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Opening Session, Tuesday Morning, 10:50 O'clock, September 22, 1936,
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The Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was opened in Ritualistic form by Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, acting in place of the National Chaplain, invoked the Divine blessing, and Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers showed:

PRESENT—Commander-in-Chief, Richard F. Locke.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Cleon E. Heald.
Council-in-Chief, Kenneth F. Kramer.
Council-in-Chief, Charles H. E. Moran.
Council-in-Chief, Walter S. Beilby.
National Secretary-Treasurer, H. H. Hammer.
National Counselor, Michael G. Heintz.

ABSENT — Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. French.
National Patriotic Instructor, C. D. Donaldson.
National Chaplain, Rev. Arthur M. Soule.

The Commander-in-Chief announced the following appointments: Past Department Commander C. LeRoy Stoudt of Pennsylvania, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; Delegate John R. Bateman of Washington, D. C., National Patriotic Instructor; Rev. Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief of Indiana, National Chaplain; James L. Ellsworth, Delegate of New Hampshire, Guide; L. M. Raynor, Delegate of New York, Guide.

National Secretary Hammer, Chairman of Credential Committee: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Credentials wishes to make a preliminary report. There are 15 Past Commanders-in-Chief present, and a total of 240 enrolled as members of this Encampment. I move, Commander-in-Chief, that this preliminary report be accepted as the preliminary roll call of this Encampment. (Motion properly seconded by several).

Everett F. Warner, Maryland: Before the roll call is approved, I want the question settled of my right to a seat in this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The question before the house is whether or not the preliminary report of the Credential Committee be adopted as the preliminary roll call of the Encampment.

Everett F. Warner: I want to say that two members have acted to deprive There is no place I can go. I have ample evidence and I want an immediate investigation.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The Credential Committee has been appointed and through its chairman, the National Secretary, has submitted its preliminary report. The motion is to approve as the tem-

porary roll call of this Encampment the report which has been made by the committee.

Everett F. Warner: I appeal from the decision of the chair.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Brother Warner appeals from the decision of the Chair. The question is, shall the Chair be sustained. Those in favor will say, Aye. Those opposed, No. The Chair is sustained.

The question now is upon the motion of Secretary Hammer as Chairman of the Credential Committee to accept the preliminary report of that committee as the preliminary roll call of this Encampment.

The vote was unanimous for the motion and Commander-in-Chief Locke declared the preliminary report of the Credential Committee adopted as the preliminary roll call of the Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Cleon E. Heald of New Hampshire, assumed the Commander-in-Chief's chair while the latter read his report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Conforming to established practices this report on the state of the Order is submitted to the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment.

Again I express my thanks and appreciation to the Commandery-in-Chief, not alone for the honor conferred, but for the confidence placed in me in promoting me to the position of Commander-in-Chief.

For more than fifty years we have been in existence, honoring our Fathers by doing our part in the observance of Memorial Day, and telling our countrymen of the debt owed by us all to the patriots who saved our Union, our Constitution, and our form of Government. But during all of this time we have been looking behind us, just as we have always been accustomed to looking behind us for the crises in our government. To thinking men there has come the conviction that the time for the real testing of American institutions lies immediately before us and the question arises whether our Fathers' sons shall play the same important part in the present conflict that our Fathers played in theirs. The statement cannot be successfully denied that we can best honor our Fathers by keeping inviolate that which we received from their hands.

On assuming the duties of this position I had the ambition of stopping the losses in membership. After an experience of a few months it was necessary to abandon the aspiration; but feeling that no progress is ever made without ambition, I determined that the aim of the present administration should be that of placing the organization on a more business like basis, and of improving discipline. As to whether or not any progress has been made along these lines, time alone will determine.

The most of you will remember that for many years I have been talking in the Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief about continuity of effort, and deploring the loss of energy and the loss of time between administrations, both in the Commandery-in-Chief and in the several Departments. Existing conditions had come about by reason of the fact that with the annual change in the chief executive office the new encumbent was entirely uninformed as to conditions in the various Departments, and in the Camps comprising the several Departments. In order to correct this situation and to place the Commander-in-Chief and the several Department Commanders in possession of at least general information concerning existent conditions within their jurisdictions, General Orders No. 1, Series 1936, required that each Department Commander secure certain information con-

cerning each Camp in his Department, such information being that which should be known to every Department Commander, as well as to the chief executive.

A very large majority of Department Commanders complied with this order promptly and efficiently, many of them with the comment that the request for the information gave them a far better understanding of conditions in their own Departments than that which they had possessed theretofore. A few Department Commanders protested, but their number is negligible. The net result of the effort is that I have here, ready to turn over to my successor, a report of conditions in every Department, and also a report of practically all Camps in most of the Departments. That this information will be of great value to my successor and will save a vast amount of time, I am fully convinced.

To speak in a manner entirely frank—and I cannot be honest with you without so doing—the discipline in our organization is at a low ebb. No organization, be it public or private, whether organized for profit or not for profit, can hope to function in any satisfactory manner so long as its officials elected to office and sworn to perform certain duties, fail to perform such duties and even fail to answer correspondence of an official character. That this is true with Camp officers, is known to every Department Commander, the most of whom have complained of their inability to secure any response from some Camp officials. Unfortunately, it is true of too many Department officials, and, too, I must admit that it is true in some instances with Commandery-in-Chief officials. With this condition confronting us how can it be expected that your Commandery-in-Chief officers can show much progress?

I do not want to give a wrong impression. I do not want to be regarded as a erepe-waver, but we must look facts squarely in the face. We must realize the error of our ways and must put a stop, now and forever, to the happy-go-lucky, slipshod manner in which our organization has too often attempted to function.

These regretable conditions I have mentioned at the outset of this report because I believe it my duty to advise you frankly and fully as to the existing situations in order that you may have the opportunity of correcting them.

While it may seem from the foregoing that the past year has brought disappointment, yet on the whole, I am of the opinion that our organization today is more effective than for some time past. The real work of living and acting in accord with the principles and objects of our Order seems to me to have in many Departments taken on new life and new interest.

PROGRAM AND POLICY

Two years ago, at Rochester, the first Program and Policy Committee made its report, which was adopted, and the regulations were amended to provide for such a committee as a permanent one, and requiring each Department to create a similar committee. It was believed by some that this was a radical departure from established custom and something entirely new. As a matter of fact there is absolutely nothing new which has been suggested by this committee in any of its reports. Practically everything which has been presented will be found by study of the proceedings of our National Encampments, to have been suggested and approved at some prior time in our existence. The program and policy idea is simply a method for more effectively presenting to the membership and to the public at large the objects and purposes for which we are in existence. It is

my firm conviction that this program and policy method should be continued without interruption in order that the labor and efforts of the committee, both in the Commandery-in-Chief and in the Departments, may more forcefully augment the efforts of the Commandery-in-Chief and Department officers.

NECROLOGY

With regret and sadness we must speak of the passing of many of those who have been active in the affairs of the Commandery-in-Chief during the past years. Proper tributes to their memories have been made at the Memorial Service held last evening.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell passed away at his home on March 10, 1936. Brother Campbell was one of the oldest members of our order and was himself a Union soldier, having served in the same Company with his father. It was my privilege to visit him in his home on his ninety-third birthday, only a few weeks prior to his death. He was beloved by all who knew him and we who are left cannot but receive renewed inspiration when we contemplate his life and character.

Following is the list of the members of the Commandery-in-Chief who have passed on during the past year:

George W. Swift, Past Department Commander, Michigan.
 Herbert D. Williams, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
 George Nexen, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 Charles F. Aument, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
 Minor S. Bacon, Past Department Commander, Nebraska.
 H. W. Reese, Past Department Commander, Nebraska.
 J. Horace Nims, Past Department Commander, New York.
 Ralph M. Campbell, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.
 V. G. Payne, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
 Fred V. Wood, Past Department Commander, California.
 S. L. Carpenter, Past Department Commander, California.
 Eugene B. Smith, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
 Edward R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maryland.
 Albert Huelsman, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin.
 H. B. Matthews, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.
 Oscar E. Davis, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.
 James M. Hughes, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Jacob J. Couch, Past Department Commander, Missouri.
 Herman Rabich, Past Department Commander, Missouri.
 Frank S. Phipps, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin.
 Andrew C. Cloudman, Past Department Commander, Maine.
 Robert L. Whitcomb, Past Department Commander, Maine.
 George E. Cogshall, Past Department Commander, Michigan.
 A. D. Bunger, Past Department Commander, Iowa.

The report of the Secretary will show a loss for the year ending June 30th of 1847, of which number 578 were losses by death. Not much satisfaction can be gained when we consider the number of this loss although it is the smallest, with one exception, during the past ten years. As I have said before, it is my opinion that the way to attract to our organization members of the right type is to do the worth while things, so that the eligible will seek admission of his own accord and not be brought in by means of high pressure salesmanship.

It is my firm opinion that our type of organization needs a radical change. No longer is the average eligible content to attend meetings where only matters of small consequence are considered. A

desirable type of eligible is he who desires to be of service to his country and to the Order. And he is that individual who is insisting today that the meetings of our organization should be for the purpose of explaining to all our objects and purposes, and aiding not only our members but all Americans to travel in the footsteps of our Fathers.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

If at my age in life and, raised as I was in a Grand Army atmosphere, I needed anything more to convince me of the high type of manhood exemplified by the Grand Army of the Republic, I have had whatever may have been lacking presented to me in the privilege and opportunity I have had in associating with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Oley Nelson of Iowa. It has been an experience which I shall never forget and one of the brightest spots in my year's administration. Commander-in-Chief Nelson is the typical Grand Army man. He not only possesses but practices the virtues possessed and practiced by our Fathers. I am proud and happy and deeply grateful for the opportunity I have had of associating with Commander-in-Chief Nelson.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

That splendid group of patriotic women which is now and always has done so much for the Grand Army, both in material things and in putting into effect the principles of true Americanism, have been most ably and courageously led in their work of this last year by Mrs. Mary J. Love of Kentucky, with whom it has been a pleasure and inspiration to work. Our organization is deeply indebted to the Woman's Relief Corps, not alone because of their service to the Grand Army of the Republic but for their service and loyalty to our own organization.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have again during the past year shown their loyalty to our Order. The National President, Miss Wynnye Williamson, of West Virginia, has at all times and on all occasions shown a sincere and loyal attitude, and a desire to co-operate for the common good. It is a pleasure to express the appreciation which we feel to this splendid organization.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The Daughters of Union Veterans are our sisters. Their blood and ours is the same. Eligibility to membership in their organization is the same as ours. We have the same traditions and naturally our work is directed to the same end. We here and now express to them our deep appreciation of all the good work which they are doing and particularly for the splendid administration of affairs so capably given them during the past year through their President, Mrs. Agnes Upell Boyce.

OUR AUXILIARY

The dictionary defines auxiliary as "helping; aiding; assisting; giving support or succor." No organization was ever established whose name more correctly or accurately describes its motives, its efforts, and its accomplishments. A close study of our records reveals the fact that in a great many cases Camps are today alive and functioning which would be dead if it were not for the support and inspiration given by our Auxiliaries. That this condition has existed for many years cannot be denied. Everywhere they are furnishing further incentive to our Camps in the performance of their work. They are today our strongest supporters.

National President Stella B. Owen has at all times and on all occasions proved herself an especially capable and efficient leader of her sisters. Her helpfulness, her kindness, her consideration and her splendid executive ability has been used to the utmost to advance our interests. Our gratitude to her is deep and profound.

OFFICERS OF COMMANDEERY-IN-CHIEF

I am proud of the staff with which I have been surrounded during my term of office. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald has proved himself to be all that he was represented by his New Hampshire brethren. I am deeply grateful to him, not only for the service which he has rendered in the New England Region, but for the sound advice and good counsel he has given in all matters concerning which his Region was involved.

Patriotic Instructor Charles Donaldson has again proved himself to be a capable and efficient worker in the vineyard of the Sons of Union Veterans. By reason of past experience and by reason of his natural ability he has rendered particularly efficient service for which I am deeply grateful.

National Chaplain Soule has, as was to be expected, again proved his zeal for and loyalty to the Order. For his faithful and efficient services, under the stress of other matters demanding his attention, he has my profound appreciation.

I have felt safe and secure that I would make no serious errors in interpreting the laws and precedents of the Order for the reason that Michael G. Heintz gives no advice except that of the safe, sane, and dependable variety. I am deeply grateful to him for the splendid service he has rendered to the Order and to me.

For thirty years my predecessors and committees on officers reports have made lavish use of the best English to express their appreciation of our National Secretary. Let all these eulogies be molded into one and then let me say, "Amen."

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch, of Michigan, who has served me as Personal Aide, has been a pillar of strength and support during the entire year. His enthusiasm, his zeal and his ability have all been exercised to advance our interests and I am deeply grateful for the splendid loyalty which he has exemplified.

One of the most important branches of our work is that of Grave Marking. Under the direction of Brother Charles R. Hale of Connecticut, work of the most satisfactory character has been accomplished. His reports are always full and complete. He is doing a splendid work for which he deserves the highest commendation, and I commend to you careful study of his report which I am sure will meet your full and complete approval.

THE RESERVE

One cannot visit the Sons of Veterans Reserve assembled in an Encampment such as was my privilege at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, without forming a very high opinion of the splendid character and fine soldierly bearing of these young men.

Colonel Prittic is entitled to the highest commendation, and his staff of officers and men are deserving of the highest commendation for the manner in which they are carrying out this branch of our work. The action of the Reserve in Pennsylvania in adopting the uniform of the Union Soldier of 1861-65 is most commendable, and I hope that the Reserve in all other Departments will emulate the example of their Pennsylvania brethren.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve has become an important factor

incident to Commandery-in-Chief and Department Encampments. This should have immediate official action. The Grand Army of the Republic several years ago specified that its official escort was to consist of one hundred (100) uniformed members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This has been emphasized by Commander-in-Chief Nelson of the G. A. R. in his General Orders No. 3, Series 1935-1936, March 25, 1936, as follows:

"* * * the precedence in parades and other affairs which the Grand Army of the Republic may hold or in which it and its auxiliary and Allied orders may participate the National Encampment recognizes the order of precedence * * * in the National Encampment parade * * * the Sons of Union Veterans are the official escort, and also in parades of the Departments and Posts, which have voted to have the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as official escort * * *"

Following the action of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the organization of the Sons of Veterans Reserve was inspired to comply with and carry out the honor and distinction to our Order and, for a number of years has so participated in the parades as official escort to the G. A. R.

The Reserve has official status in our Order—Chapter IV, Commandery-in-Chief Constitution and Regulations, pp. 39-40. It is uniformed, armed and equipped to meet the approval of the G. A. R., and to function as its official escort; and it has had that recognition since that Order bestowed upon our Order the designation.

Selection of places for holding the National (and Commandery-in-Chief) Encampments, distance, date, etc., often creates a problem and confusion to arrange for the assembly of the Reserve. The members attend at their own expense. Several times concessions have been secured which in a very slight degree lessened the cost and financial outlay to the Reserve members in their voluntary service to honor the G. A. R. and our Order. Indefinite conditions and trouble incident to mobilizing the Reserve at our Encampments should not annually confront us.

This feature to a great extent would be eliminated and members of the Reserve encouraged to participate with some financial provision—an appropriation applied towards defraying some part at least of expenses to the members of the Reserve, for transportation, or subsistence, in assembling the necessary number for National Encampment Parades.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED: That the Council-in-Chief provide in its budget hereafter annually, an item to be allocated to the Reserve towards defraying expenses of its members participating in the parades as Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE BANNER

The last Encampment left the matter of renewal of The Banner contract with a committee consisting of the three members of the Council-in-Chief, the National Secretary and myself. Conforming to this action the committee met in Reading, Pennsylvania, in December, 1935, and there agreed upon bi-monthly publication during the current year, and it has been so published. This drastic reduction in the number of issues was made necessary by the curtailment of income due to loss in membership. The condition is not satisfactory and as soon as the matter can be properly financed The Banner should be again published monthly. If the publication could be improved in style and in quality of paper it would add materially to our prestige

as an organization. For many favors rendered, for thoughtfulness and consideration affecting our best interests, not alone of The Banner itself, but in the broader sense of our organization as a whole, I am deeply indebted to The Banner editor, Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook.

VISITATIONS

It was my privilege to visit fourteen Departments during my term of office and to attend the Department Encampment in eleven of these. In some of them it was a privilege to be present with Commander-in-Chief Nelson of the Grand Army of the Republic, and with the heads of the other organizations comprising the Grand Army family. Always these occasions were inspiring and satisfactory.

LIBRARY

No man not a lineal descendant of a Union soldier, sailor or marine, is eligible to membership in our ranks. An applicant is required to give in complete form a record of his ancestor's service in the Union Army. And yet, there is no record in the office of our National Secretary of the ancestral record of any of our members, nor is there any record of the service of any Union soldier, the complete record, if it be complete, being in the custody of the Department Secretary. In many Departments these records are inadequate and incomplete. Even now discord and dissention has arisen in some Departments with relation to the eligibility of certain members. Any organization whose membership is limited to descendants from a certain class or group must, to function properly, have the records of that class or group in its possession.

Realizing the great need for beginning the creation of a library of Civil War material, I have been able to secure during the past few months copies of the record of service in the form of Adjutant General's reports from four States, and have the promise of several more. This work should be continued until we have and hold a complete record of the service of all Civil War Union soldiers, sailors, and marines

AMERICAN COALITION

In compliance with the instructions of the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, I attended the annual meeting of the American Coalition in which we have held membership for the last two years. The Coalition, comprised of one hundred forty-two patriotic societies, is a medium through which patriotic work can be materially advanced. Our membership in it should be continued and made active.

PLATFORM

The Platform which we adopted at Rochester and reaffirmed at Grand Rapids, does not alter or change in the slightest our declaration of objects and purposes as set forth in our constitution, but simply applies our objects and purposes to the problems of the day.

I read the last paragraph:

"We demand the teaching of truthful American History and Government, stressing the Constitution of the United States and insistence upon the point that the public school system of America is primarily for the purpose of the development of character and the building of good citizenship."

On many occasions during the past year I have heard particularly favorable comments upon this plank of our platform. I commend it to you in the strongest possible terms and I am so bold as

to prophesy that if our organization is instrumental in taking the proper steps to make this plank effective, we shall not have lived a vain existence.

FINANCES

The continued loss of members has, through a period of years, brought about a condition in our finances to such an extent that the Grand Rapids Encampment made drastic reductions. The salary of the Secretary-Treasurer was reduced by \$1100.00 per year; the appropriation for The Banner was cut fifty per cent, and the allowance to the Commander-in-Chief for expenses was reduced one-third. Business institutions in financial straits should reduce expenses along every possible line, but when business is depleted, business should be built up and it is necessary that additional revenue may be provided in order that funds thus obtained may be used for the building up process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the incoming Commandery-in-Chief officers and the National Committee on Program and Policy be directed to use every honorable and possible means to put into effect the third plank of our Platform.
2. That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to budget the sum of two thousand dollars for expenses of the Commander-in-Chief during the ensuing year.
3. On September 17, 1937, will be celebrated the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. In that celebration, if we are to live up to our objects and purposes, we must play an active and prominent part. It is recommended that the incoming Commandery-in-Chief officers and the Committee on Program and Policy be directed to take up with all Camps, through proper Department officers, the matter of insisting that all Camps and all members render every possible aid and support to this celebration, either by taking active charge in their respective communities or in aiding and assisting other organizations engaged in arranging proper observance of the occasion.

This report has been made as brief as possible. I do not wish to tire you at this early session of the Encampment. Many matters could have been inserted properly herein which perhaps will receive more attention if considered later on during the sessions.

The attempt to function as the head of this organization during the past year has made necessary certain sacrifices, some of which may have seemed at the time hard to bear, but in taking stock one must consider receipts as well as disbursements, and when this is done I gladly admit that I have been paid a thousand fold for any investment of time or money which I have made for the Sons of Union Veterans. Old friendships strengthened and new friendships accomplished are sufficient recompense. As the time approaches when I am to turn over to my successor the gavel of authority, I do so with one regret—that I have not been able to do more.

RICHARD F. LOCKE,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: You have heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief, what is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Delevan Bates Bowley: I move that it be accepted with thanks and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander Moore of California. Carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I present the reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, National Secretary-Treasurer, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, National Counselor, National Personal Aide, Committee on Marking Graves, and I move you that they be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports in printed form and distributed to the membership. (Carried).

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Keene, N. H., August 11, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief I herewith submit my report of the activities of this office from September, 1935, to September, 1936.

My first official act was to attend the New England Regional Meeting, held at Providence, R. I., Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29. I also attended the Regional Meeting held at Portland, Maine, December 7 and 8, where I had the pleasure of speaking over Radio Station WCSH in behalf of our National Organization.

My official visitations included at least one visit to each of the New England Departments. In addition to Rhode Island and Maine as listed above, I attended the following meetings:

Connecticut at Hartford, November 1, 1935.

Vermont at Brattleboro, October 11, 1935.

Massachusetts at Boston, March 31 and April 15, 1936.

New Hampshire at Keene, November 8, 1935; Portsmouth, November 14; Portsmouth, December 12; Dover, December 15, Department Encampment at Concord, April 16-17.

During the year I accepted invitations to address many fraternal organizations and church groups in New Hampshire and neighboring states. These affairs afforded an excellent opportunity to enlighten select groups as to the aims, ideals and aspirations of our organization.

The article which I wrote for the December issue of The Banner proved to be a source of great satisfaction to me personally. I received responses from Maine to Oregon, some of which were commendable and others critical of my thoughts as given in this article. I feel that we have in our organization folks who still think, which to me is a most encouraging condition.

New England, in common with the other Regions in our National Organization, has many grave and perplexing problems to solve. It would seem that local conditions require varied methods of procedure. Briefly, the Departments of the New England Region have attempted the following projects:

Maine:

Uniformed Degree Teams.
Grandsons as Camp Officers.
Planning for a Reserve Unit.

New Hampshire:

Schools of Instruction.

Class Initiations.
Past Department Commander's Association.

Vermont:

Program and Policy Meetings.
District Meetings.
Junior Order Clubs.

Massachusetts:

Radio Programs.
Patriotic Meetings in Churches and at Historic Shrines.

Connecticut:

Attempt at securing 500 new grandsons as members.
One Camp conducted similar to a dinner club.

Rhode Island:

Drive for instituting New Camps.

In my opinion, our one great need today is an intensive and carefully planned membership drive. I believe the time is opportune to build the nucleus of an active membership composed of the type and caliber of men which shall give us a moral and financial prestige, whereby we may in the future accomplish that to which we can now only aspire.

The creation of an office of National Organizer with Department and local deputies, who might receive financial compensation derived from a per capita commission on new Camps and members, or compensation received from other sources should at least give us a start in the right direction.

I am firmly convinced that our organization should expect and demand something more than lineal descendency from a Union Veteran of the Civil War as a basis of eligibility to our order. Without an active personnel which will give us moral and financial prestige, in the local community, I fail to see how we can promulgate and execute constructive plans and policies as an organization.

I am deeply appreciative to the Department Commanders of the several New England Departments and to the officers of the New England Regional Association for their sincere and earnest co-operation toward the common goal during the past year.

I take this opportunity of expressing to the Commandery-in-Chief my personal gratitude for the great honor conferred upon me in my election to this high office, and for the appreciation of the Department of New Hampshire in being honored for the first time in nearly thirty years by having one of its members elected to the high office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I trust that my feeble efforts have in some measure contributed to the success of our Commander-in-Chief, Richard P. Locke, in the measure of accomplishment which he must realize through his most able and efficient leadership during the past year. The friendships made and the memories which I shall always cherish, more than amply repay me for my year of service to our beloved order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CLEON E. HEALD,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Jackson, Michigan, July 23, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I herein submit my report as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and assure you that I am looking forward to the coming Encampment at Washington, D. C.

I assure you that not only myself, but the Brothers who constitute the Department of Michigan, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, appreciate the honor not only to myself, but to the Department of Michigan, and esteem it a decided honor.

I have done what I could to spread the objects and principles of our Order, to assure the eligibles whom I have met of the heritage of a Son of a Veteran, and of the reasons why they should be identified as such with our Order.

I have visited many of the Camps in the Department of Michigan, and attended Regional Meetings of the Department at South Haven, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo and Jackson. I have also attended several birthday parties of the different Organizations of the Grand Army Family, and visited them. Went with other members of the Jackson Camp to Ypsilanti, and installed the officers of Carpenter Camp No. 180, and attended a meeting of the Central Region, held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago.

I appreciate your many kindnesses to me and it has been my pleasure to serve with you during the past year, and fully appreciate as a Son of a Veteran the accomplishments made by our Commander-in-Chief.

Assuring you that I shall do all in my power to make the coming National Encampment a success, which every one knows it will be, I am looking forward to it with ardent joy.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Esq.,
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present report of this Department, transactions relating to finances, membership, State of the Order, etc.

Strict economy was adhered to. Every consideration was given to conform to the Budget. Receipts were several hundred dollars above the estimate, membership not having declined to the extreme provided for.

There must be an increase in the membership. This cannot be too strongly urged upon all having a part in active affairs—Department and Camp Officers. It is their responsibility. They have the opportunities to produce.

With twelve (12) Officers, three hundred (300) in the aggregate in the twenty-five (25) Departments—and only seven (7) New Camps

(four in one Department) organized this term—reflects regretfully cause for our condition—successive losses. If more of the three hundred Officers had been interested a greater number of New Camps would have been reported.

A field open to organization, and which should be vigorously campaigned, is in the States in which there are no Departments or Camps, no members. Several of these States are attached to some of the Departments. This should have action without delay for Camps and members.

In some of the Departments it seems Officers have no conception of their responsibilities. They do not familiarize themselves with the Regulations, lack in knowledge of their duties, have no regard for response to correspondence, neglect contacting and communication with their Camps, records are not kept, finances not given the care and attention provided. These delinquencies tend to, and in a great degree are accountable for, our condition that should and do not prevail in properly conducted Departments which suffer from the deficiencies of others.

Possibly a return to Inspections—at least of some Departments—might be the remedy.

The Constitution specifies a certain number of Camps and Members to constitute a Department. Your attention is respectfully invited to those Departments not qualifying.

