENT.	No. of Camps in Good Standing.	No. of Camps Reporting.	No. Brothers in Good Standing.	No. Attending the Memorial Sunday Services.	No. Participating in Memorial Day Program.	No. Camps Furnishing Flags Squads.	No. Addresses by Sons of Union Veterans.	No. Cemeteries Covered by Sons.	TOTAL FLAGS PLACED.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Other Veterans.	No. Markers Placed on Graves of Civil War Veterans.	No. Graves Given Special Attention.	No. Deaths of Camp Members.	No. Funerals Conducted. TOTAL.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Camp Members.	C. Members of Allied Organizations.	No. Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.	Date Received by National Chaplain.	
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	
Alabama & Tennessee	14	14	237	197	203	1	12	40	37000	36230	770	5	3	5	25	18	5	2	8	Aug. 5	
California & Pacific	21	18	671	235	332	7	30	50	9454	7623	281	7	22	19	108	39	12	26	11	Aug. 4	
Colorado & Wyoming	11	11	321	145	160	1	13	14	2656	3645	11	46	19	5	66	52	5	9	11	July 28	
Connecticut	31	28	1608	508	703	15	48	266	14198	13023	1175	159	16	35	54	32	32	6	15	July 21	
Illinois	30	18	697	189	301	8	30	64	7843	4382	2461	13	42	7	72	56	4	39	12	Aug. 8	
Indiana	20	21	1038	312	387	2	36	43	5087	4777	310	37	111	13	49	27	13	9	20	July 30	
Iowa	14	8	227	81	105	2	8	23	2279	1596	683	10	3	3	11	6	5	1	4	July 27	
Kansas	19	7	226	53	113	2	5	29	2032	1184	848	68	.....	8	17	13	1	3	1	July 23	
Maine	38	29	1391	428	709	15	44	310	10359	10176	183	1177	168	16	48	24	16	8	14	July 12	
Maryland	14	6	517	58	153	2	2	36	1466	1466	.....	.....	.....	14	15	5	10	.....	6	July 29	
Massachusetts	144	91	4229	1374	2040	37	188	697	40000	38749	2051	287	237	62	193	112	62	19	57	July 23	
Michigan	19	12	613	150	214	5	9	89	8334	1733	197	11	3	8	26	17	6	3	6	June 29	
Minnesota	10	6	161	93	82	3	15	32	5907	4431	1476	.....	6	3	5	3	2	.....	4	July 23	
Missouri	9	7	223	58	86	5	10	48	4033	.....	.....	.....	50	4	9	5	4	.....	4	July 20	
Nebraska	13	.....	378	300	200	5	3	15	700	600	100	700	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	Aug. 3	
New Hampshire	25	25	778	287	365	10	38	225	8119	.....	.....	147	19	13	35	13	11	11	14	Aug. 1	
New Jersey	25	15	1190	269	415	11	9	195	12831	11107	1724	14	2259	21	39	19	17	3	12	July 7	
New York	*89	58	2622	876	1226	32	123	666	41028	38921	2107	683	556	40	222	167	40	15	24	July 21	
Ohio	76	33	2800	625	728	20	63	313	30000	28274	1726	2416	1834	43	185	143	24	18	14	July 30	
Oregon	6	6	252	68	101	.....	4	41	1878	1878	.....	.....	10	457	5	15	9	5	1	5	July 22
Pennsylvania	144	69	6511	2670	3207	57	212	821	61222	39587	5756	3274	4595	116	299	169	113	17	50	July 30	
Rhode Island	16	14	321	150	216	9	11	149	7782	.....	.....	.....	22	4	11	10	1	.....	3	July 28	
Vermont	26	14	537	173	218	7	6	131	3775	.....	.....	.....	18	30	12	33	17	13	3	5	July 18
Washington	10	4	113	.....	60	4	2	8	630	630	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	July 28
Wisconsin	13	13	485	167	218	4	13	92	7970	7679	403	65	43	38	18	37	6	7	8	July 28	
Total	849	530	25174	9469	12332	264	884	4397	327748	269591	32243	9199	10495	499	1564	1043	407	199	322		

\*From report of National Secretary as given in The Banner, March, 1932, Page 3.

Martin P. Bennett, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.  
 Bruce H. Garrett, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

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

September 6, 1932—George W. Luff, Past Department Commander, New York.

July 30, 1932—George P. Schlocker, Past Department Commander, Alabama & Tennessee.

March 18, 1932—Henry A. Longfellow, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.

The following recommendations are herewith submitted:

First—That we continue the plan adopted last year whereby the Department Chaplain in office on Memorial Day be responsible for gathering Camp statistics, tabulating the same and submitting the consolidated report to the National Chaplain.

Second—That steps be taken whereby the complete list of Camp Chaplains shall be in the hands of the Department Chaplains in order that Camp Chaplains' reports and circular letters may be sent out not later than May 15 and that a complete list of Department Chaplains shall be in the hands of the National Chaplain not later than May 5 in Order that his Report Blanks and communications may be sent to the proper persons responsible for gathering the information.

Third—That Camp and Department Secretaries and Chaplains be requested to compare their reports regarding the number of Camps and Members in good standing at the time of their reports, namely May 30.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
 J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,  
 National Chaplain.

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#### REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR.

Glen Ellyn, Ill., August 20, 1932.

To Frank C. Huston,  
 Commander-in-Chief,  
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander and Brother:

It is the duty of your National Counselor to submit a report to you, and to the Fifty-first Annual Encampment.

Due to the efficient, kindly and diplomatic services and efforts of the Commander-in-Chief, no controversies have arisen during the past year which have necessitated calling upon the Counselor for an opinion or decision. Peace and harmony prevail; discord and dissention are entirely absent; and as an organization, and as individuals, our entire attention can be directed to the doing of things worth while in carrying out the principles of the organization.

It has been a great pleasure to have been associated with you during the past year, and for the honor conferred and the kindly attention shown, please accept my sincere thanks.

Fraternally yours,

RICHARD F. LOCKE,  
 National Counselor.



Department Commander Hickox, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, we in the west have been watching your efforts. Many of us have endeavored to attend this meeting but many have been unable to do so, and they have asked me to present you with this little token from our California & Pacific Department and in appreciation of your work and that our hearts and souls are with you. We all like to be appreciated for our efforts. We had all hoped to be present but under present circumstances many have been unable to attend but we all wish you a prosperous convention. (Presented the Commander-in-Chief a highly polished abalone shell, carved with beautiful cross thereon).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Thank you. When you return to these good friends from California & Pacific express to them my sincere appreciation of this lovely gift.

National Secretary, will you please call the roll for Resolutions and Communications to be submitted in writing which will be referred to the proper Committees.

National Secretary Hammer then called the Department for Resolutions.

National Secretary Hammer: I move, Commander-in-Chief, that after we recess here we meet at 2:00 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: The meeting this afternoon at 2:00 is to be a joint meeting of the Sons and Auxiliary, at the Leland Hotel.

National Secretary Hammer: I am requested to say that when the Encampment recesses this afternoon for tomorrow morning the Sons of Veterans Reserve from Pennsylvania will give the Commander-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief officers a dress parade and review, when you adjourn.

National Secretary Hammer withdrew his motion to adjourn as there was to be further discussion.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Does any brother anticipate anything that should be made in the way of announcements?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, we have arranged for you and for this Encampment, and by the way Commander-in-Chief, let me advise you that the Chief-of-Staff wants this to be as an honor to you, wants you to review this body that is out here.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I very greatly appreciate that, Brother Mabie.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: We prepared this review this afternoon in order that all of you delegates present might see what it means to have a Reserve body that can be paraded as an escort in Pennsylvania, and that we would like to see paraded in every Department at a National Encampment when an escort is asked for. It so happened that Commander-in-Chief Town of the G. A. R. was at our Department Encampment and immediately called upon me to find out if it wouldn't be possible that we might bring this escort to Springfield as an honor to him. Well, it meant raising about \$7,000 to do it and we hear so much about the times we are in that it looked as if it were to be some job, but we endeavored to collect the \$7,000 and we didn't. We wrote to a lot of fellows and some of them didn't answer or sent us no money. Some said their hearts were with it— if they had delivered them we might have made chicken liver sandwiches or something. But, the spirit was there and they managed a lot of them to get around and secure autos and they are going to

be here. At the time the request was made Commander-in-Chief Town had in mind, and I had in mind, the thought and request has always been for 100 uniformed men as an escort. I can remember several times, two at least, in which the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic would not permit us to march. One time we were made to stand along the curb where children were on the streets and we blocked their view, etc., because we weren't in uniform. Commander-in-Chief Town had in mind what it would mean to this order to have a uniformed escort. We worked our heads off to get them here, and we were very much surprised to learn last night that there are quite a number of our civilian members who now want to parade, and now the story is going the rounds that Pennsylvania is trying to do everything, and of course Commander-in-Chief being from Pennsylvania, now feels that he should drop the bars. The uniformed body from Pennsylvania is holding the line, the rest of us don't know how to march. For six months we have worked and it has been real work, and it isn't over yet. We have done everything we possibly could to bring this picture to this town, not only to do something for the Grand Army of the Republic but for this organization. Only a minute ago you heard about the grandsons. There is a lot of work we can do, with fife and drum corps. This bunch isn't eight months old. When they told me they had been given only about two months training I was surprised. You possibly have seen them going back and forth. They are now on the streets, they are wearing a uniform of the G. A. R. We have done that. The last of them are rolling in in broken down autos, some won't have tires on them, they were broken down before they started, but that gang will be here. We told them we were going to let them represent the Sons of Union Veterans. I think that for years we should have been sick of the turn out and so ashamed of ourselves we should have disappeared, and now that we have this bunch here I think we should permit them to be our only escorts. When I was at Capitol Hill and these boys acted as escort, on all sides they were asking who are these boys, and an old lady asked me that, she was crying, I don't know why, but she said, "That takes me back a good many years and I can see my boys going to war." I don't know what she meant. I want you to make some arrangements now that we can make that picture appear in the parade tomorrow. Don't have the feeling that you think you should honor your fathers by marching. Long ago we should have adopted some sort of uniform if we wanted to do that. These boys have a uniform. I want to tell you the people here want to see it. Commander-in-Chief Town wants to see it, no matter what orders have been given. Let these boys be the official escort. I am going to tell you that this will be the turning point and you will be sorry that you haven't brought your own youngster. Let it go through as we tried to have it, don't spoil it by having us coming in. If you say you are all going out I want to go too, if you say for the picture to be as we wish to present it, then I will stay out.

Past Department Commander Lewis of Kansas: I would like to ask Brother Mabie how many there are in this unit.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: About one hundred thirty.

Past Department Commander Lewis, of Kansas: Most of us have sore feet and don't know how to march. I move that we do not enter the parade and that we follow Brother Mabie's plan.

Delegate Hippwell of New York seconded.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: It has been moved and seconded that we accept the suggestion and follow Brother Mabie's plan, and

that we do not as an order parade, but that **this** honor escort be our representatives in the escort for the parade. Any remarks?

Archie M. Campbell, Department Commander, Illinois: As your representative and Chief-of-Staff, I brought a report back to you as Commander-in-Chief and Chief-of-Staff expressed a desire that every son of the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans should be in that parade and that the Sons of Union Veterans in uniform would be the official escort for the Grand Army of the Republic Parade. My idea of that was in Chicago on Memorial Day where there are 50,000 or so marchers—in that parade the Sons of Union Veterans and the Legionnaires take the place, that is what they are going to do, if we don't have some place we won't have any place. That was why I wanted these sons to have some place in that parade. I reported this to you.

Department Commander Dyer of New York: These remarks that have no teeth in them that Brother Mabie made; it seems to me it would be an ill advised situation. Why not let this uniformed band lead us and then follow them and show the people we are here, and sons of our fathers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, in line with what Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie has stated relative to his uniformed Military Escort which for months has been in preparation for escort service tomorrow, calls to my mind that in 1923 the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons designated our Brother, Major Fred Phillips of Chicago, Illinois, to assemble from different Departments an improvised uniformed contingent of one hundred Sons to act as Military Escort for the parade in Milwaukee.

Our Sons not in uniform did not march. Major Fred had no time to drill his men for the occasion, but at that it is, I believe, in the minds of those present recorded as one of the most spectacular parades in our history to that date.

Brother Mabie has just explained that these one hundred and twenty uniformed Sons from Pennsylvania have been in accord with United States drill tactics, duly trained and drilled, especially for the escort in this city tomorrow, and he suggests that if he is given full freedom for procedure, the escort under command of Colonel Prittie, will positively please Commander-in-Chief Town, his staff and comrades, who compose the marching units of his Union Army to follow, and that is the very thing we desire to do—give to the Grand Army Comrades an escort of precision, beauty and dignity in this to be at least one of their most memorable parades in this Lincoln City Encampment.

May I ask in conclusion that my remarks at this time, take the form of a motion to the effect that Brother Mabie be given entire charge and held responsible for the performance and result of this escort.

Delegate E. M. Lowe of Ohio: We have never had a good parade and under the circumstances this is the answer. I am very strongly in favor of their being the official escort but they should not carry Pennsylvania on their banners and flags and they should carry the banner of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the United States of America. As I understand it, everybody should not be in the parade but I am very much in favor of the boys standing on the line of march. On the other hand I would like to ask Pennsylvania to remove their name of Pennsylvania from the banners.

Past Department Commander Geist of Colorado & Wyoming: Are the other affiliated organizations going to march?

Department Commander Archie M. Campbell of Illinois: The Chief-of-Staff says they are, even the Daughters and Auxillary.

Delegate Austin of Massachusetts: Somebody said he would like to let the Springfield people know that the Sons of Union Veterans are marching. In Des Moines we marched in citizens' clothes. I think Brother Mabie's suggestion is good as long as they have a large enough body to make a creditable showing, this should be done. If any of the brothers want to march, go in with your own Post and help those old boys or otherwise get on the rear of the line and act as a file closer.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I want a free and frank discussion of this, and then I want to ask Brother Mabie some questions regarding it and I want this matter decided by vote.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: It has been a very mooted question in our organization regarding the uniformed escort and now Mabie has presented a picture which is praiseworthy. Colonel Prittie and his officers are a snappy looking bunch of boys, and they are being conducted as Sons of Union Veterans. If we march after them you will find the people on the side lines will think you are the Grand Army. Don't spoil this picture which Pennsylvania is trying to present. Get back on the side lines and show your appreciation by applauding the escort, never mind where they come from. They are going to represent you as an escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, the way they never have been represented before. I have worn the uniform. I was the only Commander-in-Chief, I think, to do so. I will wear it again and I am proud of it. I will wear it tomorrow in the Massachusetts delegation. Let's keep that picture as presented.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It seems to me we should hark back to the original request of Commander Town who saw this body of men march and then asked that it might act as an escort for this body. I have marched in various parades and have appreciated the fact that I was asked. I have also been cognizant of the ridiculous picture we brought forth by the nondescript attire we wore. I believe we will be glad of the picture that will be shown to the people of Springfield if we accept Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie's suggestion. I don't believe it will make any difference if they wear the Pennsylvania insignia or not. I am in accord with Brother Shellhouse and Past Commander-in-Chief Homan and I hope the body will decide to allow this uniformed escort to represent the Sons of Union Veterans as the official escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Department Commander Hiland of Minnesota: I listened not only now but a year ago to the eulogy paid to the uniformed bodies of this organization by Brother Mabie of Pennsylvania and I would not be true to the brothers of Minnesota if I did not come forth and tell you that the State of Pennsylvania is not the first who has acted as Reserves. Milwaukee has been recognized as having a Reserve unit. We still parade. We have uniforms. I like to see those boys. They come out and do it right. Their officers are capable and the men are capable. They do it in a military way. I know that those men are doing their stuff as I have had such experience. I saw them on the street and Minnesota comes before you with a company of Reserve. Our men cannot come to this convention and now that we have come here we stand ready to accede to the wishes of this convention and we are ready to come forward and do our stuff. When Memorial Day comes our organization leads the other organizations in the State of Minnesota. With the uniformed boys and the Sons of Union Veterans, we take our places with everything that comes along of a patriotic nature.



Commander Dyer of New York: I have no objection in my mind regarding having a uniformed escort for the Sons of Union Veterans of the G. A. R. other than that we are representative men and people understand who and what we are. Whether a person doesn't like my tie or suit or shoes, that isn't the question. We are sons of our fathers and as such we march. I had the pleasure of leading the Liberty Loans in my Camp. I also had the privilege of getting my first Camp. During the last war there were 50,000 uniformed men following 27,000 who were in uniform.

Delegate White of Kansas: There is something I don't know. Do we understand this uniformed rank is to appear only as Sons of Union Veterans and no one else is to follow them and be in the parade.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is the motion.

— Delegate White of Kansas: The other organizations who are in the parade have never had a stated uniform of any kind. Some of the girls have red, white and blue dresses, but it is never criticised. There are some of the Grand Army who don't have a uniform on when they are parading. It looks like 130 men parading as representative Sons of Union Veterans is not enough.

Department Commander Hickox of California & Pacific: I think most of the brothers were at the Lincoln Tomb and witnessed the wonderful work there. All the members couldn't take part in it. There were a number at home who could do it but that was a perfect team and we learned something from them about taking care of the work. This uniformed unit from Pennsylvania have been to lots of work and expense. They have worked hard and they are entitled to a lot of credit. The Sons of Union Veterans get the honor as well as they do, and we should let them do it. We make a laughing stock of ourselves because we are not in condition. Let them be our uniformed rank and let us help the comrades and give those boys what is coming to them. We shouldn't try to do what we are unable to do. We are not hurting anyone by not parading, but that is our official team and let them do it. It is not Pennsylvania's parade, they have done the work that we all had the privilege of doing. It is our own fault. We are proud that Pennsylvania did it and we should take off our hats to Brother Mabie and Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Pennsylvania through its generous labor has given this body a chance to be properly represented in the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic in this city tomorrow. Now let us take advantage of that opportunity which is given to us and let us be creditably represented in this organization and the rest of us in civilian clothes stay out.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I want to ask Brother Mabie some questions. I believe you said that you did not reach your primary objective of \$7,000—that you were unable to realize this amount—what did you spend in getting here? This full and very frank discussion is so that when we vote on this question it will be after everyone has had an opportunity to know the full and complete facts.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: There is no way of giving you any detailed statement as to what has been spent or what will be spent. I would rather not tell you how much has been collected. I will also say that you will have to blame all this on me and not the Department of Pennsylvania. There are probably others who thought of it and thought it would cost too much. When we sat down and figured we counted up that the fare for the Reserve alone would be \$7,500. When Commander Town heard this he said "I guess that we had better forget it." That was without any provision for housing.



feeding, etc. Remember that Sam Town's heart was set on it and we thought it was up to us to go ahead. We secured automobiles and some are coming in today,—it is a distance of some 1500 miles round trip to get these boys here. We tried getting automobiles to hold four men and a driver for \$25. The local committee arranged for the housing, but that only takes care of them until tomorrow afternoon. We arranged with the K. of C. to have them fed for \$1.00 per day. One of the boys just came in who was of the last of the bunch to arrive so that probably all of the Reserve are in at this time.

We cannot give you figures because every man himself is paying the biggest part of his way here. In some of the Camps we raised a little money that we didn't put into this fund,—that has been turned over to the men. The autos are not paid for as yet. The men who came out on the train took their ratio of \$5.00 and paid the rest themselves.

Several of the Brothers around here spoke of our getting out and marching. Well, I paraded every year that they would allow us to parade. I want to say if we didn't have this escort here the body of men here in this room would amount to the escort, and there would only be about as many men as we have from Pennsylvania in this Reserve. You can look at the two and see which would best represent the Sons of Union Veterans. Furthermore I want to say that I am not a military man. These men don't carry Pennsylvania banners or signs. We don't want to boost Pennsylvania. We want everybody on the street to look upon this Reserve body as the uniformed body of men of the Sons of Union Veterans. The uniformed men should be looked upon as representing members from all over the country. There will be no exploiting of Pennsylvania. We are not hunting for that. These boys are Sons of Union Veterans.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: Do I understand that some of the Illinois boys might be here. May they march also?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I am glad you raised that question. My suggestion would be that we do as Massachusetts has tried to do, and also Pennsylvania, for a good many years. We have tried to furnish enough men in uniform of our Department so that if any of the other Departments want to do this—to have enough men in uniform to act as a color guard preceding their own Department. I think it will also tell the people along the sidewalk that we are in our Departments and not out in front. We then could help our comrades. I think we should be along with our comrades.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: There may be different outfits from different Departments. They are to go with their own state,—is that your suggestion?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Yes, I don't believe there are more than six other Departments.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: At the State Encampment they had between 50 and 60 from Illinois. I don't know what efforts have been made and whether or not they came down here with 30 or more men that will make at least a creditable platoon.

National Secretary Hammer: Only for your information let me say that some years ago the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic adopted a resolution that no person should appear in the Grand Army parade except 100 uniformed Sons of Veterans. Commander-in-Chief Church in Boston led the greatest Encampment parade in years in that place. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery

of that city kept out of that parade and the Sons of Veterans were put in.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: Brother Mabie, has any provision been made for our Commander-in-Chief?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I don't know about that.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: I think he should be requested to be with the parade.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I have tried to give everyone a chance to talk. The action will be what the Commandery-in-Chief will settle on the vote on the motion. You have all heard the motion, which I believe need not be restated, and if there are no further questions we will vote on same.

Voted on the motion and carried, that the Reserve from Pennsylvania act as escort to the Grand Army in the parade.

National Secretary Hammer: Before we recess the Credential Committee presents a supplementary report showing 9 Past Commanders-in-Chief; 16 Department Commanders; 46 Past Department Commanders, and 69 Delegates present, or a total of 140 on the roll at present.

National Chaplain Craig made remarks regarding the Greetings Session, stating: This is the chance for the expression of greetings between the Sons and the Auxiliary, and I understand that if this is so tomorrow we will not have to open our doors during our session.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is to be taken care of by this arrangement, or at least that is the idea for which we are striving.

We will adjourn to meet according to the program at 2:00 p. m.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I move that the next business session of this Encampment be Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Seconded by Commander Farr of Vermont.

Motion carried.

Delegate Hess of New York: Is the session this afternoon part of the official proceedings of the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: It is a part of the official proceedings—as set forth in The Banner.

Department Commander Hickox of California & Pacific: This being an official meeting this afternoon the motion was out of order. It is a gentlemen's agreement that no business is to take place.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I will change my motion to this—That we transact no business until meeting tomorrow at 2:00, except the Greetings and Memorial Services.

