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TABLET PRESENTED BY THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR TO UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

President Clarence A. Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin, declared today (September 6) "We cannot have either a Dictatorship of Labor or of Capital and maintain this Nation"—as he accepted on behalf of the University a bronze tablet from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, on the occasion of their Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment in Madison, Wisconsin.

The tablet, which was erected in the Loggia of Bascom Hall facing the statue of Abraham Lincoln, bears the words of Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address with the inscription:

*Presented to the
University of Wisconsin
by the
Commandery-in-Chief
of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
September, 1937*

The occasion was a noteworthy one and was one of the outstanding events of the week.

Prior to the ceremony of presentation, the United States Marine Band—100 pieces—gave an hour's concert in front of Bascom Hall where the tablet was placed facing the statue of Abraham Lincoln.

The setting was an unusually beautiful one. The band and the speakers faced a sloping lawn, a quarter of a mile in length, the statue surrounded by flowers, and looked through a vista of great elm trees on either side, down a broad avenue directly toward the great domed State Capitol Building, a mile away.

An audience of several thousand listened attentively to the concert and exercises, which were broadcasted over three Radio Stations.

The ceremonies began with the Marine Band—following their hour concert—playing the well known march "Stars and Stripes Forever"—and were opened by the National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, of Huntington Park, California. In his address, explanatory of the occasion and of the aims of his Organization, Dr. Barrett said:

"What this country needs is only 100 per cent Americanism." After challenging the importation of Nazism and Communism into this country, he spoke of people marching recently—"Nazi-Americans, I believe they call themselves, carrying a Nazi flag with an American flag, like you carry a hoe or a shovel." "Against such un-American ideas," he stated, "the Sons of Civil War Veterans are determined to stand fast"—and urged his hearers to join with them.

His address was received with spontaneous applause. He then

introduced the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Wm. Allan Dyer, of Syracuse, New York, who, in presenting the tablet, said:

"The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as an Organization was established fifty-six years ago, having two great purposes in mind. One—to keep green the memory and deeds of those great men who, during the four bitter years of 1861-65, gave themselves that this Nation, under God, might live as a United States, and that its Constitution might forever be preserved inviolate. Second—to see to it that the results secured by the sacrifices of these men, should never be lost." He said that his Organization, on each Memorial Day since, had placed a flag and flowers on the grave of each Civil War Veteran wherever such grave could be located, "until now, we are caring for over a million of these hallowed graves in this and other lands."

In presenting the tablet to the University, through its President, he said:

"Each year, at our Annual Encampment, it is customary for us to leave in the City we visit, some tangible evidence of our appreciation for courtesies shown, and as recognition to its citizens of their sympathy to our cause. This tablet has on it the immortal words of that great American, Abraham Lincoln, which he spoke at Gettysburg, seventy-four years ago.

"May this bit of bronze which we leave with you, serve as a guide to right thinking and right citizenship to all the young men and women who shall come under the instruction of your great University.

"And may it be a reminder to you, President Dykstra, and your associates that in the hurly-burly of this careless modern day, something is still preserved of the 'delicacies of life'—and that that courtesy which your great University through its officials, has shown to our great Organization, is as happily received and as gratefully acknowledged, as it has been so cordially given."

President Dykstra, in his gracious acceptance of the tablet, started out with Lincoln's words: "Four score years ago"—lacking six, Abraham Lincoln made crystal clear the fundamental crisis of the time"—and went on to explain how political disintegration was averted and the Union was saved.

"Today," he said, "we face a great issue on another battle front. Shall those who work with hand and brain and have no other tools but their talents determine the future of America, as against those who own the instruments of production and control the processes of industry? Shall the issue be joined in civil war and thus marshal organized force for the solution?

"If this be the answer, then the sacrifices of '61 will have to be repeated and the desolation following such warfare will be more widespread and more tragic in its significance than was the aftermath of '65.

"Lincoln declared that we cannot remain half slave and half free. I say to you today that we cannot have the dictatorship either of labor or of capital, and maintain the nation which the dead at Gettysburg died to save.

"Let us pause for this moment to read the lesson of our own history and the story that is being written in blood in Europe. Democratic and representative government for which Lincoln labored and died, is as worth saving today as it was four score years ago."

"We have a common heritage," he said. "All should participate in the blessings which our great resources and our geographic situa-

tion make possible. It is for us who stand in the shadow of this great utterance—now immortalized for us in bronze—and under the spell of Lincoln's great humanity, highly to resolve that the American Nation shall go forward to peace and plenty, without resort to the ultimatum of industrial warfare, but by the recognition and acceptance of mutual obligations, opportunities and responsibilities."

He saluted the Sons and the Veterans, and once more pledged the University to "seek solutions of our common problems through that careful sifting and winnowing by which the truth alone can be found."

At the conclusion of President Dykstra's remarkable address, the United States Marine Band, as a compliment to him and the University he represents, played "On Wisconsin." Following this, as the tablet was unveiled, the band played the "Star Spangled Banner—all, speakers and the large audience, rising and standing at salute.

The ceremony was closed with one of the most dramatic happenings of the day.

Playing a chord—the whole Band participating—two of the cornetists sounded "Taps." At its finish, off in the distance, from four or five different points on the Campus, it was echoed by others until the whole Campus rang with the echoes and re-echoes.

It was a most affecting moment—and as Professor Dvorak of the University well expressed it afterwards: "It was the most beautiful ceremony I ever heard, and the outstanding event of the week—and the fine thing about it was that it was spontaneous."

GARDEN PARTY

Terrace of Memorial Union

On Monday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock, September 6, Wisconsin Department Auxiliary, under the supervision of Department President Hazel B. Lester, Wisconsin, tendered a delightful reception to National President Ida L. Lewis and her staff of National Officers of the Auxiliary, and members of Sons of Union Veterans, on the beautiful terrace of Memorial Union.

The National President and her officers were presented to the guests present, while an orchestra furnished splendid music. Light refreshments were served.

PROCEEDINGS

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
MADISON, WISCONSIN, SEPTEMBER 7, 1937

FIRST SESSION

The Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was called to order by Commander-in-Chief William Allan Dyer on Tuesday, September 7, 1937, at 9:50 a. m. Guides took up the password; followed by opening exercises according to the ritual with an invocation by the National Chaplain, Rev. William V. Dickinson, of Connecticut.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Gentlemen, the gavel which I am using to open this meeting is made from the stockade of Andersonville Prison. The gavel which I will use during the rest of the Encampment is made from wood of a tree which was planted over the grave of Baron Steuben by General Lafayette and which was presented to me by an honored member of our Order now passed on.

The roll call of officers found all present with the exception of National Counselor H. S. Howard of Vermont, who was unable to be present because of an injury sustained from an accident.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Howard had an accident and it is a great disappointment to him that he was unable to come. I would like to recommend that a letter of regret and sympathy be sent to him.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I appoint the following Committee on Credentials:

National Secretary Hammer, Chairman.
Past Department Commander R. R. Wood, Michigan.
Past Department Commander Jonas Shrieve, Ohio.
Department Commander Benjamin G. Haag, Wisconsin.
Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York.

Richard Siggelko, Commander of Madison Camp: It is my honor to present to you these flowers and in doing so we want you to know that we can be called upon at any time if there is anything we can do to help you. Will the Guide please come forward and present these to the Commander-in-Chief?

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: On behalf of the Encampment, to every member of your Camp I wish to express our thanks for this courtesy and for these flowers, as well as for all the other things you have done to make this meeting a success.

I think the first business before us is the presentation of the Officers' Reports but before that we will have the preliminary report of the Credential Committee.

H. G. Vogel, Madison, Delegate Department of Wisconsin, volunteered to act as Outside Guard.

National Secretary Hammer presented a preliminary report of the Credential Committee—12 of the 22 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 14 Department Commanders, and a total roll of 179 members present.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The preliminary report of the Credential Committee has been made; what is your pleasure?

National Secretary Hammer: I move, Commander-in-Chief, that it be accepted and be the official roll call of the Encampment. (Seconded by Council-in-Chief John L. Reeger, of New Jersey. Adopted).

National Secretary Hammer read telegraphed messages and letters:

Baltimore, Md., September 5, 1937.

Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary:

Regret exceedingly inability to attend. Congratulate Commander Dyer on successful administration. Hope Encampment will be most successful and the good work accomplished may continue so that the Order may acquire that character of nation-wide recognition as will aid increasing membership. Remember me to my friends.

EDWIN C. IRELAN.

Syracuse, N. Y.

William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief:

Merriman Auxiliary No. 16 of Syracuse, N. Y., extends to you their greetings and wishes for a splendid convention.

GRACE PAULI, President.

Providence, R. I., September 6, 1937.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief:

Business affairs made it impossible for me to attend convention. Please accept my sincere regrets. Best wishes for a very successful and profitable meeting for all.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
CHARLES E. SLEEPER,
Department Commander.

Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1937.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief:

Funeral services being held this afternoon for Comrade George D. Neal, Commander Joe Hooker Post, G. A. R., Mt. Vernon, Ohio; was ninety-four September 2. Kindest regards and best wishes to you for a happy National Encampment.

FRED D. PHARIS,
Past Commander.

Department Commander Benjamin G. Haag of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief, may I present these flowers in behalf of the Department of Wisconsin, Sons of Union Veterans. I present this bouquet of flowers and with it goes our love and respect and also our welcome. I ask all when the Encampment is over to visit our state a little more and I know you will enjoy its forests and beautiful scenery. I present this in the name of the Wisconsin Department.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Department Commander Haag, we receive this bouquet in the same spirit with which it was presented and thank you for it and your words of welcome from the Wisconsin Department.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will announce at this time the committee appointments.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS (Standing)

Chairman, Wm. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.
 Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.
 John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Michael G. Helntz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Henry G. Weller, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Chairman, E. W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
 J. E. Gallagher, Delegate, Illinois.
 John M. Dunlavy, Department Commander, Missouri.
 Charles C. Webster, Department Commander, Maine.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman, Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut.
 Ralph R. Barrett, National Patriotic Instructor, Calif. & Pacific.
 Charles S. Wise, Department Commander, Illinois.
 Wm. J. Schultz, Department Commander, Ohio.
 E. R. Sweet, Department Commander, Massachusetts.

RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Chairman, Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana.
 H. L. Brockway, Department Commander, New York.
 Clinton J. Smith, Past Department Commander, Vermont.
 K. L. Forbes, Department Commander, Washington.

PRESS COMMITTEE

Chairman, A. S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.
 Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Neil Cranmer, New York.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS

To Auxiliary:

Chairman, Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.
 Frank Shellhouse, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana.
 Benjamin G. Haag, Department Commander, Wisconsin.

To Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Chairman, Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pa.
 Fred C. Barnard, Past Department Commander, New York.
 W. L. Anderson, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

To Ladies of the G. A. R.:

Chairman, Ernest W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief, Mass.
 J. H. Glass, Department Commander, California & Pacific.
 A. F. Post, Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

To G. A. R.:

Chairman, Titus M. Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
 Phillip Byron, Past Department Commander, Illinois.
 Addison A. Quinn, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

To W. R. C.:

Chairman, Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
 Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana.
 John M. Dunlavy, Department Commander, Missouri.
 Kenneth Forbes, Department Commander, Washington.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will ask the Senior Vice Commander to take the Commander's chair while I read my report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the
Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Another year—eleven months to be precise—has rolled around, and we meet here in our annual Encampment, to take account of stock, to consider the happenings of the year just passed, and to counsel and plan together for the future of our Institution.

In accordance with custom, I herewith submit my report as your Commander-in-Chief for the current year.

When you elected me and your other Officers last September, I called your attention—as it properly should be called—to this Order of ours as a going business enterprise, in which we were all shareholders; one into which we had invested not only our money, but had also enlisted ourselves and our services.

I stated at that time that no one man or group of men could make this Order what it should be. The possibilities in the way of membership and accomplishment are so great as to challenge the attention and imagination, and enlist the active effort of every individual member of our Order. Without that full co-operation on the part of every member, its possibilities are circumscribed and its accomplishments limited. With it, any object within our desire is possible!

Consequently, at last year's Encampment, I asked every delegate and member present, to pledge toward the upbuilding of the Order his hearty and unreserved individual effort, without which no Commander-in-Chief or group of officers, however able and earnest, could hope to succeed.

Today not only must your Commander-in-Chief and your Officers give you an account of their stewardship, but so, likewise, must every single member of our Organization. And the question each one of us must answer, if not vocally here, at least to his own conscience—is: "Have I given that last meed of effort that I should have given, to the Sons of Union Veterans of which I am a member, and to my Department and Camp, that I promised last September?"

"If not, what am I going to do about it this year, in order to make up for the lack of effort that I promised?"

Membership in any organization implies responsibility, just as it does in a family or in a business concern. If I want my business to succeed or my family to prosper, I have to work devotedly, constantly—with that hope and intent always in mind—and with all the mental and physical resources at my command.

So it is with this Organization. If I truly want it to succeed, if I honestly want it to grow, if I earnestly desire it to reach its full usefulness, I have to put my shoulder to the wheel—in the same unreserved way. Have I? That is the question each one of us should answer. If not, will I, this coming year? And we can analyze our efforts, appraise our work—good or poor—note wherein we failed, and do a better and more successful job next year because of such analysis of our own shortcomings as well as of our attainments.

At the end of the year, we have to make our accounting—to ourselves at least—for our successes or failures—at any rate for our effort. And let us be reasonably charitable to our leaders—as we

receive their accounting—for are we not, ourselves, “on the grid” as well!

So, now, it is time not only for taking inventory of our resources and our efforts, but to determine what we, each of us, individually should and will do for and in the coming year.

Our Organization means much; it has too much work to do now and in the future, not to meet its full duty. At any rate, *it must not take a back step!*

Yet for the last 15 or 18 years that supreme effort which we make for our individual business and our families has been altogether too lacking, and our membership has dwindled instead of growing. During that period we have lost approximately 33,000 members—more, to tell the story as it is—than we now have. That is an average of from 1500 to 2000 per year. I beg you to fully understand that I am not speaking of this in any pessimistic way. Rather, I am stating facts—which you all know. But, in order to correct any situation which needs correcting, it is ever well to know what are the facts, and what the situation is that we have to face.

So, at the outset, last September, I proposed to you two major aims for this year. First and foremost—an increased membership, and through it a possibility of increased resources and larger accomplishments now and in the future; and second, to dedicate ourselves to the upholding and sustaining of our American Constitution.

To this, you unanimously agreed, and to it, by your votes, you added a third objective, to-wit: the establishment of a national highway through the United States to be known as the “Grand Army of the Republic Highway”—as our memorial to the Grand Army, and our tribute as loyal sons to our fathers.

The first two of these aims have been successfully attained, and the third is in a fair way to be, and we come as an Organization with a record of a year of accomplishment, which, while in some respects is not so great as it might have been—and will be next year—and the next—and the years to come, nevertheless is one of which no member of our Organization need be ashamed, but rather is one in which he may take justifiable pride.

To no one person is the credit for either or all of these successes due. Where so many have participated, it fairly belongs to all.

“The Captain of the ship cannot claim that it is he who drives the mighty steamship over the tumbling billows of the trackless deep,” to quote from one of our ablest and most loved public citizens. He can only lay the course, guide with a firm and steady hand the helm, and by his persistency of action and the sincerity of purpose with which he may impress his crew, keep the ship steadily forging ahead!

So to the rank and file of our Order, to the Camp and Department Officers, to all of our National Officers, to our Past Commanders-in-Chief who have loyally aided and advised, but most of all to those loyal “318” of our “Flying Squadron,” who set the pace and never flagged, never faltered this whole year, belongs the credit for this year’s Campaign; and we should be ungrateful if we did not so acknowledge this inestimably good and valuable service to this beloved Order of ours.

And I think I am not overstating the situation when I say that in accomplishing this year’s work—which has been one in which the smallest Camp and the least of us could take part—we have all been drawn closer together, and our Order is a better and stronger one today than it was last year at this time.

The story of the Campaign, while not yet as widely known to all

members as it should be, still is understood as it was not at the beginning of the year.

I cannot give you the report of a full year's work—for a year has not elapsed—and we have but nine months of the year recorded. What the months of July and August will yield is of course not yet known, though I am sure they will not be disappointing, and the last month of the year is still ahead of us. To render a report under such circumstances is not satisfactory and I shall have something later to say about it and a recommendation to make for your serious consideration.

We hesitate to give figures until they are officially checked, but from those at hand—subject to correction—the results of the year compared with last year are as follows:

1935 - 1936	
Period from September 30, 1935, to June 30, 1936:	
Loss October 1, 1935, to December 31, 1935....	772
Loss January 1, 1936, to March 31, 1936.....	363
Loss April 1, 1936, to June 30, 1936.....	160
Total Loss for Period	1295
1936 - 1937	
Period from September 30, 1936, to June 30, 1937:	
Loss October 1, 1936, to December 31, 1936....	223
Gain January 1, 1937, to March 31, 1937..	75
Gain April 1, 1937, to June 30, 1937.....	160
Gain for Period	12
Net Betterment, 9 months ending June 30, 1937.....	1307
Net Loss September 30, 1935, to September 30, 1936.....	1973
Net Loss Quarter ending September 30, 1936.....	678

The figures for Quarter ending September 30, 1937 (this year), of course are not in yet, but every indication points to another gain this Quarter.

We think we can assure you of this with confidence, but in any event the loss (1937) of last year will be wiped out and a good gain for the year shown.

This however does not tell the complete story, for it was done at a saving of expense and with a gain in resources.

Balance in Treasury August 20, 1937.....	\$4167.43
Balance in Treasury September 24, 1936....	1211.78

Favorable Difference\$2955.65

From this difference \$2955.65 may be deducted a few items not yet covered, but the gain of the year will not be changed materially.

Thus, we have attained a fourth objective. This was the promise made in Washington that if we could not leave the Order in better financial condition than it was, we should consider the year's administration a failure. May we not congratulate the members of the Organization who have so earnestly striven during the year, upon this accomplishment?

However, let us explore a little this Campaign, not yet finished—really hardly yet underway.

I wonder if those not accustomed to organizing a Campaign—especially a Nation-wide one—realize what work is involved in it?

Last October we inaugurated ours—this one. We started from scratch. We were without the usual weapons required. We had no planned organization to conduct it. We hadn't a scrap of literature for publicity. We had no advertising and no means of getting it, to publicize our purpose—no organized group to spread the gospel.

We had to deal with 24,000 men, scattered from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Florida—most of whom we would never see—and the majority of whom, indeed all, except the "318" who were at Washington, knew nothing of it, and could not be made acquainted with it except through one of three ways: first, through the personal efforts of the 318 delegates; then through the next issue of *The Banner*, which would not be out until December 1st, and lastly by such direct contacts with groups as our Commander-in-Chief and National, Regional, and Department Officers could make.

For our primary results, we had first of all, to rely upon the carrying of the message by the Washington delegates to their various Departments and Camps—and upon the enthusiasm with which they did it.

Each received promptly a letter from headquarters urging upon them prompt action, and since we could get no other publicity but this until the issue of *The Banner* early in December, we could hardly expect to hope for a reduction of the usual loss for the Quarter ending December 31st. We were happily encouraged when the returns came in. The loss for the comparable Quarter, that ending December 31, 1935, had been 772. The record for the Quarter ending December 31, 1936, on the face of it, showed a loss of 349; but from this, to get the actual record of the Quarter, should be deducted a loss taken in the Kansas Department which occurred prior to June 30 and September 30, 1936, which we knew nothing about, since no reports had been received from the Kansas Department since June 30, 1936. So our net loss for this Quarter was 223, and that much reduced loss is the only net loss we have suffered since October 1st last. It was highly encouraging.

The Quarter ending March 31, 1937, *showed a net gain*—the first in any Quarter, we think, in fifteen or eighteen years—and that gain has been repeated in the Quarter ending June 30th last. The net gain for the two periods was 235.

We wish we could tell you what these two months (July and August) are showing. We cannot. We hope they will show another gain, and if that occurs, I believe we can with some confidence say that we have definitely "turned the corner."

Already out of the red, if the gain comes in the September Quarter, it will transfer the whole year's figures from red to black. We are confident it will, for already we have word of two new Camps established this month, where we least expected it, and from a number of Departments where we have not looked with too much confidence for gains there are reports of such.