FINANCIAL

DR.:		CR.:	
Sept. 12, 1935, To Balance	\$ 572.11	By General Expenses...	\$ 4,042.34
Received for:		Office Expenses	703.34
Per Cap. Tax..	\$9,043.65	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,250.00
Charter Fees ..	35.00	Total Expenditures	\$ 5,995.68
Supplies	1,334.52		
Miscellaneous ..	76.07	To Balance,	
Premium Bonds,		Sept. 1, 1936.....	\$ 5,098.17
Dept. Coms. .	32.50		
Total Receipts..	\$10,521.74		
	\$11,093.85		\$11,093.85

RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS ITEMIZED

Department:	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Supplies	Misc.	Premium Bonds	Total
Ala. & Tenn.....	\$ 25.83	\$	\$ 16.43	\$ 2.88	\$ 2.50	\$ 47.64
Cal. & Pac.....	228.60	5.00	116.22	6.00		355.82
Col. & Wyo.....	83.61		14.71	2.01		100.33
Connecticut ..	491.04		83.08			574.12
Illinois	291.96	5.00	65.76	2.03		364.75
Indiana	316.89		31.50		2.50	350.89
Iowa	103.68		24.35	.55	2.50	131.08
Kansas	146.16		17.58		2.50	166.24
Maine	352.80		63.41	4.15		420.36
Maryland	137.25	5.00	53.97		2.50	198.72
Massachusetts ..	1650.60		160.04			1810.64
Michigan	173.34		52.63			225.97
Minnesota	76.50		24.56	1.25		102.31
Missouri	96.12		22.55	.64	2.50	121.81
Nebraska	30.42		1.90	5.48	2.50	40.30

Department:	P. C.	Charter	Premium			Total
	Tax	Fees	Supplies	Miscl.	Bonds	
New Hampshire	258.57		29.31			287.88
New Jersey	319.05		46.01	.48	2.50	368.04
New York	961.02		74.37	10.46	2.50	1048.35
Ohio	664.20	20.00	163.50	13.09	2.50	863.29
Oregon	70.74		22.46	6.00		99.20
Pennsylvania	1941.21		99.82	10.44		2051.47
Rhode Island	127.80		22.80			150.60
Vermont	238.77		53.90	5.43	2.50	300.60
Washington	58.77		28.31	2.50	2.50	92.08
Wisconsin	198.72		45.35	2.68	2.50	249.25
Total	\$9043.65	\$35.00	\$1334.52	\$76.07	\$32.50	\$10521.74

Miscellaneous Item includes receipts of \$38.53 from the sale of 3853 leaflets "Keep America American," 10,100 of which were procured at a cost of \$47.90 (in addition cost of mailing orders \$1.76). Leaflets were supplied as follows:

	To Departments:	To Camps in Departments	To Members in Departments
California & Pacific	600		
Illinois		203	
Minnesota	100		
New York			100
Ohio	1000	200	
Oregon	600		
Pennsylvania		200	50
Vermont	300	100	
Washington	100		100
Wisconsin			200
Total	2700	703	450

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

General Expenses:

For Supplies	\$ 684.91
The Banner, Sub. October-June, inc. six issues	2788.59
Encampment, 1935, Printing, promulgating proceedings	403.31
Printing	147.46
Shipping Supplies	60.53
Bonds, Nat'l Officers, Dept. Commanders	85.00
Miscellaneous, inc. Badge Past Com-in-Chief	146.00
Committee Marking Graves	55.00
Council-in-Chief Conference	62.31
Committee on Program and Policy	9.23
	\$1042.34

Office Expenses:

Wrapping Paper and Twine	\$ 4.60
Postage	112.62
Express	2.04
Telegrams	18.94
Stationery National Officers	128.03
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	17.11
	\$ 703.34

MEMBERSHIP GAINS, LOSSES, DATA

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

Department.	In Good Standing June 30, 1935.		GAIN								LOSS								In Good Standing June 30, 1936.		Gain.		Balance Cash in Department Headquarters	Cash in Camp Treasuries	Expended for Relief	No. Relieved or Their Families.							
			By Organization and Initiation.		By Transfer.		By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.		By Disbanded.		By Death.		By Hon. Discharge.		By Transfer.				By Suspended.							By Dropped.		By Dishon. Disch.		Total Loss.	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	
Alabama & Tennessee...	5	68	1	5	2	24	2	29	1	2	26	10	36	4	61	1	1	7	8.36	5.08			
California & Pacific....	20	600	1	136	...	38	1	174	...	...	20	8	...	...	65	...	93	21	681	1	81	...	651.81	282.83	62.08	8	7	...	...		
Colorado & Wyoming...	12	258	...	18	...	...	...	18	1	7	...	...	...	...	14	...	53	...	223	...	...	35	67.42	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut ...	31	1373	...	62	...	1	...	67	...	...	30	8	...	...	47	...	85	31	1355	...	...	18	92.21	3461.02	24.88	1	...	...	...	
Illinois ...	26	892	1	147	...	15	1	163	1	8	15	12	...	...	203	...	239	26	816	...	...	76	101.93	703.50	9.50	1	...	...	...	
Indiana ...	30	918	...	13	...	9	...	23	...	...	10	2	...	...	59	...	71	30	870	...	...	48	239.65	387.73	33.00	...	...	...	...
Iowa ...	17	236	...	11	...	3	...	14	...	...	6	...	1	...	20	...	27	17	283	...	...	13	105.38	87.68	...	...	...	...	...
Kansas ...	21	409	...	14	12	...	1	26	...	...	2	2	...	...	17	...	41	22	394	1	...	15	38.69	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine ...	37	1050	...	32	...	6	148	6	180	...	22	2	1	7	145	...	63	7	233	36	997	1	53	147.43	1164.38	205.53			
Maryland ...	11	392	1	29	...	9	1	39	...	...	8	1	...	...	25	...	36	12	395	1	3	...	168.68	916.00	339.00	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts ...	125	4852	...	83	5	26	...	111	3	38	107	15	5	...	353	3	518	122	4148	...	...	104	875.15	24618.21	577.66	...	...	...	...
Michigan ...	18	514	...	32	2	...	...	38	...	...	11	1	...	...	67	...	80	18	472	...	...	42	16.40	174.60	18.00	...	...	...	...
Minnesota ...	10	232	...	6	...	...	...	6	...	...	5	...	...	...	29	...	34	10	201	...	...	28	115.31	577.77	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri ...	10	274	...	7	...	2	...	9	...	...	12	...	...	...	14	...	26	10	257	...	...	17	110.52	640.76	...	...	...	...	...
Nebraska ...	8	179	...	...	1	15	1	15	...	...	...	...	6	105	...	32	6	111	3	53	...	126	20.89	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Hampshire ...	23	758	...	29	...	4	...	33	...	...	12	2	...	...	83	1	97	22	694	...	...	64	245.06	914.74	28.39	6	...	...	...	
New Jersey ...	26	943	...	22	...	...	...	22	...	...	20	3	...	...	90	...	114	26	851	...	...	92	444.45	2943.55	2097.30	...	...	...	...
New York ...	84	2939	...	30	4	19	...	53	3	21	98	10	...	...	323	...	454	81	2538	...	...	401	568.72	3782.91	1805.00	108	31	...	...		
Ohio ...	60	1864	4	228	...	8	38	4	274	1	7	35	7	2	...	1	201	1	256	71	1882	2	18	596.47			
Oregon ...	8	212	...	14	...	5	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	...	41	8	187	...	...	25	22.71	25.10	3.75	...	...	...	...
Pennsylvania ...	113	5649	...	133	3	37	...	173	3	16	125	13	...	...	476	4	630	109	5192	...	...	457	50.83	46853.14	22222.50	127	10	...	...		
Rhode Island ...	16	358	...	14	...	1	...	18	...	...	7	9	1	...	8	...	25	16	351	...	...	7	21.04	547.10	22.49	1	...	...	...	
Vermont ...	25	665	...	33	1	6	...	40	...	...	13	7	...	...	29	...	51	25	654	...	...	11	124.38	153.07	...	...	...	...	...
Washington ...	5	143	...	29	...	1	11	1	40	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	11	6	172	1	...	...	32.32	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wisconsin ...	17	580	...	26	1	10	...	37	...	...	13	...	...	...	61	...	76	17	541	...	...	39	44	542.59	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	767	26418	7	1153	1	46	10	425	18	1624	13	97	578	105	2	71	15	276	3	2343	1	133	3471	752	24671	6	131	21	1978	\$49	\$65	\$27	\$25

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage	\$ 70.61
Telegrams and Telephone	32.54
Traveling	1080.63
Stenographer	58.00
Miscellaneous	8.22
	\$1250.00

Total \$5995.68

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Bond Nat. Sec.-Treas.....	\$ 25.00
2.	Allison Insurance Agency,	Bond Commander-in-Chief...	2.50
3.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c September.....	38.18
4.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Seal Press.....	3.83
5.	W. C. Mabie, Stationery	National Officers.....	67.75
6.	The Banner, Sub. October	(25,356 copies, \$380.34); Sta-	
	tionery, \$9.23		389.57
7.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, Oct.-Dec. inc.....	105.00
8.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c October.....	22.03
9.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c November.....	65.50
10.	The Banner, Sub. Nov. (25,384	copies, \$380.76); Roster,	
	C. & R. Inserts		448.69
11.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c December	150.00
12.	W. S. Beilby, Council-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c Conference.....	31.15
13.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Council-in-	Chief, Exp. a/c Conference	31.16
14.	W. O. Flatt Co., Supplies		73.00
15.	The Banner, Sub. December	(25,275 copies).....	379.12
16.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, January-March, inc..	105.00
17.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c December	72.24
18.	The Robbins Co., Supplies		409.00
19.	The Banner, Printing, Shipping,	Journal of Proceedings	
	Fifty-fourth Encampment		396.78
20.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c January	125.00
21.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies, Stationery,	Record Book.....	169.70
22.	R. F. Locke, Commander-in-	Chief, Exp. a/c January	127.55
23.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c February.....	150.00
24.	E. J. Hughes, Secretary of	State, Charter Fee	1.00
25.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Seal	Press	3.72
26.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies		23.36
27.	The Banner, Sub. February	(25,117 copies, \$118.62);	
	Printing		466.52
28.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c February.....	24.70
29.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c March	150.00
30.	F. C. Huston, Nat. Sec.-Treas.,	Federated Patriotic Soci-	
	eties Dues		10.00
31.	Gude Bros. Co., Floral design		10.00
32.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, April-June, inc.....	105.00
33.	G. W. Billman Co., Insurance	on stock, etc.....	6.48
34.	R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c April	74.80
35.	The Banner, Sub. April (24,696	copies, \$411.60); Re-	
	entry P. O. \$10.00; Printing		449.60
36.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds...	17.50
37.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies, Stationery		34.87
38.	The Banner, Sub. June (24,489	copies)	408.15
39.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds....	12.50
40.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, July, September, inc..	105.00

41. Maryland Casualty Co., Premium Nat. Sec.-Treas., Dept. Coms. Bonds	27.50
42. R. F. Locke, Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c	250.00
43. C. R. Hale, Ch'm, Committee Marking Graves Exp. a/c..	55.00
44. W. C. Mabie, Stationery	8.80
45. G. A. & C. R. Schlechter, Badge (Past) Com.-in-Chief....	125.00
46. H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c Sep. 1935 -Aug. 20, 1936	238.43
Total	<u>\$5995.68</u>

STOCK AND SUPPLY ACCOUNT

While a larger number of requisitions for supplies were received, the receipts therefor were approximately \$150 less than last term. It indicates that Camps were not using the quantity of supplies compared with last year.

Cost of supplies on hand July 31, 1935.....	\$3067.03
Cost of supplies purchased	684.91
Cost of supplies to account for	<u>\$3751.94</u>
Cost of supplies on hand August 21, 1936.....	2964.24
Cost of supplies sold	\$ 787.70
To amount received on requisitions for supplies.....	<u>\$1334.52</u>
Cost of supplies sold	\$787.70
Cost of shipping supplies	60.53
Cost of wrapping paper and twine	4.60
Cost of supplies to National Officers	13.81
Express on supplies received	2.04
Total cost of supplies sold	<u>\$ 868.68</u>
Profit	<u>\$ 465.84</u>

With New Form 3—Application for Membership adopted at the 1935 Encampment, and New Form 11—Constitution & Regulations when issued, it will be necessary to revise and increase the cost or charges for supplies. We cannot secure these new Forms to dispose of at the prices or cost listed on Requisition Forms 1 and 1½. The new Form 3 to be provided when our present supply is exhausted, is greatly enlarged in data, details as to information, increasing the cost of paper, printing, etc. The same applies to the new C. & R.

Cost of all our supplies is increasing. Our profit is negligible compared to labor, expense, shipping, etc. It should be comparably remunerative to the extent that our investment in the aggregate brings return. A number of Forms which must be carried and supplied when requisitioned for, infrequent in quantity and amount, is not proportionate compensation to the amount invested.

Recommended that when New Form 3 and when necessary as to New Form 11—supplies, blanks, forms, etc., as now listed or priced on Requisition Forms 1 and 1½ be revised, changed to effect an increase of 10% to 25% to the Commandery-in-Chief and to Departments.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The 1935 Encampment made provision for Membership-at-Large. It was expected that this would be the means of retaining members of Camps Disbanded, etc. Results have not developed as expected. Such members could be secured if greater interest and real action were applied by Department Officers. Members could be enrolled who

never were connected with the Order by reason of no Camps existing in such localities. If Department Officers would take advantage of this source for members many could be added to our rolls.

Departments reporting Members-at-Large, are:

Illinois	7
Iowa	12
New York	30
Pennsylvania	25
Vermont	1

NEW CAMPS

Departments instituting New Camps were:

Dept.:	No. Applications for Camp Charter	No. Applicants	No. Camps Instituted	No. Charter Members
Cal. & Pac.	1	31	1	25
Illinois	1	25	1	70
Maryland	1	15	1	15
Ohio	4	118	4	111
	<u>7</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>221</u>

RETURNS FROM DEPARTMENTS—ON REGISTRATION FEE

As directed by the 1935 Encampment on the proposed charge of \$2.00 as a Registration Fee for all voting members of the Commandery-in-Chief, returns on their action on the proposition from the various Departments were as follows:

	In Favor	Not in Favor
Alabama & Tennessee		8
California & Pacific		46
Colorado & Wyoming		23
Connecticut		78
Illinois	37	2
Indiana		41
Iowa	33	
Kansas		
Maine		30
Maryland		
Massachusetts	32	120
Michigan	17	
Minnesota	34	
Mississippi	29	
Missouri	13	1
Nebraska		
New Hampshire	3	41
New Jersey		83
New York	100	
Ohio	6	46
Oregon	10	
Pennsylvania	5	57
Rhode Island	3	34
Vermont		68
Washington		22
Wisconsin	25	5
Total	<u>347</u>	<u>705</u>
Departments	9	14

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

The Sons of Veterans Reserve—our attractive publicity feature—is an asset to the Commandery-in-Chief and Department Encampments. It fulfills the part the G. A. R. assigns our Order—"Official Escort" in parades and public affairs—"Uniformed Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The Reserve—our members—perform this honor credited to the Order, at their personal expense and inconvenience in their sense of pride and duty.

I recommend to you that: You present the importance of this adjunct for financial provision to defray some portion of expense incident to their participation in the Commandery-in-Chief affairs.

OUR AUXILIARY

No need to emphasize the service rendered us by this splendid society of patriotic ladies associated with us. They exemplify the help our and their Mothers were to our Fathers—in their Posts and all channels—for and to the illustrious Grand Army of the Republic Headed by the amiable, earnest National President, Mrs. Stella B. Owen, our Auxiliary following their example can have no higher tribute to their effort and accomplishment, to which our Camps and Members testify.

AFFILIATED ORDERS

Relations with the affiliated Orders, Grand Army of Republic, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Daughters of Veterans, are cordial. Our mutual interests subject of correspondence and association, duly recognized during the year were of benefit. In local affairs also a fine spirit of co-operation and harmony exists.

THE BANNER

By co-operating in every possible manner in our mutual interests and affairs with Departments and Camps, our official organ—THE BANNER, through Past Commander-in-Chief A. S. Holbrook, and his efficient staff, we are greatly indebted for prompt and courteous assistance. They have always been helpful and of benefit in contacting various elements. Their services have been generously given.

CONCLUSION

You have conducted an Administration that has been most vigorous. You have resorted to almost every method to arouse Departments, their Officers, Camps and Members to real action and interest. Your persistent efforts and constant contact with Departments succeeded in having less loss to report than otherwise would be shown. Your conduct of affairs was strenuous, service a personal sacrifice and unceasing endeavor—all for the good, benefit of the Order—its members. You called many into service. Responses commensurate with and to your personal application, expectations would have resulted in the realization of deserved object and ambition. The membership cannot realize the personal service you have rendered.

Your many courtesies are acknowledged with sincere appreciation. A friendship of many years will grow stronger after this year's experience of association with you. To the National Officers with whom cordial relations prevail, thanks are tendered for co-operation and courtesies.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Of the National Secretary-Treasurer, Fifty-fifth Encampment, 1936.

CR.:		DR.:	
Sept. 1, 1936, To Balance.	\$5098.17	By General Expenses....	\$4390.52
Received for:		Office Expenses	6.35
P. C. Tax	\$ 8.64	Com-in-Chief's Expenses.	150.00
Supplies	3.12		
Miscellaneous	3.92	Total Expenditures....	\$4546.87
From Nat'l Aux.		By Bal. from Nat.	
S. of U. V. C. W... 500.00		Aux. in Permanent	
Collection Encamp-		Fund	\$500.00
ment Members a/c		By Balance	
Reserve Camp Ex-		General a/c	711.78
penses	144.80		
		Total Balance, Sep-	
Total Receipts..	\$ 660.48	tember 24, 1936.....	\$1211.78
	\$5758.65		\$5758.65

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

General Expenses:

The Banner, subscription, August (24,431 cop.)..	\$ 407.19
Encampment	602.03
Salaries, Balance term 1934-35.....	\$1175.00
Aug. 21, 1935-Aug. 20, 1936, inc....	2200.00 3375.00
Officers other than Com-in-Chief and Nat. Sec...	6.30
Total	\$4390.52
Office Expenses: Postage	6.35
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses: Traveling	150.00
Total Expenditures	\$4546.87

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
47.	R. F. Locke, Com-in-Chief, Encampment,	\$100.00; Exp.	
	a/c \$150.00		\$ 250.00
48.	Cleon E. Heald, Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief, Encampment....		41.00
49.	Void.		
50.	Kenneth F. Cramer, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		46.81
51.	Walter S. Beilby, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		52.00
52.	Charles H. E. Moran, Council-in-Chief, Encampment.....		51.90
53.	Void.		
54.	Arthur M. Soule, Nat'l Chaplain, Exp. a/c term.....		6.30
55.	M. G. Heintz, Nat'l Counselor, Encampment.....		17.30
56.	H. H. Hammer, Nat'l Sec-Treas., Encampment, \$60.01;		
	Office, \$6.35; Salary, 1934-35, 1935-36.....		3441.36
57.	The Banner, Subscription, August, and Officers' Reports.		535.20
58.	Wm. F. Gude, Encampment		5.00
59.	M. W. Krieger, Encampment		100.00
	Total Vouchers		\$4546.87

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

215 Hudson St., Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 1, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the pleasure and the honor to submit herewith my report, together with a summary of the consolidated report of the twenty-five Department Patriotic Instructors' annual reports for the year 1935-1936. I am not making the consolidated report in the extended form because it compels too much expense and, further, because the form of the report that I made last year seemed to me to be just as satisfactory and it is much more easy to read and to get the data.

Reports have been received from each of the twenty-five Department Patriotic Instructors and I hereby extend to each and all of them my hearty thanks for their splendid co-operation in thus enabling me to have the satisfaction of making a 100% record again this year.

Only one Department, Kansas, has made the annual report on the old form. Just why Brother C. B. Martin should make his report on the old form is beyond me. I wrote to several Department Patriotic Instructors in August and I informed them that I could not accept reports on the old form and I sent to each of them copies of the new form with the strongest injunction to use the new form in making the annual report. In spite of this Brother C. B. Martin saw fit to make his annual report on the old form. Much of the data he sent me cannot be used, and only a small part of the data that he did send me can be and is used in my report. One other Department Patriotic Instructor, Brother A. C. Harmon of Iowa, held up his annual report so long and never replied to any of my letters to him that at last I had to send him a night letter by telegraph and his annual report reached me so late that I could not finish my report until September first. Fortunately, these were the only two extreme cases and I think that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are to be congratulated upon this fact, because compared with other organizations we are very much better. I recommend to my successor that he refuse to credit a Department with an annual report unless it shall be made out on the new form. I threatened to do that this year but I felt that I had to count Brother C. B. Martin's annual report even if it was on the old form because, I was, perhaps, too anxious to attain the coveted record of 100%!

I must still criticize many of our Departments for using the form Division instead of Department. When are you going to catch up? If our honored Fathers had pursued the rebel host at the same rate some of you Brothers holding Department Offices keep up with our advancing procession our beloved Union would have never been preserved! Come, my Brothers, show that you can keep abreast of the times! I am inclined to the opinion that the Department Commanders and the Department Secretaries are more to blame for this condition than are any of the other officers in the Departments. I have nothing to recommend for the conditions that I have found this year in relation to the Department Patriotic Instructors more than I recommended last year. The change in Department Patriotic Instructors during the year 1935-1936 caused some troubles of re-adjustment, and the fact that Camp Patriotic Instructors look upon the making of their annual reports as a sort of needless work, both tend to make the getting of the data by the Department Patriotic Instructors a somewhat herculean task in most of our Departments. I recommended,

last year, that the terms of office of Department Patriotic Instructors be changed to coincide with the terms of office of the Camp Patriotic Instructors as a remedy for the first conditions named above, and that the only remedy for the second condition is for each and every member to determine that when he assumes any office in our beloved Order, from Commander-in-Chief down to the Outer Guard in the Camp, that he will "get on the job" and stay there and function 100% during his term of office.

The per cent of Camps in each Department reporting to the Department Patriotic Instructor is as follows:

100%—Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Wisconsin.....	4
90% to 99%—None	0
80% to 89%—Rhode Island, 87%; Alabama & Tennessee, 80%; Indiana, 80%; Missouri, 80%	4
70% to 79%—Iowa, 78%; Connecticut, 77%; California & Pacific, 71%	3
60% to 69%—Vermont, 68%; Washington, 67%; Michigan, 64%... ..	3
50% to 59%—Illinois, 56%; Massachusetts, 56%; New Jersey, 54%; New York, 51%; Pennsylvania, 51%; Maryland, 50%	6
40% to 49%—Ohio, 43%; Maine, 41%	2
30% to 39%—None	0
20% to 29%—Colorado & Wyoming, 27%	1
Old Form—No Data—Kansas	1
Reporting number of Camps that reported but did not report the number of Camps in the Department—Minnesota, North and South Dakota	1
Total	25

Comparison with last year's record:

Departments that made the same record for both years: Missouri, 80%; Pennsylvania, 51%; Wisconsin, 100%. Departments, 3.

Departments that made a higher record this year: California & Pacific, 70% to 71%; Connecticut, 65% to 77%; Illinois, 37% to 56%; Indiana, 38% to 80%; Maryland, 33% to 50%; Nebraska, 71% to 100%; New Hampshire, 87% to 100%; Ohio, 40% to 43%; Oregon, 57% to 100%; Vermont, 55% to 68%. Departments, 10.

Departments that made a lower record than last year: Alabama & Tennessee, 100% to 80%; Maine, 63% to 41%; Massachusetts, 58% to 56%; Michigan, 67% to 61%; New Jersey, 73% to 54%; New York, 98% to 51%; Rhode Island, 88% to 87%. Departments, 7.

Indefinite: Colorado & Wyoming, Old Form, No Data to 27%; Iowa, Old Form, No Data to 78%; Kansas, 33% to Old Form, No Data; Minnesota, North and South Dakota, 40% to No Data or, rather, Insufficient Data; Washington, Old Form, No Data to 67%. Departments, 5.

In this particular form of Camp activity there has been a general gain on the surface of the returns. But when one comes to consider that some of the largest Departments in our beloved Order made a lower record this year than they did last year it makes one doubt if our record this year is really any better than it was last year in spite of the fine showing of many of our Departments. Last year there were nine Departments over 70% and this year there are eleven. That shows an improvement for this year. The total per cent gains over last year are 202 and the total losses over last year are 114 which gives a net gain of 88 or an average of between 3% and 4% per Department. But five Departments have not their records in such shape

that a definite comparison of the records of the two years can be made. On the whole, though, I think we can say that our record for this year is a distinct improvement over last year's record.

THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT

PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

1. Discourtesies to our Flag, etc.
Departments—18: none. 6: 12 reported; 4: failure to uncover as the Flag was passing; 2: through ignorance; 1: Flag flying all night; 1: Flag flying old and torn; 1: accusation that Principal would not take time for the Flag salute; 1: Toledo Flags improperly displayed; 1: children of Jehovah's Witnesses refused to give Flag salute; 1: Flag not lowered at sunset. All cases were amicably adjusted. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
2. Patriotic Programs. (In schools).
Departments—20: Yes. 1: big decline, best in small towns. 1: 80% "Yes." 1: 94% "Yes." 1: some. 1: none—Kansas.
Number of Programs:
Departments—12: 352. 3: all. 1: none—Kansas. 1: not available, some cases city wide. 1: 1 to 50. 1: 1 to 5. 1: not known. 1: no number quoted. 1: impossible to give number. 1: widely observed. 2: blank—Ohio and Rhode Island.
3. Days Programs held and Days observed.
Departments—21: reported Days. 1: blank—Alabama and Tennessee. 1: mostly patriotic programs. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data. 1: 160 reported.
Days observed by the Departments—18: Washington's birthday. 22: Lincoln's birthday. 18: Memorial Day. 16: Flag Day. 11: Armistice Day. 1: Army Day. 1: Grand Army Day. 2: Patriots' Day. 1: Union Defenders' Day. 2: Veterans' Night. 3: McKinley's birthday. 4: Grant's birthday. 1: Independence Day. 2: Columbus Day. 2: Friday before Memorial Day. 2: Appomattox Day. 1: Constitution Day. 1: Sherman's birthday. 1: Rhode Island Independence Day. 2: Arbor Day. 2: Thanksgiving Day. 1: Christmas Day. 1: Camp Jackson Day. 1: Longfellow Day. 1: 160 reported. 1: mostly patriotic days. 1: blank—Alabama & Tennessee. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data. In addition—1: reported most schools observe all patriotic days. 1: reported "No Memorial Day Programs." 1: Lindbergh Day.
4. Flags presented, etc.
Departments—Schools: 16: 728. 5: none. 2: blank—Alabama & Tennessee and Maryland. 1: check mark—Missouri. 1: yes. Churches—10: 84. 6: none. 5: blank—Alabama & Tennessee, Colorado & Wyoming, Iowa, Maryland, and New York. 1: No—Minnesota. 2: check mark—Missouri and Pennsylvania. 1: I don't know.
Other Organizations—11: 30. 5: blank—Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado and Wyoming, Maine, Maryland, and New York. 4: none. 1: yes. 3: check marks—Missouri, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
5. Memorial Day Programs, etc.
Departments—21: yes. 1: some. 1: generally 1: no. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
6. Schools and Churches visited, etc.
Departments—23: 1387. 1: none reported. 1: blank—New Jersey.
7. What was accomplished, etc.
Departments—19: reported positive good accomplished, such as:

- interested eligibles; stimulated interest in patriotism; taught Flag salute and respect for the Flag; instilled patriotic ideals; better understanding of our Order and what we stand for; better observance of Flag Day and Memorial Day; created interest in the G. A. R., Civil War period, and what our ancestors did to preserve the Union; better idea of what our Flag represents; wider vision of duties of citizenship; publicity for our Order; explained and cautioned against radicalism; results good but fear they do not or will not hold; developed patriotism. 2: blank—Alabama & Tennessee and Washington. 1: nothing special. 1: patriotic addresses. 1: hope some good has been accomplished 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
8. Number of pupils participating, etc.
Departments—21: 562,159. 1: hard to estimate—Colorado & Wyoming. 1: too many to give correct number—Minnesota. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: school children furnish flowers for decoration; no number given—Washington. Additional—1: all in 7th and 8th grades; some children watching from the side lines.
9. Laws on Flag and Pledge.
Departments—21: yes. 2: no. 1: 80% "yes." 1: some do.
Departments—18: yes. 1: 65% "yes"—Wisconsin. 1: "yes" for the teacher—Maryland. 1: not a law but generally done—New Hampshire. 1: general—California & Pacific. 1: some do—Alabama & Tennessee. 2: No—Minnesota and Missouri.
The first answer is for the Flag and the second for the Pledge.
10. Number of Patriotic Programs in Department, etc. (In Camp).
Departments—22: 1239. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: not reported—Washington. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data. Additional—1: most all schools—Nebraska.
11. Number of Patriotic Programs sponsored by Camp Patriotic Instructors in Department?
Departments—18: 704. 4: blank—Alabama & Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: none reported—Washington. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
Type of Programs: Departments—18; reported types such as: suitable, speeches; special music; educational; readings; programs given for Days under No. 3; oratorical; social; patriotic; parties; singing; radio; talks; refreshments; quotations from the Declaration of Independence and from the Constitution; special addresses; plays; meetings for eligibles; Camp meetings for different periods of the Civil War; biographical. 1: general—California & Pacific. 5: blank—Alabama & Tennessee, Colorado & Wyoming, Michigan, Missouri, and Washington. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
12. Special activities closing same, etc.
Departments—14: reported such activities as: Flag salute and tribute; patriotic songs; social hour; dancing; refreshments; National Anthem; school of instruction; Pledge of Allegiance; American's Creed; "taps;" recitations; prizes; prayer; closing fitting the occasion; furling of the Flag; music; speaking and talks. 8: blank—Alabama & Tennessee, Colorado & Wyoming, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Washington. 2: none—Illinois and Iowa. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.
13. Number of Brothers attending:
Memorial Sunday Services: Departments—23: 8018. One Department reported 2000 which is more than there are in several De-

partments like Nebraska. (Nebraska reported 2000). 1: blank—Washington. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.

Memorial Day Program: Departments—21: 7740. One Department, Nebraska reported 2000 which is more than there are in several such Departments. 2: blank—Illinois and Pennsylvania. 1: none reported—Colorado & Wyoming. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.

14. Number of Sons making Memorial Day addresses, etc.
Departments—21: 362 men giving addresses. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: none reported—Colorado & Wyoming. 1: check mark—California & Pacific. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data. Names of Brothers: Departments—20: 190. 1: none reported—Colorado & Wyoming. 1: none for lack of space—Illinois. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: blank—New York. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data. Addresses of Brothers: Departments—18: 178. 1: none—California & Pacific. 1: none reported—Colorado & Wyoming. 1: none for lack of space—Illinois. 1: several—New Jersey. 2: blank—Iowa and New York. 1: Old Form—Kansas—no data.

CHURCHES:

- Number displaying Flag regularly (Inside and Out):
Departments—18: 7455. 1: 90% of them—Illinois. 1: practically all—Maryland. 1: all the Churches in the Department—Nebraska. 1: several—New Jersey. 2: no number given—Ohio and Vermont. 1: not reported—Washington. Additional: all, nearly all—California & Pacific. 1: mostly all—Massachusetts. 1: nearly all Protestant Churches—New York.
- Number of Flags presented to Churches, etc.
Departments—13: 116. 9: none—Colorado & Wyoming, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, Oregon, and Wisconsin. 1: blank—Alabama & Tennessee. 1: check mark—Minnesota. 1: none reported—Washington.
- Number of Churches, etc., visited by the Patriotic Instructor, etc.
Departments—20: 680. 2: blank—Alabama & Tennessee, and Colorado & Wyoming. 1: none—Maryland. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: none reported—Washington.

GENERAL:

- Number of Special Programs for the Grand Army of the Republic members, etc.
Departments—21: 519. 2: several—Maryland and New Jersey. 1: exact number not known but many—Iowa. 1: G. A. R. members entertained in all places where there is a Camp.
- Number of Patriotic Programs to which the Public was invited?
Departments—22: 741. 2: several—Maryland and New Jersey. 1: none reported—Washington.
- Number of Monuments, Memorial Tablets, etc. (Served by your Camp).
Departments—21: 11,182. 1: 400 to 500—Illinois. 1: several—New Jersey. 1: do not know—Vermont. 1: blank—Washington. Additional: 1: 6 Flags, 8 Poles—California & Pacific. 1: 2207 cemeteries—Connecticut. 1: reported but vague—Indiana.
- Number of New Memorials, Tablets, etc., erected during the year?
Departments—18: 207. 2: blank—Alabama & Tennessee, and Maryland. 2: none reported—Indiana and Washington. 1: none—Iowa. 1: check mark—Minnesota. 1: several—New Jersey.

5. I have already given the summary of this question elsewhere in this report.

I take great delight in calling your attention to the following reports from Department Patriotic Instructors which I found supplementing the regular report:

"I feel most all schools are doing well in teaching patriotism."

"One Brother Patriotic Instructor, colored man, said, 'We should be more determined to accomplish greater things in the future than in the past'."—Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, California & Pacific.

"School children in practically all our cities turn out for Memorial Day observance."—Fred L. Chapman, Connecticut.

"We have always found the school principals and teachers to be a splendid class of patriotic men and women, willing at all times to co-operate with patriotic organizations in any program that will aid in instilling patriotism and love of country in the hearts of their pupils."—Charles J. Watrous, Illinois.

Brother Watrous made the above observation after having a decidedly disagreeable experience with another type of school principal. I am glad that he has found school principals and teachers so willing to co-operate.