Voted on revised motion and carried.

Recessed.

## JOINT GREETINGS MEETING

Tuesday, 2 P. M., September 20, 1932

At the open session held jointly with the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary, on Tuesday afternoon, a court of honor was formed by all Auxiliary Department Presidents, National Officers and Past National Presidents. All officers dressed in white, made a most beautiful picture. Each Department President presented to National President Combs, their gift, with well chosen and appropriate remarks. Each National Officer, carrying a rose in the heart of which was a handkerchief, and to each stem was tied a Madeira napkin, marched in forming an aisle through which the National President was escorted by National Chief-of-Staff Sautter, dressed as a gypsy. The Past National Presidents formed the lower part of an anchor and as Sister Combs passed through the formed anchor rose petals were scattered in front of her, and she was showered with the roses. Sister Molly D. Hammer, in a most beautiful manner, tied the roses all together for President Combs.

President Combs: Sisters of this Convention, I surely thank you for this lovely tribute. (Recited poem by Edgar Guest).

As this is to be a joint session of the Auxiliary and Sons of Union Veterans, Commander-in-Chief Huston will preside jointly with me on this occasion.

The Inside Guard announced that a Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was in waiting.

President Combs: I will appoint as escort Sisters Bessie B. Bowser and Elizabeth Ireton. Guides and Color Guards, with escort, you will retire to the ante-room and escort in the Greetings Committee.

Bessie B. Bowser: Sister National President and members of this Convention, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you Sister Mary S. Jewel, Senior Vice President of the National Woman's Relief Corps, also Mrs. Theresa Marsh, National Junior Vice President from Iowa.

Elizabeth Ireton: Sister National President, I have the honor to introduce Mrs. Lizetta Cody, National I. and I. Officer, from Michigan.

President Combs: Sisters of the National Woman's Relief Corps, we extend to you a cordial welcome. Sisters of this convention, salute. Guides and Color Guards, you will escort our guests to this station. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce Sister Mary Jewel. I want to say that she is the Senior Vice President of the National Woman's Relief Corps and is also a charter member of the Auxiliary in Denver. When I was there, she was a great help to me, and I am very, very happy to welcome her into my convention. I also have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Theresa Marsh, the National Junior Vice President from my own Department, Iowa. Also Mrs. Lizetta Cody, National I. & I. Officer, from Michigan. We will be glad to hear from all of them.

Mrs. Mary Jewel: Today I am glad to be in this assembly. Many of your Departments I have visited, but there is no convention I would have been more glad to have been given the chairmanship of greetings than the one to the Auxiliary. I feel, Sister Willma, that on us devolves a sacred duty. The Woman's Relief Corps have gone before us and shown us the way. They have brought up strong sons and daughters and we today are their representatives. Then let us go forward, even as they have led the way, bringing to the next generation the same loyalty and service. I know in our mother's day there was more need of relief work than today. If it was a little different, are we not strong enough to fit ourselves into our own day? And may we not go forward, meeting the conditions that surround us at the present time, and find the path that will lead our country back to a better day. Once more I can say I am glad to be with you and to your President, our President sends greetings not only of our Convention, but of hers, personally. This morning she told our convention of a little girl who had traveled with her and how beautiful that association had been and in memory of that, she asked me to bring you this little gift, a token of remembrance of your journeys together.

Mrs. Marsh: I, too, voice the sentiments of our National Vice President in bringing the love and best wishes of our National body of the Woman's Relief Corps. I know the Sons of Union Veterans are here for such a wonderful purpose and when I saw them in joint session, the first thought that flashed in my mind was, these men cannot do without the women. I am sure, Mrs. National President, that our National President wishes for you a most prosperous and happy convention.

Mrs. Cody: I was especially pleased when our National President appointed me on this committee, for this one reason if for no other. Last year the Department President of our Auxiliary lived in Detroit and she was a special friend of mine, but has since passed out of office, and I am pleased to bring her greetings and the greetings of Michigan to this convention. I wish to extend to this convention my personal greetings and wish for you a most pleasant and successful convention. I thank you.

President Combs: I will ask Past National President Sister Flora Whitney to respond.

Flora Whitney: Sister National President and members of the Woman's Relief Corps, it is with pleasure that I respond to your greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps. You are our mother organization. We are proud of the work you have done and accomplished in the years past, and I can assure you that every one of our members will do all in their power to follow in your footsteps. We are proud to be the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, as you are to the Grand Army. Sister Atwood, your National President, is a member from Massachusetts and is my President, too. Take back to her the greetings of every member of this organization, and we wish for her success and prosperity in her Encampment, and may the year she has just gone through, be ever a pleasant memory. Sister National President, I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity to respond to our mother organization.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have had in waiting two or three Greetings Committees but the Grand Army Committee is here and we give them precedence over all others. The Grand Army Committees, three to the Sons and three to the Auxiliary, they will be admitted.

Frank Shellhouse: I have the honor to introduce Col. Oley Nelson, Chairman of the Greetings Committee, Col. D. N. Foster, Past

Department Commander of Indiana, and Col. James Campbell, Past Commander of Illinois, and his son, who is Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, Comrade E. Abbott, Comrade H. C. Martin, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Apple of California, and Comrade Gandy, Spokane, Wash.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Comrades of the Grand Army, we greet you and we are happy to have you with us. We regret the late beginning. I will ask that these Grand Army comrades be escorted to the platform.

Bessie B. Bowser: I have the extreme pleasure of introducing to you, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Catherine McBride Hoster, who brings the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Elizabeth Ireton: I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Martin, Department President of Massachusetts, also Mrs. Carrie Dean, of Vermont.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We greet you as the Committee for the Sons of Union Veterans.

W. L. Anderson: Commander-in-Chief Huston, it is my pleasant duty to present to you the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Hallie Butler, Department President of Indiana; Edith Lindner, Missouri; Alma Ferry, Oklahoma; Grace Effinger, Kansas.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are happy to welcome you. You will be escorted to the platform.

Bessie Bowser: Sister National President and members of this joint convention, I am happy to present the Greetings Committee to our Auxiliary, from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Louise Benson, Massachusetts; Anna Warren, Oregon; Helen Church, Connecticut.

President Combs: I am happy to welcome this Committee. Guides and Color Guards, you will escort this Committee to the platform.

Mrs. Catherine Hoster of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and Comrades of the Grand Army, Sons and Auxiliary. I believe now, in the advisability of going early to avoid the rush. Our Committee thought we would do that this afternoon and be here to extend our greetings. However, we would love to stay and join this love feast. I do want to bring to you, Commander of the Sons, the Greetings of the National President and the organization of the National Relief Corps. We bring to you their greetings, their wishes for everything that is good, to deliver to you this message that we believe in you. The National Woman's Relief Corps feels sure that the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will gladly assume the responsibility we are putting on their shoulders to carry on the work of upholding the principles established by those men of the Grand Army. I want to assure you also that the National Woman's Relief Corps knows that this organization of Sons will be true patriots, worthy of that priceless duty. Commander-in-Chief Huston, Mrs. Atwood sends personal greetings to you, and love and greetings to the Sons. She has appreciated all you have done for her this year. She has enjoyed knowing you and she asks me to present this little gift just as a token of remembrance. (Presents a box containing a two and one-half dollar gold coin). Now I feel I must say just a personal word. I was especially glad when our National President asked me to be chairman of this committee because your Commander-in-Chief belongs to us. We in Indiana know Frank and we know what he is worth to the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



and their Auxiliary. We are proud in Indiana that you have led the Sons through this strenuous year. Now, we know you are busy so I will not say more.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Thank you. I want to say just a word before I call on the other members of the Committee. I appreciate this wonderfully splendid word from Mrs. Hoster and I appreciate this gift and expression of the wish of your National President. I have had a thought in my mind several times and I don't know whether you can carry it to Mrs. Atwood or not but it is something like this. If I could have my way and be born again, physically, I would want Mrs. Atwood for my second mother. My association with her this year has been one which made me know her for her good works and the loyalty she has rendered to her organization. Carry my personal good wishes to Mrs. Atwood. (Addressing the other members of the Committee) Have you a word for us?

Mrs. Carrie Dean of Vermont: I have a word to say, I am happy to be at your meeting in this convention. We hope you have the best of success this year in your convention and in all the years to come.

Mrs. Isa Martin of Massachusetts: As the Department President of Mrs. Atwood's home state, I am proud indeed to bring their greetings and wish for you a successful convention, and I as an Auxiliary member want to pay my respects to the President of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I will ask Brother Ralph Sheldon to respond, as Brother John Sautter is not here.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the Auxiliary, Brothers, Sisters, Friends. I am particularly delighted that John Sautter has asked me to substitute for him, although a very poor one, I can assure you. For, today I can see the finest and the best mother that ever blessed the earth. I believe she is looking down on us, for that mother has gone to the world beyond. She loved the Woman's Relief Corps and she was active in it, thus I am particularly pleased to say a word to the Woman's Relief Corps. We are told in Holy Writ that the World was created in seven days and then God made man. He must have been particularly ashamed of his work because he looked him over and inspected him thoroughly and then he said I am quite sure I can certainly do better than that and then he created a woman, from that comes the finest word in all the English language—"Mother." The Woman's Relief Corps is the mother organization of all of us. From time immemorial woman has had the hard part of life. It is she that goes down into the depths to bring forth a child. These gray haired men come to us year after year and tell us they won the Civil War. I say it was not them but it was the loyal women of the United States who kept most of them down in the front because they would be so ashamed to come back and face the women and be known as cowards. It was the women, the mothers, who kept the home fires burning, who worked on the farm through the day and then late into the night by candle-light and sewed until their fingers were sore so that the little ones might be kept from starving. Hard times! Men know nothing about it. Today, and in the past year, we have heard about depression. Who has been the one to suffer the most? It is the women. The husband and son have been thrown out of work, and she has gone to work herself and given her heart and soul to keep that family together, body and soul. It has been said that if ever the United States goes to the bad this epitaph could be written over it—Here lies the United States, dead because of lack of faith. We will never go to the bad because we have loyal women,—the Woman's Relief Corps and

the Auxiliary, and they always have faith, faith in themselves and that counts the biggest. They have faith in their country and they have faith in its men. We are delighted, ladies, that you have come to us today. Sad would be our Encampment if you did not come to us and greet us. We pray God that your lives may be spared long and that you may come to us often and will you carry back the word to your President that the Sons of Union Veterans, although they have failed many times are still boys and always will be and have faith in them that some day they will amount to something. Tell her we love her and tell her we would each take her in our arms and express our love if that were possible. Tell her some day in the near future we hope we can take her by the hand and say God bless you. We love you all. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: These ladies are due back at their place of meeting and much as we would like to have them, if the escort will conduct them out they will appreciate it. We are glad you came.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief and National President, I have the privilege and honor which comes perhaps once in a lifetime. I now have the great privilege and honor, as well as the pleasure of presenting to the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Samuel P. Town of Pennsylvania.

Brother Anderson: Commander-in-Chief and National President, it is my privilege to present Mrs. Commander-in-Chief Town to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: Commander-in-Chief and National President, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Adjutant of the G. A. R., Comrade Hambright, and Miss Town, the daughter of your Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure, Commander Town, there is no one in this wide, wide world, and that is taking in a great deal of territory, I admit, who would be more welcome in this group than you, and then comes your Adjutant. We are delighted to have you come. I think nothing of the kind has ever happened before in our Encampments. Will the escorts bring these distinguished guests to the platform. Friends, this was worth waiting a long time for. If you folks had gotten off when you expected, you would have missed this. I am glad you stayed.

Commander Town, let me repeat that no man in all this world is more welcome in this group than you. We appreciate what you have done not only this year but in the past years, about thirty, I expect. Personally, Commander Town, I want to express my esteem for you. Prior to this year I didn't know much about you except that you were a Grand Army man. Brother Town, I love you, and we want to hear from you. God bless you.

Commander-in-Chief Town of the Grand Army of the Republic: Well, there is such a thing as they say that a man may be talked out. I could never be talked out when I meet such associations as I have come across here in this beautiful city of Springfield. It was a great satisfaction to me to be escorted into this home this afternoon by a young man whom I have known for very many years. While he does not live close to me he lives in the great old Keystone State, in the western part, and my associations with him and with his family have been very close indeed, at the meetings where we were able to see each other. I refer to Brother Sautter of Pittsburgh, Pa. Your Commander-in-Chief has complimented me very highly by stating that on close acquaintanceship he not only learned to like me but he learned to love me. That might seem nice to come from one of you girls. I

certainly appreciated hearing it from him. I have no hesitancy in saying that the feeling is reciprocated. I learned to love him from the first meeting. His heart and soul is interested in the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary. I am impressed very highly and favorably this afternoon when I see the Sons and the Auxiliary in joint meeting. That shows to me how close the relationship is between the Sons and their Auxiliary. It is an example of what I said in one of my meetings in Springfield. I stated when I looked into the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and then to the history of the Woman's Relief Corps, it was very difficult to separate those two great organizations, and so I feel when I come in here today, that the interests of you Sons and the Auxiliary are so entwined that it would be very difficult indeed to separate you. I want to congratulate you all, first in having a man like your Commander-in-Chief to lead you, and secondly to have this lovely woman as your President of the Auxiliary. I want to say with a great deal of feeling that I have learned to love her. I want you to thoroughly comprehend that the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the past thirty years or more, has been an advocate of the Sons of Union Veterans, placing them side by side with their followers, and he knows that it has been no detriment to the Grand Army of the Republic, for the stand he has taken. As we have advanced in years, less able to perform the duties that are incumbent upon those conducting Posts and Departments, he has never failed to call on one of the Sons of Union Veterans in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania but what they have not only come to his call but they have done more, they have followed up and anticipated what he might want and have been at his beck and call at all times. I know that the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans has imbibed that same spirit from the Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Grand Army knows today that they have behind them, as they go down the latter part of life, the principles of the fathers to be followed by the Sons of Union Veterans, and the Auxiliary who will follow in the footsteps of their fathers and the great principles of Charity, Fraternity and Loyalty will be protected throughout.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Now, we ought to hear from Mrs. Combs.

National President Combs: Commander-in-Chief Town, and Mrs. Town, I want to tell you this has been a wonderful year for me, for the privilege of traveling miles and miles with you, and I hope as the years go by the memories of this year will be just as happy for you, as they are for me. I am so glad to welcome you today. (Recited poem).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Now, Mrs. Town, we will be glad to hear a word from you.

Mrs. Town: Sisters, as I am one of you, I am happy to be with you, but talking about love, the man that brought me in was sweet, that was Billy Anderson. I love all the men and always have loved every Grand Army man. I call them my pals, I have been associated with them so long in Pennsylvania. Your Auxiliary President has said we traveled together; there were five of us and I have never seen anything but a smile on every face. We were always so happy to meet each other and we had a grand time together. As we go home we well cherish these memories and they will be sealed forever. Sometimes we had to make four speeches a day. I have always been crazy about everything noisy and when I was a girl used to tell people I was like a fire engine. I am happy to be here with you today.

Miss Town: It is a very great pleasure to be here. I have been heartened by two things. It is a joy to meet so many people who have grown fond of my father. The second is that I read the newspapers and see so little fraternity, charity and loyalty expressed, that it is a thrill to come into a great throng of people who are organized with these three principles, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, as their objective.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Col. Hambright, have you a word for us? Adjutant of the Grand Army, you are talking to Mrs. Combs and the Auxiliary as well as the Sons of Union Veterans.

Adjutant General Hambright: The Commander-in-Chief has thrown the bouquets, I guess it is up to me to get down to brass tacks. It seems like a happy family, a reunion, and I suppose under the present economic conditions it is rather proper at this time. I was reading a little script in the paper the other day. I don't accuse all of you young ladies of carrying out what was in it, but it said that years ago the boys sat on the front porch with their sweethearts and drank in the moonshine, but now they go in the kitchen and drink their moonshine. The ladies have a great task to perform, in assisting the Grand Army of the Republic by encouraging and assisting the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You are doing a great duty and it is up to you to keep those boys active so that when the Grand Army passes away they will appreciate the great heritage left by their fathers and grandfathers. They are the men of the Grand Army of the Republic who must pass away in time, but you can assist in protecting their principles, by keeping up the organization and looking after the graves of the boys who lie in the various cemeteries. I think you should look after the legislature in the country and see that the Army and the Navy is kept in proper condition, remembering that in the years gone by it was the Army who played the greatest part in blazing the trail over the country for the pioneers; and for the pioneers of the Navy who keep up our sea traffic, and protected our transportation, established light houses and clearing the passage. In times of great devastation the Army and Navy become very useful for necessary purposes. It is for you as rising citizens to look after the Boys in Blue, which your fathers and grandfathers kept intact. If it had not been for the Civil War Union Soldiers what would this country be? It was they who answered the call of Abraham Lincoln and went forth for four years, and in the greatest of privations, to save the nation. You are the heirs. I trust you may carry on and that your convention may be a happy one and result in good for the Grand Army of the Republic and the members of your bodies. The members living today are not heirs, but only survivors of that great army that went forth in '61-'65; they can thank our Heavenly Father that they are living today. I hope that you and every one of your members in the United States will continue to live and go forward, "with malice towards none and charity for all," as Lincoln has told us.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We will have a very brief response at the request of Commander Town, which also includes the request of Sister Combs, this response by Brother John Sautter, from the state from which Commander Town and his good wife come.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Those of you who know me and I think most of you do, know that upon only rare occasions is it difficult for me to find words to express the feelings of my heart. But this is in truth one of those occasions. It is made doubly so, may I say at the beginning, because of the gracious words in the opening address of our beloved Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the



Republic, who is the Commander-in-Chief of us all. I don't know just how long I have known this good citizen of the great State of Pennsylvania, or whether it has been five years or twenty-five years, or the addition of years added to that; but I know, brothers and sisters, that there never has been a time in all those years when anyone who knew him could question his sincerity or purpose, as it pertained both to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary. So it is indeed, Commander-in-Chief Town, a most happy occasion for us all to have you, and these dear ones who accompanied you, come to our session this afternoon. It is difficult in words to respond at any time to the Grand Army of the Republic, because they mean so much, not only to us but to every man, woman and child in this beloved land of ours, because the United States of America today is what the Grand Army of the Republic made it. The other day I was looking up statistics and I was amazed to find that on June 30th of this year we were still blessed by having on this side 31,072 of the boys who enlisted at the call of the immortal Lincoln, to save this Country and that Flag. I wonder if you catch the significance, brothers and sisters, of those figures; it is one year more than the allotted three score and ten since the beginning of that great strife, and sixty-seven years since the close of the great Civil War, yet God in his goodness permits us to have with us, to continue to convey to us, not what they did, but our responsibility for what they saved for us in that dark period—31,072 of the best young men that this nation or any other nation under the sun had ever seen. I was trying to think of something that might convey in the concrete just what the Grand Army of the Republic has meant to us, and I was able to find these words of another:

#### THE BRIDGE BUILDER.

An old man, going a lone highway,  
 Came at the evening, cold and gray  
 To a chasm vast and deep and wide.  
 The old man crossed in the twilight dim.  
 The sullen stream had no fear for him;  
 But he turned when safe on the other side  
 And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
 "You are wasting your strength with building here;  
 Your journey will end with the ending day.  
 You never will pass again this way;  
 You've crossed the chasm deep and wide;  
 Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head—  
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,  
 "There followeth after me today  
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
 This chasm that has been naught to me  
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;  
 He too must cross in the twilight dim—  
 Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

In truth these men and their comrades have built the bridge which is making our pathway through life an easier and better one. May God in his infinite goodness spare you and your comrades for many, many years, that we may have the inspiration of their presence with us.



Commander-in-Chief Huston: That was very beautiful and worthy of the continued applause. Commander Town has asked that he be released but I feel that we should all stand and sing again together "Blest be the Tie that Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love." (All stood and sung with deep emotion. It was a great hour).

Commander Town: I want to give an explanation of my wanting to go. I have an engagement to meet 150 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at 4:30.

President Combs: It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce the Chairman of the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Louise Benson, of Massachusetts. I am sorry you and your Committee waited so long.

Louise Benson: I am surely glad to be here and bring you the greetings of our National President. Before I say any more, I want to say that I overheard someone say that we were in such a hurry that we wanted to go before the Grand Army Committee. We would never want to do that. This little token comes from our National President, with her respect and love and her good wishes for a most successful convention.

Annie Warren: Sister President and Comrades. It is a real pleasure to come from Oregon and assist in bringing the greetings to your Auxiliary from the Daughters of Union Veterans. I also want to add my good wishes for a successful convention. I thank you.

Helen Church: Comrades and all members of this convention: The Chairman of this Committee has so ably expressed the greetings of our National President, that I could not say more, except one little thing. The gentlemen that stood over here and gave such a wonderful tribute to the Grand Army of the Republic, and said that we should be very proud to feel that we won the Civil War. We are very modest, we did not, we simply stood behind to do what the woman can do. She can do some things that girls cannot do. We were willing to do what we could. We want to carry on. One of our Past Commanders has asked me many times as Department President of Connecticut, to either sing the famous song of the Comrades, or else recite it. I am only going to give a little of it here. That story will be told when the Boys in Blue are gone.

"When the comrades have departed and the veterans are no more,  
When the bugle call has sounded on that everlasting shore;  
When life's weary march is ended, when the camp fire slumbers long,  
Who will tell the world the story, when the Boys in Blue are gone?"

Let me assure you, Comrades, that we will carry on and tell the story as long as there is breath in our bodies.

Inside Guard announced that a Committee on Greetings from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was in waiting.

Bessie B. Bowser: I have the honor to present to this convention, Sister Lyda Manson, Past National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Also Mrs. Clara N. Sawyer, Past National President, of California.

Elizabeth Ireton: I have the honor to introduce May B. Slattery of Pennsylvania, member of the National Council of Administration, Ladies of the G. A. R.

President Combs: I extend to you a hearty welcome. Guides, Color Guards and escort, you will escort these ladies to my station.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Now we have a Committee which has been in waiting for quite a little time. We are delighted to have

them here. It is from the Daughters of Union Veterans. We will be glad to hear Mrs. Butler.