Always after a Campaign, there is still some momentum left and belated returns even if no further effort is made. Our Campaign must not stop! I am sure you are determined it shall not. I may say to you that we have now, underway—in process of organizing—at least twenty-one or twenty-two new Camps, and seven or eight which were dropped are in process of re-instatement. While all of these may not materialize, if the efforts and plans are continued along the lines laid down, certainly all should. We may not expect

this result too quickly. It takes patience, time, and visit after visit, to do things like this, but the foundation has been laid, and the results will come.

In the Departments of Nebraska, Kansas, Washington and Oregon, not to mention others, by reason of aid already given we may confidently expect good gains in the coming months, if the plans mapped out are understandingly followed up.

In view of the generally prosperous conditions in Oklahoma, there are possibilities of a number of new Camps there—other than those referred to above—and a strong likelihood that in the not too far distant future, Oklahoma may be made a separate and distinct Department.

So far as the obtaining of individual members for our Camps, or members-at-large is concerned, whether we have a special campaign or not, constant recruiting must take place in order to overtake losses occasioned by deaths or those from unavoidably dropped members. That should be thoroughly understood and gotten into our consciousness.

Organizations like ours are not unlike speciality business concerns, such as Insurance Companies, Automobile Concerns or those marketing Air-Conditioning mechanism and the like. When an agent of such a Company sells a policy, or an auto, to John Smith, he knows quite well he cannot sell him another for some time to come, if ever, consequently he is constantly seeking new customers, and thinks nothing of it. It is all in the day's work! So it is with any membership Organization. New members must be constantly solicited, if the Order is to be kept alive. That is axiomatic, and it is a simple question of personal contacts and personal work, and there is, and should be, nothing unusual or peculiar in doing it. No legerdemain—just plain, hard constant work—which we owe it to do, if we are loyal members and believe in the Sons of Union Veterans as an Organization.

Our very deep thanks go to several who have done especially devoted work during the year. It is perhaps unwise, where so many have given meritorious service, to single out any for special notice. I would, however, be doing less than my duty, if I did not here publicly extend your and my own thanks to Brother Past Commander-in-Chief Delavan B. Bowley for his discerning and helpful assistance in the Washington and Oregon Departments. Because of it—work willingly and loyally undertaken—you may look for results this coming year in those Departments.

To Brothers Frank L. Kirchgassner, Doctor Ernest Homan and Judge Ralph Grant, appreciation is due for highly valuable services in the New England district; especial praise is due Brother Robert Alcorn of Hartford, Connecticut, for bringing in over a hundred members—most of them new members—and back dues and moneys from old and new members which has increased the resources of his Camp in amount fully \$1,000. His work is outstanding—a source of inspiration—and was rewarded in the only way his Commander-in-Chief could do, by public citation and the bestowal of the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon.

To Brother Fred C. Barnard of Ithaca—for giving so generously of his time without thought of expense—in aiding in the establishing of two Camps in New York State and Auxiliaries as well; to Brother Howard Michael, our Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, for fine help given in the Maryland Department and in connection with matters in Washington; and to Brother Fouch, our Senior Vice Commander-in-

Chief, for his willingness to take the Minnesota Encampment and his help to them, and for courtesies shown.

So much for the moment as to the Campaign.

ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

At the outset—in the prosecution and conduct of the Campaign—we sought to enlist the active help of the women's organizations allied with us. Each National President was personally solicited and their active assistance willingly pledged. A pledge is one thing—performance is another. This year we have had both, plus.

Our Auxillary—first of all—has worked as hard, I honestly believe, for the success of our Campaign, as it has for its own Organization. Their members have aided us not once, but many times, in the instituting of new Camps and the keeping of others alive and active. Their work has been absolutely outstanding. Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, their tactful, determined and active National President, has been literally untiring in her zeal for the Sons, and we owe her much. I have traveled with her many miles. Her cheerfulness is contagious. In her visits to the West Coast Departments and wherever she went, she made a deep impression, and so many thanks are due her by us all, that it is hard to know where to begin and where to leave off. When she comes into our Encampment, she should receive an ovation from us, for she well deserves all the thanks, and the heartiest expression of them that we can give.

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., is another to whom our special thanks should be given. Her Organization has given us most practical help, and wherever she has been, no commendation of the Sons was too much for her to give. We shall owe the establishment of more than one new Camp to her Organization. She too deserves a good hand.

The Woman's Relief Corps gave us in one instance the names of twenty-two grandsons in a certain city who wish to establish a Camp of the Sons, and members of this fine Order have given us valuable lists of eligibles and are willing to do more. Our relations with Mrs. Ida Heacock Baker, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, have been most cordial.

Mrs. Adelle Coman Murphy, National President of the Daughters, a personal friend of your Commander-in-Chief of long standing, always interested in the Sons, has been highly co-operative. The three Tents of the Daughters in Portland, Oregon, because of her urging, are co-operating with us to resuscitate the Camp there, and a new Camp in Detroit, Michigan, is in process of forming, through the aid of the Daughters there.

All through the year, it has been the expressed aim of the various National Officers above mentioned to accentuate and build up a feeling of friendliness and cordial co-operation, and the effects of this intimately friendly spirit will be felt for many years to come. It is appreciated by our Order as I know the same attitude on our part is, by each of the others. Not a note of friction has arisen. It has been a joy to be associated with such able and lovely women, and their Organizations have just reason to be proud of each one.

THE BANNER

The Banner is our official Organ. Because of conditions—and much to every one's regret—it has been issued only every other month, this year.

It is our only means of contact with our general membership. Its columns—with so few issues—cannot possibly carry all the items of

interest our membership ought to receive. If it is to be continued as a semi-monthly publication, it should be enlarged by at least four pages. Better, if we could receive it monthly, from at least October to August. And I recommend that if possible, it be issued monthly this year, omitting, if we have to do so, only the months of July and September, and possibly one of the winter months. Better still, if so receiving it, it could be printed on better stock, and carry illustrations of activities and perhaps people.

At present, two pages are given to our Auxiliary. They need more space. Perhaps some way should be devised by conference to give that, in return perhaps for active financial support from them. If such a plan could be worked out, it might be that their General Orders could be promulgated through The Banner as ours are, and to their advantage.

I know how very difficult it has been for Brother Allan S. Holbrook—who edits and prints The Banner—to operate and do the creditable job he takes pride in. Some means should be found to give him help in this and enable him to give us the kind of an official Organ he would like to produce and we receive.

Here, I wish to pay a deserved tribute to Allan. No one could have been more forebearing, more considerate, more willing to cooperate in every last way than he. Our friendship, because of his personal kindness and helpfulness, has grown through this somewhat difficult year. His wise suggestions, his willingness to accept any idea that would get new life into our Banner, and his patience under the trying conditions are worthy of your cordial praise and thanks, as it has here my very deep appreciation. Thank you, Brother Allan, for all you have done to help me, this year. Your cordial co-operation has done much to make our Campaign the success it is.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S AND CHAPLAIN'S REPORTS

I hope every one will read the lively report of our National Patriotic Instructor, Doctor Ralph R. Barrett. He has made it speak this year. He knows as well as you and I do, how inadequate it is. But you and I will understand that he cannot make figures—he can only record and analyze those that are sent to him—and what he has are woefully inadequate and incomplete so far as reflecting the activities of the members of the Order and the Order itself.

You will note that only about 50% of the Camps have reported. I know of one city in which a group of between 30 and 40 prominent and able citizens spoke to over 30,000 school children the week before Memorial Day, in such a way as to draw the highest praise and appreciation of the Superintendent of Schools, and that is not reported. Another instance of nearly 2000 graves decorated with flags and flowers—not reported—and these are but instances. They could be duplicated 200 times. Of what worth is such a report, so little considered? The Report, if it were complete would be propaganda for our Organization, of the very best kind. It could be used with prospects to show them what we are doing, and the sad part of it is that we are doing as fine a bit of work in patriotic endeavor as the most critical among us or any outsider could wish. The Report as it is is only a half report. If it cannot be made correct, so as to be used, the effort in compiling it might well be omitted and the cost of securing and printing it be saved and put to other uses.

The same is true of the Chaplain's report. If it is not complete it is useless. If you were to look at last year's report under the head of "members in good standing"—of almost any Department—and were to take the figures as correct—the inference might be drawn

that about half of our members were in arrears—which is not true. Certainly, that is not good publicity for the Order and if the Reports cannot be correctly made, they had better not be made at all. I recommend that this matter be made a study of by a hard-headed committee to see what can be done to get accurate reports and, if secured, what practical use can be made of them—and if none can be, that they then be simplified or abandoned entirely.

THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION AND THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL OF ITS BIRTH

One of the major aims this year, to which we were pledged by action of the Commandery-in-Chief, was the upholding and sustaining of our American Constitution.

The independence of the Supreme Court is one of the vital fundamentals of our Constitution, and the attempt to increase its membership without a vote of the people was a serious threat to that vital principle. Our Organization acted with other Patriotic bodies in this matter, through our Legislative Committee under the able Chairmanship of Brother Michael G. Heintz, of Ohio, with meticulous care and discretion.

All Departments and Camps were urged to act as they saw wise—but to act—so that a full and complete expression of opinion might be evidenced.

"We have escaped the threat that the Supreme Court may be made subservient"—"That the Supreme Court shall not be tampered with is now an American tradition stronger than the one against a third term for Presidents—as strong as the tradition which compels every member of the Electoral College to cast his vote for that Presidential Candidate who has the votes of the people of his State—although there is no law that prevents him from voting for his personal choice."

"It is not merely that the Court has been saved. Congress has been saved too. We now have an independent Court, functioning as the consciences of a majority of the Justices determine. And we have an independent Congress operating as its majority determines, without dictation. We have today, in short, the government that the founders established, a government of three branches, each free in its field." These are not my words, though I am personally heartily in accord with them. They are the words of a prominent and respected publicist.

They, as well as any others, indicate that our now unchanged Constitution is the Constitution which by your votes, you charged this Order with upholding and sustaining.

The coming Sesqui-Centennial this month should be recognized and commemorated by our Organization through our members participating in it, each in his local field and nationally, wherever the opportunity offers.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Last September, by your votes, you decided to foster the plan of naming U. S. Route 6 as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway." This highway, starting at Provincetown, on the tip of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, extends through the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, to Greeley, Colorado, from whence routes are contemplated to the West coast.

At the outset, legislation was required to be enacted by the various State Legislatures officially so naming Route 6.

A national Committee representing the Commandery-in-Chief was set up, of which Brother William L. Anderson, Sr., was named Chairman. The members of this Committee were largely suggested by Brother Anderson. An acting State Chairman was named for each State, and local State Committees were selected which had charge of securing the needed legislation in their respective States.

Largely through the energy and enthusiasm of this Committee's National Chairman, legislation has now been enacted in every State east of the Mississippi River, and Route 6 is officially now known as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway" from Massachusetts to the border of the State of Iowa.

A previous attempt to give this same Route another name had not received official sanction, but it did serve to produce some opposition in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Nebraska. It was comparatively easily overcome in New York and Pennsylvania, and will be eventually in other States. For the success thus far attained credit is first due to Brother Anderson and then to the efficient assistance received from the brothers and members of the State Committees. It is another evidence of the value of co-operation. There is yet much work to do in the western States to complete the project.

One section, that of Massachusetts, was dedicated this year and others will be as soon as official markers can be made ready.

The Highway will be marked throughout its length with special G. A. R. highway markers, and will be a perpetual memorial to the Grand Army, in which we as Sons may take pride as its proponent.

This was the original scope and purpose of this our third aim of the current year. But we can look ahead to further extension and amplification of the plan by the placing of special memorial tablets all along the line commemorating appropriate events, such as the raising of local Companies or Regiments, historical spots or episodes having relation to the period of 1861-to-65, thus giving to all who travel over the Highway a living story of the heroism of the Civil War Veterans. We call attention to the report of the Committee which is printed in this same pamphlet.

THE SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

This part of our Organization which has been dormant in several Departments is taking on new life and attracting renewed interest. As a means of interesting young men in our Order, it is believed by many to be one of the best. Connecticut this year re-instituted it, with fine results, and the members of the Connecticut Reserve were a finely equipped and soldierly group. New York has taken up the idea and is actively at work renewing interest in the Reserve. It is a good thing to do and is recommended to each Department for serious consideration.

JUNIOR CAMPS

The need to attract younger members into any Organization like ours, requires no amplification. All Organizations seek to do it—some in one way, some in another. The establishment of Junior Camps with membership between the ages of say 10 to 16 is not a new idea. Such a plan was recommended by Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner at St. Paul in his report as the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. With his suggestion then made we are in hearty accord, and recommend that legislation be offered and enacted at this Encampment establishing Junior Camps under proper supervision, and that a Committee of at least five, be appointed to formulate plans and be given power to order their establishment under the

direction of the officials of the Commandery-in-Chief and Departments.

COMMITTEE ON GRAVE MARKING

This part of our work takes on increased importance as the years roll on, with more and more graves to be cared for. We are to be congratulated that this work is, so far as the Commandery-in-Chief is concerned, in such competent hands.

The Committee, under the National Chairmanship of Brother Charles R. Hale, has done most creditable work. Its report should have careful and sympathetic reading. It is the intent to make this Committee national in membership and scope and to that end it is proposed to name a brother experienced and interested in this work as State Chairman in each Department, and thus have a member on the National Committee from each State. Such a Committee, so constituted, would serve as a clearing-committee for the interchange of methods and experiences and for the betterment of this great national work of ours. A start was made on this, this year, which ought to be further extended, and we recommend it be so done.

NECROLOGY

It is as inevitable as life itself, that that which we call death must come to us all, each in his turn, and the "grim reaper" has not spared our ranks this year.

The names of our departed brothers will appear as heretofore in our National Chaplain's report, and we shall reverently honor their memory in our annual Memorial Service. Their records will also appear in the proceedings of this Encampment.

I cannot pass this part of my report however without a personal word of respect to two brothers with whom it was my personal pleasure to have had a delightful acquaintance, Brother Wm. R. McGirr and Brother Fred Phillips. We all knew them to respect them. Both were devoted to our Order. Both are missed. Brother Walter Mabie's beautiful tribute to Brother McGirr in the August Banner should be read by all.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to the loved ones of all our Brothers who this year have passed on to the Great Beyond.

CALLS FOR DECISIONS

There were few such calls this year. One relating to balloting, was referred to our National Counselor, Judge H. S. Howard, of Vermont. His able opinion and the following Decision will be found in his report. We suggest action might well be taken on the recommendation of our able National Counselor.

Such other decisions as we were called to make were made in the spirit of fraternal fairness, with impartiality and consideration, and we hope and believe were received in the same spirit.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

You have been to us an inspiration this whole year as you always are. To any son, the father stands out as his shining example. He emulates him, he strives to make his record one which shall equal his father's—excel it if possible—and he honors and cherishes his memory. So, in our respect for you, and in our wish to always cherish your ideals and remember your deeds, you will not consider it amiss, if there seems to be always before us as we meet you—in our mind's eye—that personal father who in our early youth led us by the hand, and whose hand we held as he left us.

We again pledge to you individually and as an Organization

which has fostered ours these long years, never to forget. We are proud you permit us to call you "comrades." We are glad of our heritage, and we are happy when you call us "sons."

CHANGE IN OFFICERS—TERMS OF OFFICE

We believe it would be for the best interests of the Order and be productive of better results, if the terms of office of the National and Department Officers were more nearly co-incident.

It is not satisfactory, nor for the good of the Order for a wholesale change of Officers upon whom the Commander-in-Chief must rely, to take place in the middle of his term, just as they have gotten to working well together.

Any manager of a business concern, and every Commander-in-Chief who has served you, knows from experience the slowing up of effort and the freezing of results which follows from an almost complete change in Department Officers in the middle of the year.

Take this year as an example. We started the year's work with a Campaign which was important in its implications and possibilities. Allowing that it took three months to get fairly organized and started, this would bring us to December 31st. Three months later, just as we began to get into our stride, the Department elections began and from then to June, generally speaking, a constant and finally complete change followed in Department officers, many of whom must not only take time to learn the conditions and needs of their own Departments, but all must be made acquainted anew, with the plans of the Campaign, and the spirit of it. It is almost too much of a handicap to conduct a Campaign under such circumstances.

To get best results a Commander-in-Chief is entitled to have an Organization so set up that he can work a full year, or at least the major part of it, with one and the same group of officers, and without major changes. It is so plainly for the benefit of all and for the success of the whole Order as to warrant a serious effort to accomplish a betterment of some sort in this respect. I recognize the difficulties, both those which arise from custom—and from the periods of the year for holding Encampments—and have no pride of plan or opinion, but do feel that we should give study and consideration to this handicapping situation and not delay such consideration.

Quite as important is it to so arrange the term of office of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Officers, that it shall be co-incident with our fiscal year—or the year, for the conduct of which and its success or failure—they are responsible. Perhaps this could be done by having our official records for the year made to begin and end with the September Quarter instead of the June Quarter as now.

As it is now, we elect our National Officers in September (sometimes in August) and they take office immediately. We suggest that the National Officers hereafter elected take office on October first each year—i. e., at the beginning of the Quarter immediately following their election—and that no part of any previous Quarter shall be reckoned as part of their year's record.

Our records are now made up from July to July—and the Quarter ending September 30th becomes a charge or a credit, as it has been good or bad, upon the incoming officers, when they have had no part in its conduct and should be charged with no responsibility for its results, nor receive any credit for, if the record has been a good one.

Perhaps this might be better expressed by saying that the term of office of the National Officers should begin with a new Quarter and the records of the year of their incumbency should be those only of the period during which they serve. This we believe should be in

fairness done, and we recommend that it receive your earnest consideration at this Encampment.

CHANGES IN DEPARTMENTS

Some of our Departments are below the required standard for the maintaining of a Department, either in number of Camps, in number of members, or in both.

These are:

Florida, Alabama & Tennessee...	4 Camps	57 members
Colorado & Wyoming	9 Camps	204 members
*Nebraska	6 Camps	109 members
Minnesota	10 Camps	206 members
Oregon	8 Camps	154 members
Washington	5 Camps	166 members

We recommend that the Florida-Alabama Department be made either a Provisional Department, with representation in the National Commandery by delegates only, or be attached to the Maryland Department until such time as it may again qualify under our requirements as an independent Department; that Tennessee be attached to Missouri, and Kentucky to Indiana, except such portions as border upon Ohio and may be better worked by being attached to the latter Department.

Inasmuch as plans have been made and are now being put into operation in the other Departments, looking towards bringing them up to the standard requirements, we recommend for the present no change in their status.

* Incomplete.

IN CONCLUSION.

There is much more that could be said to you, brothers, and with profit discussed, on this reunion occasion. Much that is cheerful and encouraging. I make no mention of the many delightful visits which have been made to the various Departments this year and to the social occasions to which your Commander-in-Chief has been bidden by our Departments, Camps and individuals, and by our Auxiliary and the women's allied organizations. All these happy events have left an imprint of joy and remembrance and of cordial hospitality, which will never fade.

I would like to take some time in commending the outstanding work of a number of our exceptionally active and well officered Departments and Camps. Please take it as said—every commendation that, many of them, indeed a very great majority—well deserve.

There is much to encourage us, much to be said to make us all glad and proud that we are members of as honorable an Order as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I must not close this report without thanking the National Officers all—and especially our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Horace Hammer, for the help so cordially given the whole year through. Horace, with his delightfully cheerful, courteous and ever optimistic personality, has been generously charitable to my short-coming, and a constant source of inspiration to me, as he is to every one of us, the whole year through. We all love him. Horace, the friendship formed some years ago with you and your charming wife, has been strengthened by your kindly and understanding acts this year of our more intimate association. It is more deeply prized than I can easily say.

And that goes to all our Department Officers for their ungrudging support. No Commander-in-Chief can hope to make a success of his

administration without such willing and constant help. Whatever has been accomplished this year has been by and through that support, and credit goes and is cheerfully acknowledged by your Commander-in-Chief, to all who have so gallantly striven.

Respectfully, in F. C. & L.,

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Mohr of Missouri: I move a rising vote of thanks for our Commander-in-Chief for his splendid report. (Rising vote).