"Participated in the Centennial observance of 'Coming of White Man' to Ft. Dodge. I had a float in the parade and I won first prize in the Patriotic Section." "The float depicted Lincoln freeing the slaves."—A. C. Harmon, Iowa.

"I wrote for a list of the Camp Commanders and Patriotic Instructors. And I also wrote for blanks to be sent out but I never received them and I do not know how many Camps there are in the Department of Kansas at this time. There should be about fourteen."—C. B. Martin, Kansas.

Brother Martin reveals a condition of affairs that I feel is more common than we like to admit. In my Department the Department Secretary, Brother Chas. H. Hudson, supplies all of our Camps and the Department Officers with the names and addresses of the principal Camp Officers of every Camp. The Department Commander of Kansas is surely not on the job or he would correct the state of affairs depicted by Brother Martin.

"I have had the pleasure myself of giving two patriotic addresses in churches. They were very well received and I have been invited back again."—John L. Bateman, Maryland.

"Camp No. 115. The Camp has presented Flags to all schools in town, and as needed we replace them with new ones."

Camp No. 101. This Camp has for several years sponsored an essay contest in Junior High School Hall. Pupils of the ninth grade are required to write essays. Prizes of \$5.00, \$3.00 and \$2.00 are given by the Camp."

"Camp No. 35. Post No. 1, G. A. R., is the oldest Post in continuous existence in the United States."

"Camp No. 116. The Camp gives a prize to the member of the graduating class most proficient in United States history."

"Question 8: Does it mean school Memorial Day exercises or Memorial Day only?"

"Question 3, General: Ambiguous or misunderstood. Some evidently report simply the 'Soldiers' Monuments,' etc., while others in-

clude all grave stones of Civil War Veterans."—Fred E. Warren, Massachusetts.

It looks as if several questions are misunderstood and it would be well to have them interpreted so that all will understand them. It might be done through the columns of "The Banner" by the incoming National Patriotic Instructor.

"Camp No. 7 of Jackson has sponsored a Boy Scout Troop."—U. W. Mackey, Michigan.

"Camp No. 1. Brother W. J. Hiland, Patriotic Instructor, reports: I was appointed Department Color Bearer for the G. A. R. by their Department Commander. I arranged the Camp Fire Program for the Department Encampments of the G. A. R. for 1935 and for 1936."

"Camp No. 8. This Camp is working under the inspiration of Brother Charles F. Martin, Patriotic Instructor, with the National Cemetery Committee to secure the erection of a Chapel as a Memorial for the G. A. R. on the grounds of the new National Cemetery."—W. J. Hartung, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

"Our Division of Nebraska almost failed the past year but we are going to hold on and keep the fires burning. Will try and have a delegate from our state go to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Washington, Sept. 20 to 25, 1936."—Frank Mills, Nebraska.

Brother Arthur Matthewson, the present Department Patriotic Instructor, has been confined to his home for some time. He suffered the amputation of one of his legs. He and Brother Mills each sent in a report.

"I am heartily in favor of amending our laws so that a Commander-in-Chief, a Department Commander, or a Camp Commander be empowered to remove any officer who does not answer letters sent him by Department or National Officers and any Camp Officer who neglects to send in his report as soon as possible after it is due."—Claude E. Rockwood, New Hampshire.

"Services were held at the National cemeteries by the Woman's Relief Corps with the Sons firing the salute."—Edwin R. Shaw, New Jersey.

"Camp No. 50, Carlisle, has a Junior Camp of 40 Boys and a Junior Auxiliary of 32 Girls. Brother F. M. Heacock, Camp No. 149, Bradbury, addressed about 6500 school children."—H. R. F. Oehmler, Pennsylvania.

"The Department of Rhode Island, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have the honor to have Route No. 6 from Provincetown, Massachusetts, to the state of Colorado named as the Grand Army Highway which was dedicated August 30, 1936."—Harkless R. Macomber, Rhode Island.

"As Department Patriotic Instructor I have put in five District Meetings in this District No. 7. I have attended four in Vermont and two in New Hampshire. I have attended two Regional Meetings."—G. A. DeWitt, Vermont.

"Memorial Services are held in every Town where there are Camps. The Sons furnish transportation for the Grand Army Veterans at all times."—David O. Beck, Washington.

"Camp No. 34. Articles for the press were compiled by the Commander and by the Patriotic Instructor on Wm. McKinley and on U. S. Grant which were printed on their respective birthdays."—C. Gifford, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Camp No. 47. Brother Edw. E. Biering, Patriotic Instructor, had

twenty Churches and Schools visited by himself or by those designated by him. The best record in the Department.—Plymouth, Wisconsin.

"Camp No. 34. We have provided a bronze star marker and Flag holder for each soldier's grave in the county."—C. Gifford, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

If you will just read the excerpts quoted from the various reports from the Departments you will get a pretty good idea of the work that our Order is doing and also of how much the Order is accomplishing.

Our new form No. 50 and our new form No. 51 should be left in their present form for the time being but an effort should be made to explain some of the questions through the columns of "The Banner."

I believe that my recommendations of last year are just as good for this year:

1. Change the term of office of the Department Patriotic Instructors so that it will coincide with the term of office of the Camp Patriotic Instructors.

2. Let the new forms Nos. 50 and 51 remain as they are for another year at least.

3. Enforce penalties for failing to make required reports on time.

4. Encourage District Meetings.

5. Plan picnics and other social events for the affiliated societies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Remember the birthdays of the Civil War Veterans.

6. Do not fail to visit the remaining Veterans of the Civil War. Do all that you can to make their last hours on earth as pleasant as you can.

7. Although I have not had as much trouble in getting letters answered this year as I had last year yet I feel it will be for the good of our Order for us all to pledge ourselves to answer promptly all letters received by us during the coming year.

During my term of office I have not accomplished as much as I thought I would when the Commander-in-Chief asked me to serve another year as National Patriotic Instructor. I can truthfully say that I have given my best efforts to promoting our beloved Order. I know that the results have not been commensurate with my hopes.

I wish that each and every reader of this article would memorize the following little poem. I think it would make us all just a little better in every way in every activity of life. It would surely make each member of our beloved Order more active in every way that would increase our membership and our influence in upholding and inculcating the principles of our beloved Order.

A QUESTION FOR YOU

If all the members came like you
Then would our meetings have but few,
Or would the opposite be true
If all the members came like you?

If all the members paid like you
How much good could our Camp do?
Would the bills be paid as they fall due
If all the members paid like you?

If all the members worked like you
 Then how much good could our Camp do?
 Would our great aims be carried through
 If all the members worked like you?

And now, Commander-in-Chief, the official ties that have bound us together in the official family of our beloved Order will soon be dissolved and leave behind but a memory of what we have experienced during the year that is drawing to a close. But you, Commander-in-Chief, came into my life and influenced me before your elevation to the high office of Commander-in-Chief and I had learned your sterling worth long before you asked me to be a member of your official family. We have worked together for a common goal: the upbuilding of our beloved Order. I have learned so much from you that I know that I cannot ever hope to repay you except as I shall continue on in the way we are both traveling. You have given me great honor and I sincerely wish that I could have displayed more zeal and effort during the past year so that I might feel now that I had helped you more in all of the difficult problems that have beset your pathway during the past year.

I thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me personally and upon my Department and upon my Camp.

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

C. D. DONALDSON,
 National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Canton, Maine, August 31, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the annual report of my official acts as National Chaplain for the year just ending. It has been a hard year for me in connection with my church work. Everything has gone hilter skilter, culminating in a change of pastorate, leaving Taunton, Mass., to assume the triple pastorate composed of three churches on a circuit with my home and center of activities at Canton, Maine.

What with moving and just getting settled and trying to get the reports in from the Department Chaplains, I have found plenty to do. I thought the reports came in hard enough a year ago but they have been much slower in reaching me this year. As I said one year ago the great trouble comes with the laxness on the part of local Camps who bother the Department Chaplains and thus make it impossible for them to consolidate their reports and forward them to the National Chaplain on time.

In spite of the appeals made through The Banner, and by letter, for the early sending in of the reports, I have at the last minute received three Department Chaplain's reports, so that I could not finish the tabulation of this report until the very moment the completed report had to be on the way to the printer, so that the same could be printed with the other reports for distribution at the Commandery meeting.

As I said one year ago it would help matters a great deal if there could be a better understanding between the incoming and outgoing

Department Chaplains as to who is to make out the report. The time for making out reports, coming as it does so soon after Memorial Day, when several Departments hold their Encampments and new Chaplains are appointed, it is highly important that it shall be definitely understood as to who is to make out the report, the man whose term is expiring or the new officer.

It is also highly important that Department headquarters see to it that the latest blank forms are used in sending in reports. There are several Departments that are still using the old forms for Department Chaplains. The new blanks have thirteen questions to be answered while the old forms have but twelve. The new blanks call for a report as to the number of Camps having Grave Marking Committees, and also as to whether or not the Department has a Grave Marking Committee. To make the report complete we should have this information each year.

If the Department Commanders and Secretaries would get in touch with the National Secretary, and secure these blanks, it would be a great help to the National Chaplain in making his report much more complete.

During the past year we have lost by death one Past Commander-in-Chief, and twenty-four Past Department Commanders. This is a great loss as compared with that of one year ago when we reported the passing away of one Past Commander-in-Chief, and nine Past Department Commanders. An appropriate memorial service for these brothers will be held in connection with the Encampment, as we did last year, with our sisters of the Auxiliary.

It will not be my privilege to be on hand to conduct our part in the Memorial Services this year, owing to other demands on my time in a new pastorate, but I am sure that some worthy brother will be assigned to the task in my absence, and to him I would express my thanks for taking this service for me.

IN MEMORIAM

September 6, 1935—George W. Swift, Lansing, Michigan, Past Department Commander.

October 9, 1935—Herbert D. Williams, Trenton, New Jersey, Past Department Commander, and former member Council-in-Chief.

November 18, 1935—Jacob J. Couch, St. Joseph, Missouri, Past Department Commander.

November 28, 1935—George Nexsen, Evansville, Indiana, Past Department Commander.

December 12, 1935—Herman Rabich, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Past Department Commander.

December 20, 1935—Charles F. Aument, Pennsylvania, Past Department Commander.

January 13, 1936—Minor S. Bacon, Nebraska, Past Department Commander.

January 15, 1936—J. Horace Nims, New York, Past Department Commander.

January 19, 1936—Ralph M. Campbell, Pennsylvania, Past Department Commander.

January 21, 1936—Vinton G. Payne, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Past Department Commander.

January 29, 1936—Judge Fred V. Wood, California & Pacific, Past Department Commander.

March 4, 1936—S. L. Carpenter, Iowa, Past Department Commander. Transferred to Department of California in 1920. Died at Santa Ana, Cal. Carried on Rolls as Past Department Commander of California & Pacific.

March 5, 1936—Eugene B. Smith, Minnesota, Past Department Commander.

March 10, 1936—Major Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C., Past Department Commander, Maryland, 1890, and Past Commander-in-Chief, 1901.

March 12, 1936—Albert Huelsman, Wisconsin, Past Department Commander.

March 18, 1936—Hubert Berton Mathews, Brookings, South Dakota, Minnesota, Past Department Commander.

March 20, 1936—Oscar E. Davis, Alton, New Hampshire, Past Department Commander.

March 21, 1936—Frank S. Phipps, Wisconsin, Past Department Commander.

March 26, 1936—James M. Hughes, Ohio, Past Department Commander, and former member of the Council-in-Chief.

April 13, 1936—Andrew C. Cloudman, Cumberland Mills, Maine, Past Department Commander.

July 4, 1936—Robert L. Whitcomb, Portland, Maine, Past Department Commander and Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

July 11, 1936—George E. Cogshall, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Past Department Commander, and Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

————— H. W. Reese, Nebraska, Past Department Commander.

August 8, 1936—A. D. Bungler, Des Moines, Iowa, Past Department Commander, and Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

STATISTICAL RECAPITULATION

Number of Camps as reported in good standing shows a loss of six this year. Number of Camps reporting shows a loss of nine. Number of brothers reported by Chaplains as in good standing shows a loss of 154. Number reported as attending Memorial Sunday services this year shows a gain of four.

Number of brothers participating in Memorial Day services shows a loss of 223. Number of Camps having firing squads shows a gain of 50. Number of brothers giving Memorial Day addresses shows a loss of 53. Number of cemeteries covered by Sons shows a gain of 471. Number of flags placed in cemeteries shows a loss of 31,746, but this is accounted for by the fact that other organizations are now doing the work that the G. A. R. and Sons did to quite an extent, barring of course the number of new graves each year, and many of these are being cared for by organizations other than our own. Number of flags placed over G. A. R. graves shows a loss of 67,586, but this can be explained by the fact that other organizations, where there are no Camps, are doing the work and we do not have the figures of all that is done in this way.

Number of flags placed on other veterans graves shows a gain of 16,263 that our organization reports as having used. Number of markers placed on graves of Civil War Veterans we report a loss of 10,006 this year, and doubtless this falling off can be accounted for by the fact that the World War Veterans are doing work that we formerly did. Number of graves given special attention by Sons shows a gain of 3,509. Number of brothers deceased shows four more this year than last year. Number of funerals attended or conducted by

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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 Firing 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 Attended or Conducted. TOTAL.	A. Civil War Veterans.	B. Camp Members.	C. Members of Allied Organizations.	No. Camps Observing Union Defenders Day.	No. Camps Having Committee on Marking Vets. Graves.	Has the Department a Committee on Marking Veterans Graves?
Alabama & Tennessee....	4	4	61	61	59	0	3	15	11241	10761	480	200	1	19	8	1	1	2	1	No	
California & Pacific.....	21	18	569	186	285	8	35	62	18671	6783	11891	398	283	15	76	53	14	3	3	No	
Colorado & Wyoming....	9	5	261	60	88									15			0	0	2	No	
Connecticut	31	26	1355	465	530	15	54	226	11120	12320	1800	75	710	30	22	23	9	6	18	26	Yes
Illinois	28	12	499	126	166	0	55	67	7398	4582	2816	69	5	10	31	13	8	6	9	Yes	
Indiana	30	21	875	300	350	0	2	500	4500	4000	500	25	25	13	104	93	12	6	21	19	No
Iowa	16	8	116	45	59	4	8	36	4221	793	48	41	15	5	17	13	4	6	4	7	†
Kansas	10	6	120	8	8	0	1	4	608	486	122		224	0	2	2	0	5	4	1	†
Maine	34	20	950	344	353	20	29	215	10268	9568	700	61	187	20	23	5	15	6	3	14	No
Maryland	11	4	168	38	62		8	37	1760	1606	0	48	195	5	13		1	1	2	No	
Massachusetts	130	65	2522	937	1114	35	91	475	35031	32461	2570	1926	128	66	146	65	65	26	39	36	†
Michigan	18	10	384	117	172	6	19	58	8126	7402	724	1482	635	11	34	19	8	7	16	5	Yes
Minnesota	10	10	202	121	182	3	19	26	3753		†	0	0		11	7		4	9	No	
Missouri	9	8	258	88	104	2	18	54	6866	6748	118	5	19	110	18	26	15	9	2	2	No
Nebraska	5	5	116	75	61	1	8	10	410	375	65	5	9	4	6	2		3	2		No
New Hampshire	22	13	463	181	264	5	9	134	5896	5751	145	24	3	9	18	9	2	6	8	No	
New Jersey	26	13	864	207	291	11	33	146	8172	8064	1009	41	72	14	30	13	14	1	12	11	No
New York	80	41	1351	678	621	15	68	305	27492	?	?	1167	162	99	118	71	49	7	25	29	No
Ohio	72	36	1281	515	635	19	40	287	28864	24770	3494	480	842	24	79	52	21	4	21	25	Yes
Oregon	8	8	211	66	95	3	14	40	1954	1794	160	12	229	5	21	11	5	2	5	8	No
Pennsylvania	111	60	5373	1689	1913	82	195	861	58136	43595	14541	1014	977	100	154	64	79	11	45	44	No
Rhode Island	16	12	205	112	174	9	13	193	6590	6152	428	14	337	7	14	7	2	1	7	1	†
Vermont	25	19	662	150	231	8	4	133	4133	3848	285	19	5	9	20	11	8	1	6	9	Yes
Washington	5	5	100	41	49	0	2	10	1250	1240	10	1	24	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	No
Wisconsin	17	17	495	171	238	6	10	113	10236	2693	2443	22	168	15	23	22	10	1	8	12	No
Total																					1

†—No figures given, either because old blank forms were used and these questions were not on the blanks, or the question was overlooked.

*—Discrepancy is due to Camp not making report on 300 flags.

?—Department Chaplain reports that the reports to him were so confused that it is impossible to distinguish.

*—No figures given.

†—Marking graves and placing markers and flags is done by all patriotic Orders and we have no detailed records.

†—No figures given but statement to the effect that all graves in State are marked.

§—5 yes; 16 no; 1 no answer.

Sons shows a loss of \$3. Number funerals of G. A. R. Veterans attended or conducted by Sons \$3 less this year. Number funerals attended or conducted for members of allied organizations 26 less than one year ago. Number Camps observing Union Defenders Day gain of five over year ago.

Number Camps having grave marking committee shows a gain of 101 this year. Same number of Departments (5) report having grave marking committees as last year; 16 Departments reply they have no such committee; this year four Departments made no answer as to whether or not they had a grave marking committee. If the Departments will get the latest Department Chaplain's report blanks from the National Secretary, question 13, which asks about Camp and Department Grave Marking Committees is on the latest blank, and there will then be no excuse for Departments failing to answer this question. There has been an improvement this year so it would appear that Departments are better supplied with the latest blanks.

On the whole I feel that the Order is doing well its work, the greatest falling off in statistics I believe coming from localities where the World War Veterans have taken the places of Camps that formerly existed, and in some instances are doing much of the work the Camps formerly did. I however believe that our statistics would show up better if we would make a special effort to get from others the amount of work done, especially if we have a hand in the doing of the work. Even though some one else reports the activities to their organization we should be able to report more of the work done for the G. A. R. and other veterans, even if it is done quite largely by others.

I still feel that there is much for our organization to do, and we have no need for discouragement as we are maintaining to a very high degree the fine showing that we have made through the years in all that pertains to the interests and memories of the Civil War Veterans that we revere.

In concluding my report I regret that circumstances have prohibited my making visitations to any of the Department Encampments this year, although it has been my privilege to visit a number of Camps in the Department of Massachusetts during my residence there. I have been a fairly regular attendant at the meeting of General D. N. Couch Camp of Taunton, Mass., and have been treated with the utmost courtesy by the brothers of that Camp and its Auxiliary, having attended frequently the meetings of our sisters in Taunton, who honored Mrs. Soule by election as Patriotic Instructor.

To Commander-in-Chief Locke I give my hearty thanks for the honor he conferred on me by asking me to continue in service as National Chaplain during his administration. I regret my inability to attend the Encampment, but trust and believe that it will be a happy occasion for all of you, and my hope is that much legislation for the advancement of the Order will be enacted. The future of the organization depends on the zeal and energy put forth during the next few years. May we all lend a hand in the direction of putting our Order in the front ranks of the patriotic bodies.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

(Rev.) ARTHUR M. SOULE,
National Chaplain.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 2, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

A number of matters have been submitted to me for my opinion during the past year, nearly all of which pertained to the procedure of Camps or Departments. It seems to be overlooked by members and by Department Officers that the duties of the National Counselor are to act as legal advisor of the Commander-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief. Department Officers should call upon the Department Counselor for his opinion on all matters arising in Camps or in Departments. It has been necessary, therefore, to refer back to Department Counselors a number of questions which did not in any way pertain to the Commandery-in-Chief. If Department Officers will bear in mind Section 8 of Article 5 of the Constitution and Regulations referring to the Commandery-in-Chief, they will save themselves, as well as the Commander-in-Chief and his National Counselor, a great deal of unnecessary correspondence.

It has been a pleasure to have served you as National Counselor. Your own experience in the office of National Counselor has made it easy and appropriate for you to determine many questions which might otherwise have reached this office. Your broad experience, good judgment and wise discretion have reduced the tasks of this office to a minimum and they account for the brevity of this report.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PERSONAL AIDE

Allegan, Michigan, July 29, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I am submitting herewith my report as your Personal Aide.

First, I want to thank you for this honor. I have tried in all ways to fulfill my duties fully and to aid and build up the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with credit to ourselves, and to keep green the heroic accomplishments of our Fathers.

It has been my hope and prayer that I could be of some assistance in carrying on the work to be accomplished and, I might add, that your accomplishments this year have been remarkable and outstanding.

I have attended meetings at various places at your direction, and I hope in every instance at all meetings which I have attended said representation was such that I have not only carried out my full duty, but my labors have been to your satisfaction and to the satisfaction of my Brothers.

In the entire year I have worked with the idea of not only accomplishing something, but to accomplish something of a permanent nature, something that could be builded on in the future. Much of this has been accomplished in the Central Region, where a foundation has been laid and quite well established, for the building up not only

the stronger Departments, but to furnish substantial aid to the weaker ones, which plan, if continued, will add much strength to the order itself, as it has already been the means of getting new members, bringing a better acquaintance and understanding of the membership, and above all much discussion of ideas, and the actual accomplishment of an organization of these eleven Departments in the Central Region working in harmony, grasping the better ideas and building on them, and at the same time rejecting the unworkable.

With pleasure I call your attention to the effect in my own Department where considerable has been accomplished.

I hold it is not the only purpose of the Sons of Union Veterans to perpetuate the memory of our Fathers, and to carry on our Memorial Day functions—those are cardinal duties and acts of love and affection—but it is our duty as Sons of our Fathers, to take their places in the affairs of this Country they saved, to do our uttermost to keep and maintain our rights as citizens, and to preserve and build for the future its free institutions; to so conduct ourselves that we will be looked upon by the general public as possessing the same qualities of leadership as did our sires, endowed in mind and courage with the high ideals of our Fathers, and to stand and fight for a constitutional Government.

I shall always remember our fine associations of this year. My vision is of a loyal service always from you to this Order for which you have sacrificed so much.

Sincerely and in F. C. and L.,

PERLE L. FOUCH,
Personal Aidc.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford, Conn., August 17, 1936.

To Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The Committee on Marking Graves submit to you their report for the term 1935-1936. Considerable increased interest in the locating, identifying and marking of soldiers' graves in the various Departments of our Order has been shown during the past year. Several of the Departments now locate, in addition to the graves of Civil War Veterans, the graves of Veterans of all Wars. This has brought to our Order many favorable press notices. Requests from almost every State in the Union have been made to this office as to the location of soldiers' graves, their service and date of death. The purpose of most of these requests has been to join the various patriotic organizations, and it has been the means of attracting new members to our Order.

Among the visitors to this office during the past year have been Past Commanders-in-Chief Homan, Kirchgassner and Grant, Past Department Commanders Harding Hale, Harry Weiler and Addison A. Quinn of Massachusetts, and members of our Order from all of the New England Departments.

It is a pleasure to report on the work the different Departments have been doing the past year.

INDIANA—Under the leadership of Brother Will H. Ball, Chairman, this Department is doing a wonderful work. They have a De-

partment Committee consisting of a Chairman from each Camp in the State to head a Committee in his locality, giving each member of his local Committee an outlying cemetery, have him plot it, marking each Veteran's grave (not only Civil War Veterans but Veterans of all wars). They are making a card file of all names sent in, tabulating by counties and cemeteries. They intend to continue until every burying place has been covered. They call it Indiana's Roll of Honor, to be dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic. In addition to marking and tabulating the graves, they are giving special attention to improving the conditions of the graves which in many cases are found overgrown with weeds and briars; 149 government stones have been set on soldiers' unmarked graves. Chairman Ball is the right man in the right place. He says: "I am more than pleased to be able to send you this kind of a report; if every state would only wake up and do something like this we could soon sing another song at National. It is a huge task and I am going to stay with it until it is completed." Long live Brother Will.

MICHIGAN—Brother Francis E. Hall, Chairman. This Department Committee has continued the splendid work commenced some years ago. Their annual consolidated report, made to the Department Encampment held at Battle Creek, shows the following graves located and marked:

Revolutionary	27
War of 1812	80
Mexican	31
Civil (Union)	10,633
Civil (Confederate)	4
Indian	4
Spanish-American ..	472
World	1,293
Government stones	6,666
Private stones	5,183
No stones	695
Military record on stones	9,870
Total Soldiers	12,544
Total Cemeteries	290 in 20 counties

At the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief held at Grand Rapids, last September, I had the pleasure of spending an evening at Brother Hall's home. He has a card system showing the name of Veteran, his service, date of death, age and burial place. At the last Encampment of the Michigan Department G. A. R. they voted to turn over to him all record books of the Michigan Department to assist him in keeping his records. Brother Hall is to be commended for the fine work he is doing.

OREGON—Edward C. Kruger, Chairman, has done splendid work in and near Salem. Brother Kruger and his Committee have been busy in marking every soldier's grave, and at this time have all but two marked with a stone. Before the stones were placed in the cemeteries they were taken to the Armory and dedicated on February 16th, with a large attendance of the allied organizations coming from all parts of the State. Needless to say that this was given front page in the Oregon newspapers. Brother Kruger and his Committee should receive the thanks of all for the fine work they are doing.

MARYLAND—James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, of Baltimore, has a plan whereby the United States Government should take over many of the small neglected cemeteries, clean them up, and provide flags, etc.

PENNSYLVANIA—In the past many of the Camps in this Department made maps and located the graves of Civil War Veterans. Now the work is done by Counties, under the supervision of counties, in which all Veteran Organizations join in making a complete list of all soldiers' graves. This list consists of the burial location of Veterans of all Wars.

MASSACHUSETTS—H. Glenn Sumner is Chairman of the Department Committee. He is doing fine work at Worcester. Another member of the Committee, Roger W. Hanners, is doing good work at Marblehead and many Camps throughout the Department have made lists of all Veterans buried in their particular locality. It would seem to me if the Department Committee could consolidate this work, more effective work could be done in the Camps not locating soldiers' graves.

ILLINOIS—This Department has a Grave Marking Committee and in the past it has done wonderful work. I am unable to give you the result of their work during this past year.

RHODE ISLAND—This Department has joined with other Patriotic Orders in making a complete list of Veterans of all Wars buried in Rhode Island, and placing stones at the graves of those who are now unmarked. Good progress has been made.

In the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New Jersey, many Camps have located on maps or charts the location of the Veterans' graves they decorate. This is good work.

NEW YORK—Most of the locating and charting of Veterans' graves in this Department is in the central part of the State. This Department met with a great loss in the passing of Theodore Cazeau. His work in the locating and marking graves in and near Rochester will stand as a memorial to him for all time.

CONNECTICUT—This Department during the past year has been busy consolidating and typing the information secured from the inscriptions taken from the 2,207 cemeteries in Connecticut, also from all the death notices in the old Connecticut newspapers which go back as far as 1755. From the newspapers we secured the death notice of over four thousand additional names of Revolutionary Veterans as well as many Veterans of other Wars. To care for the future, we have a new law whereby all Sextons of Cemeteries, all Undertakers and Town Clerks, shall report to this office the death of Veterans, giving the Veteran's name, service, date of death, age and the cemetery and town that he was buried. We hope in this way to have a record of all soldiers who died or were buried in Connecticut. This Department for many years past has had the co-operation and support of Mr. George S. Godard, State Librarian. It is with regret we report Mr. Godard died February 12th. Our Order has lost a good friend. It is due to the active interest he had always shown that much of the success in the marking of graves in this Department has been made.

Such in brief is the report of your Committee on Marking Graves. Your Committee believes that such an important work should become a Department work, that every Department should have an active Department Grave Marking Committee. It would show the Grand Army of the Republic, and the general public, that we really are doing something worth while. Therefore, your Committee feels that the work should be continued for the coming year, and so recommends.

The cost for typing and postage has been \$55.00.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. R. HALE,
Chairman, Grave Marking Committee.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, it is not my intention to make a speech, but I do want to take this opportunity to express to you my gratification for the opportunity which has been mine to work with you during your term of office. I appreciate the very kind reference you have made in your report concerning my activities in the New England Region and my only regret is that I feel that I have only done half a job for you. I have felt a particular pride in the fact that your ancestors came from my state. I know you had a warm spot in your heart for Dover. Sometime ago the City Hall in Dover was destroyed by fire and it became necessary to remove several maple trees when erecting the new building. I have had a little gavel made from one of these and I present it to you so that as you have occasion to look at it in years to come it may recall to you your Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Cleon Heald. (Presents gavel made out of maple wood).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am deeply grateful to you for this very kind expression and I shall do everything within my power to use this gavel with discretion and fairness.

Past Department Commander McElroy, Department of Maryland, was introduced and addressed the Encampment: I am here as a representative of the Citizens' Committee and on behalf of the chairman, want to bid you welcome. We have arranged for a courtesy luncheon for 12:30 in the ballroom upstairs for the members of the Sons and Auxiliary. The ballroom will accommodate only five hundred people, and we now have registered, two hundred seventy-six Auxiliary members and about two hundred fifty Sons, bringing the total up to five hundred twenty-five. This is twenty-five more than we can handle. Therefore, Maryland Department members of the Auxiliary and Maryland Department members of the Sons of Union Veterans are not going to be able to attend the luncheon.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Captain Stoudt, will you extend Colonel Prittie's invitation to this assemblage?

Past Department Commander Stoudt: May I suggest, Commander-in-Chief, that Colonel Prittie is in the room.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I beg your pardon, Colonel, I didn't know you were here. Will you extend your invitation at this time?

Colonel Edwin J. Prittie, Commanding Officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve: Commander-in-Chief, and Members, I wish to extend a cordial invitation for you all to visit our Camp just south of the Washington Monument, and to attend tonight, tomorrow night, and possibly Thursday night, the regular evening dress parade at 5:30.

Commander-in-Chief Locke announced the following as members of the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary: Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief Park F. Yengling, Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse, National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer, Past Department Commander William F. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts.