Mrs. Nellie Mount Butler of Indiana: I will give a very brief greeting to you, the Sons of Union Veterans and your Auxiliary. We left our meeting, comrades and ladies, just to visit the Sons and we all had speeches prepared, and we are bewildered. When we came to the entrance and began to see so many from Indiana it was a happy moment for us, and we wish to present this little gift to the National Commander of the Sons from Indiana. While we all had wonderful speeches to make we know you will take that for granted. We are delighted to be here and it is especially nice to see all these people, but we will have to leave you. We wish you success in every way and bring you the love of all of us to all of you.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Sister Butler, we are delighted to have your visit and we sincerely regret that we haven't more time, but somehow the man who makes time has only put twenty-four hours in the day. I don't think there was that much today. I shall not ask for any response other than that which I give. We thank you for coming. I thank you for this lovely gift, and want to express our love and good wishes. As I said in my report, we have so many things in common and we thank you for what you have done and are doing and we are glad to extend to you our greetings, and those of our entire Commandery. (Mrs. Butler presented a lovely book of patriotic poems from Mrs. Goetz, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Please convey to Mrs. Goetz my sincere appreciation for this very lovely and fitting gift.

President Combs: Sisters and brothers of this convention, I just know that no happier moment will come to us during my convention, and the memory of this will long remain, that of having with me in my convention this grand Comrade of the Civil War. He is the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, Comrade Oley Nelson from Iowa, and he is Chairman of the Greetings Committee to our organization. I will whisper his age, he is 88 years young.

Comrade Nelson: Mrs. President of the Auxiliary, and Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, and all in this convention. I have gotten confused in my little address that I had prepared in my mind that I might say on this occasion. There have been so many excellent addresses from the different societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, that I as a Grand Army man am a little confused. I am a member of Camp No. 75, Sons of Union Veterans, Des Moines, Iowa, and your President here is a member of the Auxiliary to the Dodge Camp No. 75, so you see your National President knew my age, and sometimes we are a little bashful about telling our age, especially if we are single.

We have come to Springfield to pay our respects, not only to the citizens, but to the Grand Army chieftain, Abraham Lincoln. When I think of the past and think of the history of this country and the fast diminishing line of Grand Army comrades, 31,000 now living, is it any wonder that we live in the twilight of our lives. We feel that it is a great honor to come to Springfield and pay homage to our chieftain, Abraham Lincoln. I met a boy who was 15 years of age at the time Lincoln made his Gettysburg address. I got acquainted with this gray headed old man. He was at Gettysburg and said that Lincoln sat in one corner of that huge platform. This man told me he was only fifteen years of age but could remember it as well as if it had been today. Lincoln stepped to the side of the platform, took his paper from his pocket and looked over that huge audience, then

commenced to read. He read very slowly and distinctly. Came to one sheet and then another and when he came to that part that said, "we cannot dedicate, we cannot hallow this ground," etc., he seemed overcome. When he sat down, Senator Everett went to him and said: "I want to congratulate you, Mr. President." The President replied, "I would have gladly given my manuscript, if I could have been the author of yours."

When Lincoln bade your citizens here good-bye for the last time, he made that immortal farewell address. I wish you success on behalf of the Grand Army. When you were in Des Moines last year, I gave the order that the Sons of Union Veterans should lead the parade for the Grand Army.

President Combs: I will ask Sister Lillian Ball to respond to the greetings of the Grand Army.

Lillian Ball: Sister President, comrades and members of this assembly, during our conventions we have many high lights, but the very highest is when the Grand Army visit us. It makes us happy when they bring us greetings. We want you to know that we are not insensible to the honor of having our convention in Lincoln's home place. We are inspired in listening to you, to carry on as you would have us do.

President Combs: The Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army have been waiting more than an hour. We would like to hear from them.

Mrs. Lida Manson: This is the first time I have had the pleasure of calling on you in your convention. I have been doing patriotic work for thirty-five years. I think if someone would get busy and organize a Camp of Sons of Union Veterans in our town, I might belong to it. We need a Camp there. I am so happy to bring these greetings. I am not going to keep you another minute. I wish you great success in your convention.

President Combs: We thank you for coming to us and I just want to present Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Abbott of this Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: It is now necessary that the Commander be excused for a brief time to review the Reserve, which being a military body, moves with absolute punctuality. Following this service will be the Joint Memorial Service under the management of the two National Chaplains, Dr. Craig and Mrs. Doherty. (Commander Huston left the hall and the services were concluded by Mrs. Combs).

## JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Leland Hotel,  
Tuesday, September 20, 1932.

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The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary took place with Commander-in-Chief Huston presiding, and under the direction of Mrs. Lida Doherty, National Chaplain Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, and Rev. Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain, following the usual schedule.

There was quiet music by Commander-in-Chief Huston, followed by Processional, and the Hymn; draping of the Charters by Past National President Mrs. Emma Finch and Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. E. W. Homan; Invocation by Mrs. Doherty.

This was followed by the quartet from the First Methodist Episcopal Church—(Mrs. H. K. Steelman, Soprano; Mrs. Ruby Anderson, Alto; Mr. H. K. Steelman, Tenor, and Mr. Harry B. Smith, Bass)—singing "Crossing the Bar."

Responsive readings followed:

Sons: I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Auxiliary: For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Sons: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters.

Auxiliary: He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Unison: Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Sons: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Auxiliary: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pianist sang "The Rugged Cross."

To the music of "Onward Christian Soldiers" the Department Presidents entered the assembly and formed a cross.

Mrs. Lida Doherty: The Departments will now lay their tribute on the altar in memory of their departed Sisters.

Massachusetts—I place this tribute in memory of the departed Sisters of the Massachusetts Department.

Illinois—These flowers are placed in loving memory of the Sisters of Illinois.

Connecticut—I place these flowers in loving memory of Anna Oldershaw, and the Sisters of Connecticut.

Kansas—I place these flowers in memory of the departed Sisters from Kansas.

Indiana—I place these flowers in memory of our departed members.

New York—I place these flowers in memory of Adelaide Worster and the beloved Sisters of our Department.

Pennsylvania—I place this floral tribute in memory of our three Past Presidents, Laura Martin Miller, Kate S. Britton, and all the departed Sisters of the Department of Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island—I place these flowers in loving memory of our Sisters who have departed during the past year.

Michigan—I place these flowers in loving memory of the Sisters of the Department of Michigan with deepest regret.

Maryland—I place these flowers in loving memory of the Sisters of the Maryland Department.

Iowa—I place these flowers in loving tribute to the departed Sisters of the State of Iowa.

New Hampshire—These flowers I place for the Sisters of New Hampshire in their loving memory.

Ohio—I place this tribute in loving memory of the departed Sisters of the Department of Ohio.

Minnesota—I place these flowers in loving memory of our departed Sisters of Minnesota.

New Jersey—I place these flowers in loving memory of Sister Georgiana Woerner and the Department of New Jersey.

Oregon—I place these flowers in loving memory and with strong feeling for the Sisters of the Oregon Department.

Nebraska—I place these flowers with much love for the departed members of our Department of Nebraska.

Alabama & Tennessee—I place these flowers in loving memory of the members who have departed from the Department of Alabama & Tennessee.

California & Pacific—I place these flowers in loving memory of the Past Department President, Mary Mathew Royer, and the other departed members of California & Pacific Department.

Maine—I place these flowers in memory of the Sisters from the Department of Maine.

Missouri—I place this tribute in loving remembrance of the members who have departed this life from the Department of Missouri.

Colorado & Wyoming—This tribute is placed in loving memory of our departed Sisters.

Vermont—I place these flowers in loving memory of the Sisters of Vermont Department.

Washington—I place these flowers in loving remembrance of the Sisters who have departed from our Department.

Wisconsin—This tribute is placed in honor and loving memory of the Sisters from Wisconsin.

Mrs. Meis of Pennsylvania, Past National President: I will now place my tribute in honor of our Past National President, in loving memory—Laura Martin Miller, our first National President.

The quartet then sang "Evening and Morning."

National Chaplain Craig: During the past year the grim master reaper has entered the ranks of our Past Commanders-in-Chief. In



loving memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Speelman and the Past Department Commanders who have departed. I will simply read the names of the others and fitting memorials will be printed in the proceedings of the Fifty-first Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Harley V. Speelman, Washington, D. C., Past Commander-in-Chief.

John S. Gallagher, George N. Howard, Frank W. Sault, Waldo H. Perry, Charles H. E. Moran, James E. Henderson, J. Clinton Hiatt, Martin P. Bennett, Francis C. Hawthorne, George W. Luff, George P. Schlocker, Henry A. Longfellow, Bruce H. Garrett, Past Department Commanders.

HARLEY VANCE SPEELMAN, born April 27, 1865, in Vinton County, Ohio, passed away Thursday morning, September 8, 1932, at his home, 1652 Hobart St., N. W., Washington, D. C. He had been failing in health since 1928. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

During the early years of his life Brother Speelman was prominent in newspaper work in Ohio as editor of the Coalton Times, The Wellston Telegram, The Franklin County Herald, and the Marietta Leader. He was a warm friend of President Warren G. Harding and was known in Ohio as the original Harding man.

While a resident of Ohio Brother Speelman was prominently identified with the Republican Party. He served at one time as Reading Clerk in the State Legislature, and also as Secretary to Congressman H. S. Bundy, who was the father of Mrs. Joseph B. Foraker. A strong friendship existed between Brother Speelman and the late Senators Joseph B. Foraker and Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, and other prominent government officers. He was President for three years of the Ohio Republican League. From the organization of the Society of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War he was an active and dominating figure, as Commander of the Department of Ohio, and Commander-in-Chief (1905-1906). He organized U. S. Grant Camp No. 100 of Cincinnati, and became its only life member. With him service for the order was a passion.

He entered the service of the United States Government at Cincinnati, Ohio, early in 1900, serving in the office of the Sub-Treasury, from where he was transferred in 1913 to the Accounting Division of the Office of the Treasurer of the United States at Washington, D. C. He was appointed Assistant Registrar and later Registrar of the Treasury by the late President Harding, from which latter position he retired in 1928 on account of ill health.

In addition to his lifelong service, newspaper, political, and Government work, he was prominently identified in civic affairs, both in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in Washington, D. C. He was President of the Evanston Welfare Association in Cincinnati, and of the Federated Civic Societies of that city. In Washington he served as President of the Columbia Heights Citizens Association, and was for years a delegate to the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

He was an active member of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, D. C., having been President of the Men's Bible Class of that Church.

Funeral services were held at Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., Saturday, September 10, at 3 o'clock p. m. Interment was made in Fairmount Cemetery, at Jackson, Ohio, Sunday, September 11, at 2 o'clock p. m. The services in Jackson were attended by many members of the Sons of Union Veterans from Ohio and elsewhere.

Brother Speelman is survived by his widow, Effie Alice, a daughter, Mrs. James E. Husted, a son, Sanford Reed Speelman, all of Wash-

ington, D. C., and two sisters living in the State of Washington and California, respectively.

GEORGE W. LUFF, a member of Sniper Camp No. 66, Syracuse, N. Y., died September 6, 1932. He filled all the positions in his Camp and was Department Commander 1913-1914.

He was a member of many fraternal organizations, but his efforts in behalf of the G. A. R. Veterans was always foremost. He was a member of the Bath Soldiers and Sailors Home Board of Trustees.

He was active in political life in Syracuse and at the time of his death was President of the Board of Aldermen.

CHARLES H. E. MORAN, SR., a member of Cole Camp No. 78, Peekskill, N. Y., died February 28, 1932.

He was an active member of the Organization and served as Department Commander 1902-1903.

At the time of his death he was a resident of Holyoke, Mass., and the father of Past Department Commander Charles H. E. Moran, Jr., of Massachusetts Department.

JAMES E. HENDERSON, was born in New York, N. Y., and was 81 years of age when he died, March 20, 1932.

He transferred to Memphis, Tenn., Camp No. 10 from Lieut. John Fowler Camp No. 1, Louisville, Ky. He served as Camp Commander in Camp 10 and for many years a member of Camp Council. He was elected Department Commander of Alabama & Tennessee Department in 1922 and served one year, and afterwards as a member of the Department Council.

He was a 33rd Degree Mason in 1882. He was also active as a Knight Templar and held high offices in that branch of Masonry.

He was buried in Memphis with high honors and a large attendance of his many friends gave evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. The Sons of Union Veterans lost a valuable member.

GEORGE P. SCHLOCKER was born in St. Joseph, Mo., and was 61 years of age when he died July 30, 1932.

He joined Memphis, Tenn., Camp No. 10, as a charter member July 26, 1915, and served in every office in the Camp including Camp Commander.

He was elected Department Commander in 1921 and served one term.

He was always a faithful worker for the Camp, of a happy disposition and very popular in all circles of friends with whom he associated. Many of the Camp's meetings were held at his home and he was a genial host and the attendance at these meetings were larger than usual.

He was at one time a member of the Knights of Columbus but was not at the time of his death.

He was buried in Memphis, Tenn.

Just another broken link in the golden chain.

GEORGE N. HOWARD, Past Department Commander, has passed to his reward.

One of the strong characters that gave the organization virility in the early days; his services were always important and effective. In 1887 he was in command of Camp 78 in Lowell, Mass. Long service

in various offices in the Department were recognized in his election as Department Commander in 1889.

For many years he was a prominent figure as a minister of the gospel, an eloquent speaker and lecturer possessing a magnetic personality and imposing presence.

In later years he was successfully engaged in business.

Throughout a busy life he always held his affection for the organization to which he was privileged to belong through the sacrifices and service of his father in the Union Army.

WALDO H. PERRY of Maine, Past Department Commander.

Again his death invaded the ranks of the Past Department Commanders of Maine and taken Waldo H. Perry of Portland, who died February 4, 1932, just as the fire alarm of his native city sounded at 6:15 p. m., a fitting end to a retired veteran of the Fire Department. He was a charter member of Shepley Camp No. 4, Portland, which was mustered January 31, 1883, and the records give his age at that time as 27 years, birthplace and residence as Portland, and his occupation as a clerk.

He was elected Colonel of the Maine Department May 9, 1888, and was the second oldest Past Department Commander in service at the time of his death. He was Adjutant of the Department under Col. Augustus S. Libby in 1883, Col. Robert L. Whitcomb in 1895, and Col. Arthur M. Soule in 1898. He has also been Secretary of the Trustees of the Department of History and Historical Relics since its creation in 1894. He was Captain of Shepley Camp in 1887, and was its Orderly Sergeant, or Secretary in 1883, and again in 1890 and 1891, and was Quartermaster or Treasurer, in 1893-4. He had attended more Encampments of the Maine Department than any other Brother except one.

His devotion to the Order was unusual. He loved it with a fervor and a depth of passion that is seldom found in our ranks today. The Civil War was a reality to him as he had lived through its stirring years, and had the joy of grasping his soldierly father around the leg as he arrived in Portland, and insisted upon marching with him at the head of the Company he commanded, while it proceeded to the City Hall, surrounded by the acclaiming multitude. "This is my father," he exclaimed as they tried to remove him from the marching column as his presence there was considered a violation of military regulation, "I guess I have a right to march with him." And march with him he continued to do. The same persistent Waldo in his youth as in his manhood and old age.

He attended his first Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Paterson, N. J., in September, 1889, where the delegation from Maine consisted of Col. Charles F. Hutchins of Bangor, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, Past Colonels Edward K. Gould, Waldo H. Perry and John C. Blake; Delegate-at-Large H. L. Wright, Delegate E. E. Philbrook. All these brothers are deceased except the writer (Edward K. Gould).

It is difficult for his old friends to realize that Brother Perry was 76 years old at his death, he was so upstanding and the years had made such little inroad on his vigor. Besides being on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Arnold in 1885, he has held many other offices in the Order as well as in other organizations. He will be sadly missed at future Encampments of the Maine Department.

JOHN S. GALLAGHER, of the Connecticut Department, died December 21, 1931. He was the Commander of this Department in 1924-25 and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1928-29.

In every relation with our Order, both official and unofficial, his services were marked with deep devotion to its best interests. Quiet and unostentatious in his demeanor, his strength of purpose and self-sacrificing persistency were ever apparent. No call to assist his Camp fell on unhearing ears. The Department and its officers received and welcomed his faithful service and wise counsel; the Commandery-in-Chief was greatly benefited by his loyalty. The purposes and objects of our Order were real to him, and by him generously translated into effective action.

He has gone to join the father and his comrades whom he delighted to honor, but his example to the living abideth.

FRANK W. SAULT—The Department of Vermont was on January 8th profoundly stirred by the report of the passing of Past Commander Frank W. Sault, at the home of his sister at Randolph, Vt.

During his life he was one of the most tireless workers for the welfare of this organization.

Having been admitted to membership previous to 1892, for forty years he had served in the capacity of nearly every office in Camp and Department, and was at the time of his death, serving as Department Secretary-Treasurer.

We do not meet to mourn, but to honor the memory of our departed Brother who by years of devoted service merits and deserves the tribute we pay him.

We should pledge ourselves to carry forward and onward the principles for which he worked, the welfare of this organization.

MARTIN P. BENNETT joined the Order in 1905 and was a faithful and active member not only in his Camp but also in the Department of New Hampshire. He was made Department Commander in 1910. He was a member of the following fraternal orders: Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He served his city, Dover, New Hampshire, as an alderman and represented his district in the State Legislature.

J. CLINTON HIATT, 69, prominent in civic affairs and for many years connected with the House of Representatives document room, died July 3, 1932, at his home, 1323 Harvard Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Funeral service at the S. H. Hines funeral parlors, burial at Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Hiatt was born in April, 1863, at Cadiz, Indiana, and had lived in Washington for forty years. He was a member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, and had been active in the Columbia Heights Citizens Association, in which he had held offices of President and Secretary, as well as delegate to the Federation of Citizens Association. He was a member of the Board of Trade and of the Cushing Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. In the latter organization he was elected Commander of the Maryland Department in 1919, and was a Past Commander of his own Camp, having held all offices. He has done public work for most of the organizations in which he was active.

HENRY A. LONGFELLOW, of California State Camp No. 1, who commanded the California & Pacific Department in 1911, and died March 18, 1932, was a resident of Oakland, a successful business man and prominent in civic affairs. Everybody considered Henry a good fellow and his passing was a shock to his many friends. He was buried with the honors of the order by Col. E. D. Baker Camp No. 21 of Oakland.

FRANCIS C. HAWTHORNE, of Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp No. 2, who commanded the California & Pacific Department in 1922, served the Commandery-in-Chief as National Chaplain; was the head of a lovable and God-fearing family; was of a quiet and retiring disposition; and took a genuine interest in the fraternity just as long as health and circumstances permitted. His last days were spent with his comrades at the Veterans' Home at Sawtelle, and he entered into rest Monday forenoon, July 25, 1932. He was buried the following Wednesday in the presence of a vast multitude of sorrowing relatives and friends.

BRUCE H. GARRETT was elected Commander of Illinois Department at the Rockford Encampment in 1905 and served with loyalty and distinction during his term. A member of the legal profession, his training and experience was brought to bear in the interests of our Order, and his was a most successful year. Always of a jovial disposition, to know him was to love him, and he was admired by all with whom he came in contact. He passed on in August, 1932.

Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig: Let us stand at this time and sing together this beautiful hymn, "O, Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

(Sung by the assembly).

We will now remain standing for one minute of silence in memory of these men and women, who have departed.

(Benediction by Dr. Craig).

Taps by the Trumpeteers—Arthur W. Gibson and Clyde Shephardson.

National Chaplain Craig: I take this occasion to thank the members of the Sons of Union Veterans, the members of the Auxiliary and also the Quartet from the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and all who have assisted in making this memorial so fine.

This concluded the Memorial Services of the Fifty-first Annual Memorial meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Ladies of the Auxiliary.



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

2:10 p. m., September 21, 1932.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: The Encampment will come to order; we will proceed on unfinished business.

(Made announcements regarding Stunt Night).

(Delegate Bonney of California & Pacific filled the place of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Anderson; Council-in-Chief Hale served as Junior Vice Commander; Past Department Commander Lewis of Kansas acted as Guide).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: There will be a special meeting at 5:00 on the mezzanine of the Leland Hotel and each Department should be represented, regarding the placement of Departments on Stunt Night. Drawing will be made at a special meeting. I appoint Past Department Commander Park F. Yengling of Ohio, Commander George N. Bell of New Jersey, and Commander F. Aubrey Smith of Iowa, to represent the Sons of Union Veterans.

We are at the place of unfinished business. May we have a supplemental report of the Credential Committee?

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee presents a supplementary report with call of the roll so that we can check correctly, total number—147.

Past Department Commander Geist, Colorado & Wyoming: May I have the privilege of the floor for a few moments? Yesterday when the question came up about the official escort I was somewhat on the fence but I saw the Pennsylvania boys last night and in the parade today, and as I had nine years experience, I know good training when I see it. I think we should be proud of these boys and I think it would be nice for this Encampment to assist them. I want to thank Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie for getting up such a wonderful organization to represent us.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Now we will proceed with unfinished business.

National Secretary Hammer: I have communications to read:

Letter from Past Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell: "Owing to a will contest case that must be tried just now I cannot get off to the Encampment; mighty sorry for I had counted on it all the year. Give my cordial regards to all the friends of this and other days. I trust the attendance may be good and the proceedings helpful. Never was there a time when we were needed more than now—to be loyal to the flag—to uphold the government in dealing with conditions—to put our trust in God and keep our faith in a republican form of government."

Letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman: "As it is impossible for me to attend the annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War this year, may I ask you to extend to the brethren my best wishes for a successful meeting. It would seem as though the inspiration from the home town of our great War President would be of inestimable value in helping our members to a

better realization of the opportunities and obligations involved upon the lineal descendants of the Civil War Veterans. I salute you all most sincerely, and greatly regret I cannot be with you."

Wire from Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn: "Greetings to Encampment and success to your efforts. Regret inability to be with you."

Wire from Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin: "Regret exceedingly circumstances make it impossible for me to attend this Encampment, congratulations upon your administration and good wishes to all the brothers on this occasion. Ohio delegation mourns the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Harley Vance Speelman who entered the Great Beyond just a few days ago. Suitable memorial I know will be presented at your service Tuesday afternoon but as his friend and as the only surviving Past Commander-in-Chief from Ohio may I ask privilege of adding just a word of tribute to his memory. Just twenty-five years ago this fall Harley Speelman organized the Camp of which we both have been members until now; from the day he procured my signature upon the Charter Roll of that Camp he has been my friend and mentor in all things concerning the Sons of Union Veterans, a friend ever. Faithful and true he was a Son of Veteran of the older school. With him service in and for the order was a life passion; so far as known to me he was not a member of any other order or fraternity, a truer more faithful more loyal son there never was. He filled his place and filled it well. May he rest in peace, we shall ever revere his memory as we now mourn his passing."