National Secretary Hammer: I move the report, with all other Reports of Officers which are printed, be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports without reading. (Adopted).

National Secretary Hammer: I present the reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and all of the National Officers, which I respectfully present to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the pleasure and honor of submitting through you to our Brothers and members of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War some of the duties I have carried out.

When I was elected to this office at Washington, D. C., the Michigan Department felt honored that the Commandery-in-Chief, had again recognized that Department, and I assure you that I also deeply appreciated the fact that my Brothers had conferred this high office upon me. I accepted the same with the idea that possibly I could add to the future accomplishments of the Order in which we are all so deeply interested, and have done everything I could so far as the opportunity has been given me. During the first six months of this year, 1937, my aged Mother has been down very sick, which has hampered me considerably, but, I am glad to say, she is again in good health.

I came home from Washington and at once set out to do all I could for your Administration, and have secured the new members that I set out to get and some re-instatements. Up to the present date my local Camp has not suspended a single member since the Washington Encampment. I have not the record of the Michigan Department before me, but I know very few have been suspended in the other Camps of this Department. I got my last member last week and I have the promise of another one this week.

I assure you that it has been my pleasure to have been associated with you during this year, and I know how you have worked, the sacrifices you have made and how hard you have endeavored to carry out your ideas, plans and purposes. I assure you I have aided at every opportunity I had to do so, with the exception of one instance, then I did not get the word in time to do so.

I attended every Department Regional Meeting held in Michigan this year, as I have for many years last past. I also attended the Mid-winter Encampment of the Department of Indiana, the Mid-winter Encampment of the Department of Illinois, and met you at the June Encampment of the state of Illinois, in June.

At your request I attended the Annual Encampment of the Department of Minnesota, held at St. Paul. While there I attended the sessions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and with the several Greetings Committees visited the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Minnesota, and all allied organizations that met there, and in my talks holding before each of said Organizations the ideals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, the building of the several structures that now constitute our Government, the fair and able decisions of the Members of the United States Supreme Court, and all the other Federal Courts, as well as the Courts of the different states. I pointed out the dangers of removing any part of the foundation of this Government, and how it could enslave the people of this great government by one man being in a position where he could control the decisions of the United States Supreme Court. I also talked at their Campfire and their Banquet.

It has been my privilege during the last year to attend many other patriotic meetings and banquets, where I have on every occasion preached the doctrines of our cause, and also endeavored in every way to aid you and your administration. I also delivered the Memorial Day address at Flint, Michigan, this year, where I had an excellent chance to give the history of the Soldiers of the Civil War and what they not only stood for, but what they fought for and accomplished. Wherever I have been I have outlined your program fully and endeavored in every way to aid you in your Administration.

The Department of Michigan was highly honored by your presence, at our annual Encampment at Detroit in June, and we enjoyed your stay with us. It has been my pleasure to have been on your official list as your Senior Vice, and I have enjoyed preaching our purposes and our causes and trust I may have the privilege of preaching the cause of patriotism for the rest of my days, and in all things be a loyal and faithful Con.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

PERLE L. FOUCH,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

July 23, 1937.

I desire to express the appreciation of the Department of which I am a member, my Camp and myself for the honor conferred in electing me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment held in the City of Washington, D. C., September 22 to 24, 1936.

The duties of the office in question, are those, as have been from time to time, assigned by the Commander-in-Chief, and in the absence of such special assignments, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief confines his efforts to his own Department, which has become a customary feature for a long time. My activities therefore have been exerted along such lines as I felt would redound to the best interest of all concerned. Necessarily, this entailed the acceptance of various invitations to attend in an official capacity functions of various Departments, individual Camps and Auxiliaries. I had a most enjoyable visit to all of them, and endeavored to arouse greater interest

in the work of the Order to the end that our Commander-in-Chief's desires could be realized.

November 17, 1936—Presented the Greetings of the Commander-in-Chief at the Veterans Night Banquet, sponsored by the James A. Garfield Camp, and Auxiliary, at Baltimore, Md.

November 20, 1936—Pursuant to the request of the Commander-in-Chief, I represented him at the meeting of the American Coalition Society in Washington, D. C., and transmitted to him my report in connection therewith.

February 13, 1937—Attended in Philadelphia, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, a conference with other members of the Department of Maryland to discuss matters conducive to the upbuilding of the Department.

April 10, 1937—Represented and presented the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief at the Appomattox Day banquet in Baltimore, Md.

May 4-5, 1937—Attended Department of Maryland Encampment held at Elkton, Md. We were very happy to have with us at this Encampment our Commander-in-Chief, Brother Wm. Allan Dyer, also Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Walter Mable.

May 31, 1937—Represented the Commander-in-Chief at the Memorial Exercises held in Greenmount Cemetery, Baltimore, Md., under the auspices of James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and James A. Garfield Auxiliary.

June 1, 1937—Presented the Greetings of the Commander-in-Chief at the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Woman's Relief Corps in Baltimore, Md.

June 16, 1937—Attended the Encampment of the Department of Pennsylvania at York, Pa.

June 17, 1937—Attended the Encampment of the Department of New Jersey at Atlantic City, N. J.

In all my visits, I have not overlooked an opportunity to call upon our Auxiliaries.

I have fulfilled my promise to the Commander-in-Chief in the matter of securing three (3) new members in the order. I have several more prospects, whom I expect to shortly secure as members; further I have two new Camps in process of organization and which I trust will receive their charters prior to the opening of the Fifty-sixth National Encampment to be held in Madison, Wisconsin.

In concluding this report which may appear somewhat rambling, nevertheless, such is due to no amplification of the duties of the office, other than those set out in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order.

I am of the opinion that if the person occupying the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief had some definite and concrete duties to perform in addition to those now expected of him, something of a tangible nature would be accomplished.

I desire to express the pleasure it has been to serve with you, Commander-in-Chief, and the other National Officers, during the term of my office now fast coming to a close. My contacts with you have been most inspiring and enthusing, thereby creating a deeper appreciation of our memory serving order, and a deep seated desire to better serve it than ever before.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

HOWARD MICHAEL,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pa., September 1, 1937.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present report of the transactions of this department, as follows:

Familiar with all the details it is unnecessary to specify the many affairs which confronted us and you so ably disposed of. While per capita tax was increased four (4) cents, and Membership Fees were renewed this term, which with the initiations, spirited action on your part to increase the membership, restrict losses, receipts could necessarily have been expected to be larger than last term, they were more substantially so than looked for; from supplies \$175.00 more; approximately in the total \$1,000.00 over last term. Expenditures compared with last term are \$300.00 less, practically all accounts paid.

Our financial condition is on a substantial basis. We have once more a Permanent and Organization (and Historical Marker) Funds. These are constantly increasing with no special or individual contributions—the entire membership being represented in their growth and accumulation.

A very active and record breaking campaign for increasing the membership was conducted by you. It created a new impetus, aroused a new interest and inspired personal effort and service in the membership generally.

DEPARTMENTS

With few exceptions conditions in the Departments are encouraging. The Officers in most of them made efforts to prevent losses. Where unsuccessful conditions prevailed which they could not combat to overcome, they succeeded with your leadership and suggestions in reducing losses.

Again several Departments show less number of Camps (ten—10) and Members (two hundred fifty—250) required and fixed by the Constitution (not the Regulations), to maintain and constitute a Department. Some have had this status for several years.

The Department of Alabama & Tennessee could not hold its Annual Encampment this year. Its condition and lacking in Camps, Members, activities and efforts to increase and build up suggests it cannot properly represent the Order and function as a Department. Material and environment deter and prevent.

RECOMMENDATION: That after receipt of Reports and Per Capita Tax for Quarter ending September 30, 1937, the Charter of the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, be revoked; the Department Disbanded; its effects, records, books, funds in the treasury, supplies, be forwarded to the Headquarters of the Department of Maryland; that the Camps and Members in the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, be transferred to and be under the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Maryland; with the States now attached to and in the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, to constitute the Department of Maryland.

While there are several other Departments under the required numerical provision, it is not discriminating in this action, as they are responding to your suggestions, conditions and advice with plans you have under way for their upbuilding.

The inequality which figures respecting Departments under the required quota is, that with negligible number of Camps and Members compared to others they secure and have each year the same reward, viz: a Past Department Commander—a member of the Commandery-in-Chief. It does not seem consistent. It suggests consideration, and action without detriment or injury to the members and Departments in this condition.

FINANCIAL:
DR.

RECEIPTS:

September 24, 1936, To Balance.....	
Membership Fees	\$ 459.50
Per Capita Tax	9,525.48
Charter Fees	35.00
Supplies	1,508.16
Bonds (Premium Department Commanders) ..	32.50
Miscellaneous	29.99
Interest	

Total\$11,590.63

Department of Nebraska:

Per Capita Tax, March Quarter.....	\$ 17.21
Per Capita Tax, June Quarter.....	1.70
Supplies	6.80

Total

Fund Permanent	Organization and Historical Marker Fund	Total Perma- nent & Organi- zation Funds: Receipts from P. C. Tax	General Fund
\$ 500.00			
793.79	\$ 793.79	\$1,587.58	\$ 459.50
			7,937.90
			35.00
			1,508.16
			32.50
			29.99
5.83			
<u>1,299.62</u>	<u>\$ 793.79</u>	<u>\$1,587.58</u>	<u>\$10,003.05</u>
		\$ 25.71	
	<u>\$ 819.50</u>		

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General Fund:	By General Expenses	\$6,871.23
\$ 711.78	Office Expenses	679.56
10,003.05	Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	961.76
		\$ 8,512.55
\$10,714.83	Total Expenditures	2,202.28
	August 20, 1937, By Balance	\$10,714.83
\$10,714.83		

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND:

Receipts from Per Capita Tax.....	\$793.79
Dr.: Dept. of Nebraska (by order Com.-in-Chief)....	25.71
	\$819.50
Cr.: Department of Nebraska.....	\$ 25.71
Commander-in-Chief, Reorganizing De- partments of Kansas and Nebraska 100.00	\$125.71
By Balance, August 20, 1937.....	\$693.79
Balances, August 20, 1937:	
General Fund	\$2,202.28
Permanent Fund	1,299.62
Organization and Historical Marker Fund.....	693.79
	\$4,195.69
Total	

Dept.	ITEMIZED RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS							Total
	Memb. Fees	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Sup-plies	Premium Bonds	Miscel.		
Ala. & Tenn...	.50	\$ 23.60		\$ 1.93	\$ 2.50	\$.58	\$ 29.11	
Cal. & Pac....	43.00	275.60		68.10		2.00	388.70	
Col. & Wyo....	5.50	85.00		26.13		2.28	118.91	
Connecticut ...	41.00	543.60		104.73			689.33	
Illinois	29.00	317.70	\$ 5.00	71.77		.20	423.67	
Indiana	9.00	323.10		21.46	2.50		356.06	
Iowa	9.00	113.20	5.00	49.09	2.50		178.79	
Kansas	8.50	128.30		17.25	2.50		156.55	
Maine	30.50	399.80		92.03		2.00	524.33	
Maryland	4.50	149.50		42.84	2.50		199.34	
Massachusetts..	50.00	1724.10		222.94			1997.04	
Michigan	19.00	183.60		30.43	2.50		235.53	
Minnesota	8.50	82.30		29.63			120.43	
Missouri	7.50	94.80		36.20	2.50	.72	141.72	
Nebraska		24.78	5.00	7.58		2.66	40.02	
New Hamp. ...	9.50	272.20		35.55			317.25	
New Jersey....	9.00	325.20		43.25	2.50		379.95	
New York	43.00	977.50	5.00	159.78	2.50	11.23	1199.01	
Ohio	22.50	744.70	5.00	62.79	2.50	1.00	838.49	
Oregon	3.00	66.30		27.47		.46	97.23	
Pennsylvania...	66.00	2017.10	5.00	208.38		1.66	2298.14	
Rhode Island .	12.50	139.80		29.92			182.22	
Vermont	15.00	243.20		56.20	2.50	3.00	319.90	
Washington ...	4.50	65.30			2.50	.20	72.50	
Wisconsin	9.00	205.20	5.00	57.51	2.50	2.00	281.21	
Miscellaneous..				5.20			5.20	
Total	\$459.50	\$9525.48	\$35.00	\$1508.16	\$32.50	\$29.99	\$11590.63	

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Includes and accounts for sales of leaflet "Keep America American," to:

Dept.	Department	Camps	Members
California & Pacific....			200
Maine		200	
Ohio		100	
Pennsylvania		150	
Vermont	300		
Total	300	450	200
Amount received, \$9.50.			

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

General Expenses:	
For Supplies	\$1388.25
The Banner	2365.90
Encampment (1936)	367.81
Printing	185.31
Shipping Supplies	60.02
Salaries	2200.00
Bonds, Dept. Commanders, Nat'l Officers.....	62.50
Miscellaneous:	
Incorporation Fee	1.00
Badge (Past) Commander-in-Chief	125.00
Dues Federated Patriotic Societies	10.00
Committee Marking Graves	61.78

Committee Program and Policy	23.60
Committee G. A. R. Highway	8.80
Committee on Legislation	11.26
	\$6871.23

Office Expenses:

Wrapping Paper and Twine	\$ 7.31
Postage	99.83
Express	2.92
Telegrams	1.95
Stationery	143.15
Rent	420.00
Miscellaneous	4.40
	\$ 679.56

Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:

Postage	\$ 88.40
Telegrams	15.05
Traveling	727.69
Stenographer	130.62
	\$ 961.76

Total Disbursements	\$8512.55
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VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent Oct.-Dec. inc.....	\$ 105.00
2.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Bond, Com-in-Chief...	2.50
3.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Seal Press	3.72
4.	The Banner, Subscription	October, 24,203 copies	403.38
5.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Stationery	138.82
6.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Printing	80.74
7.	The Banner, Supplies,	Printing; Subscription December,	
		23,896 copies (\$398.27)	606.92
8.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, January-March, inc...	105.00
9.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c Oct.-Dec.	174.55
10.	The Banner, Encampment (1936)	Printed Journal, Ship-	
		ping	365.28
11.	Edward J. Hughes, Sec. State,	Ill., Registration Fee, Char-	
		ter, Incorporation	1.00
12.	The Robbins Co.,	Badges	426.04
13.	The Banner, Subscription	February, 23,541 copies.....	398.41
14.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c Jan.-Feb.....	185.20
15.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, April-June, inc.....	105.00
16.	W. C. Mabie, Printing,	Stationery	36.21
17.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c March	66.51
18.	The Robbins Co.,	Badges, Ribbons	300.00
19.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Dept. Com. Bond.....	2.50
20.	The Banner, Subscription	April, 23,294 copies.....	388.22
21.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Printing	239.87
22.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c April	149.17
23.	Robbins Co.,	Badges	67.74
24.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Stationery	57.95
25.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Bonds Dept. Coms....	17.50
26.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c May	227.64
27.	The Banner, Subscription	June, 23,233 copies	387.22
28.	W. C. Mabie, Printing,	Stationery	19.18
29.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds....	15.00
30.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, July-Sept. inc.....	105.00
31.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com-in-Chief,	Exp. a/c June.....	158.69
32.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies	98.35

33. Maryland Casualty Co., Premium Bond Nat'l Sec.-Treas..	25.00
34. Robbins Company, Badges	67.81
35. The Banner, Subscription August, 23,424 copies.....	390.40
36. C. R. Hale, Chairman, Committee Marking Graves.....	55.00
37. G. A. & C. R. Schlechter, Badge (Past) Com.-in-Chief....	125.00
38. H. H. Hammer, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Salary August 21, 1936- August 20, 1937; Expense a/c	2401.03
39. Frank C. Huston, Nat'l Sec.-Treas., Dues Federated Patri- otic Societies affiliated with G. A. R.....	10.00
Total Vouchers	<u>\$8512.55</u>

SUPPLIES AND STOCK ACCOUNT

It was not necessary to increase price of supplies as authorized last year. Form 3—New Application for Membership was anticipated to be one reason for advance in cost on Requisitions quotations. We were able to procure them within fixed amount to dispose of but with reduced profit for Departments and Camps.

Conditions may require increase in supplies, due to cost of material and production, and other elements. Until obliged to advance prices we will continue under the authority of the last Encampment to issue supplies as quoted on Requisition Forms.

Too many Departments do not carry sufficient stock or quantity of supplies. They cannot fill Requisitions to and for their Camps until the supplies so ordered are received from the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This causes complaint from Camps, delay in receiving their supplies and wholly dependent upon the promptness of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. Department Officers know their needs and they should meet them with proper quantity of supplies on hand.

There is general complaint against the use of "stickers" or inserts—amendments to the C. & R., nineteen (19) and also in the Ritual, thirteen (13).

The 1936 Encampment directed the use of these inserts until the supply of C. & R. and Rituals were exhausted.

It would be a welcome change and one greatly desired if the C. & R., and Rituals could be supplied with all amendments and changes printed therein and no inserts or stickers needed. This it is hoped we will be able to comply with at an early date.

During this term 368 copies of the C. & R. were disposed of, leaving on hand 3750. Rituals sold 141, on hand 532.

To cost of supplies on hand, August 21, 1936.....	\$2964.24
To cost of supplies purchased	1388.25
Cost of supplies to account for.....	<u>\$4352.49</u>
Cost of supplies on hand, August 20, 1937.....	3360.07
Cost of supplies sold	\$ 992.42
To amount received for supplies	<u>\$1508.10</u>
Cost of supplies sold	\$992.42
Cost of shipping supplies	60.02
Cost of wrapping paper and twine	7.31
Cost of supplies to National Officers	5.46
Cost of express on supplies received	2.92
Total cost of supplies sold	<u>\$1068.13</u>
Profit	<u>\$ 439.97</u>

Increase in Requisitions filled over last term, 42.
 Increase in receipts over last year, \$173.00.

FIFTY YEARS MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Ninety-two (92) Members continuously Fifty Years received the Badge for that record of membership the past year. Presentation of this Badge proved interesting ceremonies where such were held incident to the honor of being entitled to this Badge.

NEW CAMPS

New Camps were organized and Chartered as follows:

Dept.:	No. Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Organized	No. Charter Members
Illinois	1	58	1	58
Iowa	1	16	1	19
Nebraska	1	17	1	17
New York	1	42	1	40
Ohio	1	45	1	45
Pennsylvania	1	28	1	42
Wisconsin	1	15	1	15
Total	7	221	7	236

OFFICIAL ORGAN—THE BANNER

Our medium of contacting the Officers, rank and file, is efficient and valuable in its co-operation and assistance is rendered in various channels. Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Editor, and his competent staff are helpful on all occasions and are of great benefit in many instances.

AFFILIATED ORDERS

In our ties and contacts outstanding is the Grand Army of the Republic. Our service to it is our lesson learned years ago and practiced to adhere to it. Departments, Camps, Members universally follow out faithfully all honor and assistance to it.

The Auxilliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has a record for service and favors to us. This was emphasized by National President Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, who let no opportunity pass to accomplish some result for us, for which we are obligated to her.

The Daughters of Union Veterans, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, were cordial and rendered their part on our behalf. We owe them grateful co-operation and our appreciation for service. The Officers of these Orders were always interested in and for our benefit, and helpful in many ways in our mutual interests.

DUPLICATION REPORTS—SECRETARIES, CHAPLAINS, PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS

Proposal from the Department of Oregon to the last Encampment, pp. 59, Journal of Proceedings, to eliminate duplication and unnecessary data in Reports of Secretaries, Chaplains and Patriotic Instructors, action on Report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations referring the matter to the National Secretary "looking to 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."

This is a vital matter. Construing and interpreting it variously and the scope it covers I respectfully report for further instructions.

Elimination of these Officers can be construed since Forms with "the essential data" can be prepared for returns to be made by Secretaries. "Unnecessary data in Reports" of these Officers leaves open the subject as to what "is necessary."

The Reports we are using were adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, Forms submitted and approved, after several years work of a Committee comprising Brothers experienced and having knowledge of the reason and cause for the data; they served respectively several terms as National and Department Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor—a Past Commander-in-Chief, and present Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The duplication in these reports does not impose excessive labor, or effort. Data for one and the other is similar, but negligible, for the purpose of having knowledge and information in the respective offices. Few references have to do with the returns of Secretaries.