Recess was declared until 2:00 p. m. in the Grand Ballroom.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Encampment was called to order at two-forty-five p. m. The members joined in singing "America." Past Department Commanders Allen Spink of Connecticut and George Farrington of Vermont were appointed Guards.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee submits a supplemental report. There are 266 voting members present at this time. This exceeds by thirty-one the total number at the last Encampment. I move that the supplemental report be accepted. (Motion seconded and carried).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: We have in waiting Past Commander-in-Chief Russell C. Martin of California, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Overton H. Mennet of California, Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Commanders-in-Chief Grant and Irelan to act as escorts.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The visit of the official committee from the Grand Army of the Republic is always the high spot of an Encampment. Comrades, we welcome you, not only as the representatives of our fathers, but as typical American citizens. It is my pleasure to present to this Encampment, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dr. Overton H. Mennet: Commander and staff, and all of our Sons here assembled, it is certainly a great privilege to be present with you. It is an honor which I appreciate very much. Of course, our time here in Washington is limited. We have so many places to go and so much to do and we have to have somebody straighten us out once in a while or we would get all mixed up. We are very glad to greet you and to bring you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and to wish for your Commander and for your members a most enjoyable and satisfactory convention; one of the best you have ever had—here in Washington where the spirit of our forefathers causes us to think and feel the enthusiasm and patriotism which is inherent in all American citizens, and I appreciate very much my presence here with you. But to show you that, I am going to sing for you our Grand Army song. (Sings "The Grand Army Button"). (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: And now to make complete this part of our reunion, we have Colonel Martin, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief, Colonel Russell C. Martin: Commander-in-Chief Locke of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and your staff, and these Past Commanders-in-Chief, Department Commanders, and members and friends, my pal has brought you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and I was just more than overjoyed that he sang the song that he sang to get in your hearts deeper the idea of the Grand Army button that us old fellows have worn and

will wear. It is a touching song. It touches of where we have been and where we are now and where we are going. We are a vanishing army. We are just as loyal as ever we were and the Grand Army of the Republic are loyal to you and we are looking to you to carry on these principles that have been advocated for these many, many years. We are proud of our allies. To think that they have served under the banner of the Grand Army of the Republic for fifty years or more, not looking back, but looking forward. You and the others have been associated with the Grand Army of the Republic more than fifty years and still going strong. Keep on going.

We come here as just comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to bring our good wishes to you and maybe in some way by our presence, or something we may say or do to encourage you, and particularly to show you that we are interested in you and we want you to win and if we can assist you in this way, we will be pleased to do it. And we wish this afternoon they could stretch out this Encampment two weeks instead of one week. We do enjoy being here but our time is so short. I know I don't enjoy it as I would if I could stay a half a day and take part in the proceedings and join with you and perhaps to assist you with advice. We are always ready to help you under any circumstances and I am glad to have the opportunity of visiting you here today. I am a friend and will assist and do anything which it is possible in my power to help you. Commander-in-Chief, you know there is a great work to be done and it is terribly hard for these members as a whole to work together and to get ideas together and that is our main drawback to teach our members to keep solid and work together and do the thing that they ought to do. When we come together in the Grand Army we meet in comradeship and so it is with your organization. I am asking you to work together and hang together and carry on for American basic principles.

I am wishing you all the success possible for me to wish you and I am hoping that you will have a wonderful influence over this great country of ours for having been Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I don't know how to thank you for this visit and even more than that for the inspiration you have given us and the sound wisdom you have expressed and which we accept in the same spirit as that in which you gave it. I was deeply impressed by the song. Each of you have a bronze button. So have I. And it is mine, but I have no right to wear it, but let any man try to take it from me.

The formal response will be given by Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, Past Commander-in-Chief Martin, and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Menett, I realize that your Commander-in-Chief looked over your membership pretty thoroughly before appointing his committee on greetings to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Comrade Menett, your song of the Grand Army button has touched the hearts of every Son of a Veteran present. We all have buttons. We all have insignias. I am as proud of mine as any of the other Sons of Union Veterans are of theirs. But none—~~not~~ one will linger in our hearts and memories as the bronze button worn by our fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic.

What a poor rural physician can say to you, I know not. Everything has been said before. I am at a loss to find words to express

our feelings to you, our fathers, and to the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. There are no words in the English language that mean the same or as much as those words. They mean benevolence; they mean loyalty; and they mean strength. You fought a noble fight. You accomplished much. I sometimes think, and especially in the past year or two, have wondered if what you accomplished has been appreciated. At times I feel somewhat disgraced that I am an American citizen and yet, understand this, I take second place to no one as to my patriotism and reverence for the flag. But, when you think of what has been going on of late; the robbery of our rights and privileges; the madcap government; the assault on the Constitution; the assault on everything for which America and our Constitution stands, can you not understand that one sort of questions that citizenship or that he wants to be an American citizen.

But, I can see a bright side. Here, in the Sons of Veterans, is a noble order of men, some of you with gray locks. Yet, there are many others who are much younger that are going on to fight the good fight, to carry on the ideas for which you fought and which you want to be preserved and each of these parties are going away from this meeting filled with the enthusiasm that you two men represent. It cannot help but make a better country, a better citizenry for us in the United States, and I appeal to you, my brothers, to fight with all the strength in your body to do your part to combat all of those that are now working to tear down the system of Government under which we live. It can be done and it will be done if we, the younger men, will go on and take up the fight these men have finished.

We are delighted to have such a representative committee from your body. You have been an inspiration to us and I sincerely trust that as the sun is setting for you, that you will take pride in the fact that you have a body of young men who will love and revere your memory, who will go on fighting, and that you can go out in peace, knowing that for which you fought will be carried on.

After the visitors had been escorted from the room, Commander-in-Chief Locke read the following list of Committee appointments:

Officers' Reports:

Carl F. Sattler, Past Department Commander of Ohio, Chairman.
 H. Harding Hale, Past Department Commander of Massachusetts.
 W. R. Henrlein, Delegate of Pennsylvania.
 Oscar F. Huhn, Department Commander of Minnesota.
 A. D. Rhinesmith, Past Department Commander of Illinois.

Resolutions Committee:

E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chairman.
 Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief.
 Delevan B. Bowley, Past Commander-in-Chief.
 Benjamin F. Haag, Delegate, Wisconsin.
 William J. Shultz, Delegate, Ohio.

Ritual and Ceremonies:

Arthur H. Leh, Department Commander of Pennsylvania.
 Edwin C. Ireland, Past Commander-in-Chief.
 George H. Poole, Department Commander of Vermont.
 Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine.
 Dewey B. Mead, Delegate, Minnesota.

Greetings Committees:

Grand Army of the Republic:

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, Chairman, and such other members as he selects.

Woman's Relief Corps:

Perle L. Fouch, Past Department Commander, Michigan, Chairman.

George M. Farrington, Past Department Commander, Vermont.
Titus M. Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Fred Arnold, Past Department Commander, Rhode Island.

Jackson C. Carr, Past Department Commander, New Hampshire.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

A. Walter Lewis, Sr., Department Commander, Rhode Island.

J. H. Disseler, Delegate, Wisconsin.

Thomas L. Crawford, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

Allen F. Spink, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.

Isadore Lang, Delegate, New York.

Daughters of Union Veterans:

William Allan Dyer, Past Department Commander, New York, Chairman.

James M. Adams, Department Commander, Michigan.

Herbert W. Cleaveland, Department Commander, Connecticut.

W. R. Boyce, Delegate, Minnesota.

John L. Reeger, Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, we have two delegations in waiting, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the District of Columbia, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The first delegation named was admitted with Past Department Commander A. W. Lewis, Rhode Island, and P. A. DeGroot, Maryland, escorting, and were introduced to the convention: Chief-of-Staff of the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars, District of Columbia, Mrs. Edith Denbroeder, and Junior Vice Department President Mrs. Ethel Sendlak.

Mrs. Denbroeder: We just desire to welcome you and extend to you the greetings and best wishes of the members of the District of Columbia, Veterans of Foreign Wars. We are co-operating with you and your organization and we are at your disposal at any time. We hope that your stay in our city will be successful and profitable.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The City of Washington belongs to the nation. Upon those who reside there, we have placed the responsibility of caring for it in the interest of every American citizen. That responsibility is great, but if you need any help from those of us who spend the most of our time in other parts of the nation, you have only to let us know.

Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army was next admitted and introduced: Sarah J. Ehrmann, Past National President, Chairman; Cora Rowling of Ohio, Past National President; Florence Whitmore of West Virginia, Past Department President; Margaret Grandle of Kansas, Past National President.

Past National President and Committee Chairman Sarah J. Ehrmann: Commander-in-Chief and members of your wonderful convention, I bring the greetings to you and the love of your mother organi-

zation, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the one organization that, when it was established, was organized by the mothers of the veterans themselves and the wives. Today we are celebrating our fiftieth anniversary and that is why we are dressed in the yellow dresses symbolizing the golden anniversary of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. And, Brother Locke, I want to extend to you the personal greetings of our beloved National President, Sister Williamson. She told us that you were so solictious of her during your year, you were so kind that she will never forget the many courtesies you extended to her and she has sent to you a gift that I am sure you will cherish—Our Fathers' Commander—and when you look at this beautiful picture, we want you to remember the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the blood kin of your fathers. (Presents picture of Abraham Lincoln).

I also want to present to you the official badge of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and I hope when you look at it it will remind you of the mother organization.

Now, boys, we do love you and it is a great pleasure to come to you and I look forward and I really love to come and see the wonderful body of our Sons of Union Veterans and I wish you a most harmonious convention.

Past National President Cora Rowling: Commander-in-Chief, I just want to extend the greetings from Ohio to these Sons, and our best wishes, our love and our greetings for a most harmonious and pleasant convention.

Past Department President Florence Whitmore: Commander-in-Chief and Sous of Union Veterans, words fail me to tell what a proud moment it was to me when our National President announced my appointment to this committee. It has been a very happy time and I was very proud to have this honor to come over to visit you.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The President of the Federated Patriotic Societies the past year has been Mrs. Margaret Grandle of Kansas, Past National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. During her administration the work of the Federation has been greatly advanced to such an extent that at the meeting held on Sunday more enthusiasm was shown and a better spirit of co-operation evidenced than has ever been known. Judge Willett, Judge Advocate General of the Grand Army of the Republic, made a statement to this effect at the meeting and all those who attended were loud in their praise of the manner in which the affairs of the Federation had been conducted during the past year. It is an honor to our organization to have Mrs. Grandle present with us on this occasion as an official representative of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I take pleasure in presenting her to the Encampment.

Past National President Margaret Grandle: Commander-in-Chief, Mr. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Mr. Holbrook, and others in this auditorium whom I recognize and each man assembled here who is representing the Sons of Union Veterans: I am so happy to come today to bring greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Your Commander has given me such an overwhelming introduction I am just almost overcome. But he is right, we did have a fine meeting and I am gratified that appreciation came from Judge Willett.

Sons, you are assembled in this our capital city. It ought to help us to be better citizens, to live up to the traditions of our forefathers and it seems there is a special responsibility falling upon your shoulders. The Grand Army of the Republic is fast leaving us and it is

certainly the Sons of Union Veterans that our allied organizations should lean upon. And we must have the Sons of Union Veterans. It is certainly a great responsibility that rests upon the Sons and I know you will measure up to what is required of you.

I want especially to have the pleasure of pinning my badge on the man who was Commander-in-Chief when I was the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mr. Holbrook. Our Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic certainly appreciate the Sons of Union Veterans and stand ready to do everything in our power for the success of our Sons of Union Veterans.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: We thank you for these kindly expressions. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Homan to respond.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Commander-in-Chief and Ladies of this Greetings Committee, this reminds me of a story. A certain colored family had twins the other day and they named one George Washington and the other Encore. And when they were asked why they named the one Encore, they said it was because he wasn't on the program. That is something like I feel right now. I am very much pleased to respond to these greetings because years ago when I was Commander-in-Chief I received splendid co-operation from this organization. I was very glad to learn that this organization was celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. When you see the women all dressed up in gold colored gowns you know they are celebrating their golden anniversary.

I was on the school board back home and we used to meet and get our business transacted and we were through and home between eight and nine o'clock. But after an election we got some women on the board and we never did get home until between ten and twelve o'clock and one of the members got disgusted and he asked: "Why is it they made women so beautiful and so dumb." And another member answered him: "Why God made them beautiful so we would love them and He made them dumb so that they would love us." Now, these women are very beautiful, and—well, you heard the chairman say they loved us.

But, to be serious. We in this organization respect you and we love you for what you have done for our fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic. Go back and tell your organization that the Sons of Union Veterans love you and will do all in our power to measure up to your expectations of us. I hope when you come for your 100th anniversary we will be here to greet you.

National Secretary Hammer read the following communications:

Maywood, Calif., Sept. 8, 1936.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Brother Horace:

Again disappointment is mine that I will not be able to attend the national convention of the Commandery-in-Chief at Washington. For a long time I had been looking forward to being able to meet with the brothers when the Encampment would be held at the national capital, but it seems that the pleasure will not be mine.

However, I want to extend to Commander-in-Chief Locke my congratulations that he has been able to stem the losses that have prevailed the past few years, for I understand that the loss will be, or rather has been, much less than in previous years. In the face of

conditions which have existed and the general apathy which has prevailed over the country as pertains to "Sons of their Fathers" proving true to their heritage, this is decidedly encouraging and should inspire the rest of us to greater efforts, now that a change is apparent.

Will you please remember me to those who might inquire of me and perhaps things may change for me in the future and my health so improve that I may at least once more have the great privilege of meeting with all of you.

Trusting that the Encampment will be one of the best in the history of the organization and that you will elect some brother who will be able to carry on along lines which has enabled Commander-in-Chief Locke to bring about a better condition, I am

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

PELHAM A. BARROWS,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

Governors Island, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1936.

James W. Lyons, Secretary Maryland Department,
Sons of Union Veterans, New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

My new duties definitely prevent my accepting nomination for any office in Commandery-in-Chief. Please make my excuses to Commander-in-Chief for not having notified him by letter but I just started on my new job last week and hoped to find more time than I have. I am trying to get to Washington for one day if I possibly can. If I do not succeed, please express my regrets to my brother members. Best wishes to you all for a very successful Encampment.

U. S. GRANT.

Urbana, Ill., Sept. 14, 1936.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Secretary Hammer:

Owing to the fact that we shall be in the process of opening a new school year at the time of the Washington Encampment, I shall not be able to be present. Please believe me when I say that I regret very much this action on my part.

My sincere wish is that the Committee will make a substantial progress in setting up and in improving the program and policy of our organization.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES M. THOMPSON.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 19, 1936.

Mr. Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I regret exceedingly my inability to attend your Encampment, but matters beyond my control will prevent.

It is my hope that the membership of our Order will appreciate the efforts that you have put forth as their Commander this past year. You have more than fulfilled the expectations of those that knew

you so well, you have made Illinois proud of you and can fittingly take your place with those worthy Commanders-in-Chief from Illinois that have served our Order so faithfully, Abbott, Shepard, Dustin, Church, Ireland and Holbrook.

You have worked for the past twenty years, that I know of, with one object in mind and that is to establish a policy for our beloved Order that can be carried on from year to year without interruption, the only plan that will ever put our Organization in the place that it deserves. I trust that those who follow as the head of our Commandery-in-Chief will carry on.

Nan joins me in extending our best wishes for a successful Encampment and so all I can say is—

“Here’s to you, Dick Locke,
 May you live a thousand years,
 To sort of make things lively
 In this vale of human tears
 And here’s that I may live
 A thousand years too,
 Did I say a thousand years?
 No, a thousand less a day
 For, I would hate to live on this earth
 And learn that you had passed away.”

Sincerely yours,

HARRY M. COEN,
 Past Department Commander of Illinois.

Grants Pass, Oregon, Sept. 16, 1936.

Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
 National Convention Headquarters,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

We extend greetings from the Department of Oregon, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to our organization in National Encampment assembled in the City of Washington, D. C., and wish for you a pleasant and successful convention.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

E. W. MADISON,
 Department Secretary.

WALTER C. HARMON,
 Department Commander.

Charles R. Hale of Connecticut, Chairman of the Committee on Marking Graves, called attention to his printed report, giving explanations of several items contained therein.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the presentation of the Lincoln tablet would be made at the Ford Theatre Museum at 11:45 on Wednesday, September 23.

Past Department Commander Stoudt of Pennsylvania announced the dress parade of the Reserve on the Camp Grounds at 5:30 p. m. and invited the members of the Encampment with their friends to attend.

National Secretary Hammer as Chairman of the Credential Committee made a supplemental report showing 279 voting members present. The report was unanimously accepted by the Encampment.

The Council-in-Chief through Chairman Cramer of Connecticut, submitted a preliminary report showing the audit of the National Treasurer's accounts as follows:

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22, 1936.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Fifty-fifth National Encampment.

Brothers:

The Council-in-Chief begs leave to report that it has carefully examined the records of the National Secretary-Treasurer and found them correct and complete in all details. We also submit a report of the Reading Trust Company as to the balance on hand September 18, 1936, to the credit of the national organization.

KENNETH F. CRAMER, Chairman.
WALTER S. BEILBY,
CHAS. H. E. MORAN.

THE READING TRUST COMPANY
Reading, Pa.

September 18, 1936.

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

Gentlemen:

We certify that the balance to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this date is \$5,113.85.

Very truly yours,

I. S. HOFFMAN,
Assistant Treasurer.

It was moved by Chairman Cramer, seconded by Delegate Schultz of Ohio, that the report be accepted and adopted. Carried unanimously. The Encampment recessed until two o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

THE G. A. R. PARADE

Wednesday, September 23, 10 a. m.

With the street along the line of parade lined with reverent thousands, many of whom watched through tear-filled eyes, the gallant remnant of the once mighty host of the Grand Army of the Republic marched once again along Pennsylvania Avenue. On foot and in automobile, many of the Veterans still erect and soldierly, others feeble of body but stout of heart, they passed along, led by the U. S. Army Band, and escorted by that splendid body of Sons of Veterans Reserve, largely from Pennsylvania, under the Command of Col. Prittie. Dressed in uniforms, a replica of those worn by their fathers seventy-five years before, the Reserve made a splendid showing, and received all along the march the plaudits of the witnessing throngs.

It was a Grand Army parade. There were no women, children or civilians in the column, except those in uniformed bands and drum corps, and there were no floats—this at the request of the veterans themselves. "We are the Grand Army and we march as an army," it had been explained by Commander Nelson.

To honor the gallant old fighters, however, the United States Government turned out the officers and men of every available military unit in the vicinity of Washington, even breaking up the 3rd Corps Area war games in progress at Fort Meade, Maryland, to permit the 12th and 34th Regiments of the 16th Brigade to come to Washington by truck to follow the "boys in blue." These organizations of the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and the local Organized Reserves and National Guard, composed two divisions.

The Grand Army was given precedence over the United States Army, in this instance said to be the first time in history that an organization of any kind has marched ahead of the regular army in a public procession. Brigadier General Roberts, in command of the army units, asked how he felt about the Army yielding precedence in this case replied: "I am proud to follow the Grand Army of the Republic."

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL TABLET TO CITY OF WASHINGTON

At twelve o'clock on Wednesday, September 23, the Commandery-in-Chief presented to the City of Washington at the Ford Theatre Museum a bronze tablet in a marble frame containing President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. This location was suggested by Col. U. S. Grant, III, Past Department Commander of Maryland and acknowledgment is made of our appreciation of his services.

Commander-in-Chief Locke made a brief statement in which he told of the policy of the Commandery-in-Chief in presenting each year to the city acting as host to the Commandery-in-Chief a tablet of the character here presented. He then introduced Department Patriotic Instructor John L. Bateman of Maryland to take charge of the exercises for National Patriotic Instructor Charles D. Donaldson who was absent on account of illness and who has developed in a large measure the practice of presenting these memorials.

Department Patriotic Instructor Bateman presented the Chairman

of the Council-in-Chief, Senator Kenneth F. Cramer of Connecticut, who presented the tablet on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to the National Park Service. His remarks follow:

"Some little time ago the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War decided to present to each city in which the National Encampment was held, a memento of this day.

"The Commander-in-Chief has designated me to make such a presentation today. It is particularly appropriate that this takes the form of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, because of the intimate association which this building had with the last hours of a great president.

"You will recall that shortly after the Battle of Gettysburg which, incidentally, marked the turning point in the great Civil War, President Lincoln journeyed to Gettysburg for the purpose of dedicating the great national cemetery located on the battlefield. It is said that while on the train traveling to Gettysburg, the President wrote down on the back of an old envelope the remarks which he delivered there that day.

"Of course you know that the few brief words of the President, in contrast to the lengthy orations delivered by others, have become a classic in the English language. For pure English and noble sentiment this speech is without an equal in the English or any other language. Nearly every school boy has at some time or other had occasion to memorize these words and in so doing, has absorbed something of the noble sentiment expressed therein.

"And so it is a privilege to present to you, and through you, to the great City of Washington this bronze plaque containing the words which the martyred President delivered on that memorable occasion—the undying words of a great President and a greater man whom the American public will always hold in highest regard."

Mr. Branch Spalding was next introduced and in accepting the tablet spoke as follows:

"It is an honor as well as pleasure to receive this memorial in the name of the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior. The National Park Service is deeply mindful of the honor that you have conferred upon it in entrusting to its keeping this appropriate memorial to a splendid American. It seems especially fitting that such a memorial should be erected by the Sons of the men who heard the stern command and answered their Country's call under President Lincoln. Even as the ground at Gettysburg is hallowed by the blood of the men who served there as stated in the words of President Lincoln, we feel that also this place is hallowed by the blood of a great man. You may feel sure that the National Park Service will consider the keeping of this memorial as a sacred trust.

"These words are not only an inspiration to better living to the throngs of people coming into this place, but it will always serve as an inspiration to the personnel of the National Park Service to serve better the aims and objects of that Service, namely, to promote better living in America through the right sort of historical markers and memorials.

"The National Park Service appreciates deeply the splendid support and co-operation shown by the Sons of Union Veterans to our historical education work. Again, I thank you."

The tablet was then unveiled by Past National President Celeste D. Gentieu of the Maryland Department, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Encampment was called to order at two-forty-five p. m. A Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was announced. The committee was escorted into the Encampment by Past Department Commanders Michael and Corrie of Maryland, Department Commander Spinney of Maine, and Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse of Indiana.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I am very happy to introduce the Committee on Greetings from our mother organization, the organization which has set the pace when it comes to the matter of being a real Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. I present to you Sisters Lottie Giese of Maryland, Gladys M. Goodwin of Maine, Edna E. Pauley of Indiana and Agnes Sibly of Potomac.

Lottie Giese: Sons of Union Veterans, as President of the Department of Maryland, it is my great pleasure to bring you greetings and best wishes for a successful year and an increase in membership. I thank you. (Presents gift).

Agnes Sibly: As Department President of the Department of Potomac, I bring you official greetings. It is a very proud and happy moment when I stand before these splendid boys. I hope you enjoy your visit here. This city is your home and my home. To your incoming officer, greetings. May you have a wonderful year as we are all hoping to have.

Past Department President Gladys M. Goodwin of Maine: Fellow workers, because we are all working for that grand old body, the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish for you a most happy and harmonious convention. I hope you will all be coming back to the State of Maine again soon. The best of luck, and may we all meet again next year.

Past National Treasurer Edna E. Pauley of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and our Sons, I was very happy when my name was announced on this committee to bring greetings to you. It is such a pleasure for a mother to visit her sons and say, "Bless you, my sons," and that is the way our organization feels when we come to visit you. We are the oldest patriotic organization of women in existence today. Mr. Commander, the badge we are presenting you is significant of this Capital City. The other day at the Lincoln Memorial I was impressed as never before, with the statue of Abraham Lincoln. He has a rather tired look and it seemed to me to throw out a challenge: "I have done my best, the rest is for you to do"; and I think that challenge should ring in the hearts of everyone of you here today to go back to work for the defense of our Government, our Constitution, and our flag.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: It is a great pleasure, ladies, to entertain at any time a delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps, but it is doubly appreciated when you speak as you have on this occasion. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald will respond.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief Locke, members of my Encampment, to our distinguished guests of the Woman's Relief Corps, I am at a loss to know exactly what to say. Everything that could be said, we have said in past years to you in

your organization, but I want you ladies to know that we as your Sons never hesitate to offer our love, our gratitude, our appreciation for the efforts you have given to our parent organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, and for your labors in behalf of our own organization.

I recall at the Department Encampment this year at Concord, I had the pleasure of addressing your organization and my own mother was present, and, naturally, I addressed my remarks to her as well as to the other members present. The National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans was present and she spoke after I was finished and she said what a beautiful thing it was to have a man speak in honor of his mother. I consider it a duty and a privilege, and I consider this a duty and a privilege, and not mere lip service.

The Logan Fife and Drum Corps of John A. Logan Camp No. 26 of Rockford, Illinois, was admitted next, together with the Illinois Delegation of Sons of Union Veterans. The Corps played several selections, after which the leader, Brother J. C. Odell, spoke as follows:

"Commander Locke, this incident carries my memory back about thirty years when you were instrumental in organizing this drum corps. You pushed me into the drum corps and told me to work for it and I did, and for the past thirty years this little drum corps has been going around to these Encampments. It is a pleasure to bring greetings from your own Camp and we wish you success in your Encampment."

Commander-in-Chief Locke: It goes without saying that I am deeply appreciative of a visit from the boys from home. It is very hard for me to find myself in a position where I have to talk to you in a decent and respectable manner. For pretty near forty years I have been abusing you, but now you have me cornered and I must treat you well.

I deeply appreciate your visit here this afternoon. Thank you again and again for your call. I hope that you find some time to spend in our Encampment during the busy time you will have here.

Jules E. Jenkins: As spokesman for this Illinois delegation, I want to say that in the many years that you have been coming to these Encampments it has been your pleasure to hear the old fife and drum corps of your own Camp. It is a happy occasion for us, the members of your Department, to come here with this corps and to greet you at this, your Encampment.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: There is a delegation in waiting from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Past Department President Glennola Sill of Illinois, Department President Jennie Vene Smith of Florida, Past Department President Carolyn Walter of New York, and Frances T. Williams, Department President, of Rhode Island.

Delegate Dr. J. E. Gallagher of Illinois, Past Department Commander C. W. Jackman of Alabama & Tennessee, Past Department Commander William H. Klein of New York, and Past Department Commander Fred O. Arnold of Rhode Island were appointed as escorts.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: We are most happy to receive this committee from our sisters. I regard myself at this moment as particularly fortunate. You members of this Encampment will learn why in just a few moments. I appreciate sincerely the action of the National President in sending as the chairman of this committee my old friend, Past Department President Glennola Sill of Illinois. I am very glad to present Sister Sill.

Past Department President Glennola Sill of Illinois: Brother

Locke and my brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans, the only brothers that I have, Brother Locke has said he was happy. Indeed, I am happy to be here as the chairman of this greetings committee from your Sisters, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and to be a messenger from the organization of your sisters in this beloved city of Washington.

I am wondering if you did not feel just as I did when we viewed the parade this morning. We who had a beloved father seventy-one years ago who marched down that same street, and today, seventy-one years afterward we saw the remaining number of that Grand Army of the Republic who gave us this wonderful united America. I have also been proud of the organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans, but today that pride was just a little deeper. Brother Locke, you have heard me say many times, we have a tie that binds, and blessed be that tie that binds, and may it be more binding in the years to come; and may our love and respect deepen for those grand men of 61-65 who made it possible for us to have this position.

This afternoon I bring you the wholehearted greetings of our organization. There was not a woman in our convention who did not want to be present here to greet you, but that was impossible. Our National President wished me to express to you and through you to your Encampment, her best wishes for a very happy and successful Encampment.

I have known that Brother Locke was a lawyer, but I didn't know until last night that he could tie the marriage knot. (Laughter).

Brother Locke, on behalf of the National Organization of the Daughters of Union Veterans, will you accept this gift and in accepting it may you know that we are proud of the service you gave to your brothers, the sons of your father's comrades.

Department President Jennie Vene Smith of Florida: Commander and Brothers, this is indeed more of a pleasure to me than perhaps you can fully realize. Never before was I privileged to greet my brothers in the national organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Forty-four years ago I came to the city of Washington with my father, to the National Encampment. Then my father was younger than I am today. I watched the Grand Army of the Republic march then and they marched twenty-four abreast, and they marched all day long from ten in the morning until six at night. And today, when I saw just the remnant that was left I was touched more than I can tell and I thought that was a lesson for us to remember to try to carry on for these veterans, our fathers. Brothers, I know that you are going to carry on as they would like you to do.

I am sorry that in Miami we do not have an organization at all. We do so miss it, but it seems that we cannot get them interested. We do have a good many patriotic organizations in the city of Miami and they are very enthusiastic and have beautiful Memorial Day services. I was present at the very first one and it was a beautiful service.

I am so happy to be with you and I trust that you will have the best possible Encampment.

Past Department President Carolyn Walter of New York: It is certainly indeed a great pleasure to be here. All I can say is ditto to everything that has been said and extend my greetings and the greetings of my Department, and wish you one and all a very successful Encampment.

Department President Frances T. Williams of Rhode Island: Commander and Brothers, as this is my first visit to the National Conven-

tion I will have little to say. However, I bring you the greetings of the Rhode Island Department, Daughters of Union Veterans, and also the Auxiliary No. 10 of which I am the President, and I wish for you a very happy and harmonious convention.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: If I had the ability to use perfect English and perfect diction, just as perfectly as Glennola Sill has in speaking to you this afternoon, I should attempt to express in some slight degree the great appreciation which I feel for these kind expressions. But I do wish you would express my thanks and appreciation to Sister Boyce in sending you as chairman of this committee. Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch of Michigan will make the response.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch of Michigan: Members of the Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans, we are very happy to receive you and to greet you in the same spirit in which you have greeted us. As the years pass the duties and responsibilities which confront your organization and ours will grow more burdensome and more important. As we this morning saw the remnant of the greatest army God ever let march on any soil, parade down historic Pennsylvania Avenue, our minds could not but recall the need for greater courage and greater strength in order that we may be privileged to enjoy that which we received from their hands. The duty now is ours. Let us build better organizations and let us realize more fully the importance of our duty to our country in preserving the American form of government and maintaining the American citizenship of our Fathers.