From Past Department Commander Geo. B. Holmes, Illinois Department: "Very sorry unable come. Headquarters meeting today, big dinner tomorrow. Regards to all."

From Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland: "Regret exceedingly inability to attend Encampment, am with you in spirit, hope you shall have a most successful Encampment and legislation will be enacted most beneficial to the order. Remember me to all my friends. Regards."

Note from Secretary M. D. Friedman, Past Department Commander Alabama & Tennessee: "Regret that I cannot be with you this year."

From Mrs. Lida A. McGuire, Past National Secretary Auxiliary: "Greetings and best wishes for successful convention."

Commander-in-Chief Huston: If there are no special dispositions you wish to make of these communications they will find their place in the regular proceedings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I have the floor for just a moment. This morning I presume that all of the brothers who are in this room either participated or watched that wonderful parade. We remember the once mighty army of more than two million boys in blue now dwindled to perhaps 500 who walked the streets of this city made hallowed by the memory of their Commander-in-Chief, the immortal Lincoln. Last year it was my privilege to walk in that parade beside the Senior living Past Commander-in-Chief of this organization, Brother Russell, from whom a telegram was read just a few moments ago. We stopped in the line of parade and watched it for a few moments, in the city of Des Moines, just opposite the reviewing stand I could see that Brother Russell was deeply touched, as I am sure that all are when we are in the same position, by what he was witnessing. A few days later I received a clipping from the LaCrosse, Kansas, Republican, bearing date of September 24th. I believe the article appeared later in The Banner but I was so impressed that I

believe it is a literary gem just as applicable as though it were written as if he had witnessed the Encampment parade this morning and I want to read it so that it will be perpetuated in our records.

#### HATS OFF!

(In response to our request, Hon. W. H. Russell, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has written some of his impressions of the G. A. R. Encampment held recently at Des Moines. General Russell's tribute to the Boys in Blue is beautiful, fitting and inspiring; and, in our opinion, is a literary gem.—Editor).  
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"Such thought, I am sure, was in the minds of the sixty thousand people of Des Moines, who, from sidewalk, from window, and roof, and other vantage point, stood with uncovered heads while the remnant of the Union Armies that sixty-six years ago marched in triumph down Pennsylvania Avenue in the Capital City, marched in parade over the flower strewn streets of that beautiful Iowa city in another 'grand review.'

"They marched to the sound of fife and drum once more; they marched and they carried and they followed the flag they had carried and followed from '61 to '65, the flag they had carried and followed to victory at Gettysburg, and on the gallant Sherman's march from 'Atlanta to the Sea.' In that other day in '65 there were a million boys in blue, who after four years of sacrifice and hardship, marched home to loved ones; and they were literally 'boys.' But as one stood upon the sidelines a week ago and saw the shattered remnant of that once exultant and triumphant army pass, it was impossible to keep back the tears. The serried boyish ranks of blue were gone forever—swallowed up in the maw of the relentless years, and in their stead marched only eight hundred of them, some erect and soldierly in spite of the heavy weight of four score years and more, one gallant 'boy' of more than ninety years, riding a prancing horse, and sitting on him like a soldier indeed; some firm of step and bright of eye, surely growing old gracefully, others slow and feeble, some with crutch or cane, or younger companion to help them along; one here with a cane in either hand pushing on, marching—marching proudly past the reviewing stand where their Commander stood uncovered, in silent homage to his "boys."

"What were those young-old men thinking as they marched—many of them for the last time, no doubt—to the stirring music of the many bands?

"And I felt sure they were marching in retrospect with their great leaders of the golden past, with Grant, and with Logan, and with Thomas, and the others, and as the volume of cheers from the applauding thousands upon the side lines swelled along the street.

and as they glanced right and left, they looked 'eyes front' to see again the flag, the flag they had placed in the sun forever, leading on, and the bent shoulders straightened just a little, the dim eyes brightened, and the feeble steps quickened in eager effort not to fail in this last 'grand review.'

"And as I stood there and saw the indomitable will of those men, many of them ninety years of age and older, I understood better perhaps than I had ever realized before, the unconquerable spirit of the Union Soldier that brought victory and freedom and peace, and in their wake conquered the wilderness and the prairies, and climbed the mountains toward the setting sun, as the builders of a greater country. Yes, 'More than the flag was passing by.' Suitable memorial entered the great beyond just a few days ago. I know will be presented at your service Tuesday afternoon but as his friend and as the only surviving Past Commander-in-Chief from Ohio may I ask privilege of adding just a word of tribute to his memory. Just twenty-five years ago this fall Harley Speelman organized the Camp of which we both have been members until now; from the day he procured my signature upon the Charter Roll of that Camp he has been my friend and mentor in all things concerning the Sons of Union Veterans, a friend ever. Faithful and true he was a Son of Veteran of the older school. With him service in and for the order was a life passion; so far as known to me he was not a member of any other order or fraternity, a truer more faithful more loyal son than any other I have known and filled it well. May he rest in peace." Department of Pennsylvania a vote of thanks for this escort. I therefore, make a motion that this Encampment extend to the Department of Pennsylvania our heartfelt thanks for the wonderful escort that was sent to Springfield.

Seconded by Brothers Hickox, Slocum and Geist.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I want to add my word of appreciation. It surely was a fine thing which these boys did and I want to add my personal thanks and want to include this, with the consent of the maker and seconder of this motion, an appreciation for the fine review they gave to the Commander-in-Chief.

Unanimously adopted with applause.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We all felt proud of that Reserve unit today.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Is there any further unfinished business? If not, we will pass on to reports of Committees. Are there any Committees ready to report?

National Secretary Hammer: I present Reports of the Committee on National Legislation, and Committee on Marking Graves, and move they be adopted as printed.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois.  
Voted on and carried.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES.

To Frank C. Huston,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
Hartford, Conn., August 1, 1932.

Dear Commander and Brother:

I herewith submit my report as the Committee on Marking Graves. It is a pleasure to report that several Departments are taking great interest and are making a success of marking soldiers' graves.



This is particularly true in the Departments which have a standing committee. For example, take the Department of Illinois. During the past six years that Department has been engaged in locating and marking lost soldiers' graves. Their committee, under Chairman Gullett, has located 7921 graves and has placed 2956 markers; and 889 family monuments have been inscribed with the soldiers' records.

Chairman Francis E. Hall of the Michigan Department reports that of the 5870 soldiers' graves in Kent County only 198 now remain without stones; and only 50 out of 703 in Ottawa County now remain without stones. Kalamazoo City is three-fourths completed, and work is now being done in Petoskey and in Jackson County. I understand that some arrangements are being made to locate and mark the soldiers' graves in Detroit.

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In the New York Department most of the work is being done in the central and western parts of the State, Rochester locating back to the Revolutionary veterans. Much credit for the work in the New York Department should be given to Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau of Rochester, Brother Abrams of Rome, and Brother Morey of Utica. They are doing a constructive piece of work.

The work in the Departments of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont is done by the local Camps. Some of the Massachusetts Camps locate as far back as the French-Indian War.

In the Ohio Department many Camps in the northern part of the State are doing excellent work. I believe that if this Department had a Committee, it could get the Camps in the southern part of the State to take up this class of work.

In the Iowa Department the work in the past has been mostly at or near Fort Dodge. The Camp at Des Moines has appointed a Committee to work in that part of the State and they are doing most commendable work.

In the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota overseers of soldiers' graves have been appointed. So far this is good news, but being without an appropriation beyond the expenses to the maintenance of their office, they must depend wholly on patriotic societies to send them the lists of soldiers buried in the various cemeteries of their state.

In the Department of Maryland Commander R. J. F. McElroy says: "I shall take occasion to call attention to the matter in my next communication to the Camps with the object in view of having located and properly marked all graves of our Civil War veterans in the various cemeteries within the jurisdiction of Maryland Department within my term of office, if it be possible to do so."

Several years ago the Pennsylvania Department appointed a Committee. I have not heard from this Committee, but I know that several of the Camps are busy working on this proposition. The Hellertown Camp locates graves as far back as the Revolutionary War.

While the Indiana Department does not have a Committee,



Brother Ball of Indianapolis, is doing a fine work in and near that city.

The Connecticut Department has a Committee and is glad to report that it has a complete list of veterans of fifteen wars buried in every town or city in the State. They locate and chart to the first war, the Pequot 1637. Every city in the State has its soldier dead charted on maps. Some counties are entirely charted, also many of the towns. In our files we have more than 150,000 cards. That the public appreciate our work is attested by the fact that scarcely a day passes without an inquiry from various parts of the Country as to whether we have a record of a certain soldier's death, and if so, where he is buried, and when he died.

It has also been the means of bringing into our order new members. Sometime ago a gentleman in Pittsburgh wrote regarding the burial place of his great grandfather. In the letter he wrote that his father was a Connecticut Civil War veteran. His name was sent to a Brother at Pittsburgh, and the gentleman is now a member of a Pittsburgh Camp.

I am indeed sorry that I cannot report better results; but I believe for the little it costs the Commandery-in-Chief, and in the knowledge that the public has in that we are doing something useful, it should be continued for another year with the hope that more Departments will take up this worthy work.

The Connecticut Department is singularly fortunate in that it has the co-operation and counsel of the State Librarian, George S. Godard. For typewriting, postage, etc., the expense has been fifty-five dollars.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

CHARLES R. HALE,  
Chairman.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Washington, D. C., July 28, 1932.

To Frank C. Huston,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander and Brother:

Your National Legislative Committee, with your Commander-in-Chief, Frank C. Huston, attended a conference of the Grand Army of the Republic and other allied organizations, at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 1, 1932, with reference to Bills H. R. 8082 and S. 780 as follows: To revise and equalize the rate of pension to certain soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War, to certain widows and former widows of such soldiers, sailors and marines and for other purposes; and granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain widows of certain soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War.

At this meeting it was agreed that we should, and did, appear in a body, before the Pension Committees of the House and Senate urging the enactment of the above mentioned Bills.

We regret to report that while a majority of the Committees seemed favorable to this legislation, due to previous instructions from House and Senate that no Bills looking to new appropriations would be considered at this session of Congress, they were powerless to recommend favorable action at this time.

Your Chairman and Brother, P. M. Brown, appeared before the Committee on Immigration and Naturalization on January 26, 1932, in opposition to Bill known as H. R. 298, with reference to aliens who are unwilling to comply fully with the oath of allegiance to our Country and filed a letter of opposition with the Committee, dated January 27, 1932.

With reference to Resolution No. 3, endorsed at the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, regarding the rights of service men to wear the badge of our Order while in uniform, I have the honor to attach herewith correspondence and pamphlets from both the War and Navy Departments fully covering this subject, the substance of which follows:

Under date of July 22, 1932, the Navy Department, Bureau of Navigation, advised that: "The Uniform Regulations of the Navy permit the wearing of such badges (Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War), but they must not be worn at the same time that any of the decorations, medals or badges awarded by the Government are worn:"

The War Department advised under date of January 25, 1932, the Adjutant-General, that: "The badges of Military societies commemorative of the wars of the United States may be worn on the uniform; they cannot however be worn with decorations, service medals, or substituted therefor, issued by the War Department except at meetings, ceremonies, or functions of such societies."

Your Chairman, at the request of Col. E. D. Godfrey, Commander of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic, represented them at the joint exercises held under the auspices of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution at the monument, in Judiciary Square, Washington, D. C., of General Jose de San Martin, the Great South American Patriot.

Numerous inquiries pertaining to our Order have been received by your Chairman and wherever possible have been promptly answered or forwarded to Commander-in-Chief Huston for attention.

We regret exceedingly to report that Brother Harley V. Speelman, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and member of the National Legislative Committee, is still confined to his home.

In the death of Hon. Edward M. Beers, Member of Congress from the State of Pennsylvania, during the last session of Congress, the Grand Army of the Republic and our Order have lost not only a friend in name but a friend in deed, as well. He was one who always wholeheartedly sponsored any legislation looking to the welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic and their allied organizations and worked unceasingly for its enactment.

With feelings of deepest sympathy to his loved ones, as well as loss to our Order, it becomes my sad duty to report the death of an active member of the National Legislative Committee, Brother J. Clinton Hiatt, on July 3, 1932.

Commander-in-Chief Huston, it is indeed an honor, which is esteemed most highly, as well as a pleasure, to have served you and the members of our Order as members of the National Legislative Committee and we close this report to you, Commander-in-Chief, with fondest wishes that your ideals and aims in behalf of our beloved Order have been fully realized.

Respectfully submitted,  
 EVERETT F. WARNER, Chairman,  
 HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,  
 O. P. M. BROWN,  
 Legislative Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: To continue with reports of Committees—are there any others ready to report?

Past Department Commander Yengling of Ohio: Your Committee on Greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans wishes to report that we have completed that duty and were received by almost 500 delegates.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure that you have served with credit and distinctive service.

Past Department Commander Frank L. Kirchgassner of Massachusetts: I can report that the Committee on Greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic send their greetings and say they stand behind us to the utmost to build our organization and stand for the principles for which they also stand. Their Committee thought it best not to intrude on us and they have delegated me to extend their greetings again on behalf of the National President who remembers the friend you have been to her and requested me to bring this gift to you from the Encampment of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is very fine and I surely appreciate this gift of remembrance. (Bust of Lincoln). This gift is far better than most things else that might have been given to me. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Any other Committee ready to report with that kind of a report, or any other? If not, we shall pass on to new business.

Past Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming: It has been suggested that we have a photograph taken of our organization before the home of Abraham Lincoln, and as that is a historical building I do not know of anything more fitting than that the Sons of our Fathers should be photographed in front of that old house. I will make that a motion, that this organization be photographed in front of the home of Lincoln.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Lewis of Kansas.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I am in accord with the motion. I think it is very nice to have the picture taken over there but that is a State Building and taken care of by the State. Would it not be wise to ascertain whether it would be available for us to get on the ground and have this done. We should not go off "half-cocked" but should find out first.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I think those are pertinent remarks.

Past Department Commander Geist of Colorado & Wyoming: We had a group picture taken of about 15 on the day before yesterday and no objections were raised.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Were any arrangements made?

Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois: I suggest that it would be a wonderful opportunity to have the picture taken at Lincoln's Tomb if that arrangement could be made. I think everyone would be more willing to buy a copy. We could make arrangements to go out there this evening or tomorrow morning. I think it would be a great opportunity.

Past Department Commander Lewis of Kansas: I would suggest that it be left to the arrangements of the photographer.

Delegate Blackman of Illinois: If it could be arranged to take it at the tomb it would be nice if we could bring in the Reserve as it would be a chance you might not be able to have again for years.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Those are fine questions and we have time to discuss them.

Past Department Commander Ream of Illinois: I amend the motion that we have the picture taken at Lincoln's Tomb. I am wondering if it would not be a good thing to ascertain about going out there, if we have the time and also the opinion of the Secretary whether or not we could take time to go out and make that visit and have the picture taken reasonably early in the morning.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: The motion is, without amendment, that the picture be taken at the monument. What do you wish, the substitute to the motion, that the picture be taken at the tomb instead of the home? The vote will be on substitution. As many as are in favor of the substitution signify by saying aye—(interrupted by National Counselor).

National Counselor Locke: Was that an amendment?

Commander-in-Chief Huston: No, it was a substitute motion. Brothers, this is my National Counselor, who is supposed to know what he is talking about.

National Counselor Locke: The motion before the Encampment is to the effect that a picture be taken before the house tomorrow morning. An amendment was made by Brother Ream that the picture be taken before the tomb. It is an amendment, not a substitute motion. It does not change the substance of the motion, it simply changes the place and it is an amendment as offered.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We will put the question as amended.

Voted on and carried.

Delegate Austin of Massachusetts: Inasmuch as you have been talking of pictures, I think there is in this city a building, the home of the martyred president Abraham Lincoln. It is a shrine and should be so respected and so honored. The other day I had occasion to see two men who were smoking cigars in this building. I claim that is a desecration and should be stopped.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Anderson presented two G. A. R. members—Commander of the Camp Dix Post, Kirksville, Mo., and T. C. Howard.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We want you to know you are being escorted from the room by Brother Anderson, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. We hope you will find it convenient to come back and visit us again. We are glad for your presence.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Commander-in-Chief, delegates from the Daughters of Union Veterans await an opportunity of greeting you.

Past Department Commanders Yengling of Ohio, and Phillips of Illinois, acted as escorts to the Committee composed of Miss Litta Law, Department Senior Vice President of Illinois, and Mrs. Violet McConnell, Department Junior Vice President of Illinois.

#### DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

Past Department Commander Yengling of Ohio: I present Miss Litta Law, Department Senior Vice President of Illinois.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: I introduce Mrs. Violet McConnell, Department Junior Vice President of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are delighted to have you with us today.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are glad for your presence, we want you to feel that your visit has been greatly appreciated. I want to say that it was my misfortune not to be at your banquet last night.



Since coming to Springfield I have wished I'd been born twins. We certainly are glad to have you here.

Miss Litta Law, Department Senior Vice President of Illinois: We represent the Illinois Department bringing you greetings, to you and your convention from Sister Bertha Beier, Department President of the Illinois Department and her officers, and we wish for you a very fine convention and we know you will have it when you are in our State of Illinois. We hope this Encampment will be a very happy memory for you, and we would like to present to you these flowers. (A lovely bouquet of red roses).

Mrs. Violet McConnell, Department Junior Vice President of Illinois: The dignitary has spoken, now I will be funny. At the National Convention in Denver one of your brothers was the bride and I was the groom at our stunt night. I believe Brother Blackman escorted us in and he was a convict. Today I had the honor of walking with my bride into this room—that is a coincidence. I was smaller then than I am now. I am having such a good time here I wish I could stay here instead of going back. I wish to extend greetings from the Department of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I will ask Department Commander Dyer of the Department of New York, from which state your National President comes, to respond to the greetings of these ladies. He may talk to other beautiful women but none I am sure that are more charming. (Commander Dyer absent). This opportunity is gone for him, and gone forever. Past Department Commander Cranmer of New York, will you respond to the greetings of these charming ladies?

Past Department Commander Cranmer: Commander-in-Chief, Honored Guests, and Brothers. The Daughters of Union Veterans stands in a place in the official family of the G. A. R. in the same relation as do the Sons of Union Veterans. You are the Daughters of Union Veterans, we are the Sons, and you take your place in the official family because of the blood connection. The blood of the fathers which flows through your and our veins. We know of the splendid work of the Daughters of Union Veterans since the organization of this society. We know how much you have done to assist the G. A. R. along with the other splendid organization of the Woman's Relief Corps. We know that despite the diminished numbers of the G. A. R. you and your sisters have made it possible for this work to continue, the bringing of good Christmas cheer into the lives of the Veterans and in many ways you have proved that you are true daughters of Veterans of '61-'65. We, in coming to Illinois have experienced your hospitality. We appreciate and thank you for your gift which you brought to our convention, we appreciate it and we trust the reward will be yours which comes to those who do good, and that is the recompense of having done your utmost for others. We thank you once more for this fine manifestation of sisterly good will towards our organization.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have been delighted with your visit and we want you to extend to the Department President and the National President our best wishes. Also express the appreciation of the Sons for the wonderfully fine demonstration put on at the tomb Sunday afternoon. That will go down in history. There may be others that will be somewhat parallel to that and comparable, at the monument, but I am sure nothing will be finer than that which we witnessed. We are glad to have had you with us.

(Escorted out).



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Commander-in-Chief Huston: Please escort them in.

(Escorted in by Past Department Commander Stewart of Illinois and Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I have the pleasure of presenting to this convention Willma Combs, our National President.

Past Department Commander Stewart of Illinois: I have the honor of presenting Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Bessie Bowser, Mrs. Emma Finch and Mrs. Elizabeth Hansen.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We surely are delighted at this visitation. We have had a great display of "dignitude" this afternoon. I don't know of any group in the world that we would welcome more than this group at this moment. It has been my pleasure to have that intimate association which comes as Commander-in-Chief, with the President of that greatly, highly beneficial organization, our Auxiliary, and I have found in Mrs. Combs the most loyal and interested worker for the Sons of Union Veterans. I have words of commendation for her work, and her very strenuous efforts, where we had weak Camps and those practically dead she has gone again and again and attempted to aid them, she has tramped the streets, and literally that is true, and made visitation after visitation, and especially so is that true in the particular Department of Colorado & Wyoming, and in Oklahoma State; and I have found many confidences which have been told to me of her loyal concern, and I have indeed been fortunate in having been associated with her as our National President. We surely welcome you, Willma, and want to hear from you at this time.

National President Willma Combs of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans: Brother Frank, members of this convention, I am not really on this Committee, I am just a trailer. I am very glad to come here and extend to you wishes for one of the best Encampments you have ever had. One of our Past National Presidents was kind enough to ask our convention to adjourn for a few moments so that I might have that happy privilege of coming with the girls and visit Frank and you boys. I am glad to be here. We have had a happy year. If I have been able to assist you in any way I am happy. I hope when you go back to your homes you will realize the Auxiliary wants to help you and is behind you in every effort to help with your interests and organization, and help you carry on the work of your fathers. Again may I say I am happy to be here. I hope you may all get a chance to get into our sessions today. We are also glad to welcome the Sons. I want to give you this as a loving memory from the girls. When you have time to sit down and pick up a book from between these book-ends, I hope you will remember we are behind you in everything you do.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Sister Willma, that is surely a nice gift, it is a delightful suggestion of the poem "One Ship Sails East and One Sails West," in receiving these presents. Of course, you are surprised to receive them, you did not expect them and you are sorry that the girls experienced so much time and expense in procuring same, but say my Brother,—should you have failed to receive these beautiful presents from these sisters, plus the joy and thrill, life for you, we are certain would never nearly reach that age period of Three Score and Ten years.

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Miss Litta Law, Department Senior Vice President of Illinois: We (The gift was a pair of heavy brass book-ends representing ships under full sail).

Every day I see these it will be a reminder of these thoughts which you have expressed for us. I thank you. Willma has expressed her good wishes. We have before us four National Presidents, three past and one present, and Willma will be a past before very long, and all of us boys know the deep concern of the Past National Presidents and what it means to have those heart interests. Bessie Bowser has been one of our staunch friends and one of our best friends, and we are glad that you are here to enjoy a few moments with us of our Encampment. If you have a word for us we would be glad to hear it.