Recommended: That, to have a more definite understanding of the subject, the Department of Oregon be requested to submit a Form covering its proposition, for consideration and action at the next (1938) Encampment.

SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

RECOMMENDATION: Reiterating the feature of this branch of the Order, an asset in attraction and benefit to us at our public affairs and Encampments, the recommendation of last year is renewed, viz:

Provision by the Council-in-Chief for approval by this Encampment, of an Appropriation to the Reserve to compensate those members who attend Commandery-in-Chief Encampments and comprise the Official Escort in parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

They fulfill for us the honor and distinction conferred upon the Order to constitute that Official Escort of "One Hundred Uniformed Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The Reserve meets that requirement. The Grand Army of the Republic Officers and Members are greatly pleased at their response, service and appearance—in the pattern of the uniforms they wore in 1861-'65. They meet our obligation to the Grand Army of the Republic.

CONCLUSION

You conducted a vigorous, outstanding campaign to increase the membership. It is many years since such persistent efforts were made as you introduced. Your labors to that end were indefatigable. Your perseverance, personal contact, aroused a new determination and interest in the membership to co-operate and produce what you enthusiastically imbued into them; you created for this purpose an inspiration throughout the Order. Expressions of confidence for its future, and commendation for your interest, service and leadership came from every section. A similar policy, with service such as yours, in the years to come will be the record that your Administration will have been the turning point for a strengthened, growing, influential patriotic American Order.

You have the best wishes of the membership in grateful appreciation of valuable, untiring, faithful and efficient service.

Your confidence and courtesies are sincerely acknowledged with

every assurance of high personal regard and good wishes for your future.

To the other National Officers and Members of the Staff, appreciation of their courtesies is expressed with my compliments and regard.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

National Secretary-Treasurer, Fifty-sixth Encampment, 1937, Madison, Wisconsin.

DR.	Receipts	Permanent Fund	Organization Historical Marker Fund	General Fund
August 20, 1937, To Balance.....		\$1,299.62	\$693.79	\$ 1.00
August 20, Membership Fees	\$ 1.00			8.75
September 9, Per Capita Tax.....	10.50	.87	.88	2.50
Premium Department Commander's Bond	2.50			4.20
Miscellaneous	4.20			
	\$ 18.20	\$1,300.49	\$694.67	\$ 16.45
To Organization and Historical Marker Fund:				16.45
R. F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief.....	\$265.13			694.67
R. R. Barrett, Nat. Pal. Inst., contributions from:				\$2,913.40
Otto F. Berner, Antigo, Wis.....	1.00			
M. C. Keeley, Modesto, Cal.....	1.00			
W. E. Dean, Ontario, Cal.....	1.00			
C. B. Martin, Parsons, Kan.....	4.02			
	\$290.35	\$1,300.49	\$272.15	\$272.15
By Vouchers			\$966.82	\$288.60
			\$280.46	\$3,185.55
			\$686.36	

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND

August 20, 1937—To Balance.....	\$693.79
Receipts to September 9, 1937.....	273.03
	<u>\$966.82</u>
	\$966.82

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By General Expenses	\$995.35
Fifty-sixth Encampment, 1937, Officers except Com- mander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treas- urer	24.30
Organization and Historical Marker Fund.....	280.46
G. A. R. Highway Committee.....	11.84
	<u>\$1,311.95</u>
Office Expenses: August-September	13.66
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses: August-September....	32.74
	<u>Total Expenditures</u>
	\$1,358.35
By Balance, September 9, 1937	\$1,140.84
Organization and Historical Marker Fund...	686.36
	<u>\$1,827.20</u>
	<u>\$3,185.55</u>

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND

By Vouchers:

H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., to The Gorham Co., Privi- dence. R. I., Tablet, 1936, Encampment, Washington, D. C.	\$181.42
C. D. Donaldson, Nat. Pat. Inst., Expense acc't 1936 En- campment Tablet	11.80
Balch Bros. & West Co., Inc., Syracuse, N. Y., Tablet, 1937 Encampment, Madison, Wis.	87.24
	<u>\$280.46</u>
To Balance, September 9, 1937.....	686.36
	<u>\$966.82</u>

VOUCHERS

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
40.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Exp. a/c	G. A. R. Highway Com.	\$ 11.84
41.	C. D. Donaldson, Nat. Pat. Inst., Exp. a/c 1936,	\$11.80;	
	Exp. a/c Tablet, 1936 Encampment,	\$11.80.....	23.60
42.	The Banner, Encampment—Roll and Officers' Reports....		127.58
43.	Madison-Wisconsin Foundation, Enc. Exp. Flowers....		3.00
44.	Rentschler Floral Co., Madison, Wis., Enc. Exp. Flowers..		7.00
45.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Encampment Exp. a/c.....		100.00
46.	Perle L. Fouch, Encampment Exp., Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief		12.00
47.	Howard Michael, Encampment Exp., Jr. Vice Com-in-Chief		51.40
48.	Chas. H. E. Moran, Encampment Exp., Council-in-Chief..		90.85
49.	John L. Reeger, Encampment Exp., Council-in-Chief.....		85.00
50.	A. W. McDaniel, Encampment Exp., Council-in-Chief....		15.90
51.	R. R. Barrett, Encampment Exp., Nat. Pat. Inst., \$109.03;		
	Exp. a/c, \$12.50		121.53
52.	Wm. V. Dickinson, Encampment Exp., National Chaplain		69.70
53.	Balch Bros. & West Co., Inc., Encampment Exp., Tablet Lincoln's Gettysburg Address		87.24
54.	Wm. Allan Dyer, Com-in-Chief, Balance Exp. a/c Encamp- ment, \$54.48; Aug.-Sept. expenses, \$32.74.....		87.22
55.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas., Encampment Expenses, \$111.41; Office Expenses, Aug.-Sept., \$13.66; Paid Lin- coln's Gettysburg Address Tablet, Encampment 1936, \$181.42		306.49

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

National Secretary-Treasurer, Fifty-sixth Encampment, 1937, Madison, Wisconsin.

DR.	Receipts	Permanent Fund	Organization Historical Marker Fund	General Fund	
August 20, 1937, To Balance.....		\$1,299.62	\$693.79		\$2,202.28
August 20, Membership Fees	\$ 1.00			\$ 1.00	
September 9, Per Capita Tax.....	10.50	.87	.88		8.75
Premium Department Commander's Bond	2.50				2.50
Miscellaneous	4.20				4.20
	<u>\$ 18.20</u>	<u>\$1,300.49</u>	<u>\$694.67</u>	<u>\$ 16.45</u>	<u>16.45</u>
To Organization and Historical Marker Fund:					694.67
					<u>\$2,913.40</u>
R. F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief.....	\$265.13				
R. R. Barrett, Nat. Pat. Inst., contributions from:					
Otto F. Berner, Antigo, Wis.....	1.00				
M. C. Keeley, Modesto, Cal.....	1.00				
W. E. Dean, Ontario, Cal.....	1.00				
C. B. Martin, Parsons, Kan.....	4.02				
	<u>\$290.35</u>	<u>\$1,300.49</u>	<u>\$272.15</u>	<u>\$272.15</u>	<u>272.15</u>
By Vouchers			\$966.82	\$288.60	\$3,185.55
			<u>\$280.46</u>		
			<u>\$686.36</u>		

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORICAL MARKER FUND

August 20, 1937—To Balance.....	\$693.79
Receipts to September 9, 1937.....	273.03
	<u>\$966.82</u>

56. Irene N. Fuller, Encampment Stenographic Report and services, etc.	158.00
Total	\$1,358.35

Respectfully submitted,
 H. H. HAMMER,
 National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

7118 Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, Cal.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
 Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to submit the following report based upon the material forwarded to me by the Department Patriotic Instructors of your Commandery-in-Chief. The consolidated report with my impressions are as follows:

Alabama & Tennessee: Sigward Severtsen. You of Dixie Land are to be congratulated that all Camps reported. Your Memorial Day parade needs special mention and pupils reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address indicates that even under some existing difficulties our responsibilities are still appreciated by you brothers of the Southland.

California & Pacific: J. W. Lindner. All Camps reporting good attendance to Sunday services prior to Memorial Day. Camps reporting indicate renewed activities along all lines only we wish we could have had a 100% Camp report to show our gratitude, at least, for the appointment of so important an office as the National Patriotic Instructor to our State. Come out and see us sometime. We are grateful for the large number of Grand Army men still with us to cheer us on.

Colorado & Wyoming: G. G. Hanes. Glad you are carrying on so nicely. Congratulate you upon the fact of your special patriotic efforts Patriotic Instructor indicated by the spending of a special amount of money for the same. Their reports indicate that our Blanks are not comprehensive enough.

Connecticut: C. E. Swift. I note your emphasis upon Memorial Day and its meaning to a better understanding by all the people.

Illinois: F. M. Trumbull. I like your note of interest in community programs and gatherings, Sons assisting Grand Army members in their special services, meetings, funerals, etc.; the thing to do I am sure, so that the public may realize our part in it all.

Indiana: A. W. McDaniel (acting). Your co-operation is commendable. The number of visits to churches and schools is splendid and will produce much permanent good.

Iowa: E. R. Kildow. Your frankness in report noted and I realize you feel, as others, that the Report Blanks do not quite fill the bill, and that vigorous instructions in our schools and churches along the lines of real patriotism in our Country is needed. Thanks.

Kansas: C. B. Martin. Your comments are appreciated, especially as to one case of discourtesy to the flag (used as drapes). The proper use of the flag could well be the subject for a special meeting with the public invited. Your gift of two flags to hospitals is commendable. Your personal visits to all schools with 226 rooms visited is fine. What you say as to Camp Patriotic Instructors being appointed is

true and thus it is no wonder that they do not understand how to fill out the report blank.

Maine: F. R. Berry. There is special activity noted in the presentation of flags to school and churches, which is one of the worth while things to do in increasing interest in real patriotism and the meaning of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Maryland: J. T. Bond. Your concern for the general welfare work in all communities with special programs on Civil War history and better understanding of the Constitution pointing to securities on all lines of Governmental institutions is commendable. Your reference to our fathers influences in all constructive programs in our country's growth is well taken. The very special services in churches on the special days is noted and you are to be congratulated upon the part you have taken in it all.

Massachusetts: P. B. Chandler. You can realize now that the one discourtesy to the flag brought good results in the placing of all new flags on fire engine houses. It is also evident that the celebration of the Duxbury Tercentenary was a success and the part you took in it I am sure is a credit to our Sons. Your idea of usefulness, prosperity, growth and attractiveness are well founded. The dedication of U. S. Route No. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway with W. L. Anderson, Sr., as chairman, is most commendable.

Michigan: U. W. Mackey. The number of flags presented is fine. Seven hundred and eight to schools, two to churches, seven to other organizations. The reference to the Boy Scout Troop with all its leaders members of the Sons is fine work with the opportunity for lasting impressions in lessons of Patriotism.

Minnesota: M. G. Randolph per D. B. Mead. Your idea of co-operating with other organizations in visiting all schools before Memorial Day should be productive of permanent good. Your report of four discourtesies, minor and quickly corrected, shows your members are on guard and reporting well.

Missouri: E. N. Blumer. Glad you feel that there are so many things that could be reported, showing your concern in it all and that you feel our cause of the Sons of Union Veterans is gaining in your Department. The program on a battle field must have been inspiring I am sure. Your report under "General" is really good.

Nebraska: Arthur Mathewson. I note that the Sons took charge of Memorial Day programs at the request of the Grand Army. The thirty-three piece band that takes part in all patriotic meetings in Lincoln is worthy of note. Also Brother Kelly who had complete charge this year of the placing of 1200 flags is to be congratulated. You have 100% Camps reporting. There are 1800 flags in Nebraska. I take it on Grand Army graves.

New Hampshire: C. E. Rockwood. It was good work to call their attention to the fact of carrying flags in a parade after dark. The number of schools and churches visited and the idea of the causes of the Civil War were made plain. 100% Camps reported. Good. The number of schools observing Memorial Day being checked up in the newspaper is a good idea. He feels that patriotism should be taught and not legislated and that the Department Patriotic Instructors be given the form 50 blanks and that he send them to the Camp Patriotic Instructors.

New Jersey: E. F. Patten. Your interest in the Girl and Boy Scout work is a worthy one and surely helps the Sons to be better known. There is a fine co-operation in all Patriotic Societies and activities.

New York: A. V. Stone. It is reported that no action was taken in two cases of discourtesies to the flag where Communists did not uncover and salute the flag as it passed. Also a flag was not removed from the city fire house for 24 hours. To the large number of Brothers speaking for Memorial Day and the fact that you have a wonderful Commander-in-Chief, Wm. Allan Dyer, in your State assures success along all lines and far reaching influence to us all.

Ohio: D. M. Walter. My old friend and neighbor where it was my privilege to be a member in Ohio, I congratulate you upon your fine work. One discourtesy to the flag reported when a Congressman had a flag draped on a car but was immediately changed. The flag presentations were fine, especially to the Public Library.

Oregon: F. K. Davis. Since the schools are closed or are closing, Memorial Day programs in the schools are almost impossible. Thus there is a fear that the young people will go untaught and untrained as to its significance.

Pennsylvania: A. R. DeLancey. A High School student refused to salute the flag and was expelled. Being brought before the Tent by the Daughters for a lesson in Patriotism, he saluted the flag, gave pledge of allegiance and was restored as a student. Always see that the Grand Army members get to and from programs. Much activity reported on Memorial Day. You are fortunate to have Commander-in-Chief Ruhe as your speaker and inspiration. Sorry to learn of the death of Comrade Little, Adjutant General and Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island: J. F. Sheern. A direct interest in and a knowledge of the service rendered by the Civil War Veterans has been thoughtfully considered in all patriotic meetings.

Vermont: G. A. DeWitt. About the same number of Camps reported this year as last year. Evidence of more patriotic programs sponsored. A great number of new memorials erected during the year. Good work.

Washington: D. O. Beck. Special day programs well attended and thoughtfully planned.

Wisconsin: E. A. Kaestner. The report of presenting flag to Veterans of Foreign Wars makes a splendid contact. Enthusiasm is noted in Memorial Day programs. You are to be congratulated upon the privilege of having the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment in your State. It should be of much help and inspiration to all whose Fathers or Grandsires were in that Army. And with the help and inspiration of Past National Patriotic Instructor C. D. Donaldson in your midst, should help in your Department work.

Summary of the Reports and Notes: Department Patriotic Instructors.

I am happy that all Departments reported. Thank you, Department Patriotic Instructors.

It has been a real treat to go over these reports to notice the various activities carried on by our members and their response thereto. I am only sorry that about half of our Camp Patriotic Instructors failed to send in reports to their Departments. Brothers, how about it, where were you, did you think it not an essential part in your obligation and that we were asking and expecting some impossible thing or one that had no importance? I wonder what was the spirit back of it all that you failed us. However those who did report are to be complimented. Department Patriotic Instructors, you did a fine thing by using from your busy lives time to compile and forward your reports and to make the suggestions that you have.

I am sure you will see the reward for your interest and concern for our beloved Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All Camps noted carefully that point of discourtesies to the flag. There were not so many after all during these hectic days we have gone through and still are in them. All were minor ones and quickly corrected except perhaps in one instance which still shows it is a good plan to study the flag, its codes and useages. I was glad to note that some conducted meetings devoted to the flag and I think it would be a good plan to have public meetings on this subject. A goodly number of Flags have been presented during the year. There are some states according to the reports that do not require the Flag in school rooms or the pledge of allegiance in the same. Brothers, you might be able to get some action along these lines as to legislation.

The patriotic programs have been many and varied and evidences good results. Large numbers attended Memorial Day services everywhere and the part you have taken, whether large or small, has shown your spirit of loving loyalty and remembrance of your Father's part in the making of a great Country.

I believe that I agree with some of our Department Patriotic Instructors that the Forms for our reports should be placed in the hands of the Department Patriotic Instructors direct and he to make early contact with the Camp Patriotic Instructors, laying stress upon the general idea of the report and the necessity of his gathering the material for such report founded upon certain facts and happenings in our Camps during his year. Thus we should have a more comprehensive and active report which would be not only inspiring but constructive. It can be done if we mean it and live it, our obligation for the good of the Order.

And in conclusion, I appreciate and thank you, Sir, for this appointment for it has given me many opportunities to represent and speak in behalf of our principles and objects and only hope that the trust you placed in me has been fully sustained. To all Patriotic Instructors, both Camp and Department, thank you for the co-operation.

May God bless you and may the blood of Patriotic Sires that courses through your veins keep you strong and active in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Question No. 14. Number of Sons of Union Veterans making Memorial Day addresses in your Department. Give names:

Alabama & Tennessee—None.

California & Pacific—N. W. McCrady, 320 Saratoga Ave., Los Gatos; J. W. Linden, 2203 G Street, Sacramento; C. T. Harrison, North Sacramento; George F. Wood, Modesto; Harry Crow, Modesto; Art Laughlin, Waterford; H. C. Keely, Modesto; Herman Salsbury, San Jose; Orran Crow, San Francisco; Ralph R. Barrett, Huntington Park; George Lockwood, Los Angeles; D. B. Bowley, San Francisco; Rev. H. K. Pitman, San Francisco; R. W. McKnight, San Francisco; Rev. Joseph D. Ewers, National Military Home, Sawtell; Rev. Howard P. McConnell, 927 24th St., Santa Monica; W. Hall Turill, Box 55, Hollywood Station, Los Angeles; Raymond A. White, 215 Market St., Venice.

Colorado & Wyoming—None.

Connecticut—Danial Strickland, Coram Ave., Shelton; Hon. Henry Bradley, Jr., 113 New Haven Ave., Derby; P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest, 27 Homestead Ave.; Wm. F. Alcorn, 9 Austin St., New

Haven; R. H. Alcorn, 185 Church St., New Haven; Robert J. Woodruff, 129 Church St., New Haven; Charles R. Roberts, Hartford; Frank S. Young, Hartford; Pearl S. Chamberlin, 31 Prospect St., Bristol; Henry B. Wilcox, 62 Woodland St., Bristol; Albert S. Eastin, Tenyville Ave., R. F. D., Bristol; Lyman B. Gregory, 60 Commodore Place, Milford; Sidney R. Bard, Danielson; De Forest Wells, Danielson; Homer Northup, 224 E. Main St., Waterbury, Conn.

Illinois—None.

Indiana—None.

Iowa—Rev. F. W. Court, C. D. Engledow, R. L. Snodgrass, Waterloo; Rev. E. R. Kildow, Melbourne; Benson, Davenport.

Kansas—W. T. Lawrence, Parsons, Camp Patriotic Instructor.

Maine—A. M. Soule, Frank H. Berry, George Leighton, Perley E. Flist, Henry Towle, Frank E. Small, Byron W. Salter, Chas. H. Authier, Harold Miller, John P. Farr.

Maryland—Gen. Amos A. Fries, 3305 Woodley Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., made three addresses, Public School Memorial Service, Fort Stevens, Md.; Herman H. Brodekamp, Cushing Camp, Commander, Washington, D. C.; Dept. Com. A. Van Ness Burst, 1713 Que Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.; John L. Herbert, 1208 Lambert St., Wilmington, Del.; Rev. E. W. McDowell, 21 Norway Ave., Richmond Park, Del.; Frank C. Conner, 2609 Madison St., Wilmington, Del., on radio program; Frank P. Gentieu, 1411 Riverview Ave., Wilmington, Del.

Massachusetts—Dept. Com. Elias Sweet, Gloucester; P. D. C. Addison Quinn, Chelsea; P. D. C. Wm. O. Fuller, Fall River; P. C. in-C. Frank Kirchgassner, Jamaica Plain; Frank Johnson, 8 Center St., Cambridge; P. D. C. Henry Weiler, 3 Vine St., Melrose; P. D. C. Wm. L. Anderson, 40 Robin St., W. Roxbury; Rev. R. J. Davis, Athol; J. J. Reagan, 24 Owens Ave., Brockton; La Forest Osborne, New Bedford, and Dept. Senior Vice Commander, and many others.

Michigan—None.