National Secretary Hammer offered a supplemental report for the Credential Committee of 307 enrolled members and stated that that number was the largest enrollment of the Order. Report accepted.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, the following Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary is in waiting: Mrs. Stella B. Owen, National President; Mrs. Gertrude Sautter, Past National President of Pennsylvania, Chairman; Mrs. Jean B. Thompson, Past National President of Ohio; and Mrs. Grace Higgins, Department President of Illinois, and the entire Illinois delegation.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Past Commanders-in-Chief J. E. Sautter, P. F. Yengling, Titus M. Ruch, and the entire Illinois delegation as escorts.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Brothers, Members of this Greetings Committee from our Auxiliary, you know we have always regarded as one of the brightest spots in our National Encampments that period devoted to the extending of greetings from one organization to another. We always look forward with pleasure to that period in our proceedings. But to be entirely honest about it, let us admit, and admit with pride and satisfaction that we appreciate just a little bit more than any other the visit from our own Auxiliary—those with whom we are most closely associated. In expressing this sentiment, we do not show or mean to show any lack of appreciation of loyal support on the part of all the partiotic societies affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. It is our Auxiliary upon whom we rely always for support and co-operation.

I don't know whether or not Stella Owen could have done more than she has done to be of assistance to the Sons of Union Veterans during her term of office and if I could think of anything I would have told her and I would tell you now. But to save my life I can't think of one single instance when she might have done more than she has done. I have told you that this past year has been a most pleasant

one to me and now in just a moment you are going to realize why. May I introduce at this time, with pride, with appreciation, and with satisfaction, the National President of the better half of the Sons of Union Veterans, Stella B. Owen.

National President Mrs. Stella B. Owen: Commander Locke and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans, in selecting the committee of my sisters to bring you greetings I have given much thought and consideration. First, I wanted women whom I knew and then I wanted women to whom my Commander-in-Chief would enjoy listening. They will present the greetings of our organization to you and I am here this afternoon to pay tribute to you, Commander-in-Chief.

In order to do that I will have to go back and tell you the story from the beginning. Just about a year ago, shortly after I had been elected National President, I had the honor of escorting Brother Locke into our Auxiliary convention and I can honestly say I was frightened of him; he was so much bigger than I, and I felt so insignificant. I thought, "Whatever am I going to do?" But, that feeling did not last because when he was called on and extended his greetings to the National President he told her how much he and his organization appreciated her work and the work of the Auxiliary and pledged not only his support, but the support of his entire organization to the incoming administration. And when he had finished speaking I felt I was going to have the finest Commander-in-Chief that any National President ever had. As time went on that feeling became more apparent and I found from my own experience that he was one of the finest men that I have ever known. And I came here today to tell you just what I think of your Commander-in-Chief. Aside from my own husband, I think he is the finest man with whom I have ever been associated.

I want you to know how much we appreciated the Greetings Committee you sent to us. The personnel was one hundred per cent, the chairman was far above that. He knew his duties and he performed them with credit to himself and to his organization and I want to thank you for sending such a committee. How proud I was of the Sons of Union Veterans this morning when they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue. Your Commander-in-Chief was a most inspiring sight.

I can truly say that it has been a happy privilege to have had any part in the success of the Sons of Union Veterans this year, and I do believe that both of our organizations have a better standing with the other patriotic organizations than heretofore.

After my year is over I shall be sorry for many things, but particularly will I feel the loss of a very fine association. I have formed a very high regard for this man, your Commander-in-Chief, and that opinion will endure through life itself.

And so, Commander-in-Chief, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I present to you this remembrance from your National President.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I find myself unable to properly thank you, Sister Owen, for your very kindly and complimentary statements. It is appreciated beyond my ability to express myself. My brothers, you heard what I said before Mrs. Owen started her talk; at Grand Rapids you heard what Frank Kirchgassner said last year about the next speaker. From these statements it is apparent to you as to why the Sons of Union Veterans' Auxiliary is functioning as such. It is largely because of the character of the women elected to the office of National President.

It is an honor to us to have as chairman of this Greetings Com-

mittee from the Auxiliary a lady whom I now present to you, Past National President Gertrude Sautter.

Past National President Gertrude Sautter: Commander and my good brothers, when my National President appointed me on this committee, I thought, "What am I going to say to those boys?" I have met many of you from Maine to California last year. I have been interested in your work, not only because John Sautter was a Past Commander-in-Chief, but because my father was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. When I was a little girl I went to the Post meetings with my father and after the business sessions I would recite or sing and one of the things I used to recite was "I Am a Little Curly Head."

You are a grand organization, boys. There is a great work for you to perform and I know that you are going to go back to your homes and make splendid effort to perform your full duty as Sons of Union Veterans. You are one patriotic organization in this country that people look up to; you are respected because you are the sons, grandsons, and great grandsons of those sires, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander and members of this Encampment, last year there was a recommendation passed in our Encampment that we would give to you a contribution to your work in the shape of a check. We are going to give this to you and it comes with the love of your Auxiliary. We want you to use it in your National organization. It is a check for five hundred dollars.

And, Commander-in-Chief, I know everyone has seen me carrying this box around ever since yesterday afternoon. With this package comes the love and esteem of our National Organization. When my husband was Commander-in-Chief they presented him with the first clock. I have enjoyed that clock just as much as he has and I know that your family will and when it strikes the quarter hour it will make you think of the many happy hours of your year as Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Locke. Thank you, again and again, Sister Sautter.

My Brothers, as you know, I appointed quite a number of Special Aides assigned to perform special duties. It is my privilege now to present to you my first appointed Special Aide and the first Special Aide to perform in full the duties assigned, my good sister, owned by Ohio, but also working for the good of the Department of Illinois, Sister Jean B. Thompson, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Past National President Jean B. Thompson: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this National organization, there is very little left for me to say and as I know you are busy I shall be brief.

I certainly appreciate more than I can ever tell you the opportunity to come before you and greet you and your Commander-in-Chief. I wish it were possible for me to tell you, Commander-in-Chief, how much I appreciated your appointing me as a Special Aide. I have always tried, ever since I have been a member of our organization, to do everything within my power to assist the Sons of Union Veterans. If I have been of any service to you this year, I am happy. And I am sorry that I have not been able to do more. As you know I have had a sick husband at home this year—a man who is a loyal and true Son of a Union Veteran—and I felt my first duty to be to my husband and my home.

I extend to you every possible wish for a successful and a worthwhile Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Thank you, Sister Thompson. And now may I present the Department President of Illinois, Sister Grace Higgins.

Department President Grace Higgins: Commander Locke and Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I don't believe that Mrs. Owen knew when she appointed me as one of the members of this Greetings Committee the honor she was giving me. As Department President I bring you greetings from the State of Illinois. I am not a daughter of a veteran. My dear father-in-law was a veteran and through my marriage to his son I became a member of the Auxiliary. Today as I watched the parade I couldn't help but think that the Sons of Union Veterans were fast taking up the work of the Grand Army of the Republic and as members of your Auxiliary it now is our privilege to work shoulder to shoulder with you to perpetuate in the hearts of the American youth the principles and ideals of our fathers.

And, Brother Locke, here is a little something from the Illinois Department, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, for that new folder that our National President has given you.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Sister Higgins, I find myself greatly embarrassed in not being able to find the words to express my appreciation of this evidence of regard by the Sisters of the Auxiliary and I wish all the Sisters of Illinois to know that I am deeply thankful.

Now, may I present the National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, Sister Anna Byron of Illinois.

National Chaplain Anna Byron: Just to be here is quite enough, Brother Locke. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Locke then introduced Past Department President Alice Odell of Rockford, Illinois, and Past Department President Carrie Stewart and Delegate Mabel Westbrook of Elgin, Illinois, to the Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: You know there comes a time in one's life when words will not present themselves to express properly one's feelings. I am in that position now. There are two responses which I want to have made at this time. I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook to respond only to our National President.

Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook: Commander Locke, National President Owen, and this galaxy of distinguished representatives of our Auxiliary, and brother members of this Encampment, I wish that it were within my power to find words to express to these splendid women what should be expressed to them to represent our feelings. Nevertheless, I want you to take all the words that have been uttered in the years past and I want you to gather in your own mind what you would use in response, roll them into one and take that as the expression from me to represent the feelings of this body for our sisters of the Auxiliary.

The association of Brother Locke and myself has been very close and perhaps that is why I might better respond to you. I know from the Commander-in-Chief that he has deeply appreciated whatever the Auxiliary has done. Please accept from me as coming from Dick that appreciation for whatever you have been instrumental in performing for the Sons of Union Veterans and may you carry back the assurance of our deep appreciation and the assurance that we will be ready and willing to help in any way possible all the endeavors for which you may be working.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Frank, your National President with

whom you served has come to us and has presented a check for five hundred dollars. It gives me great pleasure to ask you to express the thanks of this organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, I appreciate the privilege which you have given to me at this time to welcome a splendid woman who was my National President, and so, Gertrude, I do welcome you and your associates.

Let us think of that which we saw today. A remnant of that mighty army which marched seventy-one years ago, who went home and formed the organization from which came our own organization and we are functioning for our fathers as an organization in their behalf. When we commence to look for help and encouragement we turn to the ladies, to our own Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You can go into every community where there has been a Camp with an Auxiliary and there you will find the expression of love and helpfulness that comes from the heart of these women to us. They have done everything to keep our organization intact and they are doing it all the time. Now, they come, realizing that we have a work to do—that we need funds—and they come forward with a response. And money talks more than words when you desire to do something. It has always been hard to find words to express our appreciation for your help and of the interest you have always shown, and then you come here with that splendid tribute, showing that you knew that we have a work to do. It meant something to get that five hundred dollars—it meant a lot of time to get that money together and it shows us the great faith they have in us. So, Gertrude, we sincerely thank you for the gift that you bring to us and the desire that we shall go forward and make our organization a leading one among the patriotic organizations.

Commander-in-Chief, I thank you again for the privilege, and Brothers, as we realize these girls worked day and night to do this thing for us, let us make up our minds that we will do our part to maintain this organization. Let us be true Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, worthy of this splendid Auxiliary.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, there is one thing that has not been referred to and it is important in the life of the Auxiliary. I feel we ought to congratulate the ladies on their fiftieth anniversary which they are celebrating this year. And let us consider that for fifty years this Auxiliary has stood by us and helped us and has done more for us than we have done for ourselves. Let this fiftieth anniversary of our beloved Auxiliary be an inspiration that we will go back to our homes realizing that it is up to you and to me to take care of the remnant of the army that we saw this morning and that we will work for the Sons of Union Veterans and for the Auxiliary, and last but not least, to teach Americanism as did our fathers because it is more necessary today than it has been since '65. Let us resolve that we will make our Order so strong and so popular with the people of America that they must know that unless they follow the Flag those not of our kind must return from whence they came.

May your one hundredth anniversary find your organization with a million members.

Past Comander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Constitution and Regulations is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

This Committee was constituted under the approval of the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief at the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Grand Rapids, Michigan, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders.

There was referred to it several recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief upon which we will later report.

The Committee has given very careful consideration to the broad latitude conferred upon it but have deemed it inadvisable, because of existing conditions, to give consideration save to such matters as were specifically referred to it.

The three recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief referred to it are reported upon as follows:

1st: Membership at Large. This was specifically acted upon at the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment and further action upon it is unnecessary at this time.

2nd: Recommendation that Article 6, Section 3, of the Constitution be amended whereby Departments be allowed to consist of five or more Camps, but with a minimum membership of 250 members. After very careful thought we deem it inadvisable to change the present constitutional requirements and therefore recommend non-approval of this recommendation.

3rd: That Article 3, Section 2, of Chapter I of the Regulations be amended by striking out all reference to the admission to business sessions of Camps, all organizations except the G. A. R. Not concurring.

4th: Reference to the recommendation of the Department of New York providing for flag of the Order. We deem it inadvisable to incorporate this in the Regulation but see no objection to any Department desiring such flag to provide for same in the Department By-Laws, provided that such action be not in conflict with Article 3 of the general Regulations, or other laws of the Order.

5th: Recommendation of Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, Department of Maryland, providing for a Committee on Legislation, to be Section 3 of Article 7, page 38, of the Constitution and Regulation, be adopted as follows:

Section 3. That a standing committee on legislation, consisting of five members, shall be appointed by each incoming Commander-in-Chief, as soon after the conclusion of the National Encampment as practicable. This committee shall consist of members in good standing in the order, whose duty it shall be to watch matters of proposed legislation affecting the welfare of the order or the constitution or welfare of the United States of America, proposed either in the Congress of the United States, or elsewhere; to oppose such as are inimical to the same and to make a written report to the Commander-in-Chief at the session following its appointment. (Concurred in).

The following matters were referred to the Committee at this Encampment:

No. 1—Resolution of the Department of Connecticut providing for an office to be known and designated as Camp Historian. We see no necessity for providing for this in our Regulations. It can be made entirely optional either with Department or Camps, so providing if of years, Camp Historians.

No. 2—Resolution of the Department of Connecticut providing for Camp Press Correspondent. We see no necessity for incorporating this in the Regulations for the same reasons applied to Camp Historian.

No. 3—Resolution of the Department of Oregon providing that applications for membership shall be made in triplicate. We see no necessity for incorporating this in the Regulation. If any Department desires to so cover this question they have the authority to do so. We suggest, however, that in order that this Department may have definite knowledge of this action that they be so advised of it by the National Secretary.

No. 4—Resolution of the Department of Oregon providing for semi-annual reports instead of quarterly reports. Your Committee recommends non-concurrence.

No. 5—Resolution of the Department of Oregon. This is in effect simply that the Commander-in-Chief goes on record on the question of quarterly reports of Secretaries, Chaplains and Patriotic Instructors of Camps and Departments to eliminate duplication and unnecessary data. The question of the revision of blanks of the Camp Chaplains and Camp Patriotic Instructors, in return affecting the reports of the Department Chaplains and Department Patriotic Instructors, has but recently received attention by this body, and while it is not properly a matter requiring a change in the Regulations, in view of this it is our suggestion that when the present supply of blanks of reports of Camp Chaplains and Camp Patriotic Instructors is exhausted that it be so referred to by the National Secretary, and that then the matter receive careful consideration looking towards the adoption of one report to care for the essential data, or other information now covered by the separate reports of Camp Chaplains and Camp Patriotic Instructors.

The Committee does not at this time recommend a revision of the Constitution and Regulations, or a new edition of the same, because of the expense it will impose on the Commandery-in-Chief. This expense cannot be afforded at this time. The National Secretary has more than 4000 copies of the present edition of the Constitution and Regulations, which may be readily supplemented by the insertion of amendments which he has caused to be printed and prepared.

The present edition will supply the needs of the order according to past demands for approximately five years.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. CHURCH,
JOHN E. SAUTTER,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,
HENRY F. WEILER.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: I move the report be approved and the recommendations be concurred in. (Motion seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan of Maryland. Carried unanimously).

The Encampment recessed until nine o'clock Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Encampment was called to order at nine-forty a. m.

Chairman Cramer of the Council-in-Chief: Commander, your Council-in-Chief has considered very carefully the finances of our organization and recommends the following budget for the coming year:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Proposed Budget for 1936-37:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax—23,000 members at 40c.....	\$ 9,200.00
Less one-sixth for Permanent Fund and Historical Marker Fund	1,533.33
	\$ 7,666.67
Membership Fees—1000 new members at 50c.....	500.00
Reinstated Members—400 at 10c per quarter.....	40.00
Reinstated Camps from dropped one year.....	25.00
Charter Fees—5 new Camps at \$5.00.....	25.00
Supplies	1,400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Organization and Historical Fund:	
(Available for appropriation) one-half of \$1,533.33.....	766.66
	\$10,473.33

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

General Expenses:

Organization under direction of Commander-in-Chief...	\$ 300.00
To National Patriotic Instructor for Historical Marker..	200.00
Supplies	800.00
The Banner—6 issues	2,450.00
Encampment	1,200.00
Printing	150.00
Shipping Supplies	85.00
Salaries	2,200.00
Bonds of National Officers	27.50
Miscellaneous, including Badge for Commander-in-Chief.	150.00
Officers, except Commander-in-Chief	100.00
Committee on Marking Graves	55.00
Committee on Program and policy	50.00
	\$ 7,767.50

Office Expenses:

Wrapping paper and twine	\$ 6.00
Postage	120.00
Express	10.00
Telegrams	15.00
Stationery—National Officers	100.00
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
	721.00

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,488.50

RECAPITULATION	
Total Receipts	\$10,473.33
Estimated Disbursements	9,488.50
	\$ 984.83
Less balance earmarked for Organization Expense.....	266.66
	\$ 708.17

With respect to the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief relative to an increase in the expense allowance for his office. While we are inclined to agree with him relative to the desirability of such action, we do not believe that the financial condition of the order will permit without an increase in the per capita tax. Travel is the main item in such expense and there has been, of course, a recent drastic reduction in railroad rates which will make the same amount of money go much further.

The presence of the Sons of Veterans Reserve is a distinct asset to any Encampment, contributing much to the enjoyment of all our own members as well as those of all the other allied organizations. We are obliged to make the same observation here as made with reference to the Commander-in-Chief's expense—that the financial condition of our organization will not permit any adequate solution to this problem. We do suggest, however, that some arrangement be made with entertaining cities in the future to finance this program.

For reasons already stated, we feel that it is still necessary to continue publication of The Banner on a restricted basis—namely, six copies per year—and we suggest that the Encampment authorize the incoming Council-in-Chief to negotiate a renewal of the contract on such a basis.

We recommend that the contribution of \$500.00 from the Auxiliary be placed in the Permanent Fund.

KENNETH F. CRAMER, Chairman,
CHAS. H. E. MORAN,
WALTER S. BEILBY.

Chairman Cramer of the Council-in-Chief: I move, Commander-in-Chief, that the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted, that the budget be adopted and that the other recommendations in the report be adopted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch).

National President Stella B. Owen of the Auxiliary was announced and presented to the Encampment a floral design of the American Flag which had been made the night before during a pageant commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Auxiliary. Commander-in-Chief Locke extended the thanks of the organization for the National President's thoughtfulness and kindness in making this presentation.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: You have heard the motion made by the Chairman of the Council-in-Chief and seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch, that the report be accepted and that the budget and recommendations be approved and adopted by the Encampment for the incoming year, what is your pleasure? (Motion carried).

Past Department Commander R. J. F. McElroy, Maryland, presented a communication which was read by National Secretary Hammer.

Washington, D. C., September 23, 1936.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment,
The Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Washington, D. C.

Brothers:

The following facts are respectfully submitted in substantiation of my claim of membership in this Order and I hereby petition this Encampment to carefully consider the evidence and establish my status as a member in good standing.

1. I was Treasurer of Lincoln Camp No. 2, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, until August 28, 1935, with my dues remitted in accordance with the Camp By-Laws. The term of office is evidenced by the Camp records and by a letter from the Camp Commander, of August 29, 1935.

2. Department Order No. 1, Series of 1936, dated February 1, 1936, containing a report of the Department Secretary-Treasurer for the period July 1, 1935, to December 31, 1935, lists my name among the names of members dropped. This was only four months after the end of my term of office, when dues were again payable.

3. Section 3, of Article II, of the Regulations applying to Camps, shown on page 10 of the Constitution and Regulations, reads as follows: "Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues may, by vote of the Camp, be dropped. * * * Despite the requirement of "one year in arrears" and "a vote of the Camp" being necessary to drop a member, I was dropped in only four months and have signed statements from members in good standing stating that no action or vote of the Camp was taken to drop me from membership.

4. On April 24, 1936, I sent a Post Office Money Order for \$9.00, as evidenced by Receipt No. 69192 in my possession, to the Camp Treasurer, Michael Casey. The latter part of May, immediately after my return from Florida, I telephoned Treasurer Casey to ask for a receipt, and was told that my dues had not been received. After considerable difficulty, I got the Post Office to issue a duplicate Money Order and make delivery to Treasurer Michael Casey. However, this Money Oder was refused by the addressee, as evidenced by a letter in my possession dated July 21, 1936, and signed by V. C. Burke, Postmaster, at the United States Post Office, Washington, D. C.

These facts seem to indicate (1) that I was not legally dropped from membership in the Camp; (2) that dues offered in good faith and prior to delinquency were refused by the Camp Treasurer, Michael Casey; and (3) that I was dropped by the action of the Camp Treasurer and not by any action or vote of the Camp. In view of these facts, I ask this Encampment to establish my status as a member in good standing.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

EVERETT F. WARNER.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that this communication be referred to the National Counselor for an opinion to be returned to you by him at this Encampment. (Motion carried).

Past Department Commander Fouch, Michigan, reported that the Greetings Committee to the Woman's Relief Corps had performed its

duties, was graciously received and sent back with the love and best wishes of that organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Reporting for the Greetings Committee to the Grand Army of the Republic. Brothers, I feel that the reception of the Greetings Committee to the Grand Army is so important that it should be told to you. I was honored by having on my committee Past Commander-in-Chief Homan and Department Commander Brockway of New York. I have been represented on the greetings committees to the Grand Army many times but I want to tell you, Brothers, that in all the years I have never seen or known as hearty a reception as given us today.

And now the most important part. You all know Judge Willett. He was asked to respond to our greetings. As usual, he spoke a good bit. In the past Judge Willett has rubbed it into our organization, but yesterday he said, "Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans, you know how I have browbeaten you and of the many unkind things I have said to you"—then he turned to the members of the Grand Army—"Comrades, the Sons of Union Veterans now are going to amount to something. They are on the right road. I am proud of them." And this has taken place in the past three years. He said, "They are going to be the best organization in our country to carry on the thoughts and the ideas of our own organization." (Applause).

Gentlemen and Brothers, Judge Willett was ever so much in earnest, and another veteran rose and he followed up the speech of Judge Willett and expressed his ideas that the order of Sons of Union Veterans had come into its own and from now on it would take its place in the patriotic organizations that it should take. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Locke called Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald to preside during the former's absence from the Encampment.

Past Department Commander Dyer, New York, Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans, reported that the committee had fulfilled their duties, that they were cordially received, that the Daughters were appreciative of the greetings extended and wanted the committee to carry back a warm reciprocation of everything extended, together with their assurance of support in all our endeavors.

Department Commander A. H. Leh, Pennsylvania: Commander, the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies presents the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

No. 1. Recommendation from Ohio Department:

Ceremony for Draping of Charter. To be inserted after No. 6, Order of Business in Ritual:

On orders from the Commander, the Guide and Color Bearer with Colors and the Patriotic Instructor, shall approach the Altar, the Color Bearer placing himself in the middle, the Guide on his left and Patriotic Instructor on his right. After saluting they shall slowly and reverentially approach the charter, the Colors stopping a pace in the rear while the Guide and Patriotic Instructor slowly drape the charter.

During this time the Chaplain will repeat the 23rd Psalm. After the charter is draped all shall stand until the Chaplain has finished when the Guide, Color Bearer and Patriotic Instructor will return to the Altar thence to their stations. (Approved by Committee).

No. 2. From the Department of California and Pacific; D. B. Bowley, Department Secretary:

The following changes in the Ritual were presented and passed by the Fiftieth Annual Encampment of the California & Pacific Department:

That the opening ceremony on page 7 of the Ritual be changed as follows: (Color Bearer will arrange the Altar by placing the flag on the altar, the Bible on the Flag unopened).

Page 9—(Chaplain will approach the Altar, open the Bible, then offer prayer).

Page 12—(Chaplain will approach the Altar, offer prayer, then close Bible). (Approved by Committee).

No. 3. From Past Commander-in-Chief S. S. Horn, Easton, Pa.:
Article 1.

As you know, I cannot get to Washington, and there is just a little matter I am asking of you.

In case there is any Ritual changes to be acted upon, will you present to the Committee the two thoughts expressed herein? Or if there is a committee on consideration of a Revised Ritual to be reported subsequently, pass it on to them.

(1) In the "Opening Ceremonies" (which I believe begins at the rap of the gavel and the charge by the Commander for officers to assume positions)—insert immediately following that part of the opening ceremonies which directs "the Senior Vice Commander to have the Guard secure the door and permit no one to enter until the Camp is duly opened;" and of course the response by the Senior Vice Commander.

In the charge at installation I believe the Inner Guard is directed to allow no one to enter *** while opening or closing the Camp. (Not concurred in by Committee).

(2) Transpose the reciting the "Pledge to the Flag" and "The American's Creed."

The reason as I see it is that the "expression of belief" should be first and then "the pledge," and not making giving a pledge to a belief until "a confession of faith."

When the authorization was given to use the American's Creed in the opening ceremonies, as a matter of logic, we in this section volunteered the "belief" and then "pledged" ourselves, until the decision was given vice versa. (Approved by Committee).

No. 4—

1. To the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Inasmuch as on page 21 of our Ritual, the Commander's duty was to instruct a new candidate in the method of seeking admission to the Camp and use of the Pass word; this duty now falls on the Guide. There being no division between the above and the charge to the Flag, be it resolved: That a sticker be inserted between these two paragraphs indicating where the Commander should again take charge. Presented by vote of Camp Seven, Penacook, N. H. The above resolution was referred to a Committee and said Committee reported that this be forwarded to the Fifty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. It was so voted.—Jackson C. Carr, Department Secretary; Fred H. Lang, Department Commander.

The Committee recommends that the following be inserted on page 21 after the words "if any":

Commander: Guide, you will ~~conduct~~ the new brother(s) to this station for the Flag Charge. (This charge may be given by any brother whom the Commander may choose for that purpose).

2. To the Fifty-fourth Encampment of the New Hampshire Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The membership of a Department elects to office those whom they want by a majority vote of the membership. The membership of this Department is composed mostly of working people and it is sometimes impossible for them to be able to fulfill some of the requirements of some superior officer. Therefore we would recommend to the Fifty-fifth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief that the Encampment rescind the vote taken at the Fifty-fourth Encampment and printed in the proceedings of 1935 on page 85, paragraph 4, giving any officer the right to remove any officer of any Department as we feel it would be of more harm to that Department instead of being a benefit.

Jackson C. Carr, Department Secretary.

This resolution was referred to a committee and said committee reported we forward to Fifty-fifth Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. It was so voted.

Jackson C. Carr, Department Secretary.

Fred H. Lang, Department Commander.

Not concurred in by Committee.

No. 5. The Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies recommend that the instructions "Guide or Color Bearer to change position to LEFT of the Camp Commander's Station (from right)" be struck out, leaving the Guide and Color Bearer in the same positions as formerly.

ARTHUR H. LEH, Department Commander, Pa., Chairman.

DEWEY B. MEAD, Delegate, Minnesota.

ALBERT B. DEHAVEN, Past Department Commander, Maine.

GEORGE H. PUOLE, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

EDWIN C. IRELAN, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander A. H. Leh, Pennsylvania: I move you the report of the Committee be approved in its entirety and that the Committee be discharged. (Motion carried).

A Greetings Committee from the Illinois Department, Daughters of Union Veterans, was admitted, the Illinois delegation of the Sons of Union Veterans acting as escorts. The committee was headed by Department President Fay Saunders.

Department President Fay Saunders: Brother Locke and Brothers, I am very happy to be here to greet you as are all your sisters present here from the Daughters of Veterans from Illinois. We feel honored that we have had you as the Commander-in-Chief this past year. We hope you have a very happy and successful Encampment and we want you to accept this little gift from us. (Presents gift).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I thank you very much for this expression.

The Greetings Committee from the Grand Army of the Republic was announced: Past Commander-in-Chief Foster of Massachusetts, Department Commander W. W. Holcomb of Minnesota, Past Department Commander J. E. Laycock of Colorado & Wyoming, and Past Department Commander W. W. Nixon of Kansas. Commander-in-Chief Locke appointed Past Commanders-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, John

E. Sautter, Titus M. Ruch and Past Department Commander William Allan Dyer to act as escort.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: Encampment, these men are the representatives of your Fathers. Salute.

You know we talk, my brothers, about how much we enjoy the associations with the members of our affiliated organizations and we tell about how we always appreciate their visits, but the real high spot of every Encampment, the time when we get the real, true inspiration, is when there come to us the representatives of our fathers.

I have never had the privilege of meeting Comrade Foster, but I have always been proud of the fact that my father was a Massachusetts soldier and I am delighted that the chairman of the Committee on Greetings from the Grand Army of the Republic on this occasion is a Massachusetts soldier, Past Commander-in-Chief Foster.

Past Commander-in-Chief Foster: Commander and Brothers, I wish it were possible for me to say to you—just to give you the feeling that is within my heart at the present time. Some of the newspapers have seen fit to report that this would be our last Encampment. We have 337 registered now and you know as well as I do that our old boys are not going to quit so long as there is an ounce of strength left in their bodies.

My father was in the war first and I ran away when I was fourteen to be in the war. I have had a son in the Spanish War and one in the World War.

Now, boys, I want to say something to you, and that is this: Our old boys today are looking toward our Sons of Veterans. What for? To take our place when we are gone and we expect that you will do it, and it will not be done by the other organizations that today are thinking they are going to do it. Our boys who have been so long working for us are not going to say that the work is pretty hard and they are not going to give up. We expect that you will step in and say, "My Fathers, as long as we are permitted to live we are going to represent you," and I want you to do it.

I didn't come up here today to tell you what to do or not to do, but I want to give you a few things that I know all of our boys believe in. First, I want to say a good word for the Corps. They have been true to our old boys and they will be the same to you. Show them your intentions by being kind and helping them and they will help you.

You belong to your fathers, my boys, and they will see that our work is left in your care.

Department Commander Holcomb, Minnesota: I congratulate you, the Sons of Union Veterans, for having your present Commander. He is a mighty good one. I want to bring you the greetings of the Minnesota people. What Mr. Foster has said are my sentiments.