Past National President Bessie Bowser: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Encampment, we not only have a word for you but it would have been too bad if we had not had a gift for you. As you say we have been friends and interested in the work. We hoped that you would have a banner year, and we believe you would have if conditions had been normal. We were told to put a soft pedal on depression, in our own home town. I was just waiting to see how things come up, and as a member of the Indiana Department and the National Organization, and your own Camp at home, we have been interested in your carrying on. We thought you would be just a little better than any other Commander. It just occurred to me when I saw your book ends that you might have thought you were a sailor (presented a ship clock) with this gift. When you take up a book from between these book ends and the chimes will ring out to remind you to go on to your service. But, you can shut off these chimes when you go to bed.

I want to pledge to you and through the Commander-in-Chief, the allegiance of your organization, and we want to march with you shoulder to shoulder in everything you do, and we take that pledge when we come into the Auxiliary. We are hoping for you a most happy and profitable Encampment. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Thank you, very much. We will now hear from another Past National President, Elizabeth Hansen, of New Jersey.

Past National President Elizabeth Hansen of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, and Sons of Union Veterans; I can assure you it is a pleasure to be on this Committee. As the National President and Past National President said, we are back of you. Those are our objects and principles for our Auxiliary. If we were not in back of you what could we do, so we think that in standing behind you we are helping you along and we hope to be able to do more in the future than in the past, and by doing so to get our members families, friends, etc., to be members of the organization. I don't think our Auxiliary will have a big future in the coming generation unless we do this. It seems the real young generation do not appreciate what their grandparents have done. In ten or fifteen years they will realize that our National President our best wishes. Also express the appreciation of the Sons for the wonderfully fine demonstration put on at the tomb Sunday afternoon. That will go down in history. There may be others that will be somewhat parallel to that and comparable, at the monument, but I am sure nothing will be finer than that which we witnessed. We are glad to have had you with us.

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Past National President Emma Finch: Commander-in-Chief, and Sons of Union Veterans; we Hoosiers are most proud of our Commander-in-Chief, we have shared many things in common. Back home we always call Frank our sky pilot. I don't know how we could get along without him. The other day I heard someone say that Sam Horn was not here and how will we get along without his kisses. We are proud of our Frank this year, and we are glad to have the Second Commander-in-Chief from Indiana. We are proud of our two Franks, not many states can have two good ones. Best of all is their interest in our Auxiliary. We know that they always stand back of us to help us to reach farther and help themselves. Frank has given to this organization the best and in time it will come back to him, I am sure. We are glad to bear these greetings to our Commander-in-Chief, and I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing them.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: This gift which has come from all, I surely appreciate it. I am glad you all spoke first. It is surely timely. I think you folks know me well enough that I am not a crank, but seriously I do believe in being on time. You may know how I happened to form that habit. For many years I was a singing evangelist. For many years, perhaps eleven or twelve months every year, at least six nights out of the week, and it was my business to start things in motion and to be on time. I have acquired that habit. If I am a crank I am willing to accept it. The automobile is made up of all kinds of cranks, this thing has a lot of cranks which wouldn't be worth a picayune without cranks (pointing to clock), and as it ticks, whatever it may do by the way of designation of time, I shall be reminded of this splendid gift from you dear girls. I deeply appreciate it. You make mention of our other Frank—Frank Shellhouse,—I will ask you to respond to these good ladies.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Commander-in-Chief Huston and Sisters,—so much, from time to time in a complimentary way, has been said to and about the girls of our Auxiliary, that I feel there is but little or nothing for me to say that would be new in this response to the Gifts and Greetings from this Committee of the National Body of our Auxiliary.

We Sons present today at least have a faint idea as to the joy experienced by you ladies of this Committee, in presenting these useful presents to your Commander-in-Chief. You have said many nice things about him in reference to his personal loyalty and help to your organization, and to Sister National President, Mrs. Combs, during the year, and you have promised him continued respect, devotion and love in his future interest and work not only for the Sons, but in your organization.

Brother Huston will soon be a Past Commander-in-Chief. Sister Combs will soon be a Past National President. We Sons and your Auxiliary girls who are left in the ranks, know that each of you are now better qualified than ever before for big and better service in the interest of our organization, and we feel that you will continue with us until the end.

Brother Huston, we Past Commanders-in-Chief fully realize just about what you have in your heart and what is passing through your mind at this moment, in receiving these presents. Of course, you are surprised to receive them, you did not expect them and you are sorry that the girls experienced so much time and expense in procuring same, but say my Brother,—should you have failed to receive these beautiful presents from these sisters, plus the joy and thrill, life for you, we are certain would never nearly reach that age period of Three Score and Ten years.

In conclusion, may I say most of us Sons have been interested in, and working for the sum total of membership for the Grand Army family for forty years or more. The girls, of course, none of them being that old, will fall short in their time of loyalty and devotion to their fathers and their comrades; but at that, may we all strive on and on until the last Grand Army man has received the final call from the Great Commander-in-Chief above.

Past Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, I feel this is the opportune time to publicly express the great and heartfelt appreciation that the Department of Colorado & Wyoming feels toward our Sister, President Combs, for the work done for us in the past year. I want you to know that she came out there to Colorado in our hour of greatest need and she sat down with us in counsel and listened to our troubles with patience and offered us good sound advice. She travelled with us for over 600 miles over the mountain roads to interest the Auxiliary for us and after that she went down into Oklahoma where we were having our greatest troubles and tried to do for us down there what she has done elsewhere. Sister Combs, I want to extend to you and your associates the thanks of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming, and I want to assure you that you have the love of all of our ladies of the Auxiliary. I am sure if Mrs. Jorndt were here she would extend the greetings. I thank you in her name as well as in ours.

National President Combs: Thank you.

(Escorted out to music).

Brother Francis Gibson of the Local Committee: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers; as Commander of the local Camp of Sons of Union Veterans, I want to extend a most hearty welcome to you to our city. This was the home town of John A. McCarthy. At the time of the war he organized a corps in Illinois, California and Iowa. This Camp is in the hands of his grandson, Wm. H. Butler, and another grandson is also a member of our Camp. I wish you a most successful and happy convention. Friday we are providing a pilgrimage to Old Salem where Abe Lincoln came after his day's work was done and by the light of the logs he read books that he could borrow wherever he could and got the knowledge which was afterwards worth so much to him. Commander-in-Chief, I thank you. I want to say that we have tried to do the best we could to entertain the boys here. We have tried to get along on \$15,000. We hope you have a very successful convention.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are mighty glad for those words. We appreciate them. In the presence of this group, I say, I have made, I think, five visits here in making ready for this Encampment and I have found Brother Gibson on the job and I marvel he has been able to be here, as he has been working eighteen hours a day for the past several weeks.

Are there any other Committees ready to report?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Officers' Reports submit the following report:  
To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-first Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The scholarly and comprehensive report of our Commander-in-Chief, Frank C. Huston, brings forcibly to our attention his hopes and ambitions for our beloved order.



His report in detail represents very clearly to us the conscientious, earnest effort of a man imbued with the spirit of Patriotism, willing at all times and in all places to use his strength and energies in the interest of our own and those of our Grand Order, the Grand Army of the Republic. In his report he has made three recommendations, as follows:

No. 1. Your Committee heartily concurs in any effort that may be made to bring about a system of dates that shall make it easier for National Heads to visit a greater number of Department Encampments.

No. 2. Your Committee endorses the action of the Commander-in-Chief in having printed in the new Rituals, "The American's Creed" and approve the suggestion that it be committed to memory by all members, providing, however, that this be not mandatory.

No. 3. That each Camp set as a definite goal in membership a gain of 25%, the coming year, this is certainly something to strive for and meet with the approval of your Committee.

The report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, William L. Anderson, shows that Brother Anderson used his office so far as possible, in assisting his Commander-in-Chief. His remarks about better Camp meetings and state of Camp finances are worthy of careful consideration and come from a man whose experiences in the Order fits him to know what he is talking about.

The report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, A. D. Bunker, while not showing definite activity indicates a continual interest in our Order.

The carefully prepared report of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer gives us in detail the numerical and financial status of our Order. In spite of the loss of income the balance on hand shows careful planning and use of funds. With a net loss in membership of 3394, it is evident that this Commandery-in-Chief has a problem on its hands to stem the loss and endeavor to hold our membership.

The services of Secretary-Treasurer Hammer are invaluable to the Commandery-in-Chief and we trust that he may be spared to serve us for many years to come.

The report of National Patriotic Instructor Walter A. Waterman shows much work being done by our order along patriotic lines and many hours of labor on the part of Brother Waterman in the preparation of his reports.

The report of National Chaplain Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig shows his continued interest in the devotional part of our Order. The Committee concur in the National Chaplain's first recommendation that Department Chaplain in office on Memorial Day be responsible for gathering Camp statistics, tabulating same and submitting the same to the National Chaplain.

The Committee concur in the second recommendation as follows, and the third recommendation is also concurred in, that the Camp and Department Secretaries and Chaplains be requested to compare their reports regarding the number of Camps and Members in good standing at the time of their reports, namely May 30th.

National Counselor Richard F. Locke's report indicates that peace and harmony prevail within our Order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

E. W. HOMAN,  
JOHN E. SAUTTER,  
NEIL D. CRANMER.



Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois: I move the adoption of the report as read.

Seconded by Delegate Blackman of Illinois and Commander Farr of Vermont. Voted on and carried.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Are there any further reports of Committees?

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES.

Past Department Commander Titus M. Ruch of Pennsylvania: The Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies had two recommendations (third one added later); the first from the Department of California & Pacific, in regard to the opening ceremonies of the Camp on Page 7 of the Ritual at the bottom of the page and reads:

At the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the California & Pacific Department the following change in Ritual was proposed:

In the opening ceremonies of the Camp, on Page 7 of the Ritual at bottom of page, eliminate all of the following paragraph:

"Commander—(If honorably discharged Veterans of the Civil War of the Rebellion are present)—Honored Veterans: We welcome your presence here, and by our bonds of loyalty, we ask you never to reveal any of the business or work of the Camp which you may witness. By your act of remaining we construe that you accept this obligation."

E. J. PARKER,  
N. W. HART,  
W. M. PEEK.

Approved: WM. J. HICKOX, Dept. Commander.  
Attest: DELEVAN BOWLEY, Dept. Secretary.

Your Committee feels that this is unnecessary wording in the Ritual and recommends the proposed elimination.

National Secretary Horace H. Hammer: I move we concur in this recommendation and where there is no objection we concur in the recommendation of the Committee, without vote, and this to hold for the reports or recommendations of all Committees.

Delegate Blackman of Illinois seconded. Voted on and carried.

Chairman Ruch of Pennsylvania: The following comes from the New Hampshire Department:

Dear Brother Hammer:

Think it would be good idea to have the Auxiliary and other Ladies' Lodges or Tents to have a pass word for the Sons meeting—as now anyone can visit.

CHARLES O. SMITH, Dept. Commander,  
East Jaffrey, N. H.

Your Committee does not recommend the adoption of this suggestion. (Concurred in).

The following comes from the Connecticut Department:

Resolved, That the Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Encampment held at Stamford, Conn., April 28 and 29, 1932, request the adoption of the following resolution to be added to Article 8, page 19, in the Constitution and Regulations:

That the Commandery-in-Chief issue Station Banners as designated on page 5, Article 12, of Ritual and Ceremonies, as no provision is made for the procuring of these banners where new Camps are instituted or old banners need renewing.

ROBERT C. C. SMITH,  
EDWARD W. GOODALE,  
B. W. ROGERS,  
Committee on Constitution and Laws.

This resolution was adopted.

ISAAC T. JENKS,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee does not recommend adoption, no provision being made for the financing of the proposition. (Concurred in).

Respectfully submitted,

TITUS M. RUCH, Chairman,  
E. F. WARREN,  
F. S. REAVY,  
LEONARD C. HOLSTON.

Chairman Ruch: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee as adopted.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Everett F. Warner, of Maryland, and Commander Farr, of Vermont. Voted on and carried.

Department Commander Hickox of California & Pacific: I suggest that we have the Auxiliary in on the picture we will have taken tomorrow.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I personally think that would be desirable. I am satisfied that both groups would be in favor of that and I think it would be fine. If that arrangement could be made we would surely find it would meet with the approval of your Committee. If you can bring about that arrangement I would be delighted, and I am sure most of us would.

Delegate Blackman of Illinois: It has come to the attention of one of the Camps in Illinois in the last few days when they had a death, at their next meeting they wanted to drape the charter, could some plan be made now to take care of that?

Commander-in-Chief Huston: You could use the Ritualistic Service of the draping of the Charter. I believe many of the Sons of Union Veterans could suggest ways that could be carried out. The Auxiliary has a plan to do it. Are they going to step ahead of us? It is printed in their ritual. I believe there ought to be sufficient ability in the average Camp to be able to take care of that just as well without the ritual as with a ritual. I may be wrong. The Ritual might provide for it. Have you a solution for the situation? That is the problem. How are we going to solve it? What is the cure for the malady? Do you have in mind something like the Memorial Service?

Delegate Blackman of Illinois: Something simple for the Camp, something they could go by, if we could pick up a ritual and have it at our fingers' end.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is good but it is a matter to come before the Committee on Rituals, and that Committee has already made their report and been discharged. If you care to bring it in as an addenda I am sure that they would hear it.

Are there any other matters to be brought before the attention of the Convention?

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: While we have just a moment I would like to tell a story I heard the other day that applies to our organization just as well as the one about which I heard it. The man mentioned the depression and he told of three men coming in from the country and stopping on the forty-fifth floor of the hotel, and then went out for the night. When they came back at 1:00 o'clock they found that the elevators were not running, so they decided to walk up, and to make the flight seem shorter they decided that the first fifteen floors one of their number would tell gay stories, then the next fifteen floors they would sing and the last fifteen floors they would tell sad stories. So they started up. The first fifteen floors were covered, then the next fifteen floors when they sung; when they came to the thirtieth floor the third member said: "Well, here is a sad story, I forgot the key." Year after year we come here and find ourselves in a predicament and come here and tell our stories and we forget the situation.

Here is another story which describes our situation. Two boys grew up in the same family, and when they were grown one became a priest and one went into the army, four years later when they came home the army boy had a parrot which he brought home, and when the priest was talking this parrot would answer. The priest said, "What must we do to be saved" and the parrot replied immediately, "Hump like Hell and sing."

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure Past Commander Homan's stories always make us feel good. Dr. Homan's story reminds me of another story of the colored woman who had a chameleon, and you all know the nature of this chameleon, how he changes his colors; on a black dress he is black, on a red one, red, and one day he was gone and when she was asked where he was, she said that "they put him on a striped dress and he busted hisself trying to make good."

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## LONG TIME MEMBERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Last year we had a few moments which we gave to the men who had belonged to the Sons 50 years or more. I wish to present two men from Camp 5, Hudson, Mass.—George A. Derby, who has been Secretary of his Camp for over thirty years, and another member for over 50 years, P. E. Graves.

Delegate George A. Derby of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, I certainly appreciate the fact that Past Commander-in-Chief Homan has brought this matter to the attention of the Encampment but the fact is that I haven't been forewarned of this and I could make no extensive remarks. I assure the Encampment that there has never been a time outside of two years, that I have not been a member of Camp 5, but I have attended every meeting of the Camp.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is a fine record.

Alternate P. E. Graves of Massachusetts: I feel as Brother Derby does. I haven't any remarks to make, other than those already made. I thank you, Brother Homan, and Commander-in-Chief.

Alternate Joseph Hackett of Pennsylvania: I have been a member of Pennsylvania Camp No. 6 for 51 years. If we have a little spare time I will give a recitation. I don't think many have heard. ~~As you life~~ <sup>As you life</sup> knocks upon the door will overwhelm you. The thing to carry in mind is not the securing of new members but what would our fathers have done. When the G. A. R. was in its prime you didn't hear about communism, reds, etc. Our fathers pushed this down. We are trying to subsist on a sentiment. We deserve some credit but for God's sake let's do something worthwhile and attract something worthwhile and the class of men will come to us because of something we have done. Let us be a service organization in fact and not because of the service performed by the men of another generation.

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 With Fife and Drum,  
 Led by a hero, Soldier Gray,  
 Somehow I'm proud  
 Of this great crowd—  
 My father was a soldier.

Delegate C. Henry Gretz of Pennsylvania: I have belonged to the organization for 51 years.

I have something to say that isn't anything of importance but what I want to impress on the brothers. Our Commander-in-Chief stresses the point that he has met four grandsons of Union leaders, two from the State of Ohio, and one of them is a grandfather. Don't talk about the Sons of Union Veterans but grandsons. I knew men who are sons of veterans and they have children and they don't even tell them they are eligible for membership in our organization.

Past Department Commander Geist of Colorado & Wyoming: The Department Commander of Colorado & Wyoming is a grandson and the Junior Vice Commander is a grandson.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Since the question has been raised, the outgoing Commander of the Department of Rhode Island is not only a grandson but a great-grandson.—Brother Fred Arnold.

Department Commander Farr of Vermont: In our Camp in St. Johnsbury, the Junior Vice Commander is a great-grandson and the Senior Vice Commander is a grandson. I also am a grandson.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have in the room several members of the Grand Army who are always honored members. Will all the Grand Army men please stand, we want to do you a little honor (only one in the convention at this time). Will someone introduce ~~some one from the army~~ who had a parrot which he brought home, and when the priest was talking this parrot would answer. The priest said, "What must we do to be saved" and the parrot replied immediately, "Hump like Hell and sing."

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while I am filling in may I give to you a thought which is uppermost in my mind in regard to the Sons of Union Veterans. I have expressed this on several different occasions in the past. I am saying to you now that I think the time has arrived when we should cease soliciting members for this organization.

We, of course, will think that is a revolutionary idea. But, the first object of the Sons of Union Veterans does not seem to be the carrying out of the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic but first everywhere is the idea that we must get a new member and we go out and get a new member and then we forget about him until it is time to collect his next annual dues and we go around and ask him for the dues. In my mind being a true *Sons of a Veteran* is to accept as the perfect ideal of government the principles and practices laid down by the G. A. R. I believe, and I know that you believe, that the greatest service performed by the members of the G. A. R. was not their '61-'65 service but it was in the years following '65, so long as they remained in power. The time was when no man in the North aspired to office unless he had the support of the membership of the G. A. R. That time seems to have passed away. I will tell you, brothers, what we ought to do. That is, stop asking men to come in, have their names placed upon our rolls and then give them nothing to do. What we should do is go out and do something worthwhile and soon the knocks upon the door will overwhelm you. The thing to carry in mind is not the securing of new members but what would our fathers have done. When the G. A. R. was in its prime you didn't hear about communism, reds, etc. Our fathers pushed this down. We are trying to subsist on a sentiment. We deserve some credit but for God's sake let's do something worthwhile and attract something worthwhile and the class of men will come to us because of something we have done. Let us be a service organization in fact and not because of the service performed by the men of another generation.

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"Can't take the time to march," you say?  
 I'm sorry, boys,  
 You'll miss the joys  
 That fill my heart this sad sweet May.  
 Perhaps I, too,  
 Would feel as you do,  
 Had not my father been a soldier.

The cemetery road is long?  
 But not as far  
 The windings are,  
 As once these brave men marched with song.  
 I know it well,  
 I've heard them tell—  
 My father was a soldier.

This spring day may be chill or hot—  
 The heat and damp  
 Of trench or camp,  
 Have ever been a soldiers lot.  
 If so, what then?  
 Let us be men!  
 My father was a soldier.

'Twould seem, I think, to one who gave  
 This day to sport  
 Of any sort,  
 Like trampling on his father's grave,  
 I'd feel it was—  
 But then, you know,  
 My father was a soldier.

From dawn no holier day than this;  
 The very air  
 Breathes out a prayer,  
 As sacred as a Mother's kiss;  
 If as I feel  
 I'd act, I'd kneel—  
 My father was a soldier.

How strange the world forgets so soon.  
 The Nation's night  
 Fades in the light  
 Of our resplendant prosp'rous noon,  
 Eternal shame  
 On our fair fame,  
 If we despise our blood bought boon!

It seems not long ago, the day  
 His regiment  
 All hearts intent,  
 Marched, colors flying, down the way.  
 Scarcely an eye  
 From tears was dry.  
 He never asked if it would pay.

O boys! is not the flag the same?  
 Is not "Old Glory" still its name?  
 Have patriot hearts now ceased to beat?

Is freedom's breath no longer sweet?  
 Are Shiloh, Henry, Donelson,  
 Antietam, Vicksburg, are they won?  
 Mere names expressing only sound?  
 Are they not rather hallowed ground?  
 Is Lookout Mountain's cloud-capped crest,  
 An idle fancy like the rest?  
 Is Gettysburg's dark crimson stream,  
 The Vision of a summer's dream?  
 No, boys, the witnesses are here—  
 The scar, the crutch, the deafened ear,  
 The empty sleeve, the sightless eye,  
 The memories that cannot die!  
 Beneath the hillocks, low,  
 Lie sleeping comrades, row on row,  
 You hero dead in patience wait  
 Our coming, be it soon or late.  
 We'll strew their graves with fairest flowers,  
 Fresh springing as this love of ours.  
 Our country's flag within the rod,  
 We'll plant, till sounds the trumpet of God.

O, boys, 'tis naught what others do.  
 Long as I live  
 This day I'll give  
 To service for the men in blue!  
 My father was a soldier.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Very fine.

(Commander-in-Chief Huston then made some further announcements regarding Stunt Night).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: On my last official visit in Jackson, Mich., I had a wonderful time and I do want to hear just a word from Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan.

Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan: I am not the last Commander, between Brother French and myself was Past Department Commander Sprague. I am mighty happy to be with you on this occasion. I am sorry I am the only man from Michigan. We had a wonderful representation today of the men who went forward shoulder to shoulder, it was great. Great gaps were in this splendid rank. Is it any wonder we have the inspiration to come here, the comrades of old meet each other in the hotels, in their rooms, and live again the years of '61-'65. I am mighty proud to be here on this occasion and I hope that everyone of you, by reason of our meeting in this home of our martyred President for whom our fathers carried the Old Glory, will be better Sons. Let's show to our fathers that we are true Sons of our Fathers and work shoulder to shoulder.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Surely glad if I did anything to stir up Brother Fouch. We had expected Brothers French and Finch to be here. This has been one of the happiest and easiest conventions over which I have ever seen anyone preside.

Past Department Commander Kirchgassner of Massachusetts: At the time of our Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization, a former member of our organization, Joe Mitchell was the orator, and the newspapers gave him a great deal of recognition. Let's do things worthwhile and members will seek to enter our Camps. At that time we discussed the old members and we made requests of all the Camps in our Department and we got the names of about 600 who had been

members over 25 years, and we wrote them to learn if they would like to meet as old-timers. We got responses from about 400. They showed their interest in the organization but because of the depression they couldn't all come. We found that these men were those who were paying their dues. We had about 100 members present at our meeting. That shows that there are men in this organization who have been in for years and we are glad to say that we in Massachusetts have a splendid bunch. You might consider doing this in each Department.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is very splendid.