Minnesota—Arthur L. Jones, 4089 Hubbard Ave., Robbinsdale; M. G. Randolph, 1814 Berkley Ave., St. Paul; Franklin F. Ellsworth, 1630 Vincent Ave., Minneapolis; W. J. Hiland, 765 Clanton Ave., St. Paul.

Missouri—Ed N. Blumer, John M. Dunlavy, Hadley Paul Mohr, C. A. Craig, F. L. Underwood, Glen Marshall.

Nebraska—Albert J. Foust, Schuyler; J. W. Cattern, Fremont; Albert J. Galley, Columbus, in Lincoln; J. A. Kelly, in charge of the services for first time. Up to this year the Grand Army had charge. Brother Kelly gave the address, had charge of placing 1200 flags on the graves in Lincoln.

New Hampshire—Wm. John, Manchester; Claude E. Rockwood, Troy; Cleon E. Heald, Keene; Jackson C. Carr, Hillsboro; Wm. A. Chase, Nashua; J. W. Field, Hinsdale; S. S. Smith, Exeter; Harold W. Buker, New London; H. W. Jacobs, Pittsfield, either gave Memorial Day address or acted as President of the day at Memorial Exercises.

New Jersey—R. F. Bennett, New Hope, Pa.; Edward Young, 421 Stuyvesant Ave., Trenton; M. H. Eli, 208 Jackson St., Trenton; J. L. Reeger, 872 Revere Ave., Trenton; W. Wharton, Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton; Frank Tuesday, Liberty and Genesee St., Trenton; H. Alton Frome, 1523 S. Clinton Ave., Trenton; Dept. Com. F. L. Merrell, 127 3rd St., Newark; Rev. Henry K. Post, 88 Delaware Ave., Newark; F. Cunningham, Linwood; Harry E. Pennell, Linwood.

New York—Wm. Allan Dyer, Com.-in-Chief, Syracuse; John H. Waste, 20 Rockland Park, Rochester; Wm. H. Klein, 306 Roland Place, Syracuse; Neil D. Cranmer, Robinson Bldg., Elmira; Howard W. Bunker, 129 Sheridan Ave., Brooklyn; Edward E. Cohen, 70 Hill St., Brooklyn; Mark N. Thompson, 131 Hale Ave., Brooklyn; Louis Eyring, 208 Barbey St., Brooklyn; Harry J. Kelan, 800 Fairmont Place, Bronx; John J. Heleker, Peekskill; Thomas MacPherson, Peekskill; Judson French, R. F. D., Batavia; Charles Harper, 276 Rose St., Batavia; Rev. Ferris D. Cornell, 47 Belden St., Binghamton; Rev. S. O. Colburn, 30 New St., Binghamton; Henry Kassebaum, 116-54 Mexico St., Albans; Wm. H. Tomlinson, 290 W. 12th St., New York City; Wm. Walter, Long Island City; Isadore Lang, Hotel Charles, New York City; L. Connors, Cohoes; Wm. McAfry, Cohoes; W. K. Bailey, 174 Paine St., Green Island; Lynn R. Van Vlack, Fenton Bldg., Jamestown; Charles Thompson, Waterville; Elmer Van Hoesen, Crescent; Howard W. Ameli, Brooklyn; George Cathers, Syracuse; Hon. George B. Parsons, Syracuse.

Ohio—W. H. Kline, 847 Fifth Ave.; R. Wohlivend, 169 Cuyahoga St., Akron; Fred Sutliff, 6212 Robindale Ave., East Akron; Charles Swartz, Maple Ave., Newark (gave two); Ernest McChaney, Otway R. D. 1 (one not named); Wm. Hart, Ed Elatsnor, Alliance. One not named.

Oregon—None.

Rhode Island—Dept. Com. Charles E. Sleeper, Fred O. Arnold, Fred J. Arnold, Sec.-Treas. Frank B. Wight, Brig. Gen. Chas. T. Glines, Wm. B. Streeter, Harry J. Greer, Frank B. Reavey, Charles W. Senior, Macomber Brothers, Frank L. Barrows, John F. Sheern, and many others all over the State. Addresses for all those actives, 47 Washington St., Providence, R. I., our headquarters.

Pennsylvania—J. H. Wentzel, Uniontown; C. Ed Brown, New Castle; Meridith Reed, Pittsburgh; Charles W. Zeiser, 1385 Anchor St.; Paul Campbell, Ann St., Middletown.

Vermont—L. D. Taylor Brattleboro; Com. Edward Bushnell, Brattleboro; John Johnson, Brattleboro; Wayne Atchenson, Morrisville.

Washington—None given.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D.,

National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Burlington, Vermont, June 24, 1937.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The duties of the National Counselor have been light this year, but I have appreciated the appointment on your staff, and the opportunity to render some service to you and our patriotic Order.

One important question you referred to me for my opinion, and I was able to concur in your ruling, that one black-ball cast in a Camp election will not debar a candidate from membership who has been vouched for by one member and recommended by the Committee of Investigation. My opinion is based on the fact that there is no specific method of election prescribed by the Constitution, Regulations or Ritual, so that majority rule should govern.

I further suggested that it might be advisable to amend the Regulations on Page 10, by adding a section to Article 2 under the title "Membership," that after the report of the Committee of Investigation is made Camps shall elect candidates by majority vote of those present.

Very respectfully yours,
H. S. HOWARD, National Counselor.

DECISION NO. 1—1936-7

EXTRACT FROM OPINION RENDERED BY
NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Re: Balloting—Department of Ohio Case.

Question—When ball ballot box is used can one black ball disbar candidate from membership?

Answer—No, under present Constitution, Regulations and Ritual of the Order.

I fully concur in your ruling that one black ball will not disbar a candidate from membership who has been vouched for by one member and recommended by the committee of investigation of three members, because there is no specific method of election prescribed by the Constitution, Regulations and Ritual.

It may be advisable to amend the Regulations on Page 10 by adding a section to Article 2 under "Membership"—that after the report of the committee of investigation is made, Camps shall elect candidates by a majority vote of those present, or by other method as may be prescribed by the Commandery-in-Chief at some future meeting.

As basis for this opinion I refer to the following sections:

Page 6 of the *Constitution*, Article VII, Membership, Section 1: Regulations for admission of members are prescribed by the Commandery-in-Chief, when not conflicting with Article III, which limits membership to a particular class.

Regulations.

Page 9. Article II, Section 1. One member recommends and vouches for the applicant, then refers same to a committee of three, who shall recommend for election or rejection.

Page 11. Article II, Section 6. Departments provide Membership-at-Large. Applications accepted or rejected by Department Commander or Department Secretary. This leaves members-at-large accepted or rejected without election.

Page 13. Article IV, Section 2. Officers elected by majority vote. Members of Camp Council, Delegates and Alternates elected by plurality vote.

Page 14. Article IV, Section 5. Camps authorized to vacate or impeach officers by two-thirds vote.

Chapter II. *Departments.*

Page 24. Article IV, Section 2. Officers of Departments elected by majority vote, and Camp Council by plurality vote. By-laws provide for Australian system of balloting, if desired.

Chapter III. *Commandery-in-Chief.*

Page 33, Article IV, Section 2. Officers elected by majority vote.

Chapter II. *Departments.*

Page 29. Article VIII, Order of Business. Paragraph 13. Election and installation of officers.

Chapter III. *Commandery-in-Chief.*

Page 38. Article VIII. Order of Business. See Page 29, Article VIII, Paragraph 13, as above. For election and installation of officers, no mention made of members or candidates.

Chapter V. *General Regulations.*

Page 57. Article IX, Ritual. Shall be made a part of the Regulations in all matters not inconsistent therewith.

Chapter I. *Regulations.*

Page 18. Article VII, *By-Laws*, Section 1. Camps shall adopt By-Laws subject to approval of Department Commander.

Ritualistic Ceremonies optional.

Page 56. Article VII, *Rules of Order.*

Rules of order are those of deliberative bodies.

Note: Unless otherwise prescribed a vote is decided by the majority present and entitled to vote. (See Shattuck's Manual of Parliamentary Law).

Ritual. Page 11, Article VIII.

This paragraph merely permits another method of voting, but no result being indicated a majority of either colored balls must decide the vote. The wording or style of English is ambiguous, and it should read either plural or singular, i. e. "Those in favor of his election will deposit white balls," etc., or "Each member in favor of his election will deposit a white ball, etc.

After a careful study of the various sections, I am forced to the conclusion that it is the intent and purpose of the present Constitution to elect candidates for membership by a majority vote, and that balloting for candidates appear to be optional and not obligatory, etc., etc.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. S. HOWARD,

December 9, 1936.

National Counselor.

The above opinion is approved and is operative herewith, and is so declared.

(Signed) WILLIAM ALLAN DYER,

December 30, 1936.

Commander-in-Chief.

Guide: There is a delegation of the Auxiliary here and they want to know approximately how many will be at the dinner at the cafeteria tonight. The price will be 90c.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We have this evening a dance and a reception to the Commander-in-Chief and the National President in the Great Hall. That was planned for last May. At that time we thought the dinner could not be held here, but when we got here and studied the surroundings, they seemed so beautiful that we made arrangements with the Cafeteria downstairs to serve us the dinner

and we are to have it down there or out on the Terrace at the regular time. They are putting on a very nice chicken dinner.

Unfortunately, after arriving here we found that a reception was planned for the same time for the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army in the State House. My name was put on as one of the sponsors and I was never consulted. So we have had to change our reception to later in the evening. We shall have our dinner at the time previously arranged.

I also want to request at this time that we all purchase coupon books for our meals. The University very kindly agreed to bring back its culinary service and we agreed to the plan that each one of us would buy one of the coupon books. If that is not done the University is liable to be in a hole financially and we do not want that to occur. It is cheaper than we can get good food anywhere else. They have done everything for us here and it is only fair that we should do our part in this particular.

National Patriotic Instructor Barrett: I wish to announce to the members of the Commandery-in-Chief that I have brought with me from California about one thousand copies of the Constitution of the United States. I had them brought on for distribution among you. We need to know all we can about the Constitution of the United States. We shall hear more about it this month in the National Celebration. So far as we can, we hope to distribute them and you are welcome to them. We appreciate your taking them. I shall have more this afternoon. These copies were donated by the Union Oil Company of California, and I am happy to have the privilege to bring these here to use to good advantage. The fellows on the other side know it pretty much and we need to know it so we can stand our ground. I thank you, Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We will now hear the preliminary report of the Council-in-Chief.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Madison, Wis., Sept. 7, 1937.

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

Brothers:

The Council-in-Chief beg leave to report that it has carefully examined the records of the National Secretary-Treasurer, and found them correct and complete in every detail. We also submit a statement from the Reading Trust Company as to the balance on hand September 1 to the credit of the National Organization.

CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Chairman,
JOHN L. REEGER,
A. W. McDANIEL,

Council-in-Chief.

THE READING TRUST COMPANY
Reading, Pa.

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

September 1, 1937.

Dear Sir:

There is to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, Sons

of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a balance of \$2,913.40 in the checking account, and a balance of \$1,300.49 in the *saving account.

Very truly yours,

(*Savings account--the Permanent Fund). W. H. PEACOCK,
Treasurer.

Resolutions from the different Departments were read as National Secretary Hammer called the Roll of States.

National Patriotic Instructor Barrett: I wish to report from Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows of Nebraska, but now my neighbor. I wish to state that his health during the past year has been very bad. His whole heart and soul is in our organization work and I am sure that he would be pleased if I let the Commandery-in-Chief know that he still loves us and wishes he could be with us.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I had a letter from Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows and he has been a very great help to me this past year not only in California, but in Nebraska. I would recommend if you please that someone make a motion that a letter be sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows regretting his enforced absence and sending him our best wishes.

National Patriotic Instructor Barrett: I make that motion, Commander-in-Chief, that a letter of regret and appreciation be sent to Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows.

Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howard Michael. So voted.

National Secretary Hammer: There is a communication from the local Camp here.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 11, 1937.

Horace H. Hammer, Esq.,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

My dear Brother Hammer:

I send you herewith the message which accompanied the flowers presented at the opening session. You may want to note that my son, Richard A. Siggelko, Commander of Harnden Camp No. 2, Madison, made the presentation. He is nineteen years old and when elected Commander of the Camp was but eighteen. My older boy acted as Guide at the initiation. My family is 100%—both boys in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, wife and daughter in the Auxiliary. If all Brothers got their boys into the Order we should be running strong.

Our Camp staged that thrilling departure scene of Comrade Oley Nelson and Dad, for the War, getting a special C. M. St. P. & P. train.

Justice Nelson, who presided Sunday evening at the opening ceremonies, is a Son as is also Justice Rosenberry, who presided Wednesday evening.

Four of our seven Supreme Court Justices are members of our Order. Can any other Department equal us?

Our Camp performed the Ritual rites over the Oregon Veteran who died during the Encampment.

Come to Madison again.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

HERBERT A. SIGGELKO,
Past Department Commander,
Department of Wisconsin.

MAYOR—CITY'S OFFICIAL WELCOME

Inside Guard: Commander-in-Chief, the Mayor of Madison is outside and would like to pay his respects.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon to present the Mayor; he is a fine gentleman.

(Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston acted as pianist).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, fifty-one years I've been a member of this Order. This is the first time that I have had the pleasure in all these years of introducing to the Commander-in-Chief and the members of the Commandery-in-Chief a Mayor. This is a Mayor whom I have just met but of whom I am already particularly proud—Mayor James R. Law of Madison, Wisconsin.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Mayor Law, since I first met you last May, and you were so gracious, I have hoped you would come to our convention, and we are tremendously honored that you have come to our Encampment today.

Will you please escort the Mayor to a seat on my right?

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Gentlemen, when I first came to Madison to arrange the details of our Encampment, I was invited by Colonel Jackson, who had charge of the arrangements here, to visit the officials of the City and State to be assured that the City of Madison and the State of Wisconsin were going to do all in their power to make our convention here a success. The first person I met was the Mayor of Madison and I was so favorably impressed that I said I would not need to see anyone else. We are very glad to have you here and we would be very glad if you would say a word to our members.

Mayor James R. Law of Madison. I am happy to be here this morning, notwithstanding that I am late. I was here at 9 o'clock, but I was upstairs and there were a lot of women around and they said they were going to be a little late and would I come back later. I said I would return and I have just found out that I was in the wrong place. I was following the women, you see. But it is a pleasure to have you with us at this Encampment.

Since this is a National Encampment and you are here from many States other than ours, I want to take just a moment to tell you just a few of the characteristics of the city in which you are meeting. First, it is a city that has been extremely fortunate. A young city. Just a year ago we celebrated our one hundredth anniversary. I went to school in the East, in Philadelphia, and a hundred years doesn't mean much out there. We have grown very considerably.

First of all, nature has been very good to us in giving us our beautiful countryside and lakes; and then our government has been gracious to us. Here they have established the State Capital. They have established this wonderful University; the Forest Products Laboratory; and all in all the citizens have surrounded the city with beautiful churches, country clubs, and pleasant grounds. Apparently our luck is still with us for you have selected this city for your National Encampment. Again we are favored. We are so happy to have you here and we hope that your meetings in this sort of a community will be inspiring and will bring you much good in the future, for your organization. After all that is what you are here for—to rise to still greater heights in the work that you are trying to accomplish.

May this be done in our community and let us hope that some time in the near future you will return to us again.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Gentlemen, you have now had submitted to you a fair sample of what the City of Madison offers. I have said at the outset that we have been entertained royally here. We have not had a single want that has not been granted. Every day the Madison people have come to us and asked if there is anything they could do. Since you are from Pennsylvania, Mayor Law, I am going to ask a Pennsylvania man to respond to you.

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers, and Mayor Law, the first thing I have got to do is to put a smile on my face to match the face of the Mayor of Madison. I think I know a little bit about human nature and while I didn't know it before, I know it now, why he is so good-natured. It is because he came from Pennsylvania. He was very brief in his remarks. Would that I could be just as brief, but I can't forego one or two things. The first is that your city is not entirely strange to me. Twenty-three years ago I happened to be in the same position that our Commander-in-Chief is in now and I visited Madison in 1914 as Commander-in-Chief of this organization and I had a splendid time during the twelve hours that I was in the city.

All through the years I have had one distinct recollection of Madison. During that year (1914) I had the privilege of being at a great many large gatherings, but the most enthusiastic audience of all was in Madison, Wisconsin, and when I passed this Armory on Sunday I said to the good wife and daughter: "Now I know where that meeting was held." We are delighted to be back in Madison. Don't you know after all we can become acquainted with a city and know that we are welcome to that city without even having the Mayor tell us that? The very attitude of the people of Madison wherever we have come in contact with them has shown us, Mayor Law, that we are welcome and we appreciate that and now to have you, its chief executive with us, is highly pleasing.

I know that we shall all be pleased to acknowledge the debt we owe Madison when we leave this city at the close of our Encampment. Thank you, however, for your graciousness in coming here and telling us we are welcome, even though we knew it without your telling us.

From a Pennsylvanian to a Pennsylvanian, thank you Mayor Law, for your good words.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Mayor Law must leave at this time. Before he goes I want to say to Mayor Law that the City of Madison is fortunate in having one of its finest men as its chief.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mayor Law for coming.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will ask Delegate Isaacs of New York and Past Department Commander Shieve of Ohio and the Guides to please distribute the Officers' Reports.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: It is nearly twelve o'clock and we will naturally be rushed to get our luncheon. Will someone make a motion to recess.

Moved by National Secretary Hammer at 11:55 a. m. a recess be taken until 1:30 p. m.

SECOND SESSION

September 7, 1937.

The second session was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief at 1:50 p. m., Tuesday, September 7.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I am going to ask to be excused now for a few moments. I shall be gone but for a moment and during that time and for a brief few moments after returning I am going to ask the Past Commanders-in-Chief to preside for a few moments each, in order of their seniority. I am doing this to show to them our appreciation of the helpful assistance they have all given us during this year. Will Senior Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon please start?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Under the heading communications has any Brother any communication to present or anything to refer?

National Secretary Hammer: I have communications from New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Camp No. 8, Minneapolis.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I have served five minutes, Brother Sautter, you are the next one in line. Before I retire, will my committee on Fraternal Greetings to Auxiliary, Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse of Indiana, and Benjamin Haag, Department Commander of Wisconsin, please meet me to go with greetings.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Has any Department Commander or any member of this Commandery-in-Chief any resolution to present? If so, please do it now so that it may be referred to the proper committee.

I understand that following the practice of the past several years it is the desire of all the organizations that the various greetings committees visit the organizations this afternoon. To any members of the Greetings Committees or to any of the allied bodies, may I suggest that you get your committee together and proceed to the duty assigned to you?

The Inside Guard announced a Comrade of the Grand Army in waiting and he was escorted in—"Daddy" Rockford of California.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee offers a supplementary report—eleven additional credentials, making a total at this time of one hundred and ninety members enrolled.

Past Department Commander Bogart of Wisconsin: We have noted that the decorations in this city instead of having a five-pointed star have a cross of some sort. I was wondering if our incoming officers could not see if the decorations, especially reflecting on the Grand Army, should carry the proper badge.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: We can't take any action on that. That is a matter for the local committee.

It is time for me to turn this meeting over to the next Past Commander-in-Chief. Is Past Commander-in-Chief Brother Church in the room? Well, Brother Holbrook, as the next Past Commander-in-Chief in the room, please relieve me of my duties.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook of Illinois: What is the order of business? We are under unfinished business. Has anybody anything to offer?

Department Commander Kasten of Iowa: I'd like to know about the parade. I regret that every Son of Union Veteran cannot parade. Shortly there will be no G. A. R. parade and I think everyone who comes to the convention should be allowed to march in the parade.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: The Grand Army has charge of the parade and it is up to us to comply with its orders.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer reassumed the Chair: In regard to the parade, it used to be that all members of the Sons were invited to parade. This changed with different Commanders-in-Chief. A year or two ago one of the Commanders desired that only uniformed members of the Sons could parade. There were to be only one hundred. At Washington we had three hundred. When the three hundred men came, the Marshal of the parade looked them over and said "I see you have your hundred members," and they all paraded.