Now let me repeat these words: I stand to be seen, I talk to be heard and I sit down to be appreciated.

Past Department Commander Nixon, Kansas: I am always glad to meet the Sons of Veterans. I have two boys myself, and it gives me great pleasure to be here with you today. We expect you boys to carry on after we are gone.

Past Department Commander Laycock, Colorado: I have the honor to live at the foot of Pikes Peak. People in the east think that is west, but we call ourselves middle west.

I am proud to come before you as a representative of your fathers

and we have all the confidence that you boys will carry on when we are gone. We trust you for that explicitly.

There was a man who had a wooden leg and someone asked him why he had a wooden leg and he said his father had a wooden leg and he guessed it run in the family. And I feel this work of ours should run in the family. We hope you will live for a thousand years.

Commander-in-Chief Locke thanked the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic for their remarks and called on Past Department Commander William Allan Dyer of New York to respond.

Past Department Commander Dyer, New York: Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I was asked, after I arrived here, why I was so interested in the Sons of Union Veterans and my reply was this: That I am a father; that my father enlisted in the Civil War—he enlisted on April 15, 1861, and he served throughout the war—and I would be a pretty poor son if I was not interested in the Sons of Union Veterans. And that is the answer of every man in this room.

We were created for the purpose of taking care of Memorial Day services and keeping green the memories of our fathers and those who in 1861 to 1865 fought to preserve the American Constitution. Now we have the same job given to us. We are taking care of over a million graves and we are fighting in support of the American Constitution. You can depend upon it that every Son of a Union Veteran will do the things you expect him to do.

Council-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran: A resolution from the Minnesota and Wisconsin delegations has been referred to the Council-in-Chief by the Resolutions Committee, because this resolution involves an appropriation.

To the National Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

We, the undersigned members in good standing of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, herewith submit the following facts for your consideration:

There is no outstanding memorial to the Union Veterans of the Civil War in the Northwest section of the United States. The last Congress passed a bill which was signed by the President authorizing the Secretary of War to set aside approximately two hundred acres of land in the Fort Snelling Reservation as a National Cemetery. This was done at the urgent request of the National Cemetery Association representing the Northwest area of five states, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin with headquarters at Minneapolis. It is planned to make this cemetery the "Arlington" of the West. The plan for the development of the Cemetery calls for a beautiful chapel. The building of this chapel offers the opportunity for a splendid memorial to the Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Minnesota, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Minnesota, together with various members of these two organizations and other allied patriotic organizations of the Northwest area have entered into an agreement to form and incorporate a patriotic organization for the purpose of securing funds for the building of this chapel. Plans are already underway. The building of the memorial by the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War together with members of other patriotic organizations will redound greatly to the honor and benefit of our organization. This work will bring us many contacts, much publicity, and many new members. To

get this great undertaking started there will be a certain amount of expense money needed. We, the undersigned, believe that this convention could well afford to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) to help meet this preliminary expense. The payment of the same could be withheld until the organization to carry on this work is actually incorporated and the officers duly elected; then the payment could be forwarded to the proper officer.

Now, therefore, the following resolution is hereby offered and its adoption urged:

Be it resolved, that the National Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans now in session hereby favor the building of the proposed memorial as above set forth, and hereby authorize the appropriation of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) as requested therein.

The foregoing matter is herewith presented to the Sons of Union Veterans National Convention for consideration by the undersigned.

Minnesota Delegation—O. F. Huhn, Department Commander; Dewey B. Mead, Department Secretary-Treasurer and Delegate; W. R. Boyce, Delegate-at-Large; C. E. Hoyt, Alternate Delegate; L. L. Foss, Past Commander; Wm. J. Hiland.

Wisconsin Department—Benj. G. Haag, Department Senior Vice Commander; J. H. Disseler; Frank Mellon, Henry J. Buchen.
Dated September 14, 1936.

Council-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran: Commander, your Council believe that this proposition has considerable merit, but the finances of the organization are such at this time as to make inadvisable any additional appropriations. We also believe it would be setting a precedent to other Departments to make requests for financial assistance for similar projects. With this in mind your Council recommend the proposition be not concurred in. I move that the recommendation of the Council be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander L. H. Knox, Rhode Island. Carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Badge for Members of Fifty Years Continuous Membership is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BADGE FOR MEMBERS OF FIFTY (50) YEARS CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP.

To Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members,
Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, 1936.

Brothers:

The Fifty-fourth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1935, directed that "the Commandery-in-Chief authorize and present to every member who has been a continuous member for a period of fifty years or, who shall hereafter ~~so~~ complete fifty years service, an honorary badge, consisting of a ribbon such as is worn by Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief attached to a suitable bar, the design of which is to be determined by that body; and that a Committee of three with the National Secretary be appointed to draw up a suitable design to submit to the next (this Fifty-fifth) Encampment; that the badges be sold to Departments and Camps for presentation to members."

Departments were polled to ascertain the number members qualifying—fifty years continuously members—and reports show:

Alabama & Tennessee—No report.	
California & Pacific	2
Colorado & Wyoming—None.	
Connecticut	1
Illinois	5
Indiana—No report.	
Iowa—No report.	
Kansas—None.	
Maine	7
Maryland	5
Massachusetts	45
Michigan—None.	
Minnesota	1
Missouri	4
Nebraska—No report.	
New Hampshire	10
New Jersey	10
New York	12
Ohio	30
Oregon—No report.	
Pennsylvania	50
Rhode Island—No report.	
Vermont	15
Washington	5
Wisconsin—No report.	
 Total	 202

Suggestions from these Departments were that the cost of such Badge to members should be: Fifty (50) cents, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$25.00 each.

Manufacturers were solicited for designs. The quantity or number to be purchased figures in cost as well as supplying. Designs meeting specifications of such Badge according to the description in the resolution adopted by the Encampment of 1935, are submitted herewith. Prices or cost of proposed Badge are also quoted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HAMMER,
Chairman Committee.

Delegate L. B. Hafer, Pennsylvania: I move that the matter of design be referred to the Committee with power to act.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I think this is a beautiful gesture. My thought on this is that this is a semi-military organization so why don't we do as military organizations do; that is, simply have a little gold bar on the membership badge. It is really all that you need and it would signify a fifty year membership. That way we wouldn't have to waste a lot of time deciding this matter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: Would it not be possible for these designs to be placed on display where the brothers when not in session might inspect them?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Heald: The motion as it is now is that the matter of design be referred back to the Committee with power to act. (Seconded and carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Last year's Encampment directed a Committee be appointed to submit a design, with specifications practically fixed in our instructions, and that it be submitted to this (year's) Encampment. Now since this action your Committee desires

to submit a report recommending that action on a Fifty Years Membership Badge be held in abeyance for the reason that the Regulations should be amended to provide for such a badge. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan. Carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Your Committee now recommends that Camps having members of Fifty years standing, be authorized to present such members a badge or design of emblem suitable, as Camps should choose. (Seconded by Delegate J. E. Gallagher of Illinois).

Past Department Commander George A. LaDuke, Vermont: Commander-in-Chief, it seems to me that there would be an objection to this. Now there would be about five hundred of these fifty-year members and under this arrangement there would be as many designs. And at a National Encampment they could not be recognized as the badge of a fifty year member. I believe it is the desire of the organization that these badges should be uniform so that they might be recognized by anyone.

Delegate W. R. Boyce, Minnesota: I heartily agree with the sentiments just expressed. I think it should be a uniform design so that anyone who saw it would know what it was.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: For quite a number of years I have made motions and made comments on matters pending. It has not been my privilege to take part in the discussions and motions of this Encampment and I now feel the urge to do so.

I have looked over these designs submitted for just a moment because I had not seen them before. I think this matter should be settled and settled now. The National Secretary has gone to considerable trouble to get all these prices and specifications and designs together to submit to you. I believe there should be just one design for a fifty year membership badge and that design should not be in any way foreign to the character of the membership badge of the Order. The center design in this group illustration which has been passed around conforms most nearly to our membership badge; the price is \$1.50. I move that this design submitted by the Robbins Company be adopted as the fifty year membership badge.

Delegate W. R. Herrlein, Pennsylvania: What is the description of that badge?

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The top is a bar, from which badge is to be suspended on Commandery-in-Chief ribbon. Across the center of the badge is another bar on which the inscription "50 Year Membership" appears. The design is the Regulation Badge—cannons at each of the four parts—with the same inscriptions as the Membership or Regulations Badge of the Order.

(Motion seconded and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Resolutions is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of Sons of Union Veterans—Greetings:

Your Committee on Resolutions offer the following report at this time:

A resolution from Minnesota and Wisconsin Departments asking for \$250.00 appropriation to help memorial project was referred to Council-in-Chief as it involved expenditure of money.

Resolution No. 1—From the Department of Connecticut:

Resolution adopted by the Fifty-second Annual Encampment of Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Derby, Conn., April 15 and 16, 1936.

Resolved: That the Connecticut Department assembled in annual Encampment petition to the Commandery-in-Chief to use its influence to have local and national broadcasting companies dramatize Civil War history from time to time in order that the youth of our land may have before them the lessons of Civil War days.

(Signed)—Ralph M. Grant, Chairman; Edwin M. Scott, Fred U. Wadhams, A. R. Holbrook, Committee on Resolutions.
(Adopted).

The Committee realizing the benefit to be derived from such broadcasts and the educational opportunities offered by this form of teaching the lessons of Civil War days, heartily approve this Resolution and move concurrence.

Past Department Commander William H. Klein, New York: I move that where there are no objections the recommendations of the Committee be concurred in. (Seconded. Carried).

Resolution No. 2—From the Department of Washington:

We, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War herein assembled in our 47th Annual Encampment at Wenatchee, Wash., June 24, 1936, do hereby offer the following resolution:

Realizing that the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic are thinning out very rapidly and that Memorial Day has become more of a play day than a day of respect to the departed,

Resolved: That the National Organization go on record in extending an invitation to all Fraternal Organizations to join with all Patriotic Orders in the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Presented by Ira S. King, Past Department Commander; A. G. Colvin, Past Commander; F. S. Tremain, Past Department Secretary-Treasurer.

(Adopted).

Your Committee approve of the subject contained in this resolution but do not consider action necessary as this is already provided for and is being done in most communities. Committee recommend no action necessary. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 3—From the Department of Washington:

At a regular meeting held March 9, 1936, the General George A. Custer Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorsed the following Resolution:

Whereas, There are very few of the Veterans of the Civil War left who were also Sons of Union Veterans, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War honor those Veterans who were Sons of Union Veterans by issuing to them a life membership in our organization.

Signed: Clifford H. Clark, Camp Commander. Attested: C. E. Evans, Camp Secretary.

J. W. Ferguson Camp No. 9, Sons of Union Veterans, approved the above resolution of Custer Camp No. 1 on Friday, March 13, 1936.

Frank E. Beatty, Camp Commander. Attest: S. N. Usher, Camp Secretary.

(Adopted).

Your Committee most heartily agree with this Resolution; but recommend no action as we feel this is already provided for. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 4—From the Department of New Hampshire:

Dover, N. H., March 24, 1936.

To the Officers and Members of the 54th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Brothers:

The members of Major A. J. Buzzell Camp No. 23, Sons of Union Veterans, respectfully request the Encampment to take up the matter of restoring the Past Department Commander's honors to Burt E. Fisher of Camp No. 23 at the next annual National Encampment.

Brother Fisher was one of the early (1891) Department Commanders of the New Hampshire Department and in later years his work took him away from Dover. Upon his return a few years ago he at once joined the Camp again and is a fine worker and is always in good standing.

As the Committee on Resolutions of Camp No. 23 we are forwarding to you the request as voted by the members held Friday evening, March 20, 1936. Trusting that favorable action may be taken, we remain,

Yours in F. C. & L.—P. C. Fred C. Waterman, P. C. George W. Prescott, P. C. James J. Flood, Committee on Resolutions.

The above Resolution was referred to proper committee who reported to Encampment to forward to ~~Fifty-fifth~~ Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. It was so voted.

Fred H. Lang, Department Commander.

Jackson C. Carr, Department Secretary.

(Adopted).

In view of the fact that this Resolution and request for restoration of Past Rank came in due form and under seal of the New Hampshire Department, your Committee is satisfied that request should be granted and move concurrence. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 5—From the Department of Ohio:

Resolved: That the Grave Marking Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief obtain from every state in the Union copies of laws pertaining to grave marking, care of cemeteries, care of monuments, use of memorial buildings by patriotic organizations and use of public buildings by patriotic organizations and then draw up a set of proposed laws pertaining to the above and forward copies to every Department which will enable every state to perfect their laws.

Ed S. Wilson, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

(Concurred in by Encampment).

Your Committee realize the importance of this work and the benefits that would follow if it could be adopted, but at this time, knowing that there are no funds available to carrying out program outlined in this resolution recommend no action. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 6—From the Department of Maryland:

At our regular meeting held November 11, 1935, the James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, endorsed the following resolution as follows:

Whereas, There are many cemeteries in the United States wherein lie the bodies of those men who fought in the American wars, and

Whereas, After careful investigation these cemeteries have been found to be in a deplorable condition from lack of attention to grass and sinking of graves,

We therefore ask each Camp to concur with us in asking the Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their next Encampment to pass a resolution requesting the National Encampment to agree with us in this matter.

Therefore we also ask the National Encampment to pass a resolution asking the United States Government if there is any way in which the P. W. A. or the C. C. C. can improve these conditions.

Be it further resolved that each grave be appropriately marked and flagged as are all national cemeteries on Memorial Day, May 30, of each year.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Department Commander asking him to endorse a similar resolution, and a copy to each Camp in the Maryland Department, and one copy to the Commander-in-Chief.

Trusting we may have your full co-operation in this worthy cause,
Yours in F. C. & L.—The Committee.

Attested by Thomas L. Bufter, Sec.-Treas.

From results already obtained in some Departments, your Committee fully realize the importance of this resolution, but feel that this matter is of such a nature that it can only be done by localities or Departments and not through the National body. Committee, therefore, recommend no action. (Committee sustained).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I don't believe that this organization or the Commandery-in-Chief ought to be mixed up with any of our present-day alphabetical contraptions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: Resolution No. 7, "National Defense," from the Illinois Department:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Department of Illinois, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Department Encampment assembled, at Moline, Illinois, on this 20th day of May, 1936, that we adopt the following statement as our position on national defense.

1. The interests of the United States require that it maintain continuously land and sea forces of sufficient strength for its defense and to warn other nations that it can and will defend itself. Those forces must be maintained without regard to political consideration or economic crises, always at the lowest possible cost.

2. We oppose war, and deplore the war-like conditions in Africa, Asia and Europe. But reasonable preparedness in this nation is the only available means of preserving our neutrality with safety. We endorse all honest movements to determine the causes of war and to cure them. We condemn efforts by munition makers to bring about war, and believe in the limitation of war profits as a discouragement thereof. We observe as a matter of history that preparedness has not heretofore led this nation into war, because we have engaged in six wars in a century and a half without preparedness in any case.

3. The amount of ships, officers and men needed for defense is a technical matter. The nation should follow the reasonable recommendations of its advisers.

4. We have confidence in that National Defense Act of 1920, which determines the military policy of the nation, which fixes the maximum land force which may be maintained, and which charges the War Department with the annual duty of fixing the number of

men needed. The men, training and amount of equipment so recommended should be provided by appropriations by the Congress. Great headway toward the needed army has been made in the last two years. We urge a continuation of the policy of increasing the army until reasonable preparedness has been accomplished.

5. Naval limitation treaties determined for some years the size to which our navy should have been increased. Until 1934, no steps to increase the strength of the navy were taken. In that year and in 1935, definite headway was made toward a treaty navy, even though the treaties will expire at the end of 1936. We urge the immediate building of the navy to treaty strength, and its maintenance there for the present.

6. We accordingly demand that the Congress make appropriations for the following land and sea forces for the protection of the nation, and that the President thereupon bring about their immediate establishment:

a. A regular army of 14,000 officers and 165,000 men, including one mobile division of 12,000 officers and men in each of the four army areas, and a change in the enlistment plan whereby at least 120,000 men will be available in the second portion of their enlistment period as an enlisted reserve in event of emergency.

b. A National Guard of 210,000 men and proportionate officers, forty-eight paid weekly drills, and fifteen days of field training each year.

c. A Reserve Corps of 120,000 officers fitted for duty in war, the minimum number to meet initial mobilization, with fifteen days of active duty each year for each officer whose military duties are different from those of his civilian occupation.

d. A Reserve Officers Training Corps in each qualified school and college desiring it, to provide officers for the reserve corps, with compulsory training for two years in land grant colleges, and with six weeks of field training for advanced students.

e. Citizens Military Training Camps for one month for 50,000 youths each year.

f. New and modern equipment, 2320 modern airplanes in service, and modern transportation and other equipment for existing troops. The modernization of field artillery gun carriages. Continuous study of present and possible equipment needs, and new and modern military devices, and plans for supply in emergency. The manufacture of wartime equipment in small amounts by private plants to keep them prepared for expansion in war.

g. The construction and maintenance of a Navy at treaty strength in specified categories, and equal to any nation in other vessels, with 1910 modern naval planes in service.

h. The full complement of officers and men to man the ships and stations of the Navy, with increases as additional ships are built, and a Marine Corps of officers and men of one-fifth of the strength of the Navy.

i. A Fleet Naval Reserve of 1500 officers and 12,500 men, one-third of the officers to be trained in aviation, with fifteen days of active duty, and 48 weekly paid drills each year. New Naval Reserve training ships to replace obsolete ones.

j. A Volunteer Naval Reserve and a Merchant Marine Reserve equal in size to the regular forces, with fifteen days of active duty for each member, at least once in five years.

k. A Marine Reserve Corps of 550 officers and 4500 men, a third

of the officers to be trained in aviation, with fifteen days of active duty and 48 weekly paid drills each year.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at the meeting hereinabove described, by the unanimous vote of the members present and that the same be presented to the National Encampment to be held at Washington, D. C. September 22, 1936, with the request that it receive a favorable action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Department this 18th day of July, 1936.

A. D. Rhinesmith, Secretary, Department of Illinois,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Our organization as well as your Committee favor National Defense in principle but we feel that this resolution contains figures involving expenditures of vast sums of money and is so technical in its content that it would require so much research and investigation before intelligent action could be taken on all its various subjects, that it is beyond the scope of this Encampment. We recommend non-concurrence and in its place recommend the following:

The Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, favors maintaining the efficiency of the Army, Navy, Marine and Air Corps of the United States. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 8:

Whereas, The battlefield of Gettysburg, the best marked battlefield in the world, was laid out in the most careful manner with regard to its historical interest, by veterans of the Civil War, who devoted their lives to the work as a sacred privilege and duty; and

Whereas, A guide system was developed under the authority of the battlefield commission, in the interest of a wide dissemination of intelligence, interest in and understanding of this decisive battle; and

Whereas, Under the present management of the battlefield a system of wooden markers has been designed and partly erected, conveying to visitors the false impression that they do not need a guide in visiting the field, and further innovations have been instituted, changing some of the avenues as heretofore laid out, moving monuments long since erected, removing rocks and trees that have become familiar sights on the field, and making other radical changes thereon; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we strenuously oppose the erection on the said battlefield of any series of signs tending to lead people to give a less careful study to the heroic work of the brave men, living and dead, who fought there.

Resolved, That we oppose the ruthless changing of the work of the former battlefield commission, and that we call upon the proper authorities to put an end to the aforesaid practices.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be forwarded to the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America.

National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, located at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has been informed of the

Resolutions recently adopted by the Gettysburg Battlefield Guide Association with reference to the erection of wooden directional signs on the battlefield and the bearing of such signs upon the inclination of visitors to secure guides for their assistance in viewing the field.

The Camp, after very careful consideration of the matter, appointed the following committee to communicate to the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior its opposition to erection of the directional signs, especially signs which convey to visitors the idea that they can properly cover the field without a guide.

However good may be the purposes of those who have been responsible for the erection of the signs, we believe from reliable information, and from our own intimacy with the details of the field, that the signs have created a false impression upon visitors and have worked to their detriment.

Our Camp is firmly convinced, and we are instructed to say, that we believe the guide system as now in vogue is the best possible arrangement for the information of the vast number of visitors to this historic shrine, and that any plan that creates the idea that visitors can intelligently study the field without assistance is unwise.

This committee is further instructed to voice the opposition of our Camp to the changing of avenues as heretofore laid out over the battlefield, and to the moving of any monument now erected on the field or any marker indicating the position of any body of troops in the battle.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. WEIKERT, JR.,
L. B. HAFER,
WILLIAM L. BEALS,
Committee.

So far as your Committee has been able to obtain information, we cannot see that any injustice is being done or that there is any desecration of this famous Battlefield. Your Committee, therefore, recommend non-concurrence. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 9--From the Indiana Department:

Whereas, It appears that many good and sincere citizens have been grossly misled by much propaganda which employs and capitalizes upon the word "Peace," and through which teaching, things which are inimical to the best interests of our government and its constitution are made to take root in the minds of our citizens, especially its youth, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in its Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment very earnestly but courteously request that the clergy and the teaching profession very carefully investigate *all so called* "Pearce movements," to determine fully its source or sources, and as well, *all* of the personnel connected with any and all movements capitalizing upon the word "Peace" before giving their aid or encouragement to any of such "Peace Movements."

Your Committee recognize the need of careful endorsement of so called "Peace" projects and recommend concurrence. (Committee sustained).

Washington, D. C., March 26, 1936.

Mr. Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Locke:

The 150th Anniversary of the Formation of the Constitution of the United States will be celebrated beginning September 17, 1937. For your information enclosed is a copy of the tentative general plans as prepared by the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission.

This Commission is confident that the Society of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be eager to have a part in this great historic event and invites your organization to participate. Also enclosed is a suggested form of Resolution for consideration and adoption, providing for the appointment of a Constitution Committee in your organization and for co-operation with this Commission.

When your organization has acted upon this request, please forward a copy of the Resolution you have passed and report the names and addresses of the members of your National Constitution Sesquicentennial Committee. If you have any plans or suggestions for the Celebration, the Commission shall be pleased to receive them for consideration.

A franked envelope is enclosed for your reply which we hope to receive at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

SOL BLOOM, Director General.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution:

Whereas. The year 1937 marks the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas. We are fully aware of the importance of this occasion and our Order in its declaration of Purpose urges upon all a more careful study and a deeper appreciation of this wonderful document; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in its Fifty-fifth National Encampment assembled at Washington, D. C., heartily approve all plans for this observance and recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief and National Patriotic Instructor the appointment of a Committee to be known as the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution Committee and that this Committee be given full power to co-operate in said observance and make necessary plans and promulgate same that our Organization may have a part in this historical observance of the Founding of the Constitution.

The Committee moves concurrence. (Committee sustained).

Resolution No. 11—Death of Major Campbell:

Major E. R. Campbell, the Grand Old Man of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was born in Londonderry, Vermont, on January 29, 1844. He died in the Mount Alto Hospital, here in Washington on March 10th, and was buried at Battleground Cemetery, Takoma Park, D. C., on March 12, 1936. He had served at the Battle of Fort Stevens, and was the last man to be buried in Battleground. He saw our beloved Lincoln under fire at the battle there. The Major and his father enlisted together in Company G, 1st Vermont Vol., Heavy Artillery, November 30, 1863. His father died before the war was ended. The Major was a splendid patriot and a loyal friend. He was initiated

into Custer Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., (the former name of our Order) in Washington, D. C., in 1882. He transferred to Potomac Camp No. 1, located here, in 1887. He transferred to Ormslee Camp, in Brandon, Vermont, in 1888. He transferred to Phil Carney Camp No. 15, in this city in 1889. He transferred to Columbia Camp also located here in 1897. Served there as Camp Commander and in 1890 as Division Commander. He transferred to our own Cushing Camp, May 22, 1890. He became Commander-in-Chief of our Order a few years later. The Major helped in the formation of many Camps by transferring and building them up. Cushing Camp will hold informal services over his grave on each Memorial Day at sundown.

Whereas, The Great Commander above in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to the Great Encampment above our beloved comrade and brother, Major E. R. Campbell; and

Whereas, He served his Country with honor, and rendered valuable service to our Order in his many years of membership; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment assembled in Washington, D. C., September 24, 1936, feel deeply the great loss sustained by our Order in the passing away of Major Campbell, the Nation has lost a splendid soldier; the City of Washington a respected citizen; and our Organization a loyal and greatly beloved Brother; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family of Major Campbell and a copy spread upon the records of this Encampment.

Your Committee moves concurrence.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant: I move the adoption of this resolution by a rising vote in tribute to the memory of our Past Commander-in-Chief. (Carried).

Resolution No. 12:

Whereas, We as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War should grasp every opportunity to glorify and perpetuate the name of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas, The Department of Rhode Island, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has already dedicated a portion of U. S. Highway No. 6 as the "Grand Army Highway," and has had placed thereon suitable markers designating it as the "Grand Army Highway," be it

Resolved, That the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in session at Washington, D. C., September, 1936, most heartily approve and endorse the action taken by the Rhode Island Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and recommend and urge that this project be carried on, with particular emphasis on those Departments through which this Highway passes, namely, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado, that in time we may have a great National Highway extending from coast to coast, known as the "Grand Army Highway," a memorial to our ancestors that will last as long as this great country of ours exists.

A. Waller Lewis, Sr., Dept. Com. of R. I.
 Fred O. Arnold, Past Dept. Com.
 Frank S. Reavey, Past Dept. Com.

Your Committee feel that this Encampment should give the Department of Rhode Island credit for having been first to establish and carry thus to a successful finish this fine and enduring memorial to our Fathers, the Grand Army of the Republic, and we urge all other Departments mentioned in this Resolution to take necessary steps at once in order that this project may be carried to a successful culmination. Your Committee moves concurrence.

Delegate R. B. Durrell, New York: I would like to make a suggestion that the name of this highway be the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway" instead of just "Grand Army Highway."

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church: I heartily endorse what has just been said. Any highway to be named as a Memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic should bear the full name of that organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: I believe that the Rhode Island Department would approve of our incorporating the words "of the Republic" and the Committee will so change its recommendation. (Recommendation of Committee approved with this change).

Resolution No. 13—From the Department of New York:

At the annual Encampment of the New York Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in Syracuse, N. Y., June 9-11, 1936, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, We are informed that effort is being made to glorify certain individuals who fought against the Union and place their portraits on new issues of postage stamps; and

Whereas, We fear that this suggestion would tend to stir up and keep alive animosities of decades ago which should not now again be raised; and

Whereas, It seems to us there should not now be special recognition of any who sought destruction of the Union, particularly those who were given instruction at West Point, where they pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we oppose such proposed action and present this matter to the National Encampment to assemble in Washington, D. C., in September, 1936, for such action as it may deem wise to take in the premises.

Hermon L. Brockway, Department Commander.

Official: Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary.

Approved by Resolution Committee:

Neil D. Cranmer, Geo. P. Martina, Charles L. Sharp.

Your Committee regret the continued agitation regarding merits and demerits of those participating in the opposite side in the War of the Rebellion and do not wish by a resolution of this character to appear to be adding fuel to the flame, and recommend no action. (Committee sustained).

Resolved, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in our Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment assembled, express our hearty and sincere thanks to the local Committee on arrangements; to the Department of Maryland, our hosts; to Colonel Prittie and his Sons of Veterans Reserve for their very fine delegation at this Encampment, for their splendid escort to the Grand Army of the Republic, and for all their service so willingly rendered; to the Press; the Boy Scouts, Police, Citizens of Washington, Hotel management, and to

all who have in any way contributed in making our visit here in our Nation's Capital one that we shall long remember and appreciate.

DR. E. W. HOMAN, Massachusetts, Chairman,
RALPH M. GRANT, Connecticut.
DELEVAN B. BOWLEY, California.
BENJ. G. HAAG, Wisconsin.

Chairman Dr. E. W. Homan: I move that this report of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted as submitted. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland. Carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: I feel that this Encampment ought to go on record in favor of National Defense. In referring back to the Committee's report it appears as though we are turning down this resolution and I don't believe that this organization should go on record as turning down any Defense proposition.

Past Commander-in-Chief Delevan B. Bowley: Commander-in-Chief and my dear brothers of the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, my good friend is laboring somewhat under a misapprehension. The Committee has gone on record as favoring National Defense. They have offered a substitute resolution that we believe we should maintain the efficiency of the army, navy, marine and air corps. But if we were to adopt the resolution submitted we would be getting into deep water. How much do you or I know about the technical points contained therein? But to remove any doubt that might be in your minds, let me offer this motion, that we go on record as overwhelmingly in favor of maintaining the efficiency of the army, navy and marine corps of the United States of America. (Seconded and carried).

Past Department Commander Thomas L. Crawford, Massachusetts, inquired as to what was done about the resolution adopted by the Fifty-fourth Annual Encampment asking the Post Office Department to issue a special postage stamp in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander-in-Chief Locke stated that this matter was handled by him personally, that a letter was sent to the Post Office and that no response was received except the formality of an announcement that his request had been received and that the matter would be taken care of. Past Department Commander George A. Laduke, Vermont, moved, with second by Past Department Commander Harry W. Marden, Alabama & Tennessee, that further efforts be made to bring about the issuance of this commemorative stamp. (Carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie. In the report of your Committee on Resolutions you heard the very unanimous praise of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, in coming here to act as an escort to the Grand Army. A condition has arisen in the escort and we are in a quandary as to how we should handle it. These men came down here—a lot of them at a big sacrifice of time and money—and a lot of them have had about one meal a day. In Pennsylvania and New Jersey we have tried to take care as best we could the matter of financing these boys and getting them down here. The local committee tried to make arrangements and a lot of work was done by your Commander-in-Chief Locke to have these men taken care of both as to meals and sleeping quarters. We were given free sleeping quarters for these men but the Army has a bill for each of these men for sixty-five cents for the sheets and pillow cases. Oh, I know you think that is a small amount, but that is just sixty-five cents more than those fellows have. You are so proud to call them your uniformed unit. The officers have been doing everything they can, spending their money to help these boys, but we are going to need about \$210.00 and

if you appreciate the work and service of these boys I think you will want to help us. I move, Commander-in-Chief, that we be permitted to recess for a few minutes to pass the hat and take up a collection. (Seconded and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Program and Policy presents the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY
Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of this Encampment:

The fifty-fourth Annual Encampment received a very comprehensive report from the Committee on Program and Policy, which was adopted and thus put into operation. These matters were largely a re-affirmation of the platform and plans which were adopted at the fifty-third Encampment.