Delegate Knouff of Pennsylvania: I have sitting beside me one of the old war horses, who has been a member of Camp 200 of Pennsylvania for about 43 years and I believe that outside of Brother Hammer he has attended more meetings than any other member—Brother Haley of Pennsylvania.

Brother Haley of Pennsylvania: I joined the Camp in 1888 and I have been the Treasurer except only one year when I was Commander, and I have attended every National Encampment since Columbus, Ohio.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee offers a supplementary report as follows: Past Commanders-in-Chief 9, Department Commanders 17, Past Department Commanders 54, Delegates 77, or a total of 157 on the Roll of the Encampment at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That is more than I had expected during these days which Amos and Andy talk so much about.

Past Department Commander Caster of New Jersey: I move we recess until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Homan, and voted.

Adjourned.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:30 A. M., September 22, 1932

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form, Commander-in-Chief Huston presiding.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: W. J. Hiland, Past Department Commander of Minnesota, please occupy the Chair of Senior Vice Commander. Brother Hiland is a member of our Host Department as we are going to St. Paul, Minn., next year.

Past Department Commander Fred Arnold of Rhode Island act as Junior Vice Commander.

I thank you all for the very fine way that our Encampment has been conducted. We are ready to resume under the heading of Reports of Committees.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Past Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming: The Committee on Constitution and Regulations is ready to report. The Chairman of our Committee has requested that I read this report.

We have a proposed amendment from the Connecticut Department, reading:

"Resolved, That the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in session at Stamford, Conn., April 28 and 29, 1932, recommend the following resolution:

Whereas, The National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held in Boston, Mass., on August 22-23, 1917, on page 103 of their minutes under "Laws and Customs" which read as follows: "The number of General Orders shall be Number One with the beginning of the calendar year."

Whereas, The Connecticut Department confirms the order on page 103 and issues our orders Number One at the beginning of the calendar year, respectfully asks that this resolution be adopted requiring all Departments to number their General Orders in compliance with the Commandery-in-Chief's ruling adopted on August 22 and 23, 1917, at Boston.

ROBERT C. C. SMITH,  
EDWARD W. GOODALL,  
B. W. ROGERS,

Committee on Constitution and Laws.

This Resolution was adopted.

ISAAC T. JENKS,  
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee has carefully considered this resolution and recommend that no action be taken.



National Secretary Hammer: With no discourtesy to the Committee, I object. I don't think we understand this. The proposition is that the orders of Departments and Camps should be the same as the Commandery-in-Chief, as to number. The orders to start with a calendar year, No. 1, etc., like the Regulations prescribed, instead of having a "circular" published in The Banner. It should be "General Order," not an official designation by "circular",—not to reflect on those who call it a "circular." A Commander-in-Chief issues an "order." That is the desire of Connecticut Department, to have the provisions complied with regarding official expression.

Past Department Commander Coen of Illinois: I have some information on these orders. Isn't it a fact that the only "General Orders" are issued by the Commander-in-Chief. I have always stated that all other orders are "Department Orders" and "Camp Orders," and I have had quite some controversy along those lines.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I rather so consider and that is my understanding of it. Brother Holbrook will bear me out that they have gone to The Banner as "General Orders" and they have gone forward under "Circular Letters."

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: It has been printed in that form because it was the request of the previous Commanders-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Mine have gone as "General Orders."

National Secretary Hammer: You could still have a circular but official instructions and designations for action of some kind in the organization should be an "Order." Past legislation fixed that.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: It probably would carry a little more weight.

National Secretary Hammer: The Secretary of the Department of Connecticut has been in that position for seventeen years and he is on the job every day. He has the Ritual and Regulations at his finger tips, is punctilious and if we can have that continue in the regulations we won't have criticism.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I merely wanted to say that I think due to the supreme modesty of the previous Commanders-in-Chief and Brother Huston, they were averse to issuing definite orders. They wanted to convey the information and allow the brothers to learn in that way and not from definite orders inasmuch as we were not considered, perhaps, as a military body, not as much so as in former years. I am subject to orders, and if it should be desired that information go out as General Orders, I will be glad to comply with any such request.

Past Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming: I would like to offer a word in explanation of the Committee's resolution. It is evident that we misunderstood. We took it as applying to the General Orders as issued.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that we do not concur in or with the recommendation of the Committee but that the proposition of the Department of Connecticut be adopted.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie of Pennsylvania. Voted on and carried.

Department Commander Farr of Vermont: I would like a little enlightenment on that. I was elected in June. My first general orders or circular, as you might call it, I got out in July and numbered it No. 1, should I have gone back to the proceedings, and numbered mine from there on?

National Secretary Hammer: The numbers would run consecutively, taking the last number from your predecessor in next consecutive order.

Department Commander Hickox of California & Pacific: I would like to have a point of information. Does this apply to Departments or Commandery-in-Chief, that is, Department or National?

National Secretary Hammer: For all. If you will refer back to the minutes of the 1917 Encampment just as quoted, you will find it pictured there, regarding the General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief, that they should be numbered from January 1st, etc.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: This resolution, I think, need not be misunderstood. The numbers are to begin with No. 1 in the first order in the calendar year, which is after the 1st of January.

Past Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming: We have the following resolution from the Department of Minnesota:

"In accordance with the resolution duly passed at the annual Encampment of this Department, held in Minneapolis, Minn., in June, 1932, the undersigned, official delegates of said Department, move the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 1, of Article I of the Regulations of this order be amended by changing the word "Fifteen" to "Ten," making said section read:

"Section 1. When a Camp is organized the membership thereof shall be not less than ten."

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING BEST, Delegate,

L. L. FOSS, Alternate Delegate."

Dated, September 21, 1932.

The Committee recommend that we do not concur in the adoption of this, as read.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: The recommendation of the Committee is accepted unless there is an objection.

Commander-in-Chief, we also have a resolution from the Department of Washington, regarding the per capita tax. It is as follows:

"Be It Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Washington and Alaska, in convention assembled at its Forty-third Annual Encampment held in Olympia, Washington, that it is hereby declared to be the sense of this Encampment that the per capita tax should be reduced from Thirty Cents per member to Twenty Cents per member; and be it

Further Resolved, That this Encampment do petition the National Encampment that such action as may be necessary be taken to the end that such reduction be made at the National Encampment to be held in 1932.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, this 21st day of June, 1932.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,  
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.  
IRA S. KING, Commander.

Attest: C. F. BARROWS, Secretary.

National Secretary Hammer: I suggest that it be referred to the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: It seems to me that the resolution read belongs to the Council-in-Chief. So referred.

Past Department Commander Hill of Colorado & Wyoming: That completes our report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: I move that we adopt the report.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Marden of Alabama & Tennessee. Carried.

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

(At this point the Pennsylvania Reserve was received).

Col. Edwin John Prittie of Pennsylvania (Commander of the Reserve B Corps): Commander-in-Chief, this opportunity is taken to thank you for the privilege of presenting this Battalion of the Pennsylvania Reserve to you for two reasons. We have presented them to you for service, but I want to present them to your Commandery-in-Chief also, and to give my boys who are Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the opportunity of saying they have been in a National Encampment. Most of us made the trip by auto and are going home today and we certainly thank you for the privilege of presenting this body of Pennsylvanians to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Col. Prittie and members of this fine body of Reserve from Pennsylvania, we are delighted to have you with us this morning. You are not here as guests, you are a part of this Encampment. You are not receiving us as guests and we are not receiving you as guests, we are all members of this great order, and have that fraternal feeling running through us. We are glad to have you and your group with us, if you have anything further you would like to say we would be pleased to hear it.

Col. Prittie: We have nothing further to say.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have made arrangements that immediately upon your coming we would retire to have a photograph taken at the Lincoln Home. Therefore, I declare a recess and I think we should be back here in half an hour, so this recess is declared until 10:45.

Three cheers given for the Pennsylvania Reserve.

(Recess taken while the members had their photograph taken in front of the Lincoln Home, where they proceeded in a body, led by the Pennsylvania Reserve corps. Reconvened at 11:00 a. m.)

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I want to thank you all. I believe the photograph has been successful. In my memory, at least, in attendance at Encampments, I doubt if we have ever secured as fine a group. I thank you, and thank the Department of Pennsylvania for this group of fine boys.

#### INDIANA AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Brothers Shellhouse, McDaniel and Dewey are a Committee to receive the Auxiliary ladies from Indianapolis and to present them to us.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Commander-in-Chief, I present to you Mrs. Cora Swartz, Chairman of a Committee from Camp 356 and Auxiliary No. 10, Indianapolis.

Past Department Commander McDaniel: Commander-in-Chief, I present Mrs. Mary Murphy.

Delegate Dewey: Commander-in-Chief, I present Department President Bessie Pippin of Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: This is our Past Department President Mrs. Swartz, and a very efficient one, and the next one has the misfortune to be my own cousin, Mary Little Murphy, not Little Mary Murphy, whose father was my Uncle Tom Little; my father and hers were members of the same regiment and the same company of the Civil War, and brothers-in-law. The next lady is one of our pippins; we raise both pippins and peaches in Indiana; our present Department President, Mrs. Pippin.

Mrs. Cora Swartz: Commander-in-Chief, Department President Pippin, Department Secretary-Treasurer Murphy, and myself represent what might be considered the Gift Committee, appointed by your own Ben Harrison Camp No. 356 and our own Auxiliary No. 10. Brother Huston, as far back as I can remember, say twenty-five or thirty years, you have been working with and for our Auxiliary with the same interest and loyalty as that of your own Camp, and out of sincere appreciation and thanks of such Camp and Auxiliary, I am presenting to you a small gift, not so much for its money value but because it carries with it to you the everlasting respect, devotion, and love from both Organizations.

Brother Frank, at first I did not know why my associate Sisters wanted me to do the talking for this gift ceremony, but now I do know and will try to explain to you. It is going to require a lot of nerve to say what must be said at this time and my good sisters thought I might be equipped with that necessary nerve to carry us over the ordeal in safety. So now, our dear Commander-in-Chief, we haven't any gift here for you. In plain words, you have your present but you do not get it. The present is at this moment in Indianapolis undergoing the finishing process of completion and will at an early date, after our journey home, be actually presented to you in special session with the boys and girls present of your Camp and our Auxiliary. (At a special meeting of Commander-in-Chief Huston's Camp and Auxiliary a beautiful and expensive Bible was presented to him, inscribed in gold letters).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I appreciate that very much. I know Sister Swartz, and if she says she is going to give me a gift I know I will receive it. Mary, have you something you would like to say to us.

Mrs. Mary Murphy: I can only say for you and your convention all the good wishes already given and say "ditto."

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Thank you. And now, Mrs. Pippin.

Mrs. Pippin: I won't take up any time for speech making, I know you are very busy like the Auxiliary. I hope you have a very happy convention and this is my first visit to any of the Veterans Encampments, and I am happy to come.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are glad to have you here and I am not going to ask that any response be given to you. We are glad you all came here to visit us and thank you for the presents.

(Escorted out).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Some of you new members do not know who this is (called Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief, to the platform), and Frank will pardon me I am sure, but here is one of the very best men and one of the very best friends that God ever gave to any man, Frank Shellhouse, whose friendship I prize tremendously and I wanted to say that in the presence of this Encampment, and I wanted all the new members and you brothers to



know the man and the esteem of your Commander-in-Chief for perhaps the best friend outside the family, that I have, and that is my mother.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The words just spoken honor him who gave them utterance and if the brothers assembled will only please believe at least part of such complimentary words from my friend and brother, I will indeed be mighty well satisfied.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure we will have no difficulty in making the entire Encampment believe it as I do.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I want to now present to this convention Brothers John Rippetoe and Frank Gibson, who are members of the local Committee representing the Commandery-in-Chief, and on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, as well as the Commander-in-Chief, to express my appreciation to this Committee for the fine services they have rendered. We thank you and want you to convey to the others what our feelings are for the service you have performed.

Brother Rippetoe: I just want to say that my relationship with you when I got acquainted with you and Brother Shellhouse, after you came to Springfield as members of the official family in January, has been very agreeable and pleasant, and we have spent many hours working to make this Encampment successful and the work has been hard. We received you when you came for the Encampment with open arms. It was a pleasure and it is going to be a far sadder affair when we have to say goodbye to you. We want you to feel at home. If there is anything you want we will get it for you. We love you all, and want you to feel that you want to come back to Springfield. I helped Brother Cazeau when he started our Camp and I am going to continue to help the Sons of Union Veterans. I am not going to take up your time. Anything you want you just let us know and we will get it for you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: First I want to express my love for Brother Rippetoe, and his aid in organizing this Camp which is still in existence. Then I want to say of the Pennsylvania group of Reserve what I have in my head. It is the finest group of Reserve I have ever seen. You are the equals of any other organization, though military, that ever marched. Pennsylvania is to be congratulated, Brother Mabie and the Brothers of Pennsylvania who have worked so hard to prepare this Reserve have the thanks of our entire organization.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We will resume the order of business. We are under the head of Committee Reports. Are any other reports ready?

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: Commander-in-Chief and brothers. In the absence of Brother Church, Chairman, I am ready to submit the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution No. 1 reads as follows:

"Whereas, It is desirable that all patriotic American Citizens and organizations should now present a united front against all tendencies and movements directed against American ideals and traditions, and against our Constitutional form of Government; and,

Whereas, The American Coalition of Patriotic, Civil, and Fraternal Societies has been formed and is not functioning to co-ordinate patriotic efforts to maintain these principles, and now has as its constituent members a large majority of the leading national patriotic organizations, who have joined the Coalition, which functions through



a Board of Founders and a large representative body, known as the Advisory Board, consisting of two delegates from each constituent body of the Coalition, and which informs its members of all proposed legislation affecting the interests of patriotic organizations, and represents before legislative bodies the concensus of opinion of their affiliated members as expressed by their respective delegates,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now assembled in our Fifty-first Annual Encampment, become members of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic and Fraternal Societies, and that the National Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to subscribe for six copies of "The Coalitionist," one copy each to be sent for one year to the Commander-in-Chief, the Editor of The Banner, the National Secretary-Treasurer, and the three members of the National Legislative Committee; and

Resolved, Further, That the Commander-in-Chief shall designate the Chairman and one member of the National Legislative Committee as delegates from our organization to the Advisory Board of the American Coalition, and their votes shall be cast as instructed by the Committee.

EVERETT F. WARNER, Chairman,  
National Legislative Committee.  
MICHAEL CASEY,  
DRUID H. EVANS,  
JAMES W. LYONS,  
R. J. F. McELROY,  
O. P. M. BROWN.

The Committee recommends its adoption as read. (No remarks).

Resolution No. 2 reads:

Whereas, There is an apparent thoroughly organized movement on the part of communistic organizations to affect the political destruction of our American form of Government, for the preservation of which our fathers fought and to the principles of which we have pledged our support.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now assembled in our Fifty-first Annual Encampment, hereby petition the Congress of this United States of America, to immediately enact such legislation as will result in the prompt deportation of any and all persons known to be affiliated with communistic organizations, or active in their behalf, who are neither native born nor naturalized citizens of our country; and

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to Congress, and to other patriotic organizations.

WENDELL C. HILL, Del., Dept. of Md.  
MICHAEL CASEY,  
E. F. WARNER,  
DRUID H. EVANS,  
JAMES W. LYONS.

The Committee recommend adoption.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: If no objections are raised these resolutions will be adopted as read, in accordance with motion made earlier in our sessions.

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

Whereas, May 7, 1933, will mark the 100th Anniversary of the commissioning of Abraham Lincoln as Postmaster at New Salem,

(now Old Salem) Illinois, that being the first position occupied by Abraham Lincoln under the Federal Government, and

Whereas, It is highly desirable that that part of Abraham Lincoln's life covering the period of his residence at New Salem, (now Old Salem) should be more generally known, in order that the great lesson of our martyred President's humble origin and his rise to fame and power, through steady application and study, be taught to the younger generations of our land;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Convention assembled, that we do hereby endorse the suggestion made by Abraham Lincoln Council of Boy Scouts of America that a Special Commemorative Stamp be issued by the Post Office Department on May 7, 1933, with Springfield, Illinois, the home and final resting place of Abraham Lincoln, made the point of first day of sale, and proper authority be given to Abraham Lincoln Council Boy Scouts of America to re-enact the scene of Abraham Lincoln as Postmaster at New Salem (now Old Salem), Illinois, and the carrying of the mail over the Lincoln Trail from New Salem, (now Old Salem) to Springfield, as the same was carried by Harvey Ross during the time that Lincoln was Postmaster.

Be It Further Resolved, That we urge upon the Postmaster General the approval of this plan, in order that due public notice may be given to the fact that Abraham Lincoln, our martyred President, was at one time Postmaster at the little Frontier Village of New Salem (now Old Salem), Illinois, and that he walked the twenty-two miles between New Salem (now Old Salem), and Springfield, Illinois, to borrow the books out of which he gained his education.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Postmaster General Brown at Washington, D. C., and a copy be forwarded to Abraham Lincoln Council Boy Scouts of America, Springfield, Illinois.

The Committee recommends the adoption of the resolution as read. (No remarks).

Resolution No. 4 is:

Received from General Barnett Post No. 2, Department of Ohio, G. A. R., Lorain, Ohio.

September 17, 1932.

At a meeting of the General Bennett Post No. 2, Department of Ohio, Grand Army of the Republic, a resolution was introduced by Augustus Baldwin and adopted, as follows:

Whereas, Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, located in Virginia, facing the Potomac River, is owned by private enterprise, and

Whereas, The said Mount Vernon is closed to the public until nine or ten o'clock in the morning and closed early in the evening, and

Whereas, Said Mount Vernon is being disfigured and misrepresentation made to the people visiting it.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to get in touch with our representative, and for them to try to have Congress purchase said Mount Vernon and make a National Shrine of it and reconstruct it as near as possible to the original, and open it to the public free of charge at all times. This being bicentennial year, and the proper time to bring before the Congress this proposal for a Washington Memorial, we believe that if there is a place in America for a shrine, it is Mount Vernon.

The said Augustus Baldwin was named as a Committee of one to forward four copies of said resolution, one for our representatives, one for each Senator of Ohio, one for the National Tribune, and one for the Pathfinder, the latter two for publication.

Pursuant to the passage of this resolution, Mr. George O. Gillingham, Assistant Editor of the Pathfinder, personally turned copy of the foregoing resolution over to Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, who has introduced a bill to purchase Mount Vernon. Copy of this bill is as follows:

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H. Res. 156

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 20, 1932

Mr. Treadway submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior is requested to confer with the properly authorized officers of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, a corporation organized under the laws of Virginia, with a view to ascertaining the terms and conditions under which the United States can acquire from that association the property known as Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, so that such property can be set aside under the supervision of the Federal Government as a perpetual shrine for the American people. In view of the long-continued and highly patriotic service of the association in taking care of such property, the Secretary of the Interior is requested to ascertain whether the association would not be willing to continue to take some active part in the care of Mount Vernon property for a period of years under the supervision of the Federal Government.

"The Secretary of the Interior is further requested to ascertain who owns that part of Mount Vernon where the tombs of George Washington and family are located, and to confer with such owner with a view of ascertaining the terms and conditions under which the United States can acquire such part of Mount Vernon, so that it can be set aside under the supervision of the Federal Government as part of the Mount Vernon shrine for the American people.

"The Secretary of the Interior is further requested to submit to the House of Representatives the facts ascertained by him under this resolution, together with such recommendations as he may desire to make in connection with such facts."

Kindly take the necessary steps to interest your organization for the support and passage of this measure in Congress. Return their endorsement to me and I shall see that they are forwarded to the proper authorities.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) A. BODOLWIN.

The Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution. (No remarks).

The next resolution, No. 5, is from the Department of Maryland, and reads:

Resolution Presented by Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5,  
Washington, D. C.

Whereas, The prolonged business depression and resulting unemployment of millions of workers have encouraged the enemies of our form of government to sow seeds of unrest and discontent and to organize demonstrations against constituted authority; and

Whereas, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are pledged to uphold the Constitution and Government of the United States and to resist, as our fathers did, all efforts to destroy this Union;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Maryland Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that we hereby re-affirm ~~our~~ opposition to all forms of written or spoken propaganda directed against the Constitution of the United States, and against American ideals and traditions of Government; and,

Resolved Further, That the Maryland Department pledges its active opposition to the spread of all Communistic teachings and propaganda and advocates constructive and energetic measures to combat all such tendencies in our National life; and,

Resolved Further, That the representatives of this Department are instructed to bring these resolutions to the attention of the next Grand Encampment of our order and to urge that the Grand Encampment adopt suitable measures to make the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War an aggressive actor in opposition to all direct and indirect attacks upon our system of Government.

The above resolution was endorsed by the Maryland Department at Encampment assembled at Wilmington, Delaware, on May 19, 1932.

Attest:

EVERETT F. WARNER,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

R. J. F. McELROY,  
Department Commander.

The Committee recommends adoption. (No remarks).

The next or sixth resolution reads as follows:

Draft of Resolution to be presented at Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
September 19, 1932.

Whereas, Newspaper reports indicate that a special effort is being made to secure the recognition by the United States of Soviet Russia; and

Whereas, Such recognition will in no way stimulate purchase of American products by Russia, there being no limitation now on exports to Russia except the limits of the latter's ability to pay; and

Whereas, It is known that Russia cannot pay for any such greater volume of exports from America than it is now buying, except by the importation into America of its cheap products to a corresponding value; and

Whereas, Recognition is sought by Russia and its fully advised friends only because it will facilitate the dumping of cheap Russian products in America and the instigation of revolutionary propaganda for the destruction of our institutions; and

Whereas, Russian products, produced as they are largely with forced labor and in no case by labor paid according to American standards, must necessarily constitute unfair competition with American products in our home markets, their importation in quantity

must inevitably injure our own agriculture and industries, and break down the standard of living of American labor; and

Whereas, There is ample evidence to show beyond a reasonable doubt that "every dollar loaned to the Soviet Union is a dollar dedicated to the destruction of our great heritage," and that every assistance given it to make itself industrially independent is a help to the permanent reduction and ultimate destruction of a part of our export trade;

Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby formally protest against any recognition of Soviet Russia both as contrary to our own economic interests and as dangerous to our institutions; and

That, This resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the Chairman of the Committees on Foreign Affairs of the House and Senate, and to such other officials and citizens as may be appropriate or desirable, in order to express the urgent recommendation of this organization against any action which will tend towards a recognition of, or closer relations with Soviet Russia. Our Fathers fought in 1861-65 for the preservation of this country and for the preservation of its governmental institutions; we have inherited the obligation to do our duty today to preserve the rich heritage they left us.