We had hoped to have one hundred men in uniform and we arranged for their housing without any expense to them. These men in order to come have to lose their salaries or pay and we feel that they should not have any expense except transportation. We said to the committee that we would like to have them appropriate \$300.00 if necessary to take care of the food for the men who gave up their jobs, but Commander-in-Chief Ruhe said nothing was to be paid out except to the Grand Army. In consequence, there were only fourteen men from Pennsylvania who were able to come here and they are housed in the gymnasium. However, there was practically no parade arranged. The city was all ready; the women's organizations—the Daughters and Auxiliary and the others wanted to parade, but no, the Commander said nothing of the sort was to be.

I have asked Adjutant Post to go down and see if we cannot parade as escort to the Grand Army. We came to honor our fathers' memory and it seems only fair that we should be allowed to parade. That is the ruling but Commander Post has gone down to see what can be done.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling, Ohio: Brother Sons of Veterans, you come to these conventions year after year and would like to parade. Why don't you provide yourself with a uniform and come every year and then you could parade?

Delegate John T. Bond of Maryland: In reference to the uniformed Reserve, I want to make a recommendation that we start a reserve fund through the National Organization and have volunteer subscriptions from the individual Camps. When the time comes for any uniformed men to come, the ones who can come can have the uniforms.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: That was in the way of a suggestion and not a motion, I believe.

Delegate J. W. Petro, Colorado & Wyoming: I say there are men in overalls, just as good as you and I, who aren't able to have a uniform, but who would like to come and march in the parade. I have a uniform, but it doesn't suit them. I do think that a Son of a Veteran ought to have the privilege of marching in the parade whether he has a uniform or not.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling, you are next in succession. Will you preside for a moment?

Department Commander William J. Schultz of Ohio: Under the

Constitution of this organization we have a Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I am surprised that we have the Past Commanders-in-Chief in the chair. I think it would be wise to have our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in control.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I rule the Brother is out of order. We are endeavoring merely to express a courtesy toward our Past Commanders-in-Chief, and to show courtesy is never a subject for question. No discourtesy is intended toward our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I am sure he would be one of the first to agree with this action.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling of Ohio: It is again a pleasure for me, gentlemen, to stand back of this station and preside. Is there something that some one of you have on your mind? Don't everybody talk at once. Who's next?

Past Department Commander Bogart of Wisconsin: If we are going to talk about this military uniform, why don't we go back to our old Constitution? We did away with our national inspection and when we did, we did away with one-half of our Order. We've either got to go backward or we've got to forget militarism.

I joined this organization because I believed that our country needed patriotic societies with patriotic principles behind them. It was back in 1889 I think. We had a Camp of 109 members and we had an attendance of 65% and we met every week. We were inspected and a National Army officer was sent to inspect; we had a rating of 100%. Let's turn back and get down to business. Let's have a military division. There is room in this country for 200,000 members. We come to these Encampments and we go home and forget about them.

I have a resolution coming up and I hope it will be considered from the right standpoint. It is regarding the 50 year men being made life members of this organization. Something must be done for these fellows who have given a lifetime to the Order. Let these long time workers be official delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS DELEGATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I am sorry to shut off any more discussion, but we have a Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps in waiting. Brother Dyer, will you resume the chair?

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will ask Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania, Past Department Commander Weiler of Massachusetts and Delegate Bond of Maryland to escort these Ladies with their Colors. Mrs. Ruth Hanson, Department President of Ohio; Mrs. Anna January, Junior Vice Department President of Kansas; and Mrs. Mary Liebman, Past Department President of Wisconsin, were introduced to the Encampment as representatives of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Hanson, Department President of Ohio, W. R. C.: Commander-in-Chief, when my National President asked me a few weeks ago to carry the greetings to the Sons of Veterans, I was very happy, but I made a mistake as usual, as I thought it was to the Auxiliary so I immediately made up a little speech, and as you know, Brothers doesn't rhyme with Sisters. Perhaps you are the very closest to the Grand Army. I have always belonged to the Grand Army. They brought me up at Xenia, Ohio. I have known the Grand Army as my "Father" and the Relief Corps as my "Mother," and the Sons as my "Brothers." The three of you are pretty well connected with me. You can imagine how happy I was when I learned that I was to come to the Sons because you are an outstanding organization.

When I was Department President I was the youngest Department President that they had had. That was six years ago. It seems as if I were helping to repay a little the debt that I owe for a lifetime of Christmas gifts from the Grand Army and Relief Corps. As Past Department President of Ohio I have been able in a way to pay back for some of the things that were done for me.

I am glad this afternoon to be at your convention. I think it is a lovely city here and I am certainly happy to carry my greetings to your organization. Mrs. Baker, our National President, has asked me to give you this little gift and also one of our badges. We are happy to present you one of our badges and wish that you have a nice convention. (Presenting a flag and badge).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I thank you, and I shall place this little flag here and also I'll wear this badge.

Mrs. January, Junior Vice Department President of Kansas: I met this gentleman out in Kansas and he said at the Sons' convention that it was all right to come and bring greetings, but that he would very much appreciate it when they brought something else.

There was a lady who died and was supposed to be very wealthy. A curious woman went to the executor and said she would like to know what the lady left. The executor said: "Madam, that woman left all she had." I want to tell you Sons that the Grand Army will leave all they have to you, the Sons and Grandsons of the Grand Army. We love you. We are glad we are old enough to have sons and we are all deeply attached to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Mrs. January, you have come with something in your hands. I was out in Kansas—we needed help and one of the Relief Corps women said she had a list of candidates in Salina, Kansas, and we hope to have a good Camp there before long. That is a real "something" from the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Liebman, Past Department President of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief, I am not going to talk to you very long. I am very glad that I come from the city of Green Bay where they have the Packer's Ball Team. I'd like to present you these little souvenirs (fans).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I am going to ask Commander Schultz of Ohio to respond to the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Department Commander Schultz of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, particularly the lady from Ohio. We are always pleased to meet an Ohioan, even if it is in Madison. We are pleased to have you with us and we assure you that we know your greetings are heartfelt and we are all very much pleased with the way you greeted us, particularly the lady from Green Bay. I assure you that we appreciate the fans.

In conclusion I want to say that the Sons of Veterans are very proud of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Speaking of Ohio, we have a wonderful home there. There are many, many children in that institution that are now getting of age and will always remember the Xenia Home. We still continue to give gifts. At Christmas time we have a large Department Store which sends gifts over and the children pick out what they want and at Christmas time Santa Claus brings it to them. It is well for our Sons to know what the Xenia Home is in Ohio.

We wish you to take back to your Relief Corps our thankful greetings.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We have another Greetings Committee which we will receive at this time.

Mrs. Emma L. Yaeger, Department Patriotic Instructor, Woman's Relief Corps, Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief, and Comrades of the Sons of Veterans, it is indeed a hearty pleasure for me to come and bring you greetings of the Department of Wisconsin. We wish for you a most happy and successful convention. The weather has been very favorable and the citizens are doing all they can to make this a happy meeting.

In behalf of the Department of Wisconsin, Woman's Relief Corps, I bring you these greetings.

Mrs. Adele H. Malley, Woman's Relief Corps: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Veterans, I think this is the first time that I have ever met with you and you don't know how happy I am to be here. It is a happiness and a privilege to bring you greetings from the Department of Wisconsin, and we all join in wishing you a very happy and pleasant convention and many more of them. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I am going to ask our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief to respond.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fouch: We are very happy to have you with us today. We are very happy to come to your state. Many of us know many of the people who have gone out from this institution. We are very glad to come. We are glad to meet the patriotic people in this state. You pay us honor by first inviting us to your state and then coming forward and bringing us your greetings and making us feel at home. Again we thank you for coming to our meeting.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I have seen for some years women come representing the Woman's Relief Corps and calling themselves "our mothers." As a matter of fact I think we ought to set the record right. The Sons are holding their Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment. The Relief Corps are holding their Fifty-fifth. The Auxiliary and Daughters are of later date so we are really the Father of them all. It is a great pleasure for us to have you here and we ask you each one to take back with you one of the badges of our Order.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: When Brother Alcorn wrote and told me about the first 39 new members he had gotten, I wrote our National President and told her what Bob had done.

There was a play put on by some Back Bay children in Boston. The first scene opened with a young couple who had a hard time getting along. The husband finally decided that he would go to California to the gold fields and when he got \$14,000 he was coming back and support his family in luxury forever. In the second scene he returns with the \$14,000 and says to his wife, "Now we can live in peace and riches and comfort." In the third scene the wife comes in followed by 14 children and says to the husband, "While you have been absent, I have not been idle!"

So Mrs. Lewis wrote me and said, "While you have been absent we have not been idle," and I want you to know that we have 40 new members in our Camp at Enid, Oklahoma.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT—AUXILIARY OFFICIAL VISIT

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor of presenting to you the National President of our own Auxiliary and also these other representatives of the Auxiliary from your own State.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Mrs. Lewis, words are inadequate for me to tell you how glad we are to have you here and also how wonderful you have been to us this whole year. I can never make it as plain as I feel it. I am going to ask you, Mrs. Lewis, if you will come up here by my right and if the rest will take chairs up here.

(The guests from the Auxiliary sang "Let Me Call You Sweet-heart"—with special words).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I have the honor and the rare privilege of introducing this lady to you and without further words I am delighted to present to you one of the best women in any of our allied organizations, our National President, Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Lewis, National President: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, and Brothers, I am just about overwhelmed. I was warned that we wouldn't receive any ovation unless we did something. If I have done anything I have only done my duty. Your Commander-in-Chief has defined the word "Auxiliary" and I have tried to live up to it.

Of the pleasant associations I have had this year, I will just repeat what I have in my report: "Long, long be my heart with such memories filled; You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, but the scent of the roses will cling to it still." That is my beautiful memory of my association with your Commander-in-Chief and the Sons this past year. You know I forgot to give him a badge this morning and so I am going to give it to him now.

During the past year I have not been the only one who has traveled around with the Commander-in-Chief. We have had many nice times with the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Frances Martin Kuhns, so together we got something that we thought our Commander-in-Chief would like. You know, the Commander would not go out anywhere without his own umbrella. In behalf of Mrs. Kuhns and myself, I wish to present this umbrella. We didn't pay very much for it but it is quick-acting and we hope will keep all the rain and other disagreeable things away.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: As a matter of fact, we have had no rain at all but I carried the umbrella—which was never used—just to keep the rain away.

National President Lewis: I have named Sister Mayme Dyer, Past National President, as chairman of this Greetings Committee and I know that she will explain our greetings to you.

Miss Mayme Dwyer, Past National President: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, it is very nice to be asked to come as a member of the Greetings Committee. I am very happy on this occasion to have our National President with us. We have been told that if we were to come with empty hands, no matter how sweet the words were, we might just as well stay at home. When I saw the General Orders I was kind of worried because I didn't dare to come here unless I had something tangible to offer. I could offer you the very greatest respect of my heart and that I have for you. While it wouldn't cost me anything, I assure you that I do not offer it to everybody.

I want to thank you for the many fine courtesies you have extended to our National President. I took the privilege of giving you some motherly advice when you started out. You were very willing to take it. You also said that if you did anything that didn't please me to let you know. I haven't heard about them. You are very lucky because I would be apt to tell you. I am very proud of the assistance that our National President has been to you and appreciate the appreciation you have had for her assistance. Along with that we also have a little gift to bring to you personally. A clock ticks and

every tick is a tock so we couldn't give you anything that was "tock-ing" (talking). We thought that wasn't appropriate for you. We have brought you just a part of our gift. The rest is in Ida's room. This is something we want you to use when you travel around the country. It will bring you not only music, but will bring you programs you are especially interested in. (Presented radio for car).

I want you to know that Ida will be just as ardent a worker next year for your organization as she has been in the past year. I want to tell you that we are just as proud of her as you are. I see someone else here—Ida's husband. I want to say to him that she has made us just a wonderful President. I want to say that we thank you also. Thank you again, Commander-in-Chief, for all you have done for us.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Miss Dwyer is one of the women who is constantly doing something kind for somebody. She did something this year. Two or three years ago at the exercises at Grant's Tomb she invited me to a dinner at the Biltmore Hotel. Senator Dunnigan succeeded me as speaker. He said "I never knew what the Sons of Union Veterans did and I want to say to you, Mr. Dyer, if there is anything in Albany that you want, you can have it. When action on the Grand Army Highway came up, and was needed, I sought out Senator Dunnigan through Miss Dwyer and made him Chairman of our New York State Committee, and he went right ahead and we never had a word of opposition because of this friendly acquaintance.

Department President of New York, Susie Smith, of Schenectady: After listening to the very pleasant and pleasing remarks of Sister Dwyer, I have very little to say. I am sure that your Encampment made no mistake when they put you at its head. I wish you a very harmonious convention.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I'd like to introduce now Sister Hazel Hartman, who was my Department President during one term when I was Department Commander of New York.

Mrs. Hartman, Past Department President of New York: Commander-in-Chief, many of our New York girls were unable to come. I thought on Sunday that I wouldn't be able to come myself, but I did and I was more than delighted. In behalf of the New York girls I present this little gift to you which I hope you will use while you are using the radio.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Hazel, there is nothing that could please me more than to have you come to me with your fine women from my own and your New York Department.

Past National President Dwyer: I want Ida B. Lange, my other half, the other Past National President of New York, to say a few words.

Past National President Lange: Just as Sister Mayme said, I am only the other half of the New York Department, being the Junior Past National President, but I bring you the greetings, not only of the New York Department, but of New York City. We feel that we have quite a lot of work to do for the Grand Army of the Republic. We have our services each year at Grant's Tomb which we feel is good work.

Again I want to thank you. May I speak to Brother Kirchgassner? I have a note for you, Frank, from the Past National Presidents' Association.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I don't want to assume any direction up here, but one whom I'd like to hear from is National Secretary Margaret Brady.

National Secretary Brady: Commander-in-Chief, National President, and Brothers, when I came over with this delegation I just felt that I wanted to pay my respects to your Commander. We of New York have been deeply interested in the progress and success of his administration and I feel that he has given a year of worthwhile service. I hope that the wonderful start he has made this year will go on. I believe the word we adopted was "Forward" and I admonish you all not to slip back one step.

We have made this year, while still sustaining a small loss, marvelous gains. Through the leadership of our National President, I feel that our Sisters have been re-awakened. Now that we have both started going along, just let us make up our minds not to lose one inch of ground. I sincerely hope their enthusiasm has been imbedded so deeply in all of us that we will come back next year with even greater results.

I certainly congratulate you upon awakening your Sons. As a member of your Department, I am really proud of you and I am glad to come to your convention and publicly say so.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We happen to have among these Sisters another National representative, Mrs. Mary Stapleton, National Chief-of-Staff of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Stapleton: Commander-in-Chief, National President, I am sure that everybody can see me. I want to congratulate, Brother Dyer, on the progress you have made in your organization this year. I am hoping that you are having one of the finest Encampments in the history of your organization, and everything hoped for this year has been granted, and more too.

Lila Macey, Past Department President of New York: I am happy to be here. By the size of me, I don't look like I could do a great deal, but I do try and I really feel that we have made progress. I am mighty proud of our own Department. We have a great deal to be grateful for. Let us not go backward, but because once we have made a start, I feel it is not quite so hard for the next year. I wish you every success and good health, to go on and upward.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: In my travels with Mrs. Lewis I had a chaperon. She is present and she will tell you if I behaved properly.

Mrs. Hayes of Wisconsin: I am not going to tell everything that happened on all of our many miles of travel, but after working with your National President and keeping in close touch with your Commander-in-Chief. I have seen all they have done for the Sons and Auxiliary this year. I also know the difficulties that presented themselves. I am happy to know that we are so situated here that everyone is enjoying themselves. My husband was born in Madison. I hope, Commander Dyer, that you are going to have a very happy Encampment here and that your successor will carry on and do as much as you have done. After all, I was brought along to carry the umbrella.

Department President Ada Keyser, Daughters of Union Veterans, New York: Brother Dyer, I was waiting outside for my committee from the Daughters to come and I don't know whether they are out there or not but I came along with the New York girls. I just want to bring you the greetings from the New York Department and to all the Brothers here.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Thank you so much. It is a joy to have you all here today. I think it would be nice to close this delightful visit with a few remarks from you, Ida (referring to National President Ida L. Lewis of the Auxiliary).

Mrs. Ida Lewis, National President: I am sure I couldn't add a

thing to all the sentiments that have been expressed here except to say that they are heartfelt. After so much has been said what is there left for me to say? So I will just say "Amen" and hope that you have the very best Encampment ever.

The delegation from the National Encampment of the Auxiliary and from the Auxiliary of New York State were escorted from the hall with all the honors and amid continuous applause.

Past Department Commander A. E. Deems of California & Pacific: Dr. Barrett, this is a little package from the Auxiliary and Sons in your home city.

National Patriotic Instructor Barrett: Brother Deems and members of my own Camp and Auxiliary, please accept my hearty thanks for this gift. I am sure we were all happy that we could come to this convention which is about 3,000 miles from home.

REPORTS OF GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Reporting from the Greetings Committee to the Woman's Relief Corps, I wish to say that we were heartily received by them and were requested to express to you and the Commandery their sincere good wishes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: As Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Auxiliary, I report that we were most royally received. Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse and Commander Haag, the other members of the committee, did you proud.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan: As Chairman of the Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the G. A. R., I wish to report that we had a most pleasant visit. If I may so express it, it was "an extreme committee" for Commander Glass who comes from the Pacific Coast and I from the Atlantic, is six feet tall while I am but 5 feet 4 inches.

DELEGATION DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are very glad to have with us this afternoon a wonderful representation of attractive ladies from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. You have the same heritage as we. We are very glad to welcome you.

Miss Hazel L. Reilly, Past National President, Daughters of Veterans, from Illinois: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it is with great pleasure that we come as your Sisters today to bring you the greetings of our organization, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. We had another member on our committee—I believe she has been here. We know you are busy. We too are busy and don't want to take up too much of your time, but we do want you to know as in the beginning, your Sisters are always ready and willing to aid you and assist you in any undertaking. A Sister from your own state, our National President, has asked me to give you with her best wishes, this little gift. She wishes for you and your Brothers—our Brothers—a most happy and successful Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We were backed this year most graciously by your National President, Mrs. Adelle Coman Murphy. I wish you would convey to Adelle my deep appreciation and tell her that I am more sorry than I can say that she could not be here herself today.

Ida Warner of Missouri: Commander-in-Chief, and big Brothers, it is really a great privilege for me to come as a granddaughter, representing the Grand Army of the Civil War. I also bring you the greetings of the Department of Missouri. I really feel it is a great honor.

Sylvia McDonald, Washington, D. C.: Commander Dyer, it makes me very happy to bring you the sincere good wishes of our National President. I also wish to bring you the personal greetings of my own Tent in Washington, D. C.

The Commander-in-Chief requested Brother Heintz of Ohio to respond to the Greetings Committee from the Daughters.

Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, Sisters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it always gives us the greatest pleasure to have a visit from you, because you are "of the blood." In your veins flows the blood of the Grand Army Veterans. Some people think that we should invite any interested people to join our Order, but when someone talks like that to you or to us, we should think back to the days of '61 when the volunteers were called forth and your father or grandfather stepped out away from the crowd and signed the same call and was on his way to the South. It is a heritage that you and I and all of us should be proud of.

We welcome you to our Encampment and may we have many more visits from your organization.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: With your permission, we will recess until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. We'll then know whether we will march or not.

Session recessed at 5:00 p. m.

RECEPTION TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND HIS STAFF GREAT HALL, MEMORIAL UNION

Tuesday, September 7, 1937—9:00 P. M.

The reception to Commander-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer and his Staff, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sponsored by the Auxiliary, was a very enjoyable affair. The high esteem and respect in which Brother Dyer is held was evidenced by the attendance of Sisters, Brothers and Friends to welcome Commander Dyer, his Staff, National President Ida L. Lewis and her Staff of National Officers. Dancing followed.

PARADE OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Wednesday, September 8, 1937—10:30 A. M.

The crashing of the U. S. Marine Band implied to the 50,000 spectators on Capitol Square that the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic was about to begin. The Marines, who were in Madison by a special act of Congress, had changed to red uniforms, and looked very proud as they led the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic up Carroll Street and turned into Pinckney.

The Boys in Blue, even smaller in numbers, but still strong in spirit, rolled back the years and marched again. Heads erect and eyes flashing, 122 of the stalwarts who fought for the Union in the Civil War paraded a mile long route around the State Capitol Square to the beat of fife and drum corps and the United States Marine Band.