From reports which have come to us, we find many Departments and Camps are carrying out one or more of the plans as adopted, and so we agree with the Commander-in-Chief who says in part of his report, "It is my firm conviction that this program and policy method should be continued without interruption" and we recommend this action be taken by this Encampment.

We find that our Auxiliary has been working on somewhat similar lines as our Committee on Program and Policy, but known as the Committee on Survey and Planning. Last year a National Committee of the Auxiliary was appointed and this committee will submit recommendations to their Encampment, which will establish a program for their Auxiliaries.

Realizing that most of whatever success has been ours as an organization is due largely to the co-operation and assistance received from our Auxiliary, we feel that in order to carry out successfully the plans we desire to put into operation we need the co-operation of all of our loyal Auxiliary members.

We, therefore, recommend that the Encampment commend and endorse most heartily the action of our Auxiliary in establishing a Committee on Survey and Planning, and that we instruct the members of the incoming Committee on Program and Policy to confer with the National Committee on Survey and Planning for joint consideration and action on programs and plans.

We further recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief instruct the Department Commanders of our organization to do the same in their respective Departments; that is to say, that the Department Committee on Program and Policy confer and act with the Department of Committee on Survey and Planning.

The previously adopted plans have been of a sufficiently wide scope so as to necessitate no addition thereto at this time by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. KIRCHGASSNER,
CLEON E. HEALD,
JOHN E. SAUTTER,
RICHARD F. LOCKE,
H. H. HAMMER,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ.

Vice Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this report. (Motion seconded by Past Department Commander W. O. Fuller of Massachusetts. The

vote was unanimous in favor and the Commander-in-Chief declared the motion carried).

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: Commander-in-Chief, may I offer at this time a suggestion that you appoint a committee who will at the close of this Encampment, place this beautiful floral design of the American flag in the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Civil War at Arlington, as a tribute from our organization.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: That is a splendid suggestion, Brother Isaacs, but since this is the gift of our Auxiliary to us I would suggest that it be placed as a tribute from both organizations and I will appoint you as the chairman of such a committee, and you may select such other members as you wish.

Past Department Commander Carl F. Sattler, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Your Committee has carefully studied the reports of the Officers and is much impressed with the zeal, intelligence and the fidelity displayed in each and every report.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The Commandery-in-Chief has been headed this past year by a brother of exceptional ability, intensified by long activity in the Order. His term of office has been marked by a high degree of service. He has concentrated his energies by lifting our Order to a higher plane. He has familiarized himself with problems confronting each and every Department. He has devoted his best efforts to curing the ills that are generally affecting the organization. He has won the esteem of all right-minded officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief. He has made the interests of the Order supreme, and has not spared personal time and expense in his efforts to give the Order the best possible service. His term ends with our expression of sincere gratitude for all he has done to improve and make more effective the aims and objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the incoming Commandery-in-Chief Officers, and National Committee on Program and Policy be directed to use every honorable and possible means to put into effect the third plank of our Platform. Your Committee approves the recommendation.

(2) That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to budget the sum of \$2000.00 for expenses of the Commander-in-Chief during the ensuing year. Your Committee favor such increase in the expenses of the Commander-in-Chief as the Council-in-Chief may deem advisable in preparing the budget.

(3) That the incoming Commandery-in-Chief Officers, and the Committee on Program and Policy be directed to take up with all Camps through proper Department Officers the matter of insisting that all Camps and all members render every possible aid and support to the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, either by taking active charge in their respective communities, or in aiding and assisting other organizations engaged in arranging proper observance of the occasion. Your Committee approves the recommendation.

(4) That the Council-in-Chief provide in its budget hereafter annually an item to be allocated to the Reserve towards defraying expenses of its members participating in the parades as escorts to the

Grand Army of the Republic. Your Committee approves the recommendation.

(5) Your Committee commends paragraph one (1) found on page one (1) of the printed report on the subject of discipline. We approve the attempt of the Commander-in-Chief to establish discipline and recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief continue these efforts.

(6) We concur in the recommendations that the Program and Policy method be continued without interruption in order that the labor and efforts of the Committee, both in the Commandery-in-Chief and the Departments, may more forcefully augment the efforts of the Commandery-in-Chief and Department Officers.

(7) Your Committee concurs in the recommendation that our membership in the American Coalition should be continued and made active.

We commend his efforts to obtain a complete set of Adjutant Generals reports from the various States in order to create a Library of Civil War material, and recommend the continuation of this worthwhile project.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

The report of the Senior Vice Commander reveals an unusual activity and an intelligent interest. He has proven himself not only a valuable co-worker with the Commander-in-Chief, but also has rendered the New England Region a consistent and worth-while service. He expresses the opinion and belief that the time is opportune for a planned drive for members who can give us moral and financial prestige, and that the office of National Organizer be created to give us a start in such direction. He also is of the opinion that the Order should expect and demand something more than lineal descendency as a basis for eligibility. Your Committee finds themselves in accord with these opinions and respectfully refers them to the Committee on Program and Policy for careful consideration.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

We note that the Junior Vice Commander has submitted an interesting report.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

We heartily commend our Secretary-Treasurer for another year of efficient service, and for his valuable recommendations.

Recommendation relative to new form 3 and 11.—The Committee approves.

His opinions and suggestions contained in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7, page 14 of the printed report, your Committee refers to the attention of the Committee on Program and Policy for careful consideration.

REPORTS OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR AND CHAPLAIN

The reports of our National Patriotic Instructor and National Chaplain show that their work is a notable contribution to the success of this administration, despite the handicaps of ill health which has made impossible their attendance at this Encampment. Their recommendations disclose an inviting interest in the welfare of our Order.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

(1) Change the term of office of Department Patriotic Instructors to coincide with the term of office of the Camp Patriotic Instructor. The Committee refers this recommendation to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(2) Let the new forms Nos. 50 and 51 remain as they are for another year at least. We recommend its adoption.

(3) Enforce penalties for failing to make required reports on time. We recommend its adoption.

(4) Encourage district meetings. We recommend its adoption.

(5) Plan picnics and other special events for the affiliated societies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Remember the birthdays of the Civil War Veterans. We recommend its adoption.

(6) Do not fail to visit the remaining Veterans of the Civil War. Do all that you can to make their last hours on earth as pleasant as you can. We recommend its adoption.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR

The interpretation of laws and precedents of the Order by National Counselor Michael G. Heintz has been in the hands of a safe, sane and dependable legal authority.

PERSONAL AIDE

Perle L. Fouch has shown by his report that he has rendered service greater than that of a mere Personal Aide, as demonstrated by his efforts, particularly in the Central Region.

COMMITTEE ON GRAVE MARKING

Chairman Charles R. Hale reveals in his report a year of outstanding service. He has familiarized himself with the conditions in all the Departments. His task has been a most exacting and painstaking one, and he has performed it with rare fidelity and intelligence. He should receive greater co-operation.

Your Committee approves the recommendation that the Committee on Marking Graves be continued for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL F. SATTLER, Chairman,
H. HARDING HALE,
W. R. HERRLEIN,
OSCAR F. HUHN,
A. D. RHINESMITH.

Past Department Commander Carl F. Sattler, Ohio; Commander-in-Chief, we move the adoption of this report. (Seconded by Delegate Ira F. Knauft, Pennsylvania. Carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: We received from our collection \$118.40 and \$10.00 due. It seems that this bill is to be paid by check. The Reserve have no checking account and the Colonel informed the man at the War Department that the money when sent would be sent through the Commander-in-Chief. Now to take the legal way of doing this, I move that the money as collected, the ten dollar check due and the possibility of a few more contributions be turned over to National Secretary Hammer and he be authorized to make up the difference and send through a check for the amount due. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John L. Reeger, New Jersey. Carried).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I want to present the commanding officer of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. I have not in my year's experience met any more sincere or loyal Son of a Veteran than Colonel Prittie. I now submit him to you for your approval.

Colonel E. J. Prittie: Commander and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, I cannot express my personal appreciation or feeling to be accorded this privilege. I am accepting it in the name of the Escort and the boys I command. It is not due to me. It is due to

their loyalty to the Sons of Union Veterans and to the Grand Army of the Republic that they are here. I merely want to thank you for your loyal support. We thought we had made all the arrangements. We tried to keep back those who could not afford to come and these difficulties have arisen since our arriving here. It is very humiliating to me to have to parade before you the poverty of my Pennsylvania boys. They had no intention of forcing prominence, but they have come here because of their love of the Grand Army of the Republic and to carry out the orders of their Commander-in-Chief and in thanking you for your support I would like to make this motion that a letter of thanks be sent to Colonel John Hogan. It had been reported from some sources than attempt was being made to prevent our part in the parade and so in order to try and cut down a little red tape Brother Casey and I called on Colonel Hogan himself and after discussing the matter he said, "Well, Colonel, your men will be paraded" and yesterday after reviewing the parade he came up to me and said, "I have counted your men in line and I find there are ninety-five present," and so I ask that a letter be sent to him acknowledging his courtesy. (Past Department Commander C. W. Jackman, Alabama & Tennessee, second. Carried).

Acting Patriotic Instructor John L. Bateman: I present the following as a financial report in the matter of the contributions to the fund to cover the cost and installation of the Memorial Tablet yesterday presented to the City of Washington at the Ford Theatre Museum:

Balance from last year\$ 62.50

Contributions:

Alabama & Tennessee	\$ 2.00	
California & Pacific	10.00	
Connecticut	2.50	
Illinois	10.00	
Indiana	5.00	
Iowa	2.82	
Maine	2.00	
Maryland	29.00	
Massachusetts	4.25	
Minnesota	4.00	
Missouri	2.00	
Nebraska	1.00	
New Hampshire	5.01	
New Jersey	7.00	
New York	13.00	
Ohio	4.50	
Oregon	2.50	
Pennsylvania	48.50	
Rhode Island	12.50	
Vermont	9.00	
Washington	1.00	
Wisconsin	8.15	
		185.73
Collection		40.50
		\$288.73

Expenditures:

Cost of Tablet	\$177.00	
Patriotic Instructor's Expense	23.60	
		200.60
Balance on hand		\$ 88.13

Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the minutes taken by the official stenographer be approved without reading, that they be printed and promulgated as heretofore with one copy to each Camp. (Seconded and carried).

George S. Geis, Past National President of Philippine Veterans, 8th Army Corps Association, was presented to the Encampment and extended the greeting of the Philippine Veterans.

National Counselor Heintz: Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of this Encampment there was submitted to me the petition of Everett F. Warner and I now wish to give to you my opinion:

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24, 1936.

Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The petition of Everett F. Warner submitted to the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief shows:

That Everett F. Warner of Lincoln Camp No. 2, Department of Maryland, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was Treasurer of that Camp until August 28, 1935.

That sometime between that date and December 31, 1935, he was dropped from membership presumably for non-payment of dues. The petition shows that his dues had been remitted. The report of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Maryland Department shows his name as among those dropped from membership between July 1, 1935, and December 31, 1935. The petition also shows that on April 24, 1936, Everett F. Warner sent a postoffice money order for \$9.00 to the Treasurer of his Camp. It was claimed that this money order was not received, and that subsequently a duplicate order was issued and an attempt was made to deliver the money order to the Treasurer of the Camp but it was refused.

Section III of Article 2 of the regulations governing Camps is as follows: "Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues may, by a vote of the Camp, be dropped. Until his name is dropped from the roll, the Camp shall be subject to per capita tax on such member. A dropped member may be admitted into the Order in the same manner as a new member."

CONCLUSIONS

My conclusion, based upon the foregoing statement of facts, is as follows:

(1) Everett F. Warner was in good standing in his Camp on August 28, 1935, evidenced by the fact that he was Treasurer until that day, and we are not concerned whether his dues had actually been paid or remitted. I assume that they were remitted.

(2) Everett F. Warner could not legally be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues until after August 28, 1936, and the action of his Camp in dropping him prior to that time was premature and illegal.

(3) It is immaterial whether or not he tendered his dues as stated in the petition. He may tender his dues now and his Camp is bound to accept them because it had no power to drop him at the time it attempted to do so.

(4) The petition filed herein is in effect an appeal from the Department of Maryland as shown by the report of the Secretary-Treas-

urer listing Everett F. Warner as among those dropped between July 31, 1935, and December 31, 1935.

(5) It is my opinion, therefore, that this matter comes before the Commander-in-Chief as an appeal from the action of the Department of Maryland, and that that Department should be directed to notify Lincoln Camp No. 2, Department of Maryland, to receive the dues of Everett F. Warner, if now tendered, and upon such receipt to restore him to membership as of August 28, 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,

National Counselor,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: You have heard the opinion of the National Counselor which opinion I approve. Is there any appeal? Inasmuch as no appeal has been taken from such approval, I declare Brother Warner entitled to a seat in this Encampment.

Brother Everett F. Warner: The Treasurer of the Camp refuses to accept my tender of dues.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Irelan: Commander, it is apparent our National Counselor had before him only the allegations of one side of this controversy. Neither the Camp nor its members were asked to appear before him to present any evidence. We want to be fair, right and proper and we do not want to appear to be unjust, but there is certain evidence bearing on this situation that should have been presented to the National Counselor.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: The sole question before the Commandery-in-Chief is whether or not at the present time Past Department Commander Warner is entitled to a seat in this Encampment. No other issue is involved. This matter is settled by the opinion of the National Counselor which opinion was rendered solely upon the statement before him. If there are other matters involved which should be considered it is the duty of the Maryland Department or of those who feel aggrieved by the decision to take such action as may be provided by the Constitution and Regulations of the Order to secure a proper remedy.

National Secretary Hammer: Your Committee on Credentials offers the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-fifth Encampment,
Commandery-in-Chief:

Your Committee on Credentials reports members of this Encampment comprising:

Officers	7	Absent, 3
Past Commanders-in-Chief	15	Absent, 8
Department Commanders	14	Absent, 11
Past Department Commanders	98	
Delegates	118	
Alternates	7	
Substitutes (Appointed)	78	

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Locke: There being no further business we will proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the incoming year. Past Department Commanders Klein of New York and Wigent of Michigan will act as tellers. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

Alabama & Tennessee yielded to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I feel much like the man trying to lift the rear end of an automobile out of a deep mud hole. A very kind gentleman came along and he said, "My dear friend, aren't you afraid you will injure your brain working so hard in that hot sun?" The man looked up, gave him a piercing look and said, "Why, do you think if I had any brains I would be in this hole?" When there are so many members in the New York Department—men with many more brains than I have—I think I am sort of brainless to be up here when it is their place to be here.

A little boy asked his father if Edison made the first talking machine. "No, my son, Edison did not make the first talking machine, but he did make the first talking machine that could be cut off." So I shall be very brief.

In everyone's life there are two sides of the work we have to do; some are pleasant and some disagreeable. If you weigh them the disagreeable will generally outbalance the pleasant, but the task I am here to perform is so very pleasant that I know it will balance up many of those disagreeable ones that have occurred in my life.

It is indeed an honor to present to you the candidate I am to name. A man, college bred; a man who was successful in his business life, building it up to the largest of its kind. He has been honored. He has been sought by two of our most distinguished Presidents to act as chairman of Commissions, Wilson and Hoover. For the splendid way in which he handles things, when the City of Syracuse wanted to raise two million dollars they went to him and asked him to take charge of the drive and he had the money raised in sixty days and within the time he set. Now, gentlemen, that shows ability.

I could go on and tell you many, many other achievements which our friend has accomplished. He was elected Commander of our Department for two terms. Something that happened only twice before.

Gentlemen, Brothers, I take great pleasure in presenting the name of the man I think capable of heading our organization and that name is William Allan Dyer of Syracuse, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley: California & Pacific seconds the nomination of William Allan Dyer.

Roll call continued until Illinois was called.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church: We take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of William Allan Dyer of New York for Commander-in-Chief.

Roll call continued until Maryland was called.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Ireland: Maryland seconds the nomination of William Allan Dyer.

Roll call continued until Michigan was called.

Past Department Commander Perle L. Fouch: Michigan supports the nomination of Brother Dyer.

Roll call continued to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: Pennsylvania seconds the nomination of Brother William Allan Dyer.

Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington seconded the nomination of Brother Dyer.

Roll call was concluded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner: I move that

the unanimous ballot of 316 votes of this Encampment be cast for William Allan Dyer for Commander-in-Chief. (Second by Delegate L. M. Raynor, New York Carried). (Ballot cast by National Secretary Hammer).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I declare Brother Dyer elected as Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will call the roll of Departments for nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

When California was reached:

Past Commander-in-Chief Delevan B. Bowley: Commander-in-Chief and my brothers of the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the brother whom I will submit to you for your consideration needs no introduction. He has served for many years his Camp, his Department and our Commandery-in-Chief with credit to you and to himself. His father enlisted in Company F of the 57th Ohio Infantry, in that wonderful state of our Union who has presented so many eminent Americans for service for our country.

In California we have adopted a plan for our state which is 750 miles long. We have divided our Department into three sections and we select our Department officers from these three sections. Today the splendid brother we have selected for our Commander-in-Chief comes from the east and now I wish to submit the name of a brother who comes from the middle part of the United States. It is a pleasure to submit to you the name of Perle L. Fouch of the Department of Michigan and I wish to state in submitting this name, I think it is a beautiful tribute that I was asked to perform this duty, for, had he lived, our beloved Past Department Commander George Cogshall would be making this nomination. I thank you and I trust you will make the vote unanimous.

Roll call continued with the following Departments seconding: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

Past Commander-in-Chief Bowley: I move that our Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for Perle L. Fouch of Michigan for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded. Carried). (Ballot cast by Secretary Hammer).

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I declare Brother Fouch elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will now call the roll of Departments for nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Secretary called the roll until Maryland was reached.

Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin C. Irelan: Commander-in-Chief, I am not going to delay this session by making a lengthy address, but I feel it my duty to inform you of the character of the man I am to nominate. He joined our Order some twenty-five years ago. He has been active in Camp and in Department. He has been in constant attendance at Camp, Department, and Commandery-in-Chief meetings and he has become conversant in the workings of our organization. His father served in Company F of the 2nd Maryland Volunteers, enlisting in June, 1861, and honorably discharged on July 8, 1865. It is an honor and a privilege to place in nomination the name of Howard C. Michael for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Roll call continued to Rhode Island who seconded the nomination. Roll call was concluded.

Upon motion, properly seconded, the unanimous ballot of the Encampment was cast for Howard C. Michael for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Locke: I declare Brother Michael elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary will now call the roll of Departments for nominations for members of the Council-in-Chief.

Upon roll call, Alabama & Tennessee yielded to New Jersey, and New Jersey yielded to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch: Pennsylvania does not have a candidate but its sister state of New Jersey has. This brother whom I am to name has been a member of the order for forty-nine years. He was Department Commander of New Jersey in 1923 and 1924; he has been Department Secretary-Treasurer for twenty years. He has attended twelve National Encampments. He is a man whom New Jersey loves; and he is a man whom Pennsylvania loves, too, and it is an extreme pleasure to know that such a man has consented to become a candidate for such a position. I nominate Brother John L. Reeger of New Jersey as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

Roll call continued and California & Pacific yielded to Massachusetts.

Past Commander-in-Chief E. W. Homan: It is a pleasure to place in nomination the name of a man who has served on the Council-in-Chief during the past year. I present the name of Charles H. E. Moran of Massachusetts.

Roll call continued until Indiana was called.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank Shellhouse: Indiana has a candidate for Council-in-Chief. Many of you know him. He has been a member of the Indiana Department since 1900. He has served his Camp faithfully and well and he has been Secretary-Treasurer of our Department for many years. I know what he is in the way of economy. And he is just the kind of a man we need as a member of our Council. I present the name of A. W. McDaniel of Indiana.

Roll call was concluded.

Upon motion, properly seconded, the unanimous ballot of the Encampment was cast for John L. Reeger, Charles H. E. Moran, and A. W. McDaniel as members of the Council-in-Chief. (The Commander-in-Chief declared these brothers elected).

Commander-in-Chief-Elect Dyer announced that Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman would act as Installing Officer and Past Department Commander Neil D. Cranmer was appointed to act as Installing Guide. The following appointments were announced:

National Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett of California.
National Chaplain, Rev. William V. Dickinson of Connecticut.
National Counselor, Harry S. Howard of Vermont.

The Officers were then installed in regular ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer: My Brothers—No man could stand in this position and be insensible to the occasion.

You have chosen your Officers, and have charged them with the responsibility of conducting the affairs of your Enterprise.

Those responsibilities are not light, and they are not made any lighter by the fact that the resources of your institution are not what they should be.

We have existed for fifty odd years. The aims and purposes of this enterprise of ours are well known to you. During those years we have done a loyal work, an increasingly great work, a commendable work,—one approved by all who know of it. We have not been without faults, of course, and there are some things to be done. It is

highly necessary that they should be done, if we are to function efficiently—or even properly.

You have heard the very business-like report of the Council-in-Chief—which I heartily approve. I am a business man—and because of the business affairs of your institution, I am concerned with the conduct to call your attention to the picture which that report presents. This organization of ours is not merely a Patriotic Order, it is an institution. It is a business enterprise in which we are all shareholders. Into it we have put our money and to it we have devoted our thoughts, our energies and our time. The money we have put into it is in the form of our initiation fees and our yearly dues—and that is its capital!

We are caring for over a million graves of Civil War Veterans in the United States. That is our principal job.

Our yearly dues, the capital provided by you and me for this work, are the smallest of any patriotic body in the world—purposely made so, in order that anyone eligible to be a shareholder in the Order can afford to join it.

These small dues, if everyone pays them and our membership is large enough, or keeps growing, are sufficient to do all the work required of us.

We are much like an Assessment Insurance Company, whose issued policies are good, so long as the membership in it grows. When its membership falls off the value of its policies dwindles and the returns to those who remain to pay their yearly dues depreciates; and if the membership is allowed to fall too far, they become less and less of value and may, eventually, in such case, be of no value at all.

From the Council-in-Chief's report it is plain our income is not what it should be, and if our membership is not sustained or increased to what it was and to what, with right effort, it easily can be, we face the possibility of being in the situation of the Assessment Insurance Company, whose capital has become impaired.

From this standpoint, as a shareholder in our enterprise with you, I feel I must speak thus frankly, without anyone thinking for a moment I do so in a pessimistic way. I know you will agree with me that it is proper for this situation to be presented to you—and it is the proper time to do it.

There are two solutions, as I see it. One—for us to put our hands into our pockets and provide the capital necessary to properly run this business of ours. I do not think that is the right way.

The other way is to increase our membership. That is the right way and that we can do if everyone will go at this job with courage, with faith in himself and in the Order, and with everlasting activity.

So, I propose two major aims this year. First and foremost, a largely increased membership and through it a possibility of greater accomplishment, and, second, to consecrate ourselves to the upholding and sustaining of the American Constitution.

Let me speak first of our membership aim and its possibilities. To speak optimistically, I know of no patriotic body which has such possibilities as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Take our own State of New York. It sent several hundreds of thousands of men into the Union army during the Civil War. There are easily 60,000 to 100,000 descendants of these men in New York State today, eligible to join the Sons of Union Veterans, many of whom would join the Order, if they were located and asked; and yet, we have in our New York State Department but 3,000 to 4,000 members!

What is true of New York State is equally true of Pennsylvania, of Massachusetts, and to only a slightly less degree of Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and every other State where our organization is represented.

These men are just as able, just as patriotic, and would be just as interested in this great work of our organization as we are, who have been for so long a time members. We need—every enterprise needs—new blood, and they would immeasurably strengthen our Order not only in personnel but their membership would provide the additional capital so vitally necessary. So I ask you for a greatly enlarged membership, as our first aim this year.

One important thing. When we had our campaign in New York a year or more ago, we found a vital fault which we must overcome, if we are to succeed in this.

It does no good for a Camp to go to work honestly and faithfully, and secure ten, twenty or fifty new members, if another, less willing Camp drops an equal number. How would you—any brother in this room—like to devote hours of energy and time to recruiting your Camp and have another brother or Camp nullify all that hard work by dropping as many members as you had secured? That is not the way to conduct a campaign. It is not possible to succeed that way, in a campaign for members or for any other purpose. We must not allow devoted work to go for nothing. It is asking too much. So, if this year, we agree to go to work to strengthen our enterprise, we cannot—indeed, we must not—at the same time weaken our effort by dropping members.

All but two Departments are represented here, and most of them by their Department Commanders. If you are willing to undertake this job with this condition—and there is no other way to succeed at it—I ask you, everyone, for your Department, your Camp, and yourself individually, to pledge yourselves to your Commander-in-Chief and your officers and to yourselves mutually, to undertake this job, to fight it to a successful finish—and indicate your pledge by rising. (Everyone rose).

Thank you, brothers. And, let me say that if at the end of this year I cannot—with your help—show a stoppage of losses in membership and leave this corporation of ours in better shape financially, I shall consider I have made a complete failure.

Now—let us take up the second aim for the year! I ask you to pledge yourselves and this Order to a vigorous and virile support of the American Constitution and all that that means.

The American Constitution is the fundamental law of our land. On it our success as a Nation depends. Gladstone says of it: "The American Constitution is the most wonderful work ever struck off by the brains and purpose of man."

Born in travail, it was given to us by our wise and farseeing forefathers and is the only written Constitution possessed by any Nation. It was not finally adopted until the Bill of Rights was incorporated in it.

The Bill of Rights covers the basic principles of personal liberty, religious freedom, the right of assembly, freedom of speech and the press, protection to our people in the possession of property, etc. It is a declaration of principles; a safeguard against tyranny by government, as well as against unjust and oppressive conduct on the part of the people themselves.

It is based on the Virginia Bill of Rights of 1776, the first declara-

tion of our liberty ideals by a free American State which stated: "that all men have certain inherent rights of which they cannot by any compact deprive or divest their posterity—namely: the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the acquiring and possessing of property, etc."

The Bill of Rights gives us nothing at all. Those rights are inherent in a free people. But, the strength and force of it is that it guarantees us protection in those rights, which are priceless to every American citizen.

I do not need to rehearse to you the attempts—open and insidious—which are being made to undermine and weaken that Constitution. Our aim—the aim of our organization, as I see it—should be and is to stand fast against any and all such subversive attempts, and to that we pledge ourselves. I do not have to ask you to give further evidence of your approval of this second aim of ours. You have already given it.

I want to say, my brothers, that I am appreciative of the many kindnesses I have received since I have been here. I believe in the Sons of Veterans! I am proud to be connected with this organization and to be a part in the wonderful work it has done for half a century and is now doing. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me and for the pledge you have given me. I appreciate it more than I can say.

One word more before I finish. I wish to compliment our Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Locke, on the earnestness he has shown in conducting the affairs of our organization during the year just ended.

I wish to announce the following appointments to the Committee on Program and Policy:

- Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania.
- Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner of Massachusetts.
- Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman of New York.
- Past Commander-in-Chief Delevan B. Bowley of California.
- Past Commander-in-Chief Locke is designated as Chairman.

A delegation from Ellen Spencer Muzzey Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, were presented to the Encampment and extended greetings to the new Commander-in-Chief and best wishes for his success during the year.

Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church: Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, I recall and have recalled many times since, an incident which occurred at our winter convocation in Springfield, Illinois, where we were all entertained very finely. One of the entertainers was a great singer and she sang a song to you and the refrain was, "Are you there, Richard Locke? Richard Locke, are you there?" There has never been one moment since your election at Grand Rapids when Richard Locke was not there and on duty. He has been active; he has been energetic; he has been able in the performance of all the duties of his office, and more than that, he has presented to the Order highly constructive work. He has brought to the end of his term the largest Encampment for many, many years, and it has come at the time when the Seventieth anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic was being celebrated in the Capital city of the Nation. He has finished his administration with honor to himself and with credit to the Order.

I have, at this time, great pleasure in bestowing upon you, Past Commander-in-Chief Locke, the Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge which I know you will wear with as much honor as you have contrib-

uted in the past and particularly as that which you have contributed during your administration. It is a badge that is earned with earnest, sincere and loyal effort; it is one that you have most ably deserved, and it is the pleasure of this Encampment to bestow it upon you.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke: Ever since you were Department Commander of Illinois I have been sitting at your feet. When I have followed the advice you have given I have been right, and when I have failed to follow your advice I have frequently found myself to be wrong.

I am deeply grateful to all the members of the Commandery-in-Chief for the kindness and considerations which they have shown me. It has been a pleasant year. But the way I feel is that I want to continue to learn my lessons as a Son of a Union Veteran and I want to think that this badge is not fully paid for and at the same time to assure you that I want to continue making payments upon it in the work of this Order.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: May we have a few words from our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother Fouch?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I want to thank you for the honor you have given me. I pledge to you a year of service for our beloved Order and our Nation.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: May we hear from our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief?

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howard C. Michael: I want to take this privilege of thanking everyone and I pledge you to do anything at any time for the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: May we hear now from the members of the Council-in-Chief?

Council-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran: Commander-in-Chief, I want to thank the members of the Commandery-in-Chief for again selecting me a member of the Council. With the co-operation of all we will be able to build up the organization financially.

Council-in-Chief A. W. McDaniel: I want to thank the Brothers from the bottom of my heart, and to pledge to you my best efforts.

Council-in-Chief John L. Reeger: I thank you sincerely. I will stand shoulder to shoulder with the other members of the Council-in-Chief in supporting the Commander-in-Chief.