Respectfully submitted,

COL. U. S. GRANT, 3d,  
E. F. WARNER,  
WENDALL C. HILL,  
MICHAEL CARSEN,  
DANIEL H. EVANS,  
JAMES W. LYONS.

The Committee considers this a political proposition and while in sympathy with its purport cannot recommend its approval. (No remarks).

The seventh resolution, presented by the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans:

The following resolutions were introduced at the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Wisconsin, held at Waukesha, June 13 to 15, 1932:

Whereas, Our Order has never adopted an official Flower to symbolize the honor and respect which we feel due to our Fathers; therefore, it is hereby

Resolved, By the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in the City of Waukesha, Wisconsin, the 14th and 15th days of June, 1932, that we do hereby adopt as the Official Flower of the Department the "Bleeding Heart," and be it further

Resolved, Such flower to be used and worn by members of this Order on all special occasions and by wearing this flower we best show to the world our pride in being the descendants of those whose heart's blood was shed in the darkest hour of history, and be it further

Resolved, That this Department present this resolution to the Fifty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of our Order to be held at Springfield, Illinois, this year, and the delegates



and representatives of our Department be and they hereby are instructed to urge its adoption.

Respectfully submitted by

CLARENCE V. DODSON,

Recommended by, F. A. Kremer, H. S. Siggelko, M. S. Hoover,  
Committee on Resolutions.

And adopted by unanimous vote of the Encampment.

CHAS. H. HUDSON,

Secretary-Treasurer, Dept. of Wis., Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil War.

The Committee present this to the Convention without recommendation.

Past Department Commander Warner of Maryland: I move that it be laid on the table and no action taken.

Seconded by Delegate Blackman of Illinois. Voted on and carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: Resolution submitted by Delegate C. H. Hess of New York at the request of Comrade Wings of Kansas.

Whereas, Owing to the long continued depression now happily being suppressed, and antiquated laws relating to the delinquent debtors, their values and equities in property are being legally confiscated, be it hereby

Resolved, That we recommend that in every Department suitable action be taken to secure legislation that will protect and conserve the interests of those threatened with irretreivable losses.

The Committee does not approve this resolution. (No remarks or action taken).

The ninth resolution is addressed to Secretary Hammer with regard to the Twentieth Century Fund, Inc., and reads:

The government of the United States for the first time in its history has been pledged to abandon its policy of isolation and co-operate with the other nations for its preservation of world peace.

This unprecedented action was taken when our two major political parties incorporated planks in their platforms urging that in the event or threat of a breach of the Kellogg-Briand Pact or other similar peace treaty the United States should join in a conference of nations to deal with the situation.

No matter whether Hoover or Roosevelt be elected, the next president of the United States should join or stand pledged by his party platform to the principle of this participation in world affairs.

We now face the important question of what definite steps, in the case of a breach of the peace, such an international conference should take.

The Committee on Economic Sanctions of the Twentieth Century Fund, a group composed of eminent citizens, lawyers, economists and other experts headed by Doctor Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, have devoted eight months of study to this problem. The Committee unanimously recommend an amendment to the Kellogg-Briand Pact whereby the signatories would commit themselves to undertake joint and simultaneous embargoes on trade with any nation which should violate the treaty. These recommendations and the arguments advanced in support of them are set forth in the pamphlets enclosed herewith.

In the name of President Butler and the other members of the Committee on Economic Sanctions, I hereby formally request the Sons of Union Veterans to endorse at your convention in Springfield the Committee's recommendations as outlined in the pamphlets enclosed. The Committee further urges that in the event of your endorsement a letter be sent to the Secretary of State asking that the United States call a conference of nations signatory to the Kellogg-Briand Pact to determine upon the use of such international boycotts as might be effective against a possible violator instead of resorting to the futilities of trying to enforce peace by the sword.

The Committee will appreciate being informed through me of any action which may be taken.

Very truly yours,

EVANS CLARK,  
Director, Twentieth Century Fund, Inc.

There is some literature attached headed "The Committee on Economic Sanctions," "The United States Disarmament and Peace," "World Security Without Armed Force," which is printed matter and you may read.

The Committee presents this to the Encampment if desired to discuss it.

Department Commander Dyer of New York moved that the resolution be laid on the table. Seconded by Past Department Commander Geist of Colorado & Wyoming. Voted on and carried.

Past Department Commander Warner of Maryland: I claim I was recognized by the chair before the making of the above motion. The resolution read by the Committee was laid on the table because of being political. I am willing to yield to the Brother who made the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: We will now proceed with the report. Resolution No. 10 reads:

To the Fifty-first National Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Greetings:

I herewith make the following recommendation: That the next supply of receipt or membership cards be printed with a stub attached so that Camp Treasurers have a permanent record of receipts given to members. The present system leaves the Treasurer without any definite record unless he makes some notation in his ledger. This is easily overlooked.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. MOHR,  
Delegate, Department of Missouri.

The Committee concur in this resolution.

National Secretary Hammer: I am sorry to object. The receipt form B provides for that. I suggest that the resolution is out of order.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I so rule.

Delegate Mohr of Missouri: We just got a new supply and they haven't this receipt attached. We have never received membership cards with the stubs attached.

National Secretary Hammer: The receipts or book form of receipts have a stub. Perhaps, I can help Brother Mohr. Some years ago we had a membership card to carry, something like the Shrine, Elks, etc., have. That is obsolete, we don't have that at all, but you do have a receipt for dues on Form B.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I rule the resolution was out of order. I believe Brother Hammer's explanation has cleared the matter for Brother Mohr.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: The 11th Resolution pertains to the annual convention for 1933, and is official invitation and correspondence from the President of the Chamber of Commerce, etc., inviting the Sons to meet in Long Beach, California, in 1933. The Committee feels that no action can be taken on this as we have nothing to do with the selection of the annual meeting place for the Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. and we recommend that the Secretary acknowledge these communications. (No remarks).

The 12th Resolution relates to our expressing

The appreciation of our organization is expressed to the City of Springfield and its allied organizations in its endeavors to lavishly entertain the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, especially the Girl and Boy Scouts, and reads:

To the local Camp Sons of Union Veterans, and for their many courtesies; to Rev. Clark W. Cummings, Pastor of the First Christian Church; Rev. Jerry Wallace, Pastor of Christ Episcopal Church; Carl Miller, Chief of Police of Springfield, and A. J. Davis, Boy Scout Executive of Abraham Lincoln Council of the Boy Scouts; the Press; to the Girl Scout Executive, and be it resolved by the Fifty-first National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in convention assembled at Springfield, the home and burial place of Abraham Lincoln, in September, 1932, that the gratitude and appreciation of its members be extended for the generous hospitality and liberal entertainment of the delegates and visiting members, to the City of Springfield, the Local Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Local Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Local Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans.

You have all seen the picture in the last few years of the old gentlemen with the young Boy Scout carrying his grips and being led by the Girl Scouts, and it is a beautiful picture. The Committee recommend the adoption of this resolution as read.

National Patriotic Instructor Waterman of New York: I move the adoption of this Resolution of thanks by a rising vote.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois.

Voted and carried with a rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I think from my experiences attending the National Encampments, we have never had a finer consideration by the press than we have received here in Springfield, and I want to personally testify to that fact.

Past Commander-in-Chief Cazeau: I move the adoption of these resolutions as the Committee Report, as read, and recommended.

National Patriotic Instructor Waterman: I second that motion and amend that this Encampment approve the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Voted on and carried.

#### DUES OF UNEMPLOYED MEMBERS.

Department Commander William J. Hickox of California & Pacific: One year ago there was a resolution adopted and put into effect for one year that those members of Camps unable to pay their dues through unemployment, be carried on the membership, that was for one year. Are we to carry that on or drop it?

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I think the Council-in-Chief is in charge of that matter; regarding the status of that action—the tenure of that resolution is ended, and unless some other action is taken that ends the matter as far as we are concerned, unless the Commander-in-Chief again presents it.

National Secretary Hammer: I hold a bill for \$49.48, for our part of the cost of a Lincoln tablet placed in Springfield jointly by our Order and the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has paid \$49.15, for which I hold check. What shall we do with it?

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: I move the bill be paid.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Caster of New Jersey. Carried.

Past Department Commander Phillips of Illinois: Comrade Wm. P. Wright of Chicago has been elected by acclamation as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander Wright and myself were Department Commanders at the same time.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The Press Committee are ready to report. I agree with your Commander-in-Chief that the press have given us the best possible consideration and I am only sorry we haven't been able to give them more news. Every half hour the Associated Press and the Local Press have been in here for news. The Committee has discharged its duty and ask to be dismissed.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: By consent the Committee is discharged, with the thanks of the Encampment.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON GREETINGS.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Are there any other Committee reports?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The Committee to the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans has discharged its duties and extended greetings of this convention to our Auxiliary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: The duty of the Committee on Fraternal Relations to the G. A. R. has been accomplished in a very creditable manner, we believe, and ask to be discharged.

Comander-in-Chief Huston: You the discharged. I believe, brothers, that concludes all reports of Committees except the Council-in-Chief.

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Council-in-Chief James M. Hughes of Ohio: When we were putting the finishing touches to our report we had a Resolution submitted to us which came from the Department of Washington. In the first place the Resolution is incorrect in that it asks for a reduction in the per capita tax from 30c to 20c per member. We all know the present tax is 36c per member. The per capita tax is being taken care of in our report consequently we are filing this resolution without comment.

Your Council-in-Chief for the year 1931-1932 met in the Hotel Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa, September 17, 1931, with the following members present: Charles R. Hale, James M. Hughes and W. R.

McGirr, who organized, with James M. Hughes as Chairman and W. R. McGirr as Secretary.

The official bonds were decided upon as follows: Commander-in-Chief, \$1,000; National Secretary and Treasurer, \$10,000. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The second meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 1932, in the New Leland Hotel, Springfield, Ill., all members being present. The records and accounts of our National Secretary and Treasurer were audited in a most careful and exacting manner and found to be correct.

The cash balance on hand as of September 19, 1932, as certified by Walter G. Mast, Cashier of the Reading National Bank and Trust Company, Reading, Pa., is \$4,037.94. After a very careful study, your Council-in-Chief recommends the following budget for year 1932-1933:

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Per Capita Tax (32,000 at 36c).....	\$11,520.00
Fees (1,000 at 50c) .....	500.00
Charters (8 at \$5.00) .....	40.00
Supplies .....	1,300.00
Estimated Bank Balance .....	2,500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15,860.00</b>

## ESTIMATED EXPENSES.

## General Expenses:

Stock and Supplies .....	\$1,500.00
The Banner (32,000 at 18c) .....	5,760.00
Encampment 1933 .....	2,000.00
Printing .....	200.00
Shipping Supplies .....	100.00
Salaries .....	3,300.00
Bonds National Officers .....	35.00
Committee—Marking Graves .....	55.00
Miscellaneous Expenses .....	200.00
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	\$13,150.00
Office Expense .....	1,000.00
Commander-in-Chief .....	1,500.00
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<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$15,650.00</b>

Your Council-in-Chief recommends the per capita tax remain at 36c per member per year.

We wish at this time to thank our distinguished Commander-in-Chief, Frank C. Huston, for his efforts in behalf of our Order. He has given of his ability, means and time to our betterment and has at all times shown himself to be a real credit and asset to our Organization. Brother Huston has represented us in all sections of the Country and has spread the ideals and principles of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War throughout this broad land of ours. He has conducted the affairs of his office in a most efficient and economic manner.

We desire to thank our very efficient and reliable National Secretary and Treasurer, Horace H. Hammer, for his capable assistance in our work. He possesses a knowledge of our Order that is not duplicated by any other member. His friendly assistance and cooperation has made our labors thoroughly enjoyable and we most heartily congratulate the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on having this Brother manage its business.



In view of the very favorable reaction of the G. A. R. and the marvelous publicity derived from the presence of such a large number of uniformed body of the Reserve at the Encampment, your Council recommends a sum of \$500 be appropriated toward the expense incurred in sending this body to the Encampment.

The unusual conditions occasioned by the loss sustained through dropped members has given your Council considerable concern and we believe that our organization would be benefited more by having the Camps exert greater emphasis and labor in securing a larger number of active workers, than endeavoring to secure new members. What our Order needs today is an increase in the number of active members. Let us endeavor to make the coming year a year of holding on to those who are enrolled in our Order. Let us apply the efforts usually expended in securing new members to the making of enthusiastic active workers out of our present members.

JAMES M. HUGHES, Chairman,  
WM. R. MCGIRR, Secretary.  
CHAS. R. HALE,  
Council-in-Chief.

The Reading National Bank and Trust Company,  
Reading, Pa.

September 19, 1932.

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

Dear Sirs:

We hereby certify that the balance standing to the credit of Mr. H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, at the close of business September 19, 1932, was \$4,037.94.

Very truly yours,

W. G. MAST,  
Cashier.

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Past Department Commander William Schneider of Missouri: What about those members out of employment?

Council-in-Chief Hughes of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I move we adopt the report as read. (Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Brother Schneider, there is no provision for the continuation of that in the report. That is an entirely new question.

Past Department Commander Lewis of Kansas: In my experience as Commander of the Department of Kansas, I consider the arrangement made by the Commandery-in-Chief last year as a real detriment to the Order. The Camps, if they are Camps, can afford to carry their own members and it distributes the burden over the National Organization. Our Camp carried its members, the ones we wanted to carry. This privilege was abused. I believe it should be a responsibility of the individual Camps.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Is there anything else to be brought up before we go into new business?

Past Department Commander Cranmer of New York: I am a member of the Committee on Officers' Reports. I was not in the session when the Report of the Commander-in-Chief was read in this Encampment. When I affixed my signature to the report I had not even read this document, but last evening I read the Commander's report and I want to say that I believe it one of the most inspiring utter-

ances in the field of statesmanship. We may differ on public questions of the day but we can agree on this—we cannot criticise a man who stands for his principles, while we could criticise a wobbler and pussyfooter. Our Commander-in-Chief is a deep thinker. I do not want you to think I did not concur in the Report of the Committee on Officers' Reports but I did want to impress this upon you. I am making this statement without any desire of debate or controversy.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I thank you, Brother Cranmer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: The Committee on Greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps discharged its duty, and desire to be dismissed.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: That means the completion of all Committee Reports. That brings us definitely to new business.

#### NOMINATION, ELECTION, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that we go into the nomination, election and installation of officers.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Caster of New Jersey. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We will now have the final report of the Credential Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: We report 157 members on the roll, as the last report of the Credential Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We have 157 official representatives. I want to thank this Committee on Credentials. It is not an easy thing and I recognize that the Credential Committee must be Johnny on the Spot, before anybody else begins they are on the job and I want to personally express my appreciation, and that of the entire Encampment.

National Secretary Hammer: The final roll is:

Alabama & Tennessee .....	1
California & Pacific .....	3
Colorado & Wyoming .....	5
Connecticut .....	6
Illinois .....	17
Indiana .....	8
Iowa .....	4
Kansas .....	4
Maine .....	2
Maryland .....	6
Massachusetts .....	14
Michigan .....	2
Minnesota .....	5
Missouri .....	11
Nebraska .....	2
New Hampshire .....	3
New Jersey .....	4
New York .....	16
Ohio .....	12
Oregon .....	0
Pennsylvania .....	22
Rhode Island .....	3
Vermont .....	1
Washington .....	0
Wisconsin .....	6
Total .....	157

National Secretary Hammer: I move the report of the Committee be adopted.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Phillips. Carried.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I appoint Tellers—Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan, and Past Department Commander Lewis of Kansas. The National Secretary will call the roll of Departments for nominations for Commander-in-Chief to be elected for the ensuing term, 1932-1933.

National Secretary called the Roll of Departments until he reached Ohio.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans. My first recollection of the Sons of Veterans was when I stood on the sidewalk at Cincinnati as a boy and saw a tremendous group of the Sons of Veterans marching through the streets of Cincinnati, then I think Ohio had 10,000 members, and I remember seeing banner after banner going up with Ohio on top. I don't know the relative position of the Department at that time, but we have attempted during all these years to maintain a fair standing in the Department of Ohio. We have furnished such leaders as Walter S. Payne, William E. Bundy, A. W. Jones, Harley V. Speelman, A. E. B. Stephens and William M. Coffin; it has always been my idea that the ideal Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans is one who does not neglect the individual Camp, the one who knows how to work with the brothers of his own Camp, the one who knows how to work with other Camps, to get new members, new Camps, etc. He is the ideal man for that position. We in Ohio feel we have such a man, one who is known to you by reason of his chairmanship of this organization. Now bear in mind the leaders mean those who have been able to give a general interest in the order. We present as our candidate for Commander-in-Chief to be voted on in this convention a man who has held many offices. We present for your approval Park Yengling. Brother Yengling has been Department Commander of Ohio, and we think he has all the qualities necessary for Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We, therefore, present Park Yengling of Ohio.

Roll call continued to Pennsylvania, when Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter was recognized.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I say in the very beginning that I agree entirely with the yard stick of my good friend from Cincinnati. As to the ideal man, I see the ideal member of this organization. Nineteen years ago, to be exact in June, 1913, in the little city of Gettysburg in my home State—the Department of Pennsylvania elected a man to lead the Department during that year. Two months later in an equally historic city of the Southland, because it borders on Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain, you honored me by electing me your Commander-in-Chief at Chattanooga, so that the man I intend to name to lead you as your Commander-in-Chief for the coming year, served during the year that I was privileged to hold that office, as Department Commander of my own Division. I mention this, brothers, so that you might understand that I have an intimate knowledge of this brother. I could go back of 1913 even, because for many years prior to that time I was familiar with the work of this brother as a member of our organization in our Department. He comes from a section of Pennsylvania that abounds in good Camps. That has always been one of the best represented sections of any section of our beloved land with live Camps of the Sons of Union Veterans. I have an intimate knowledge of his work as Department

Commander because he served with me. He gave all his time and he gave all his means and had a successful administration. Did he quit after 1914, as unfortunately some who achieve the title of Past Department Commander do? No, my brothers, he has continued since 1914 and to the present time, always an interested member of this organization, and I believe that is the best I can say for him as to the work he will give you, or the efforts he will put forth if you select him today as your Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. After all, brothers, I think you will agree with me that the best evidence we can have for the future is what we have done in the past and in the immediate present. This man has been a faithful, loyal working member of the order of the Sons of Union Veterans over a period of 41 years. He is working just as hard as he has since he became a member and I believe he will work in the coming year as faithfully as it is possible and give all his best if you select him as your Commander-in-Chief, and I believe if elected and he is permitted to reach the close of his year with the year 1933 will be but the beginning of renewed activity upon the part of this good brother in putting forth his effort with this organization that it might continue. That is my guarantee to you, my brothers, from a personal knowledge of this brother. Most of you know him. I would not name a man for Commander-in-Chief if I was not satisfied that he was worthy of the office and if I was not satisfied that he was capable of filling the office, and if I was not satisfied he would give of his best in his endeavor to serve you. Knowing this man as I do, that is my guarantee to you, and I, therefore, take very great pleasure in carrying out the request and mandate of the Department of Pennsylvania in presenting to you the name of Titus M. Ruch, for Commander-in-Chief of this organization.

Roll call continued and no further nominations made, for Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: If there are no further nominations, I move you proceed with the election of Commander-in-Chief.

The roll call of Departments for election of the Commander-in-Chief was then ordered called, and the result was announced by the tellers as follows: Park Yengling, 58; Titus M. Ruch, 77.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Past Department Commander Titus M. Ruch, of Pennsylvania, is declared elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the ensuing term.

Past Department Commander Yengling of Ohio: I don't know how I would go home feeling if I had this vote switched. I want to ask that you make Brother Ruch's election unanimous, and anything I can do during this coming year I will be glad to be called upon to do. I make a motion to that effect. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois).

Commander-in-Chief Huston: You have heard a motion from Brother Park Yengling that the vote for Brother Ruch be made unanimous. Thanking you, Brother Yengling.

(The motion was put and carried unanimously).

National Secretary Hammer: I cast a unanimous vote for Past Department Commander Titus M. Ruch of Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Brother Ruch, do you accept the office of Commander-in-Chief?

Past Department Commander Ruch of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I do.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We will proceed with the nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll for nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief until Massachusetts was reached.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: The candidate I propose to name for this office can best be described by the paragraph I will read from our Department. I would be ungrateful if I failed to call your attention to this candidate:

"I would be ungrateful indeed should I fail to call attention to one who in no uncertain manner stood solidly behind me when I was a candidate for the office of Department Commander and has been a friend and brother to me every day of my administration. I refer to Past Department Commander Frank L. Kirchgassner. Boys, you little realize how much time and effort Frank has put in this year for this Department and I assure you that his help and advice have been a wonderful help to me. My wish is that his enthusiasm may long continue that our Order may receive the benefit of his assistance for many years to come. I shall always hold Brother Frank close to my heart in that sacred bond of friendship and there is nothing that would please me more than to feel that as Department Commander I have this approbation."

Yesterday afternoon you heard Brother Kirchgassner report some of the things he has done when he told you of the old-timers, and when the roll call of old members was called Brother Kirchgassner only sat down when it reached 39. You know him well enough to know that he will serve you well. I name Brother Kirchgassner for the position of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie of Pennsylvania seconded the nomination of Brother Kirchgassner for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer concluded roll call.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: There seems to be no other nominations and by consent I would instruct the Secretary to cast a ballot for Past Department Commander Kirchgassner of Massachusetts for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Frank L. Kirchgassner for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Past Department Commander Frank L. Kirchgassner is declared elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Past Department Commander Kirchgassner, do you accept the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year?

Past Department Commander Kirchgassner of Massachusetts: I do, Commander-in-Chief, and I will try to fulfill its duties.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Nominations for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are now in order.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll until Maryland was reached.

Department Commander McElroy of Maryland: My Department has instructed me to place our veteran from the City of Washington in nomination for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, to perform such services as he is called on and supposed to do. He has been a member of our organization for forty-four years, and became a member in Ohio, where all candidates usually come from. He was Department Commander of Maryland in 1914. Without any further passing of any remarks about this brother or telling you why he should be elected,



I say to you that it gives me great pleasure to nominate Brother James W. Lyons, of Lincoln Camp of Washington, for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Roll call continued and no further nominations were made for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: There being no other nominations, by consent, I instruct the Secretary to cast a ballot for Past Department Commander James W. Lyons of Maryland, for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the Encampment vote for James W. Lyons for the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: Do you accept this office, Brother Lyons?