Those physically unable to withstand the rigor of the march, rode ahead of the marchers in automobiles. In keeping with tradition, the Grand Army of the Republic marched alone, interspersed with drum corps.

The parade moved clock-wise around the square, against usual one-way traffic, to give the veterans the benefit of the easiest grades, but

they faced one fairly steep hill without a qualm and negotiated it without faltering. Some were in uniform, almost all were clad in traditional blue. Var-colored costumes of the drum corps and color-bearers mingled with the dark hues of the old soldiers' coats.

As these brave soldiers, just as brave as in the years of '61-'65 marched past the reviewing stand, they were saluted by their Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, C. William H. Ruhe, of Pittsburgh, Pa., as well as many state officials including Governor Philip LaFollete.

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, designated as the Official Escort of the Grand Army of the Republic, paraded as a body and made a fine appearance with Sons of Veterans Reserve leading.

THIRD SESSION

The Third Session was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief on Wednesday, September 8, at 2:00 p. m. Following the opening exercises a Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was announced in waiting.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R. COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will ask Department Commander Glass of California & Pacific and Past Department Commander McDaniel of Indiana to escort Mrs. Lillian Clark Carey of Iowa and Mrs. Sara Ehrmann of New York, each a Past National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., to seats at my right.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are very glad to see you here this afternoon, ladies.

Brothers, it is a particular pleasure to me to welcome these Ladies of the G. A. R. here this afternoon. The National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., as I told you in my report, has been most helpful to us this year—perhaps second only to the National President of our Auxiliary. She has worked diligently all this year for the Sons. The Ladies of the G. A. R. have been the direct means of our having two new Camps now under way which will soon become established Camps of our Order.

Mrs. Carey, we will be very glad if you will now speak to us.

Mrs. Carey, Past National President, Ladies of the G. A. R.: Commander-in-Chief and Sons of Union Veterans, it is indeed a great privilege for me to bring to you a message of love and devotion from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. As I stand here now bringing you a brief message, I know the wonderful inspiration of that scene that you witnessed just a little while ago is still with you. It is with us all. As we witnessed the remnant of the Great Army marching through the streets of Madison we must have sensed that those men touched elbows with your father and my father during the Civil War. In a sense it is not an army that is dwindling away; it is an army that is going to live throughout all the generations of time. Who will tell the story when the Boys in Blue are gone? The great permanent organization of Sons of Union Veterans and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War!

Commander-in-Chief Dyer, I have a message for you, Mrs. Frances Kuhns, our National President, asked me to tell the Sons of Union Veterans in just a few words how your services are appreciated in every part of this great country because of what you have accomplished for the Sons of Union Veterans.

I was reminded while she was speaking to me of what Robert Browning said to Charles Kingsley: "Tell me what makes your life so beautiful that I may make mine beautiful too." And he replied, "I have a friend." And so the National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic has a friend in you and with her deep appreciation, it is my privilege to present to you this personal gift.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Mrs. Carey, I beg you to take back to

Mrs. Kuhns my very deep appreciation of the fact that we are good friends after a year of intimate acquaintance. Mrs. Kuhns has been extremely helpful and co-operative throughout the year. Our associations have been delightful. I would like Mrs. Kuhns and these ladies to know how deeply her and their work for the Sons is appreciated. I told Mrs. Kuhns that her Greetings Committee would get a tremendous ovation this year for their practical help to us and I ask you to rise now and give them such applause as will show them that we mean what we say. (All arose amid vigorous applause).

Now we have another fine representative of the Ladies of the Grand Army whom I have known for a great many years—Mrs. Ehrmann of New York, Past National President.

Past National President Sara Ehrmann of New York, (Ladies of the G. A. R.): Commander-in-Chief Dyer and Sons, it is indeed a great pleasure to bring to you again the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. To the old boys who have come here year after year, I know that you are familiar with me and I know that I would be very unhappy if I did not meet you face to face at these National Conventions, and this year I swell with pride because your Commander-in-Chief is from New York. I knew a year ago when you chose a member from the New York Department that you would not be disappointed in the leader of your organization this year. How well he has filled those anticipations no one knows better than you and so I say to you, New York is proud of our Commander-in-Chief Dyer.

I wish for you a happy and harmonious convention and I wish to say the boys from our Camp, the Camp named for my father, have all sent their love to you and your convention. Right after we went back last year we organized a Camp and got in more than 50% of the members and we were delighted to do that for you because we all think so much of our Commander-in-Chief and we wanted to do what he asked us to do.

I do not want to take too much of your time but I have a clipping from the Evening Star of Jacksonville, Alabama, telling about the campaign of the Alabama Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to eliminate the Battle Hymn of the Republic from our song books. This has been endorsed by other states. They claim that this song is a product of an inflamed mind and that it is hostile to the South. They claim that this song represents the soldiers in Gray as heathens and the Northern soldiers as Soldiers of God.

They are not stopping in the work to try to bring discredit and disgrace upon our Northern soldiers and it behooves us as Sons and Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War to take some action to counteract the action of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We are very glad to have you here and I know very well what you have been doing in your district. It is helping us in New York to get out of the red. We are very glad indeed to have you here. I want you to realize, gentlemen, that we have been given the signal honor of having two Past National Presidents of the Ladies of the G. A. R. here.

Will Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon respond to the remarks of these fine ladies.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, and I think that as Sons of Veterans, we have the privilege of addressing the Ladies of the Grand Army as Sisters; it is with great pleasure that I can address you and your members as Sisters, for there is no other patriotic organization that I admire so much

as I always have the Ladies of the Grand Army. I was one of the first males to be admitted as a member of your organization and that membership still continues although I have not been able to attend a meeting in probably twenty years. Void indeed would be our meeting if the Ladies of the Grand Army did not present a delegation, and to be greeted as we are today by two Past National Presidents, is indeed an honor that we certainly appreciate and it will go down in our memory as one of the very happiest events of our Encampment.

There are many things that I might say to you. There are many stories that I might tell; many of them come to me that might be most appropriate, but faced as I am by you noble women, representing your honored Order, I can't tell a story to save my life. I feel just now as I did this morning when I watched the parade pass by. Tears would come and tears did, yet I feel better satisfied with myself that I have a little sentiment and a little feeling that I can express, if not in words, by the tears which did come.

We have been told by our Commander-in-Chief of the wonderful work of your National President and of her interest in us. Will you kindly take back to her that this Order—about 200 representatives from the various Departments of this country—certainly appreciate her work and not only to your National President, but will you tell your members that we appreciate most heartily the kind things and words that you have done and expressed for us. We trust that the same interest, and we know it will, will continue and I pray to God that the membership of this organization will continue its interest in yours, and that you as Ladies of the G. A. R. may never feel that we have failed in our efforts to carry out the principles and objects, not only of your organization, but those of ours.

Ladies, we thank you for coming. Will you kindly come again?

Mrs. Ehrmann of New York: Dr. Sheldon, I want to say to you that this is the most beautiful tribute we have ever had paid to the Ladies of the Grand Army.

Mrs. Carey: Thank you, Dr. Sheldon, for that wonderful tribute because it will ever remain with us.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: As these ladies go out, let us give them such a good-bye that they will never forget it. (The Ladies were escorted from the room amid great applause).

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY VISIT

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The Department President of the Auxiliary of Wisconsin is at the door and wants us to admit her without ceremony, but we can't omit the colors for her. Will Past Department Commander Cleon Heald of New Hampshire please escort Mrs. Lester?

Mrs. Hazel Lester, Department President of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief and my Brothers, I think I am getting an ovation that I don't deserve. Sister McGowan approached me and asked me to go to the Sons and make an announcement and I didn't think that I was going to have to make a speech. As Department President, I want to extend my greetings. Sister McGowan wants to make an announcement about our Stunt Night tonight and I hope that all our Wisconsin boys will be there. Our Commander-in-Chief will be our guest.

Mrs. McGowan, President of the Madison Auxiliary: I just came over to make an announcement of the Wisconsin dinner, but first let me say that Madison is very happy to have you in their city and in behalf of the Local Auxiliary, I extend to you a most cordial welcome.

Tonight after the stunts, Wisconsin is having their dinner. We call it their "Stunt Dinner." Dinner will be at 11:30 or 12:00 o'clock at the Hofbrau and we want to have every Son who can attend to do so. The Department President of Pennsylvania has just told me that they are joining with us and having their dinner there also. This dinner is open to everyone. We'd be glad to have you all there.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: May we say that we have never been so heartily and courteously received as we have been in Madison. The University officials have gone out of their way every day to ask if there was anything more they could do.

National Secretary Hammer: We have communications which I will read, one from the Department Commander of Colorado & Wyoming, and one from the Department Commander of Minnesota.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 7, 1937.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans (Memorial Union):

Greetings. I bespeak for this Encampment one of the best and most harmonious ever held.

FRANK A. COLTON,
Department Commander, Colo. & Wyo.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 6, 1937.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Annual Encampment, Madison, Wis.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I take the opportunity to offer to you my apology for not being able to be present at the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am indeed sorry that the nature of my business is such that it will not permit me to be gone any time during the first twelve days of each month. I have, however, urged everybody else who is eligible to a vote in the Encampment, and is able to go, to be present at the Encampment.

I sincerely hope that the present Encampment will prove to be an incentive and inducement to continue the fight for a better and bigger Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. To that end you will accept my wholehearted support and co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,

O. F. HUHN, Commander.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credential Committee reports a total of 191 credentials with that number of members enrolled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania, Chairman: Let me suggest that where no objection is offered the several clauses of the report of the committee be considered as approved. (Adopted).

Madison, Wis., Sept. 8, 1937.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment:
All matters referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations prior to and at the Washington, 1936, Encampment were acted

upon at that Encampment. Nothing has been referred to it in the interim of Encampments.

Four items have been referred to it at this Encampment, upon which we report as follows:

From the Commander of the Department of Massachusetts—"That Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 10, be amended by adding after the word 'dropped' the words, 'or honorably discharged'." The status of a member who takes an honorable discharge is clearly and definitely provided for. His future course is clearly in his own hands. He could, after the lapse of specified time, only return to the Order under the procedure provided; as one who had not previously enjoyed membership. We believe this should continue and report adversely.

From the Commander of the Department of Massachusetts—Providing for the giving of the password and countersign to those holding Department offices. The condition that prompts this suggestion (we do not feel it was intended to be covered by a change in our C. & R.) could easily be met, and the complained of condition avoided by the Department officer seeing his Camp was in good standing for the receipt of the password and countersign and its consequent giving to all its members in good standing. In view of this thought, we do not recommend further action.

From the Department of New Hampshire—Providing for a special badge, by the addition of a bar to the present membership badge, in recognition of 25 years of continuous membership. Since we only at our last Encampment took final action on badge to recognize 50 years of continuous membership, we feel we should defer, awaiting the effect of that action before providing further designs and therefore recommend no action.

From the Department of Oregon—While presented in the form of a resolution the thought expressed and the action desired could only be obtained by changes in our Regulation. While fully appreciating the conditions existing in the far west, we seriously question the wisdom of attempting to meet or correct it by providing by our Regulation the defining of election by prescribed geographical lines. In fact, we can easily, in view of existing conditions, see serious objections to such restrictions; we have therefore refrained from preparing the needed amendments to make it effectual and recommend no further action at this Encampment.

This completes all matters referred to the Committee. We offer the further thought in view of this, that the Committee cease to be a standing committee of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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I believe that the amendment to regulations of the C. & R. as shown below in Chapter One of Regulations, Article 2, page 10, should read as amended in ink. Below is the amendment as, I believe, it should read:

"A dropped or honorably discharged member may be admitted into the Order by reinstatement at an admission or reinstatement fee as may be provided by Camps; he shall be reported on the prescribed quarterly forms as reinstated and per capita tax paid for

and in the quarter such member is reinstated. No membership fee shall be paid on reinstated members."

ELIAS R. SWEET,
Massachusetts Department Commander.

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Departments are not allowed to send the password and countersign to Camps at the close of the June and December quarters until the per capita tax for those quarters is paid. Department officers when visiting Camps may not have the current password and countersign if the Camp to which they belong has not paid its tax, but the Camp visited may have paid its tax and be in possession of the words. This puts the Department officer in an embarrassing position and it is therefore suggested that all Department officers be provided with the password and countersign as soon as sent out by the Commandery-in-Chief, providing they, themselves, hold receipt for current quarter.

ELIAS R. SWEET,
Massachusetts Department Commander.

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Be it Resolved, That inasmuch as our Order recognizes those members who have served for fifty (50) years in the Order, by a special badge, and that so few reach this term in service, that more recognition should be shown to faithful members;

Resolved: We recommend, therefore, that a special badge be issued to those members who have served continuously for twenty-five (25) years and that this badge to cost the Camps not more than the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per badge. We further recommend that this badge might consist of a special bar attached to the regulation badge with the Department ribbon; these badges to be uniform.

Resolved, That this resolution be presented to the Department Encampment at Concord, N. H., April 15, 1937, for its approval, and later presented to the Commandery-in-Chief at the Encampment in September, 1937.

Endorsed and Presented by

J. S. DURGIN CAMP NO. 7.

Signed: L. ALLAN KENNEY, Commander.
ROBERT E. GORDON, Secretary.

This 7th day of April, A. D. 1937.

The above Resolution was read and referred to the proper committee on April 15, 1937. The committee reported their approval. The Encampment voted to adopt the report of the Committee and forward to the National Encampment for their consideration in September, 1937.

CARROLL L. FRENCH,
Department Commander.
JACKSON C. CARR,
Department Secretary.

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Whereas, This Department rarely receives visits or other assistance or encouragement from our National Officers, for the reason that these officers are almost always chosen from the eastern part of the country; and

Whereas, This Department is composed of loyal Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who have earnest desire and purpose to carry on and perpetuate the Order, but who need the support of National officers and their backing and instructions; and

Whereas, We believe the same condition must exist in the case of other more or less isolated Departments; and

Whereas, It certainly must be a fact that there are men in various parts of the country who are capable of serving our Order in office; be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief, that in the election of officers, the country be divided into three corps areas, and that not more than one of the three principal officers—Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—be elected from any one corps area, and that the officer in the particular area may be empowered to visit the several Departments in his area with full power of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Proposed by W. C. Harmon and E. W. Madison.

Recommendation of Resolution Committee that this Resolution do pass.

On vote of 15th Annual Encampment at Albany, Oregon, June 17 and 18, 1937, this Resolution was adopted and is made a matter of record and by the Commander and Department Secretary is respectfully referred to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Attest:

E. W. MADISON,
Department Secretary.

WALTER C. HARMON,
Department Commander.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, may I supplement this by a statement in order to clarify a situation which might develop in connection with the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. In the report of the Commander-in-Chief is a recommendation about the change in officers—terms of office. It is not a change in Constitution, although to be made effective, it must be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports and they will refer to it in their report.

The National Secretary and I might say the Commander-in-Chief both have referred to the matter of the number of Camps required to constitute a Department. This does not require any change in the Constitution or Regulations and will therefore be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

I move that the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations be approved in total and that the Committee be discharged as a standing committee of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Seconded by several, and so ordered).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Is the Committee on Visitation to the Grand Army ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch of Pennsylvania: As Chairman of the Greetings Committee of the Grand Army, I would say that we went there and were told that no committees will be met today, but would be received tomorrow morning.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston of Indiana: This is an announcement relative to Stunt Night. The order of the Departments will be taken care of by a drawing this year and so at four o'clock there will be a drawing for place on the program tonight. The meeting place will be in front of the entrance to the Great Hall. We trust that your Department Commander will have someone there to represent your Department so that the drawing will be conducted in the proper manner.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK DELEGATION

Past Department Commander Barnard of New York: Commander-in-Chief, your own Department would like to have a delegation appear on this floor if you have a few minutes time.

A delegation of Brothers from New York State entered.

Department Commander Herman L. Brockway of New York: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, the New York delegation feels that an unusual honor has come to them this year and we felt that we wanted to show you a little appreciation and so we have scouted around and are bringing to you in this little package something that we hope will be useful. You know that we have been watching you this year with unusual interest because we felt that we had a good deal at stake in the New York Department, and we have been satisfied that you have honored us and represented us in an unusual way in the Commandery-in-Chief. We know that you have been very careful of funds so that there came to us a thought that perhaps one of the things you would appreciate better than anything else would be a good pocketbook. We hunted around in this city and they told us that one of the best wearing pocketbooks would be made of ostrich skin and so we said that was what we wanted. We know that the characteristics of an ostrich are very different from yours. They stick their heads in the sand when they see trouble. You have not done this. There is no particular hint here that it refers in that particular characteristic to you.

I was going to say something about the Hofbrau, but the Brothers seemed to know that our Commander-in-Chief knows exactly where it is located. Now perhaps they thought that this flask that accompanies this pocketbook was for the purpose of keeping you away from those places. You might slip in the back door and get some of the tonkes to be put in the flask—only to be taken when you have a cold.

It is with great pleasure that the New York Department presents these to you today.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Brockway, you have given me a surprise that makes me want to put my head in the sand or at least hang it modestly. I accept this with the friendliness you have expressed here. You yourself have done a great deal in New York this year. For the first time in thirteen years we have had new Camps in New York State. We have two new ones and three more under way. Let me introduce the members of the New York delegation to the Encampment. There are Department Commander Herman L. Brockway, Senior Vice Commander Stephan and Bill Klein, Past Department Commander; Delegate Williams; Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon, who keeps us in order; Delegates Burnham and Moore; Past Department Commander Neil Cranmer; Brother Isaacs, our Department Secretary; and Past Department Commander Fred Barnard, whom I have mentioned in my report. This is only a sample of what New York can produce. I appreciate this expression of friendliness which you have shown here and it can never be forgotten.

Past Department Commander Barnard (New York): I just want to say that we wanted to publicly express our appreciation of you and let the Commandery know that we appreciate your feeling for us. We appreciate your appreciation of our work.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: You may not understand, but Brother Brockway is a Methodist minister and you can now realize how hard it was for him to present a man with a flask.

The Logan Fife and Drum Corps of Rockford, Ill., was admitted.

Leader of above: We, the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War of Illinois, bring to you greetings from Rockford, Illinois. We know

that your time is limited; so is ours. Our work is on the street, while yours is making rules and regulations and we shall try to live up to them.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the report of the Committee on Marking Graves be accepted and recommendation approved: (Seconded by several. So voted).

REPORT COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford, Conn., July 31, 1937.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

It is a pleasure to present the report of the Grave Marking Committee covering the work of locating, identifying and marking Veterans' graves in the several Departments of our Order during the past year.

There has been a continuance of the work in all Departments and it is a pleasure to report the States of North Dakota and West Virginia have become interested. The State of North Dakota will do the work under the direction of Major Heber L. Edwards, the Adjutant-General, of North Dakota, while in West Virginia the work is by County under a W. P. A. project. It is called "A Historical Study of War Veterans who are buried in West Virginia." The survey includes the veterans of all wars. This work of marking graves has received many favorable comments. Metropolitan newspapers hearing of it sent men here for a story or article on it which they published, other newspapers and magazines throughout the country reprinted the articles. It attracted the attention of the National Broadcasting Company who thought so well of it that they offered us a coast to coast set up over the Blue net work for the story of the work. There can be no question as to the value of this work in attracting the attention of the public to this feature of our Order. Your Committee believes that if properly brought to the attention of eligibles it will be the means of bringing many men of standing into our Order. While such men may not attend meetings, they will be glad to contribute to an order having among other objects;—that the graves of their ancestors receive proper care, and are not forgotten.

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the appointment by you as additional members of this Committee, Brothers Colonel Henry Stewart of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as Chairman for the Pennsylvania Department; Walter S. Bellby, of Rochester, New York, as Chairman, and George A. Smith, of Syracuse, New York, as Vice Chairman, for the New York Department, and Will H. Ball, Indianapolis, Indiana, as Chairman of the Indiana Department.