National Secretary Hammer presented Past Commander-in-Chief Locke with the button-hole decoration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Thank you, Horace.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I have here, Commander-in-Chief, not a medal nor a reward for service, but a report of the conditions in every Department in this Order and of practically every Camp in every Department. With each Department report is a copy of the Department By-Laws and a Department Roster. Take these for your files next year. You will probably need more than this, but here is information of vital importance in determining action. I am hopeful and I am extremely confident you will find them of service.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer closed in due form the Encampment at two-forty-five o'clock to meet in 1937 in Madison, Wisconsin.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL

Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Washington, D. C., Sept. 22-26, 1936

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Delegate Representation

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

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	Membership.	Delegates
Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	61	2
California & Pacific...	19	July 1, 1886	681	8
Colorado & Wyoming..	25	Mar. 22, 1929	223	3
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	1355	15
Illinois	10	July 1883	816	10
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	870	10
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	283	4
Kansas	9	June 1883	394	5
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	997	11
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	395	5
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	4448	45
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	472	6
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	204	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	257	4
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	53	2
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	694	8
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	851	10
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	2538	26
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1882	20
Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	187	2
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	5192	53
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	351	5
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	654	8
Washington	23	Jan. 1, 1890	172	3
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	541	6

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Joint Memorial Services were held on Monday evening, in the ball room of the Willard Hotel. National Chaplain Anna Byron arranged a beautiful and impressive ceremony. The procession, led by National Chaplain Byron and Brother Frank Huston of the Sons of Union Veterans, was composed of Sisters Gertrude M. Sautter, who draped the Auxiliary charter, Sister Molly D. Hammer, Brother John E. Sautter, Brother Phil Byron, Brother Frank C. Huston, and Sister Emma S. Finch, who carried the crown, and Brother Michael Casey (Maryland Department), who carried a cross.

While Brother Emerson Krieger, Illinois, sang "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Sister Emma Bolt, Brother Michael Casey and Sister Emma Finch placed the cross and crown on the altar.

Flowers were deposited on the altar in memory of deceased sisters and brothers, and Sister Molly D. Hammer paid the following tributes:

ELIZABETH C. HANSEN

Our lives, individually and collectively, are made up of sunlight and shadow, joy and sorrow, and when the shadows fall across our pathway, it touches the common heart of us all. During the past year, the members of New Jersey Department, also the members of our National organization, have been saddened by the passing away of Past National President Sister Elizabeth Hansen, and tonight we pay tribute to her memory.

Sister Hansen was a charter member of Auxiliary No. 2, Union City, also a charter member of New Jersey Department when it was organized thirty-five years ago. During her membership in our order, she filled many important offices in her Auxiliary, Department and the National organization, always giving in return, outstanding service. As National President, she not only gave to us a most successful administration, but she endeared herself to all who were fortunate enough to know her. A loyal, patriotic woman, devoted to the ideals and principles of both the Auxiliary and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sincere in her desire to advance the interests of both organizations, she is greatly missed by all her friends and associates. Fully realizing the great loss we have sustained, we shall always treasure the memory of Past National President Elizabeth C. Hansen.

ALWINE GERKHARDT

I should like to, at this time, pay tribute to the memory of another outstanding member of our Auxiliary, Past National Vice President Alwine Gerhardt, who was also a member of New Jersey Department. Called Home a few short months after her co-worker, Sister Hansen, our lives were again deeply touched with sadness. Sister Alwine Gerhardt's death has left a vacancy in our ranks which can never be filled. Willing hands carry on the unfinished tasks, but no one can quite take her place. Patriotic, loyal, generous and gracious, beloved by all our entire membership, Alwine Ger-

hardt's memory is sacred to us, her life an incentive and an example for us to follow. Being dead—she yet speaketh. We treasure the memories of our many years association with her.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston, representing Chaplain-in-Chief Rev. Arthur Soule, eulogized the 492 members of the Sons of Union Veterans who had departed during the past year.

EDWARD R. CAMPBELL

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter paid the following tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell:

They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind.

These beautiful words of the poem, "They Are Not Dead," comfort us as we, at this time, pay our tribute to one who has "crossed over," one whom we honored and loved because of the life he had lived, and the active part he had played, for so many years, in the affairs of the organization that was so close to his heart, Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell.

To me his death was a personal loss, because for many years the relationship between us was more akin to that of father and son, rather than brother and brother. And this was but natural because Past Commander-in-Chief Campbell was both a Veteran of the Civil War and the son of a Veteran of the Civil War. As a Veteran he was of course, and of right, proud that he had been permitted to serve his country in time of war. He loved his Comrades, and his fellowship through life with them.

But he, if possible, valued even more his membership in our Order, believed that by active participation in its activities, which characterized his long and useful life, he was best able to be of real service to his Comrades, and the perpetuation of the ideals taught by them.

His interest in our Order was continuous, his service in the various official positions outstanding. As Commander-in-Chief he bore the proud distinction of being the only Civil War Veteran to ever have held that office.

Beloved by many, we shall miss his kindly presence, his unflinching courtesy, his wise counsel, but in the hearts of all who knew him, who loved him, there shall ever be held sacred a spot in memory of Edward R. Campbell.

National Chaplain Anna Byron, of the Auxiliary, paid tribute to the memory of the members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans who had been called by death.

The following program was carried out:

- Musical Prelude Emma Bolt
- Processional
- Solo, "Old Rugged Cross" Emerson G. Krieger
- Draping Charter of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
 Past National President Willma L. Combs
- Draping Charter of Sons of Union Veterans
 Past Department Commander Phil Byron
- Invocation National Chaplain of Auxiliary Anna Byron
- Solo, "In the Garden" Emerson G. Krieger

- Tribute to the memory of Past National President Elizabeth Hansen
By Past National President Molly D. Hammer
- Tribute to the memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Edward R. Campbell
By Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter
- Tribute to the memory of deceased members of Auxiliary
By National Chaplain Anna Byron
- Tribute to the memory of deceased members of Sons of Union Veterans
By National Chaplain Rev. Soule
- Hymn, "Abide With Me" Assembly

A-bide with me! Fast falls the e-ven-tide,
The dark-ness deep-ens—Lord, with me abide!
When other help-ers fail, and com-forts flee,
Help of the help-less, oh, a-bide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross be-fore my clos-ing eyes;
Shine thro' the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee!
In life, in death, O Lord, a-bide with me!

Responsive Reading:

Chaplain: God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

Assembly: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Chaplain: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Assembly: My help cometh from the Lord which made Heaven and Earth.

Chaplain: If a man die shall he live again?

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

Chaplain: Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Assembly: In my Fathers house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Chaplain: I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

Assembly: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Assembly

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal-vary,
Savior di-vine; Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my sins a-way, O let me from this day be whol-ly Thine!

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sul-len stream Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Sav-ior then, in love, Fear and dis-trust remove;
O bear me safe a-bove—A ran-somed soul.

Benediction National Chaplain Rev. Soule

Silent Prayer

Taps by Trumpeter from U. S. Navy

FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

Official Minutes -- Seventeenth Annual Conference Washington, D. C., September 20, 1936

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was held in the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Sunday, September 20, 1936, at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Margaret Grandle, President, called the meeting to order. After the singing of "America" by the audience, with Mrs. Emma Bolt at the piano, Chaplain Park Yengling led in prayer and Patriotic Instructor Gertrude M. Sautter gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Secretary Frank C. Huston called the roll of affiliated organizations and all were represented.

President Grandle asked for a list of deceased members who had been called away during the past year and the following were reported by their organizations:

Abbie Lynch, Past National President Woman's Relief Corps.

Elizabeth C. Hansen, Past National President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Major Edwin R. Campbell, Past Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans.

On motion of Margaret Bennett, the members rose and stood in silence in memory of those who had served so well and gone to their reward.

Mrs. Sarah J. Ehrmann asked that a letter of greetings be sent to Brother H. M. Pratt, of Iowa, who was detained at home on account of illness, and who had always been such a staunch friend of the Federated Patriotic Societies.

National President Grandle then presented the following officers and past officers:

Vice President, Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, Past National President Woman's Relief Corps.

Judge J. W. Willett, representing Past Commander-in-Chief Alfred E. Stacey, Honorary President.

Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Chaplain, Park F. Yengling, Past Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, Past National President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel Town of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewell of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Lillian Clark Carey, Past National President Ladies of the G. A. R.

Kate G. Raynor, Past National President Woman's Relief Corps.
 Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Margaret F. Anderson, Past National President Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.

Sarah J. Ehrmann, Past National President Woman's Relief Corps.
 The heads of the affiliated organizations were then presented by Mrs. Grandle:

Mrs. Mary J. Love, National President Woman's Relief Corps.
 Richard F. Locke, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Stella B. Owen, National President Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Wynnie G. Williamson, National President Ladies of the G. A. R.
 Secretary Frank C. Huston read the minutes of the meeting held a year ago in Grand Rapids and they were approved.

Mrs. Grandle called Vice President Margaret L. Bennett to the chair while she read her annual report.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., September 20, 1936.

It is with a feeling of great pride that I welcome you, as your National President, to this the seventeenth annual meeting of our Federated Patriotic Societies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic.

The fact that we come together in the Capitol of this great nation brings its significance. Every true American feels a keener thrill of patriotism as his feet touch the soil made hallowed by those who have trod here since the earliest years of the existence of this Nation. As our eyes behold the Capitol Building, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Arlington Cemetery, and the many other evidences of the devotion of the American people to the principles of Liberty and Union, we receive a new baptism of patriotism and a renewed spirit of appreciation for those leaders who held high the torch to guard and guide the future of this Republic; we learn with deeper meaning the challenge for a more devoted citizenship which consecrates its service to God, to home, and Native land.

The Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was born with the spirit which typifies true patriots. As the Grand Army of the Republic has devoted its every effort toward cementing a more perfect union of States so is it the exalted purpose of the Federation of Allied Orders, to strengthen the chain which binds us together.

We are a family bound together through the blood and sacrifices of the Veterans of 1861 to 1865. Without the services of the men who comprise the Grand Army of the Republic to this Nation in its hour of need, we could not come together here today; without their courage and devotion to the principles on which America bases its birthright, this Nation would not exist in unity today.

I rejoice in the fact that perfect harmony exists throughout this organization, and that each Order allied with the Grand Army of the Republic has gone steadily forward making very satisfactory progress in all departments of their work. Invitations have been received, requesting me to attend Department Federated Societies Meetings; in all cases when I could not accept these invitations I appointed a rep-

representative. I attended the meeting of Kansas Federated Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, in Salina, Kansas, in May. There was a large attendance and much enthusiasm was in evidence, for the success of the Federation. We were honored by the presence of the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mary J. Love, who gave an inspirational address.

I received a communication in April from the United States Sesquicentennial Commission inviting the co-operation of the National Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, in preparing and executing plans for a fitting celebration of the 150th anniversary of the forming of the Constitution of the United States, the period of observance and celebration to embrace the time set from September 17, 1937, to April 30, 1939.

Since each of the allied orders had received similar letters of invitation, and each order has appointed committees to serve in co-operation with the Commission in behalf of the success of this most worthy patriotic celebration, I felt this was the proper way and the only way in which the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic, could have representation, therefore I took no action with the Commission as National President.

It is with deep appreciation for the purpose for which the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic was founded that we express regret that the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War stand alone and not united with the entire Grand Army Family.

I believe I voice the sentiment of each Allied Order when I say, we are ready to adopt whatever recommendation the Grand Army of the Republic, together with representatives from each Allied Order, may decide will be for the permanent harmonious progress of the unity of all patriotic organizations which have for their objective the preservation of the memories and traditions of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been a happy privilege to know better the officers and members of the Federated Patriotic Societies. I am grateful for all courtesies extended during the year and for the willing co-operation of all members.

Especially am I grateful to our National Secretary for his assistance during the year. Through his experience as National President and National Secretary, he became a valuable counselor.

I desire to express my appreciation to Margaret Hopkins Worrell of Washington, D. C., General Chairman of arrangements for the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. She readily responded to my wire of August 1st requesting her to make arrangements with the Mayflower Hotel for the meeting and banquet of the Federated Patriotic Societies allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. We are very grateful for this assistance.

We are indebted to Grace Johnson, National Treasurer of the Woman's Relief Corps, for her assistance again this year. She has shouldered her usual task of selling tickets for our banquet. I desire to express by gratitude for this service.

My organization, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, both in the National body and in the Department of Kansas, appreciates the high honor conferred upon one of its members to serve as National President, and I their humble servant am grateful and proud to have been your choice. I shall always feel this privilege has been a high honor.

I believe there is a place and a great need for the patriotic organi-

zations allied with Grand Army of the Republic, today, as well as in the future, for in "union there is strength."

God bless the tie that binds our hearts together with sacred, tender love and veneration for the Grand Army of the Republic.

MARGARET GRANDLE, National President.

Margaret Bennett: You have heard this very splendid report of our President, what is your wish?

Emma Campbell: I move that this very fine report be received by a rising vote of thanks.

Mary J. Love: I second that motion. (Convention rose).

President Grandle resumed her chair and called for the report of the Vice President.

Mrs. Margaret Lewis Bennett: I have not done much this year. When you elected Mrs. Grandle last year, I knew there would be little for me to do, because she knew how to do things and did them. Then you elected such a competent Secretary-Treasurer, so there was no need for me to do anything so I have nothing to report, only a heart full of love and gratitude for this office. I hope we may continue in this National Federated Patriotic Society and that the blessings of the Grand Army of the Republic will be ours in the future and that we will always have them sitting on the platform with us, because I do not know how we could get along without them. I thank you very much for my election to this office.

Mrs. Grandle: Sister Bennett has been an inspiration to me and I had a feeling of security back of me when I would think of my Vice President. I am so happy to be here because a few days ago it seemed that I would be unable to come, but I knew if I did not, our capable Vice President would carry on.

Frank C. Huston, Secretary, in submitting his report, read the 13th chapter of Corinthians. "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." * * *

President Grandle: You have heard the report of the National Secretary, what is your pleasure?

Park Yengling: I move that it be accepted.

Mabelle Nisson: I second that motion. (Adopted by a rising vote).

President Grandle: We will now listen to the report of the Treasurer:

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR 1936.

To the Officers and Members of the Federated Patriotic Societies Allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. Seventeenth Annual Conference, Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C., Sept. 20, 1936.

To Each, and to all, Greetings:

Your Secretary-Treasurer has, along with many others, spent a very busy year since we met last, at Grand Rapids; and while much occupied, and often engaged in patriotic work, he has but little of major importance to report, outside of the regular activities the office is supposed to entail. He has attended several meetings of the Federation, but all have been in his local Department.

There appears to be, in many quarters, a growing appreciation of the Federation idea, and this is indeed a most wholesome sign. We

have received some few communications, in fact, many, all of which we have tried to answer as helpfully as our abilities would allow. We have sought to have such material printed as we have needed, and have been careful in the expenditures of money along these lines.

It is obvious that a closer co-operation between the National and Department Federations would be of great benefit to both, and all. We believe, as we suggested in our report of last year, that the Departments should be required, for the sake of a better working organization, to report, fully, the personnel of the Department Officers, where such Departments are federated. Since the new provision in the By-Laws gives larger representation of the Departments, this courtesy should not be withheld by those who have the best interests of the nation at heart, and who are concerned, deeply, about the preservation of our precious heritages handed down to us, at the cost of so much blood and treasure.

Our relations with each member of the Official Family have been those of perfect harmony. While none of the offices, aside from that of the Secretary-Treasurer, demand much arduous work, still there are voluntary possibilities for each one, which we believe were improved as opportunity came.

Our thanks are especially due to the kindly consideration from the National President, Mrs. Margaret Grandle, and to all others, who by their fine loyalties and courteous co-operation have helped to lighten the labors of this office.

For the strengthening of those ties which bind us together in a strong and most unusual richness of fraternal fellowships and Christian citizenship, we would suggest that we, as a Federation, encourage the weekly reading by all of our large Grand Army Family, that most beautiful classic found in I Corinthians, 13th Chapter, using the word "LOVE" where the word "charity" occurs (as is found in the King James Version); the word "Love" is used in all later translations. We believe this would help greatly in bringing about the objects and principles for which we, as an organization, are earnestly striving.

It is scarcely necessary that we again declare our pledge of loyalty to, and devotion for our Fathers and their remaining Comrades, to whom we owe such a debt as can never be paid. May we each help, in every way we can, to make the remaining years of those who are still with us, the sweetest years of their useful lives.

Following this, is the appended report of the Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1936

September 8, 1935—Balance in Savings Account, First National		
Bank, Knightstown, Indiana	\$183.36	
In petty cash account	4.75	
		<u>\$188.11</u>
Receipts:		
Balance, 1935 banquet, Grand Rapids	\$ 9.83	
Dues—Sons of Union Veterans.....	10.00	
Dues Woman's Relief Corps	10.00	
Dues—Ladies of the G. A. R.	10.00	
Dues—Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.....	10.00	
Interest, Savings Account	1.76	
Interest, Savings Account	1.75	
		<u>53.34</u>
		<u>\$241.45</u>

Disbursements:

Typing, Miss Loveland, Grand Rapids	\$ 1.50	
Mary Wakefield, Convention Stenographer.....	5.00	
Knightstown Banner, Printing Stationery	11.15	
Postage	3.00	
Post Cards	1.20	
Printing Folders—By-Laws	13.00	
Knightstown Banner, Letters, Programs, Tickets..	10.75	
Postage	1.10	46.70
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In Savings Account, First Nat'l Bank, Knightstown..	\$186.87	\$194.75
In petty cash	7.88	
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Available Cash	\$194.75	\$194.75
Account due from Commercial Savings Bank and Trust Co., Toledo, Ohio	\$103.72	

Respectfully submitted, \$298.47

FRANK C. HUSTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

President Grandle: You have heard the Treasurer's report, what is your wish?

It was moved and seconded and carried that it be accepted as read.

Frank C. Huston: We have good news that the National Bank at Toledo will soon liquidate and that we will have all this money in our Treasury amounting to \$103.00.

President Grandle then introduced some late comers, Beatrice Tyson, Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Minnie E. Groth, Past National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Secretary Huston called the roll of the Departments and the following State Federations reported:

REPORTS OF STATE FEDERATIONS

Indiana—Bessie Hart, President: We have four units. At the State convention held in Bloomington, a banquet was held at noon and attended by State and National Officers and all gave splendid reports of patriotic work. Many public meetings have been held and scores of flags have been presented to schools and churches. A new installation service was adopted at this convention. Every unit has had a picnic.

Iowa: Mrs. Zella G. Chaloupka reports a fine organization in their Department. They meet at the time of the Department Encampment, have a banquet and do splendid work.

Theresa Marsh of Iowa also reports a splendid Federation.

Kansas—Mary J. Love: Your humble servant was delegated to make the address on the evening of the meeting because the National President of the Federation had not arrived. She finally came in and performed her duty. They have a splendid organization.

Missouri—Emma Bolt: We are doing splendid work in Missouri.

Margaret Riggs: I have attended all the meetings and I want to report some of the things done in connection with the St. Louis unit. We had a social and turned over a check for \$200 to the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. We attended the

50th wedding anniversary of Comrade and Mrs. Marsh and presented them with a check for \$19.50 from the Patriotic Societies. We always have a luncheon and reception honoring the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington.

Ohio: Mrs. Edith Niles, Department President of the Auxiliary, reported a fine organization.

New York—Mrs. Marie J. Buchler: As President of the State Federation of New York, I have to report that it has gone down steadily. We have tried many times to call them together. I stand here a Captain without an army. After the National Convention we will get to work and I hope next year that New York will have a better report. I wish to express appreciation to the W. R. C. who have promised to help.

Minnesota—Catherine Lariviere: As a Past Department President of Minnesota, I did not know a report was expected. We are doing outstanding work. With the Patriotic Instructor's Club composed of the Patriotic Instructors from each Corps, we gave over \$700 last year for flags for schools and public buildings.

Rhode Island—Mary Lewis: We are working and have a project on which we are working, to place a statue on our State House grounds.

Washington—Harriett Potter: We are doing everything in our power to advance the interests of the Federation. We want to carry on the work for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Pennsylvania—Katherine Joyce: I wish to report that Pennsylvania is doing nicely. We have five units, all working. We have delegates from each unit at our State Encampments. We assist the Grand Army in all their undertakings.

Margaret Bennett: In Pennsylvania some of our units have a memorial service for the Past Grand Army officers who have been installed in the original units. We have services at night preceding Memorial Day and we also sponsor Lincoln's birthday and Appomattox Day in our Federation.

Kate H. Carr: I want to say a word for the Philadelphia Federation. We do a great deal and have donated nearly \$1,000.00 to help the Grand Army.

New Jersey—Audrey Helmrigh: We are doing good work. We have a banquet the first Saturday in October.

Wisconsin—Mrs. Carey, Past Department Secretary: Wisconsin has not progressed very much in Federation but we are starting all over again and am taking home new ideas.

Massachusetts—Annie Poole Atwood: We are not in Federation, however each year we have a committee called the Friendly Relations Committee who work together for some one affair during the winter. We hope in the near future to have a Federation.

California—Charlotte Turner: At our Department Encampment Delavan Bowley prepared tributes for Mother's Day and we honored Grace B. Willard, our first President, and Mother Bowley. We have presented 43 flags. Brother Bowley had two recommendations, one that no petitions be signed using any names of an affiliated member of the Federated Patriotic Societies. Another was that a conference be formed, composed of the members of the Grand Army and their allied organizations. This was done in July and every organization of the Grand Army family was represented, including the Daughters of Veterans. We feel that we will have something worth while out of this. A flag was presented to the Junior High School. We place flowers on the Lincoln monument.

National President Grandle: Fifteen Departments have reported. I would like the representatives of the various organizations to stand so that we may know our voting strength. The count resulted as follows:

Woman's Relief Corps	21
Ladies of the G. A. R.	22
Sons of Union Veterans	6
Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.....	21
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Voting members	70

President Grandle: Is there any unfinished business?

Kate G. Raynor, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions: The Committee on Resolutions is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20, 1936.

Madam President and Members of the Federated Patriotic Societies:

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

Realizing that the President and Officers of the Federated Patriotic Societies have given time and thought to the affairs of the Society through the past year, that they have planned with careful thought the meeting and matters to be considered while here in Washington, arranging an attractive program both for the meeting and annual banquet, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Federated Patriotic Societies give them a rising vote of thanks and commendation;

That our thanks be extended to the Mayflower Hotel for all their courtesies and co-operation in promoting the meeting here today;

That we unite with the other Patriotic Societies in an appeal to the Congress of the United States, and to the Board of Immigration, for laws which will further restrict admission of all foreign born men and women into the United States.

Appreciating the presence of so many Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, in our meeting today, and their interest in the Grand Army Family, we assure them that The Federated Patriotic Societies stands ready at all times to demonstrate our desire to stand with and for the members of the Grand Army, and to assist them in any and every way within our power.

Whereas, There is an ever increasing tendency to inject teachings which are wholly inimical to the growth and development of a strong and virile patriotism, which, all too frequently, are to be found among those who are intrusted with the education of our youth, making possible a fertile field for the propagation of communistic teaching, from which we already begin to see a most unfortunate harvest, with very much of a tragic harvest still due as a result of this destructive teaching, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Federated Patriotic Societies, in Conference assembled, reaffirm our stand regarding the teaching and propagating of any and all doctrines and isms contrary to the principles of fundamental Americanism; and, be it further

Resolved, That we respectfully request all those, who by virtue of their office are honored as members of the clergy, or teaching professions, that they make full and careful investigation regarding any and all so-called "Peace Organizations," as to the source and personnel

of the leadership of such organizations before lending any support whatever to such said organizations.

President Grandle: We are now come to the annual election of officers. This year the Woman's Relief Corps is entitled to the Presidency.

Kate J. Raynor: I nominate Mary J. Love, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, for President. (Seconded by Margaret J. Bennett and carried).

There being no other nominations, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Mary J. Love for President and this was done and she was declared elected.

The following hereinafter named officers were elected in the same way:

For Vice President, Sarah J. Ehrmann nominated Stella B. Owen, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Kate E. Carr seconds the nomination. (Elected).

For Chaplain, Sarah J. Ehrmann nominated Wynne G. Williamson. This was seconded by Margaret L. Bennett. (Elected).

For Patriotic Instructor, Park Yengling nominated Richard F. Locke. (Elected).

President Grandle: Our Secretary-Treasurer, Frank C. Huston, has another year to serve. Will you serve another year, Brother Huston?

Frank C. Huston: I will, but I have my resignation that I was going to present last year. I believe there never was a time when we should stand together to combat these influences that are boring in, as at the present time.

Each other elected officer announced their willingness to serve for the ensuing year.

President Grandle: I thank you. Brother Huston has been a big help to me. Is there any other business? We cannot close this meeting without having a word from Judge Willett.

Judge Willett: Madam President and Ladies and members of the Federated Patriotic Societies. I am not in a position to discuss what is in my mind. I have always admired the sentiment entertained and expressed from time to time by the different members of the Federated Societies in the meetings that it has been my good fortune to attend. The Grand Army of the Republic at the present time, is approaching the turn in the lane where they have got to modify the laws that govern and control them in their ordinary transactions and in doing so, they are compelled by force of surrounding circumstances to recognize their allied organizations, and as the matter stands today, the Federated Societies are not an allied organization of the Grand Army of the Republic. The matter has been submitted to me as the Judge Advocate and I have hesitated and am still hesitating more or less, in regard to the course to pursue. You should understand that we are an incorporation sanctioned by Congress. That was endorsed and accepted by a Congress of the United States, the incorporation was accepted by the Grand Army of the Republic and acted upon, and you are aware that in those articles of incorporation, there is a provision as regards the membership and no one can become a member except those that are recited in that article, that includes the Union Veterans in the War of the Rebellion. Therefore, it should be understood, there can be no successors. We are an incorporated body until the last Grand Army man is laid away. We can only take our allied organizations into our organization through advisory representation, and cannot include any organization

that has not been recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as an ally. That is the situation, and this body must bear that in mind.

The reason I have broached this subject is because I do not want to be misunderstood. There is not a member of this organization, not one that I know of, that I do not recognize as a patriotic veteran or a lovable ally, of an allied organization. I make no reservation, and as the sentiment seems to be to have an advisory position in our executive organizations, we shall conclude to have the Woman's Relief Corps select a representative, the Ladies of the G. A. R. to select a representative, the Sons of Union Veterans to select a representative, and their Auxiliary to select a representative, to sit in our councils, but only in an advisory capacity. We cannot legally give you a vote under that organization law. Now then, if we do that, and are compelled to not recognize the Federated Societies, we hope and pray you will not lay it up against us in bitterness and ill feeling. That is what I wanted to explain to you. I hope you understand. Our first refusal was the refusal to recognize the society called the Daughters of the Grand Army as an ally, and it has been unfortunate that that society ever existed. The Grand Army of the Republic absolutely refused to recognize them because they were usurping the reputation and place and honor and inheritance of the Daughters of Union Veterans, which is so generous in its terms that it takes in any daughter whether a member of the Grand Army or not. So when it comes to recognizing the Federation as an ally, we turned that down too, but we do not want you to be offended. I feel grateful to this organization as a patriotic body. I value its friendship to me and the patriotism that is necessary in this great country of ours.

I could go on that way for a full half hour, amplifying the proposition as advanced by our Secretary, against communism and immigration. When I realize that two million of the dole takers today are foreigners who have never applied for naturalization, taking the dole, millions of them engaged in communistic enterprises, who, if we were called to war, would profit by the business enterprises. We need such organizations as this, and their influence, support and maintenance in the right direction in a country like ours. What I want you to do is to understand that whatever move we make, that it is not in specific antagonism to this Federated Society. You can go ahead, manipulate and make your body stronger, but don't lay it up against us because we do not give you an advisory seat in our councils. We feel kindness and fraternity and affection for you.

I thank you and trust that in the future whatever may happen, that you will accept the situation and go on with your vital, patriotic work as you are now engaged.

Sarah J. Ehrmann: I listened to Judge Willett and it seems to me he has given us a fraternal lesson as a Federated Patriotic Society. He has fully explained to us how the Grand Army of the Republic is incorporated. They have recognized each and every one of the societies individually and we believe he has tried to explain this to us so that our feelings will not be hurt and I would like to assure Judge Willett that we appreciate his words to us and that these members of the allied organizations will still continue to carry on patriotic work as we have tried in the past and we will still carry on, and keep ever green the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Margaret Grandle: This is indeed a benediction. Our hearts are full of gratitude to our Grand Army of the Republic.

Grace L. Johnson. This is our benediction. I move we adjourn. (Seconded and carried).

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	30 Elm St., Takoma Park, D. C.
1902	*Frank Martin	Indiana	
1903	*Arthur B. Spink	Rhode Island	
1904	*William G. Dustin	Illinois	
1905	*Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	
1906	*Edwin M. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	301 City Hall Annex, Boston, Massachusetts.
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 S. Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	2057 The Field Building, 120 W. Adams St., Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	5515 Corona Ave., Maywood, Calif.
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
1924	Wm. M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 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	
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois.
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	Knightstown, Ind. 314 North Jefferson Street, 610 Main St., Hellertown, Pa.
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	548 Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	20 Burr St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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

E. Howard Gilkey.....65 South High St., Columbus, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown.....312 Harries Bldg., Dayton, Ohio

†Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief.
*Deceased.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year.	Date.	Place.	State.
1st	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
2nd	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio
3rd	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
4th	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan
5th	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York
6th	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa
7th	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia
8th	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey
9th	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri
10th	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota
11th	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana
12th	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio
13th	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa
14th	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee
15th	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky
16th	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana
17th	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska
18th	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan
19th	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York
20th	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island
21st	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	D. C.
22nd	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey
23rd	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts
24th	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania
25th	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois
26th	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio
27th	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York
28th	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	D. C.
29th	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey
30th	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York
31st	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri
32nd	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee
33rd	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan
34th	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	D. C.
35th	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri
36th	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts
37th	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York
38th	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus	Ohio
39th	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana
40th	1921	Sept. 27-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
41st	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa
42nd	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
43rd	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts
44th	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan
45th	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa
46th	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan
47th	1928	Sept. 13-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
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