Past Department Commander Lyons of Maryland: I do.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: We are now ready for nominations for the Council-in-Chief, there are to be three members.

National Secretary Hammer called the roll until Connecticut was reached.

Past Department Commander Grant of Connecticut: I would like to place the name of Charles R. Hale in nomination.

National Secretary Hammer continued roll call until Minnesota.

Past Department Commander Milham of Minnesota: As you know you are to be our guest in the State of Minnesota next year. Wouldn't it be a good idea to elect a member from our State? I nominate W. J. Hiland to be a member of this Council.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: It is the usual custom to retain two of the members who have served the year previous and without making any speech, I place in nomination the name of one who is at present one of the Council-in-Chief, William R. McGirr of Pennsylvania.

Roll call continued until Rhode Island was reached.

Department Commander Reavey of Rhode Island: I have the pleasure of presenting the name of Louis H. Knox, who has been a member of our organization over twenty-nine years. We always go to Brother Knox for advice. I take great pleasure in placing before the Encampment the name of Brother Knox for this office.

Roll call was completed without further nominations.

Past Department Commander Hiland of Minnesota. I understand there are four candidates named for this office, requiring three. In view of the fact that we have been successful in securing the convention for St. Paul next year, and in view of the fact that a great deal of work will devolve on me in connection therewith, I would like to withdraw and leave only three candidates in the field.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I am sure that you will have your hands full taking care of the Encampment plans for next year, and this will simplify the election. There being only three candidates, by consent, I instruct the National Secretary to cast a ballot for three nominees.

National Secretary Hammer: I cast the Encampment vote for the nominees for Council-in-Chief—Charles R. Hale, Wm. R. McGirr and Louis H. Knox.

Commander-in-Chief Huston: I believe that concludes our election. We will now proceed with the installation. Brother Ruch, whom will you have as installing officer?

Commander-in-Chief-elect Ruch of Pennsylvania: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

The following officers were duly installed by Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, with Past Department Commander Warner of Maryland acting as guide:

Commander-in-Chief—Titus M. Ruch, Hellertown, Pa.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Frank L. Kirchgassner, 20 Burr Street, Jamaica Plains, Mass.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—James W. Lyons, 917 Eighteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Council-in-Chief—Wm. R. McGirr, 667 North 12 Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles R. Hale, 30 Oak St., Hartford, Conn.; Louis H. Knox, Warwick, R. I.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: May I add one word to that which is printed in our Ritual when I say that Commander-in-Chief, while I have been privileged to perform this duty upon a number of occasions it has never given me more pleasure, personally, than to now install the man who served so faithfully with me in the Department of Pennsylvania, as I now have the privilege of serving you as you begin to serve.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellohuse: May I at this time have the privilege of the floor?

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston, will you please rise? Brother Huston for many years near the conclusion of our National Encampment sessions, someone is called upon to perform a very pleasant duty. Ordinarily that duty develops upon some brother from the Department of the outgoing Commander-in-Chief and the Department of Indiana having that honor, it is my fortune to be called upon to perform such pleasant duty.

About one year ago it was my privilege to present your name to the membership of the Commandery-in-Chief asking that you be elected to serve during 1931-32 as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You were unanimously elected. You have served your allotted time. As to the success and satisfaction of your administration, it remains with the membership of our beloved Order throughout the Departments of the Union. In the beginning of the work of your term permit me to say that you were very optimistic and in fact rather visionary. You had in mind that you could with the help of your loyal brothers, not only hold the present membership but in a very large way increase it.

We old-timers in the Order, I am free to say, did not believe you could even hold the membership. We knew that you would perhaps have the most discouraging year of our existence. We expected a loss. You have done all right. You have done all you could do. No brother in our Order could have done more. The results could or would not have been different.

Brother Frank, to my knowledge you served all elective positions in the Camp; all elective positions in the Department; and I believe all elective and most all of the appointive offices in the Commandery-in-Chief. Today you retire as Commander-in-Chief, which position is the highest office within the gift of our Order, and in so doing it is my personal honor and pleasure for the Commandery-in-Chief to fasten to the lapel of your coat this beautiful badge which indicates your retirement from office and to the world that you are a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Order Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, one of the greatest patriotic organizations in our land.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I surely appreciate this, Brother Shellhouse, and I say this, in all truthfulness, and all deference to all the other members, I would rather have you pin that on me than to have anybody else do so.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for those words.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I appreciate the supreme loyalty I have found. It has been a wonderful thing. The fine sense of loyalty has been a continuous joy and I hope you will show to my successor, Commander-in-Chief Ruch—I am Irish but I can say Ruch—I hope you will show him the same loyalty as you have shown to me. This loyalty has been manifest not only through the year, but since the beginning and through to the closing of this Encampment—I believe, if I am not mistaken, this is the largest attendance we have ever had at an installation. If I am wrong I would appreciate your telling me so. Brother Shellhouse, I appreciate these words and I promise a continuation of loyalty to our order. If I have entered the ranks of service, I hope to be of real service.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer here presented a personal token to Past Commander-in-Chief Huston. (Past Commander-in-Chief's solid gold lapel button).

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I thank you most sincerely, Brother Hammer. It will be a constant reminder of our most happy relations of the past strenuous year.

Department Commander Pauley of Indiana: May I have the privilege of approaching the past or former Commander-in-Chief. Frank, I am going to ask you to come down off the carpet and off the pinnacle. Frank has the advantage of being liked by all the boys and girls in Indiana. The boys and girls prepared this little red box, and in it is something which rattles most deliciously. It has a peculiar sound. There are many different metals but none with the same sound. The boys and girls have put ten wheels of that most delicious metal in this box and they want me to place this in your hands. They are most glad to welcome you back home on the carpet. Everything in that box expresses our love for you and our friendship for your dear old Mother. (The "little red box" contained ten five dollar gold coins).

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: Brother Pauley, I thank you and the girls and boys. I wish Mother were here to see. She says she has learned to love the boys and girls of Indiana and to appreciate them as I do. My friends are hers also. She is today receiving, as a widow of a Civil War Veteran, her greatest joys because of the friendship which comes from the Sons of Union Veterans and our Auxiliary. I appreciate this Brother Pauley, and I know that these are genuine. As some of you know, I am a preacher and my church is just outside of Indianapolls at Oaklandon. Just last Sunday, a week ago to be exact, or anyway within the last two weeks, a goodly number of our Sons and the Auxiliary made a pilgrimage out there. About a year ago, a similar visit was made, and at that time Colonel Shellhouse and you were there, and also Brother McGuire. The church of which I speak is somewhat isolated from the center of the city and some of the members did not know very much about the Sons of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary, but the visitations of the boys and girls last year and this year has endeared them to my flock, and they are placed in the estimation of that community on a high plane,

so I know your word is sincere and I thank you, and through you the boys and girls of Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Brothers, I am not going to impose or weary you by making a long speech for various reasons. The events of the day and the excitement working in my heart makes me wonder if it had not been better for me to be defeated instead of being the successful candidate. The longer I am among you men, the more I am conferring within myself whether I am big enough to bear this responsibility. I am from Pennsylvania Dutch stock and God knows I am not ashamed of it. I was born and raised in the Eastern part of Pennsylvania, where I have been ever since. I live among the best people God ever let live on earth. They have given me the inspiration and I have not only worked through Pennsylvania but the United States. My name is hard to pronounce—Ruch. I come from a little town and whenever I am introduced they say I am from Hell—then they wait awhile and give the rest of the name—Heller-town. My name may be hard to pronounce and my town may sound "like hell," but I will give the best I can in the coming year. I am not a superman. I realize the responsibility of the work connected with the Sons of Union Veterans and every organization wherever it is, and let us hope and pray to God it is the beginning of a new era and depression may become a word of the past; and that the inspiration we have gotten by coming to Springfield to this Encampment may be such that we may go back and do the things we have heard yesterday and today, which I heard from Brother Huston, and Brother Locke, that it is possibly more to the advantage of the organization to have quality than quantity. In our town we have agreed with that for a great many years and find it is true. We find you need men to back up your Camps where work must be done, not in the Commandery-in-Chief and Department Encampments, but in your Camps and mine to bring those men and boys, yes those great, great, great grandsons in and let them see what you and I have seen; the inspiration in this city during this week and let them get the same inspiration which has been in our hearts for many years, let their loyalty be ours. I have prophesied time and time again that the time will come in the organization of the Sons of Union Veterans when it will be the greatest and most loyal patriotic organization of any in this great Country of ours. Let us go back home afresh with that inspiration back of us to our Brothers who are in our Camps and say to them that your Commander-in-Chief wants to show the loyalty, not to the Commandery-in-Chief, not as a Pennsylvania Dutchman, but to your Fathers and their memories, and make this organization what you and I hope it to be. I guarantee you to do my utmost in coming to St. Paul next year, not with a better record than Brother Huston, I know I will have to go some to come up to what he has done, but with the satisfaction that I have always tried to do the best I know how. Thank you. (Applause).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: I want to thank you for the honor which has been conferred upon me and briefly state that I hope I shall live up to the conditions of the best for the men who have come together and to co-operate with the up-builders of the organization, either your chosen members or any other members. If we have this co-operation we will meet with success. (Applause).

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lyons: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor extended by you to me. I say Amen to everything you said in your address. It has been my thought for a number of years that we need more Sons of Union Veterans and not more members and we can be

good examples and bring in others to follow up. My motto has been "Service" for a number of years. Service first to the Grand Army of the Republic, to my Camp and to my Country. We have a good Commander-in-Chief who can do the talking for all the officers, and I think I can sit down. Thanks.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the minutes of this Encampment as transcribed by the stenographer be adopted as the official record of this Encampment, and the usual number of copies of the Proceedings be printed and promulgated to Camps.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Jenkins of Illinois, and carried.

National Secretary Hammer: I move the Encampment adjourn.

Seconded by several and carried.

The Encampment was then closed in regular Ritualistic Form.

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The foregoing is a correct transcript of the action and proceedings of the Fifty-first Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Springfield, Illinois.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

FRANK C. HUSTON,  
Commander-in-Chief.



# FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

## Official Minutes - Thirteenth Annual Conference Springfield, Ill. - September 18, 1932

The Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Federated Patriotic Societies was called to order by the President, Miss Grace Hurd, at 3:30 p. m., September 18, 1932, in the Palm Room of the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Springfield, Ill. The meeting was opened with prayer and singing of "America."

President Hurd welcomed the members and friends assembled in the name of the Federated Societies and thanked her officers and past officers for the help they had given her during the year.

Roll call found voting members present:

Grand Army of the Republic .....	6
Woman's Relief Corps .....	7
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.....	10
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....	4
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.....	2
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.	4

With a large number of interested visitors.

President presented her report for the year which was received with much enthusiasm.

The minutes of the 1931 Conference were read by the Secretary and approved.

Report of Vice President, Brother Holbrook, was received.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the annual report and presented a statement of the financial condition of the Societies, which was approved:

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance as of September, 1931—(Amount held by Commercial Bank of Toledo which Bank had been closed).....\$197.46

Receipts:

From Woman's Relief Corps .....	\$25.00
Ladies of the G. A. R. ....	25.00
Daughters of Union Veterans .....	25.00
Sons of Union Veterans .....	25.00
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.....	25.00
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	\$125.00
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	\$322.46

## Disbursements:

Printing Stationery and Postage for mailing same..	\$17.53
Printing General Letter for distribution to Departments and individuals .....	5.00
Printing Letters and Postcards for annual meeting and banquet .....	8.50
Postage and Wires .....	8.50
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	\$ 39.53
Balance—Held by Commercial Bank of Toledo.....	\$145.23
Cash held by Treasurer .....	137.70
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	\$282.93

Letters were read from Brother Pratt, Past National President of Federated, expressing his regret at not being at the meeting and extending greetings to all—also from Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Pelham A. Barrows.

Past Secretary Miss Johnson asked that she be permitted to present a resolution to the Federated. President Hurd stated if there were no objections this matter would be taken up later.

Report from the different Departments were then called for. Mrs. Pauley presented a report from Indiana Federation, stating in detail the plans they intended carrying out with reference to a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic. She stated that Col. J. Henninger was present and requested that he be called upon. Col. Henninger asked that he be excused and stated that Mrs. Pauley had said everything and that he would be glad to respond sometime later when he learned more about the work.

Past National President Lillian Clark Cary stated that Iowa had been very successful in its work this year and many units had been formed in that Department and a great deal of interest manifested in the Federation. She stated that having served as National President of the Federated last year she was very much enthused with the interest shown and being a charter member she was deeply interested. She stated that never in the history of our country was there such a call for patriotic men and women as there is today. She asked where could there be found an organization of more loyal and courageous members and stated that Iowa Department was proud to be a member of the National Federated.

Mrs. Anna Bennett reported that Kansas had been Federated for four years and would continue to carry on.

A written report was submitted from Missouri, stating in part that since the last Encampment a unit had been formed in St. Joseph and one in St. Louis, making three units in that Department. All units observed patriotic holidays and at the Convention the conference was well attended and much enthusiasm displayed and every effort was being put forth to organize other units before next Encampment.

Mrs. Buhler reported New York could not hold meeting in June owing to celebration of Port of Albany. Officers held over for another year.

Past Secretary Miss Grace Johnson reported for Ohio, stating that a most instructive meeting was held at their State Convention. It had been customary to hold the meetings on Monday afternoons, but this year the meeting was held on Sunday and was followed by a banquet and they had a very lovely get-together meeting. Miss Johnson then presented the following resolution for the consideration of the National Federated:

"We, the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, do hereby adopt the following resolutions, and request that the Legislative Committees of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic frame such necessary laws and present to the General Assembly of the States of the Union, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the various public and private burial associations of the States, report to some office in the County Seat of their respective county, the names of all deceased soldiers of the Civil War, the date of birth, date of death, and the place of burial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the undertaker report to the County Seat, the date of the burial of all deceased soldiers buried by him, together with the date of birth, date of death and place of burial, together with his military record so far as possible."

President Hurd stated that the resolution presented would be taken under consideration for action immediately after the reports from Departments were concluded.

A member from the Department of Rhode Island stated that on leaving home their President had requested her to report for her organization. She stated that as the work expected of their organization was not quite clear to its members she had been instructed to attend the meeting of the National Federated and listen attentively to the reports of the other Departments which she stated she had found very instructive. She stated that Rhode Island was doing everything possible for the Comrades and although a small Department and at times very difficult to raise the funds with which to carry on the work, yet they still had the spirit to work for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. Haskell and Mrs. Moss reported for the Department of Washington and Alaska, stating that they had a splendid meeting at Olympia. They stated that the work is going forward and they hoped to have something better to report at the next meeting. Minnesota reported no units formed but work going on and hoped for better report next year.

Colorado & Wyoming reported that at the late Encampment it became evident that a Federation was essential and an effort was made to get together the heads of the organizations. However, only two organizations were officially represented and being unable to get a unanimous vote the plan was held in abeyance but they hoped to report a Federation next year.

There being no further units to be heard from, President Hurd stated that action was to be taken on the resolution which had been presented by Miss Johnson. A Comrade from Wichita, Kansas, Com. Griffith of Brooklyn, N. Y., a Comrade from Illinois and a member from Rhode Island took part in the discussion on this resolution and gave us some very valuable information with respect to the care of the veterans graves and the procedure necessary in order to have the records of deceased veterans available for reference. Quite a lengthy discussion followed the presentation of the resolution. A motion was made by Miss Raynor, seconded by Mrs. Cary, that this resolution be adopted. The motion was carried.

The letter which had previously been read by the Secretary from Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, Pelham A. Barrows, suggesting a change in the name of the Federated was brought before the meeting for action. A motion was regularly made and seconded that this communication be laid on the table and brought up at some future time for action. This motion was carried.

The recommendation of President Hurd, embodied in her report, that the dues of the affiliated organizations be reduced to \$10.00 for one year, was placed before the meeting for action, and upon motion of Mrs. Grandle of Kansas, seconded by several, this recommendation was adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Town was presented to the Conference at this time by our President, who stated that we were honored to have him with us at our meeting. Commander Town responded and referred to the rare privilege which had been accorded the Grand Army of the Republic and the affiliated orders to visit the shrine of the Commander-in-Chief of the Union Army, Abraham Lincoln. He thanked the Federated Societies for the part they had taken in paying tribute at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, for the beautiful floral offerings which had been presented and the beautiful American flag which was to be placed in the tomb.

A resolution was presented by Mrs. Durck to the effect that the Federated Societies petition the President of the United States to embody in his Thanksgiving Proclamation a call to the people to disply the American Flag on Thanksgiving Day. Motion was made by Miss Raynor, seconded by several, that this resolution be adopted. The motion was carried.

As the time was getting short and as it was necessary to hold election of officers before adjourning for the banquet, President Hurd presented the President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Anna Pool Atwood; President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Helen M. Lehman; President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, Mrs. Harriet J. Goetz; Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, the Rev. Frank Huston, and the President of the Auxilliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, Mrs. Willma L. Combs. Commander-in-Chief Huston asked that he be permitted to mention two matters which were uppermost in his mind at the time. He stated that in years past much time had been wasted by members of the organizations who were sent out with greetings by reason of the committees reaching the conventions at times when it was impossible for them to be admitted because of urgent business being transacted at the time they sought admission. Not only the time of the convention was taken up but the time of the committees, whose members should be at their respective meetings. This year, however, a plan was to be carried out for the committees to carry greetings between two and four o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday. He stated that this was as it should be and he hoped the committees would adhere to this plan not only this year but in the future.

His second thought was regarding the Department Encampments. He stated it had been impossible for him to visit many of the Encampments held in the Departments because many of them were called to meet on the same dates. He stressed the necessity for some action to be taken regarding this matter and felt that by co-operation on the part of the different Departments some definite plan might be adopted whereby it would be possible for the executives to visit each Department Encampment.

President Hurd stated that the next order of business was the election of officers and declared the meeting open for the nomination of President. Miss Kate Raynor of Ohio, representing the Woman's Relief Corps, was nominated by Mrs. Basham of Iowa and seconded by several. There being no further nominations a motion was made and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for Miss Raynor. The President declared Miss Raynor elected as President

for the ensuing year. Miss Raynor thanked the members for the honor conferred upon her.

Mrs. Willma L. Combs of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxillary was nominated by Mrs. Ida B. Lange of New York for Vice President. Mrs. Combs was unanimously elected to this office and accepted very graciously.

Mrs. Emily J. Tompkins was again elected to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, she having served but one year of the three which it is expected the Secretary-Treasurer will serve.

Mrs. Sill of Illinois was nominated by Mrs. Tompkins as Patriotic Instructor. Mrs. Sill was unanimously elected to this office.

The offices of Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain have been added to the official staff by an amendment to the By-Laws presented at the 1931 Conference and reported at the meeting of 1932.

Brother Huston of the Sons of Union Veterans was nominated for Chaplain and unanimously elected.

Sister Ehrmann suggested that the Federated elect a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic as Honorary President. This suggestion was put in the form of a motion regularly seconded and carried. Mrs. Tompkins nominated Past Commander-in-Chief Louis F. Arensberg, who was unanimously elected to this honorary office.

Mrs. Basham suggested that it be the duty of the Patriotic Instructor to see that we always have the American Flag in the room during our meeting.

The attention of the President was called to the fact that the growth of the Federated made it necessary that the By-Laws be revised and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to revise the By-Laws and submit same for adoption at the next meeting. It was suggested that Miss Hurd act as Chairman of the Committee. Miss Raynor, the newly-elected President, was called upon to appoint a committee and Miss Hurd was immediately appointed Chairman. The meeting closed with the repetition of the American's Creed and 132 guests adjourned to the Ballroom where tables beautifully decorated awaited them. Miss Hurd acted as toastmistress and very graciously introduced the organization heads in accordance with the following program.

Grace: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer."

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" (Howe).....Audience

"The Allied Orders".....Mr. Samuel P. Town, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic

"The Grand Army of the Republic".....  
.....Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, Wollaston, Mass.  
National President, Woman's Relief Corps

"Fraternity".....Mrs. Helen M. Lehman, New York, N. Y.  
National President, Ladies of the Grand Army  
of the Republic

"Charity".....Mrs. Willma L. Combs, Des Moines, Iowa  
National President, Auxillary to Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil War

"Loyalty".....Mrs. Harriett J. Gostz, Buffalo, N. Y.  
National President, Daughters of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War



"The Tie that Binds". Mr. Frank C. Huston, Knightstown, Ind.  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

"The Future".....The Newly Elected President  
Pledge to the Flag

"America"

Benediction: "May the Lord watch between me and thee while  
we are absent, one from the other."

The meeting adjourned that all might attend the joint Memorial  
Services to be held by the Grand Army of the Republic and affiliated  
organizations.

Supplemental report of the Treasurer:

Balance on hand as of September 18, 1932:

Held by Commercial Bank of Toledo.....\$145.23

Held by Treasurer ..... 137.70

—————\$282.93

Receipts:

Over and above Banquet Expenses..... 22.50

—————\$305.42

Disbursements:

Miss Hurd, Postage for year.....\$3.00

The Banner, Printing programs..... 6.88

Typing reports ..... 5.00

—————\$ 14.88

—————\$290.54

The foregoing minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Conference of  
the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the  
Republic are approved as the official record of said Conference.

GRACE HURD,  
President.

EMILY J. TOMPKINS,  
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	1896	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1899	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	1900	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Springfield

## PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

### Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1881	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	118 West Main, Lakeland, Fla.
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Splink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amles	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	730 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	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	5515 Corona Ave., Maywood, Calif.
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	3060 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Oakley Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
1925	Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	321 St. Dunstan's Rd., Homeland, Baltimore, Md.

Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mable	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Phila- delphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Fran- cisco, Calif.
1929	Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	1101 Mercantile Bldg., Roch- ester, N. Y.
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	Knightstown, Ind. 314 North Jefferson Street,

#### Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1885	†Louis M. Wagner		
1886	†Louis M. Wagner		

#### The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890	†*George T. Brown	New York	

#### Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	

#### PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

*Frank H. Challis	.... New Hampshire
E. Howard Gilkey	..... Columbus, Ohio

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown	..... Dayton, Ohio
*Charles A. Bookwalter	..... Indianapolis, Ind.

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.

\*Deceased.

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