The following are the latest reports from the Departments as to their activities:

MICHIGAN—Brother Francis E. Hall, Chairman. This committee reports that they now have the list of soldiers buried in twenty-three Counties, a gain of three during the year, and veterans' graves located, 13,823, a gain of 1,279 graves; the complete list of graves are:

Revolutionary	29
War of 1812.....	83
Mexican	35
Civil (Confederate)	5
Civil (Union)	11,603
Indian	5

Spanish-American	533
World	1,530
	13,823

7,086 have government stones, 5,978 private stones, while 759 are without stones. Brother Hall and his Committee are doing a splendid work.

MASSACHUSETTS—The Department Committee, Brothers La-Forest E. Osborne, of North Dartmouth, and Roger W. Hanners, of Marblehead, have made good progress in interesting the various Camps of this Department to take up the work of locating and marking graves. They have been successful in having sixty start working, and are in great hopes in the near future to have all of the Camps in their Department at work. At present they have on file lists of eighteen towns with a total list of veterans' graves of 5,790. With such a Committee as Brothers Osborne and Hanners, I feel sure the Department of Massachusetts will be one of our Banner Departments in locating and marking graves.

IOWA—Brother W. F. Hathaway, Des Moines, is the Regional Chairman on Grave Marking. As the State of Iowa is undertaking the registration, he states "The sons have co-operated to some extent, but not as fully as some other patriotic organizations have done. He is in hopes of having the same co-operation from the Sons as he receives from others.

PENNSYLVANIA—Many of the Camps and individuals of this Department have in the past made charts of cemeteries and lists of Veterans. Colonel Stewart, of Gettysburg, personally made maps of every cemetery in Adams County locating the graves of all Veterans, and has an alphabetical list and card index covering the whole County. He traveled about 30,000 miles, and did this at his own expense. Brother Charles B. Smith, and the Camp at Scranton have been doing this class of work for years past. Mt. Carmel and Hellertown are Camps that have done splendid work. Now the work of locating and charting the graves of Veterans of all wars has been made a County affair under the supervision of the County Authorities. Brother Raymond L. Hemmerly, Camp 200, is Grave Registrar for Montgomery County. He believes that all Camps should co-operate with the Grave Registrar of each County in order that every Civil War Veteran's grave be known. I believe every Camp in the Pennsylvania Department should at once get in touch with the county authorities, and offer their help as to Civil War Veterans.

INDIANA—Brother Will H. Ball of Indianapolis, Chairman, reports that the results of the past year are greater than expected. He made a visit of a week in St. Joseph's County, and found under the able leadership of County Chairman, Brother Ira Howard, a real live committee which has the co-operation of the citizens of the entire County. Brother Duke, Chairman of Morgan County, reports his county as eighty per cent complete, and has placed more headstones than any other member of the Committee in the State. In all, over 500 stones have been ordered in Indiana this year, and over 50,000 names have been received for tabulating on Indiana's Roll of Honor. Truly, this is wonderful work, and all done without expense to the Department. There can be no doubt, but Brother Ball is the right man in the right place.

NEW YORK—Brother Walter S. Beilby, of Rochester, Chairman. Brother George A. Smith, of Syracuse, Vice Chairman. As in the past most of the marking of graves is in the central or western part of

this Department. We now have a Department Committee, and they may be able to get the Camps in other parts of the Department started. When Brother Cazeau died, many were fearful that the wonderful work he did in Rochester, and Monroe County, would not be carried on. The work is now carried on by the Monroe County Veterans' Service Bureau. That the work of Brother Cazeau has not been in vain, I quote the report in full:

MONROE COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE BUREAU

Third Floor, City Hall Annex, Rooms 323-325-327,
34 Court Street, Rochester, New York.
Telephone, Main 3105.
Historical Division.

June 11, 1937.

Charles R. Hale, Chairman,
Committee on Marking Graves,
30 Oak Street, Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Hale:

Yours of June 9th has been received. While I am not a Son of a Union Veteran but had several relatives in that War, I feel that this fact doesn't make any difference to you, as I understand you would like to have a report of what we are doing here to perpetuate the grave marking of Civil War veterans.

We have this year carried on the same work that Mr. Cazeau had done for many years and on Memorial Day each Civil War Veteran received his annual flag and geraniums on his grave. I might say in the year of 1936-37, we have discovered some 15 or 20 additional Civil War Veterans' graves which were never recognized before this year. They will be in our permanent records for all times in the future.

It is our intention this year to place upon Civil War Veterans' graves, as well as veterans of all wars, stones supplied by the United States government, 12x24x4, commonly called grass markers, upon some 65 or 70 Civil War Veterans' graves; which never had a marker on before. It is our hope that next year we will be able to do the same thing with the same number of graves, until we have marked the 450 graves which lie in the County of Monroe unmarked.

We are also attempting this year to alphabetize all the Civil War records from the State of New York, so that we will be able to locate many military records of Civil War Veterans which we are unable to do at the present time. This will enable us to clear up many doubts as to some of the graves which we are decorating as Civil War Veterans and show no military record in our permanent file.

It is the intention of this office to carry on the work started by Mr. Theodore Cazeau and in many instances to improve upon the methods he started. Incidentally, I might mention here, we have instituted a new system with what we call a grave register. We have eliminated the one-page type and put in a nineteen visible index register, which gives us an increased size map, making all grave numbers more readable.

I trust this will answer your purpose as a report.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. H. ROHRER,

Historical and Grave Registrar.

CHR:WJ

Brother George A. Smith has for years past been deeply interested in the locating and marking veterans' graves in and near Syra-

cuse. He is doing a good work. Another Brother, Lynn S. Abrams, of Rome, has done a notable work in that vicinity. His last report shows he has visited practically 500 cemeteries located in the counties of Oneida, Madison, Herkimer and Lewis, taking records from them, causing abandoned ones to be cleared of weeds and brush, and wherever possible had headstones set, and as far as possible getting the service record of each soldier. Brother Abrams is employed nights, therefor, his time is limited.

ILLINOIS—Some years ago this Department was very active in Grave Marking. Due to the depression very little was done in the way of placing stones, but during the past year they have renewed their active work and report the placing of more than five hundred stones. In this Department they have the co-operation of the Woman's Relief Corps.

In the Departments of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey and Ohio, the work is done by individual Camps and many of the Camps are doing a good job of it, but more territory could be covered if the Departments had a Department Committee.

CONNECTICUT—Still busy consolidating the vast amount of information secured from the inscriptions in the 2,207 cemeteries in Connecticut, and from the death notices in the sixty-seven old newspapers published in Connecticut, also another feature they are now giving attention to is that of placing Connecticut headstones at the graves of all veterans who are without any markings. In this way they are saving hundreds of graves which otherwise would in a short while be in the unknown class.

In closing the Committee on Grave Marking wishes to take this opportunity of expressing to all fellow co-workers in the various Departments the sincere appreciation of the time and labor you have given to make the grave marking the success it has been. Our reward is the satisfaction of knowing we have done something worth while for our father, and his comrades, and for our Order, and to Commander Dyer our thanks for his cordial co-operation, and the support he has given us during the past year. Your Committee believes that the work should be continued the coming year, and so recommends.

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

Yours in F. C. & L.,

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

National Secretary Hammer: A similar motion regarding the report of the National Legislative Committee.

Seconded by Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania. So voted.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 30, 1937.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Your Committee on Legislation was invited to attend the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the bill to reorganize the Federal Courts. No member of the Committee found it possible to appear at any of the hearings. At many meetings of our general membership throughout the Departments, opposition to the proposed legislation, insofar as it affected the Supreme Court of the United

States, was freely and vigorously expressed. We therefore undertook to inform the Senate Committee of this sentiment.

We called upon Brother F. A. DeGroot of the Department of Maryland to assist the Committee. Brother DeGroot lives in Washington, and he personally delivered to members of the Senate Committee the protest drawn by your Committee, against any legislation affecting the Supreme Court, and such other protests and petitions as came to our hands. We are pleased to state that the legislation was not and will not be enacted. This Committee hereby acknowledges its obligation to Brother DeGroot for his valuable assistance.

No legislative matters in the various states was called to the attention of your Committee.

Very respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. BLAKELEY,
EDWIN C. IRELAN,
WILLARD R. MATHENY,
GEORGE B. PARSONS,
MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Chairman.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that the report of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee be accepted.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin. So voted.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

August, 1937.

To William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The establishment of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway (U. S. Route 6) is a fascinating story and is one of the accomplishments of our Organization this year.

Its possibility started in the dream of a young grandson, William L. Anderson, Jr., who proposed the project to the Massachusetts Encampment and although it was received with enthusiasm many wondered whether our Organization had the influence to put it over in these years of much competition when other Organizations larger in number kept the local Governments busy with many problems.

A Massachusetts State Committee proceeded with plans to interest the State Legislature. Rhode Island heard of the project and with hard work and many problems to overcome was finally victorious in being the first State to name the portion of U. S. Route 6 passing through its State in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The plan found favor at the National Encampment at Washington and a Committee was appointed with a State Chairman in each State through which the Highway passed. Of this Committee William L. Anderson, Sr., was appointed National Chairman and thus the Organization gave impetus to the movement nationally.

The following were appointed Chairmen of the respective State Committees:

Edward A. Baker, Judge, Rhode Island.
Ralph M. Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut.
Senator John J. Dunnigan, New York.
Sam S. Horn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Park F. Yengling, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio.

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.
 Rev. Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief, Indiana.
 W. F. Hathaway, Iowa.
 Vernon E. Cheney, Colorado.
 Nebraska was omitted pending action of Iowa and Colorado.

Thus a Committee of men experienced in Legislative and Civic work was created to study the Laws and procedure of various States and to prepare Bills for enactment by their respective Legislatures.

At the time of the appointment of the National Committee by Commander-in-Chief Dyer effort was concentrated on U. S. Route 6; which Highway extends from the tip end of Cape Cod in Massachusetts on the Atlantic Coast through Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska to Greeley, Colorado, and Federal plans are now on the way to continue this Highway to the Pacific Coast under the same route number and there is no doubt in the minds of the Committee that a Coast to Coast Highway named in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic is a surety. It means, however, the alertness of our States west of the Mississippi having popular Highways connecting with Greeley, Colorado, for it is largely their responsibility from now on.

The following States covering 1300 miles of beautiful Highway have passed Bills and officially named their section of the Highway: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Iowa as a result of a slight opposition had to postpone final action until the next session of their State Legislature. There is activity in several other States but they have not yet presented their Bills, because it was untimely. Several States in the west have small or no Departments and these are the States in which work is still to be done.

Much time and thought and, needless to say, a great deal of hard work has been done by the Committee. The National Chairman forwarded to the Chairman in each Department a copy of the Bill together with a blue print of the marker used in naming the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Massachusetts, feeling that its experience would be of benefit to the States which had not yet secured legislative enactment and the adoption of a uniform Bill and uniform markers in each State would be wise.

The large number of people that have witnessed the parades, etc., and listened to the National and State oratory attending the dedications have been thrilled and impressed with the noble purposes of our Organization and have had their attention called again to the sacrifices made by the Grand Army in '61 and '65. In many instances this has rekindled the family spark "Honor Thy Father" and has given inspiration and power to all of us to do greater deeds in their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDGE RALPH M. GRANT,
 SENATOR JOHN J. DUNNIGAN,
 SAM S. HORN,
 PARK F. YENGLING,
 RICHARD F. LOCKE,
 REV. FRANK C. HUSTON,
 EDWARD A. BAKER,
 W. F. HATHAWAY,
 VERNON E. CHENEY,
 WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, SR., Chairman.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the desk is clear.

Alternate George E. Smith of Illinois: May I ask at this time if suitable resolution should not be made in reference to having Bill Jenkins, former Department Commander of Illinois, given some sort of recognition for having served several years in the Commandery?

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: It is in order.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: The thought is highly commendable. The Brother is not known probably to all of us who are here, but to us older members, we are all a little sad because we miss the Brother very much. He never missed an Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. He has always been active in his own state. I hear from him two or three times a year. I didn't know he was in the hospital until he had been there for several months and if you could have read the reply to my letter you would have seen how pleased he was that I had thought enough of him to drop him a note and wish him health again. I am fearful that the Brother will be some time regaining his health. In fact, from my knowledge of medicine and his condition, he will never be entirely well again, but I know that there is no more enthusiastic member in our organization than this dear Brother and I think that his heart is extremely sad during these three days that he cannot be with us.

I offer a motion that the Secretary of this Encampment write Brother Jenkins a letter expressing our hope of his recovery and the appreciation of our organization of the many years of his activity in it.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I would like to heartily second all that Brother Sheldon has said. I went out to Chicago last January and Brother Jenkins was there and while he was not a delegate last year and had been an invalid for some time, he brought in a new member. He has been a member for 53 years. He is also a Spanish War veteran. He is a very fine man and loved by all. I am sure a letter from the Commandery would be greatly appreciated by him.

COMMITTEE ON ESSAY CONTESTS, SCHOLARS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Past Department Commander Felix A. Kremer of Wisconsin: If there is nothing special right now, I would like to make a suggestion that we have a contest for the boys in the High Schools to write an essay on patriotism. We need to do something to get the youth of our land interested in our Order. I brought my boy in the other night. I told him when he was old enough to be a Son of a Veteran, I would bring him in. I think that every one of you men who have sons should bring them in.

I was never so angry in my life as I was this morning when others went ahead of our Commandery-in-Chief. Today we followed others instead of being an escort of honor for our Fathers. I hope to see the day when we will not follow but will escort the Boys in Blue. If we looked in the schools, we would be astounded at the number of people who have never heard of our Order. Every church and school has sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and it is up to us to get them into our organization.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Judge Kremer, that was just the kind of talk we need. Will you put your recommendation in concrete form so that we can act on it with the rest of the recommendations.

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin: I move that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three members to draft a form to be read. (Seconded by several. So voted).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I will appoint Judge Kremer of Wisconsin, Chairman, with Past Department Commander Heald of New Hampshire and National Chaplain Dickinson of Connecticut assisting.

Past Department Commander Heald of New Hampshire: In New Hampshire we have done that sort of thing for ten or fifteen years. We ran our contests just before Memorial Day.

National Chaplain Dickinson: Judge Kremer has brought forth a passion in my soul because I believe in the Sons of Veterans doing something special. Last summer I traveled about visiting the various battlefields of the Civil War. Appomattox was in a deplorable state. I wish I lived nearer so that we could go out and cut the grass, restore the buildings that are tumbling away. One in particular which is two stories high; one section has completely fallen down. One thing that we as Sons of Veterans could do is to appoint a committee in that particular locality to go down there and take a look at it and find out if we could help to bring it back to the way it was originally.

Another thing I am interested in is Broadcasting. I visited a broadcasting station and said that I wanted to see them about a very important Memorial Day program. The man whom I saw there sat down and talked over with me a program that might be possible. I said "I believe that we could have one-half hour from coast to coast."

They said I could have Station WEAH if we could get the Commander of the Confederate Sons and also a member of the American Legion. I started to work and found that many doors were closed to me. The thing went along and I had finally to say that I was sorry but I would have to let it go this year. If I had had some money in my hand last year, I think I could have accomplished what I started out to do. This is the kind of thing we ought to do. If we could get the head of some great corporation that is broadcasting a health program and have them sponsor us it would help. We don't care what company it might be. If we could get one Grand Army veteran to say one thing. We might just have a program and say it was broadcast through the courtesy of the Sons of Union Veterans. We might give things away if they write in saying that they are eligible to join our Order. In this way we could get a great many new members.

In Brooklyn an old man called me in and I saw a Civil War picture. I said "Have you ever been a Son of a Veteran?" "What is that?" he said. There are hundreds, thousands, even, of men and thousands of young men just coming up who do not know what the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War stand for.

We can do this and thrill our souls and advance our Order. If we'll work, the Sons of Union Veterans has a future just like the churches have a future. Now is the time to make a positive stand and get as many young people as we can so that every boy has Sons of Veterans on his lips just as often as anything else.

Past Department Commander Byron of Illinois: Since you have appointed this committee, I would like to tell the committee that the State of Illinois had a contest for the best essay on the Grand Army of the Republic. If your committee will investigate, I believe other States may be doing the same and we may not know it.

Past Department Commander Hiland of Minnesota: I have a little flyer that I would like to have you take the time to read. We pass resolutions about one thing and another and then we go home and forget about them. Last year we passed a resolution about postage stamps. Then we went home and forgot about it. The stamps are now in circulation with Lee and Jackson faces on them. Perhaps the President and Postmaster General are trying to make peace be-

tween the North and the South. Do you think because we keep still, the other fellow will? In Atlanta this year a resolution was passed to refuse to use postage stamps with the picture of W. T. Sherman on them. Put it on bottom side up, they said. We can't sit by and let them continue this way.

Last year at the Encampment in Washington, one of the Confederate veterans said to me: "We are going to fight the Civil War all over again. We are going to start right here on the steps of the White House."

I would like to see this convention make a motion to send a copy of this to the President of the Confederate Veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy. We know that the things they are trying to bring back are lies on the face of them.

ATTENTION

*Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
and to all whom it may concern.*

*THE WAR OF 1861 TO 1865
was not a War Between the States
BUT A CIVIL WAR*

By MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Historian, Department of Ohio,
18 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1. *The States* never had and do not now have the power to make war upon one another. Constitution of the United States, Art. I, Sec. 10.
2. *The Supreme Court of the United States* has held in a number of cases that the war was a Civil War. *Texas v. White*, 7 Wall. 700; *White v. Hart*, 13 Wall. 646; *Keith v. Clark*, 97 U. S. 454; *Daniels v. Tearney*, 102 U. S. 415; and others.
3. *Congress* has published the record of the war in 130 volumes entitled "*War of the Rebellion, Official Record of the Union and Confederate Armies.*"
4. *In the second sentence* of the Gettysburg Address President Lincoln said: "Now we are engaged in a great civil war, etc."
5. *Many Confederate Generals*, including Beauregard, Law, Joseph E. Johnston, Hood, Kirby Smith, Cheatam, Imboden, Early, Wade Hampton, Basil W. Duke and others wrote articles for the *Century* magazine under the title, "*Battles and Leaders of the Civil War,*" and not one of them used the term "War Between the States."
6. *A war between states as sovereignties* is usually suspended by an armistice, terminated by a treaty and followed by a proclamation by the executive authorities of the states involved, announcing to neutrals that the war is over. *No such steps followed the end of the Civil War.*
7. *During the war*, there were *thirty-four stars* in the *United States flag*, which at all times contained a star for each state in insurrection.

Issued by Department of Ohio,

Approved August 16, 1937. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
WILLIAM J. SCHULTZ, Commander,
Department of Ohio.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz of Ohio is the author of the leaflet protesting against the war of 1861 to 1865 being called "A War Between the States." Motion

has been made by Past Commander Hiland of Minnesota that a copy of this circular be sent to the President of the Daughters of the Confederacy. (Seconded by several. So voted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse of Indiana read the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 7, 1937.

Recommendations made to the Committee on Ritual were not approved by the Committee on account of expense and we felt that they were hardly necessary, until the time comes when new Ritual and Constitution will be printed.

FRANK SHELLHOUSE, Indiana, Chairman,
KEARNEY FORBES, Washington,
HERMAN BROCKWAY, New York,
CLINTON J. SMITH, Vermont,
Committee on Ritual.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 25, 1937.

To the Fifty-third Annual Encampment,
Department of Minnesota,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Greetings:

In order to make our Long Form initiations more effective, Minneapolis Camp No. 8, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, recommends the following changes for our Ritual:

In the Patriotic Instructor's charge, insert the word "loyal" between "every" and "American," to read as follows, "Love of country exists in the heart of every loyal American citizen, . . ."

It is also recommended that in the Flag Charge on page 23 lines 15 and 16 be changed to read, "France and Flanders. And there, and on the high seas, righteous victory attended our heroic soldiers, sailors and marines, until they returned . . ." This alteration is for the purpose of giving deserved recognition to the United States Marines who performed so valiantly during the War.

Minneapolis Camp No. 8 also urges that the proper procedure be taken by the Commandery-in-Chief to have new and up-to-date Rituals and Constitutions be printed at the earliest moment. It is said that a workman is known by his tools. An organization is also known by its tools. Effective membership drives cannot be made without proper material. Departments and Camps are handicapped by obsolete and patched-up forms.

In F. C. and L.,

Attest:

FRED H. SCOTT,
Camp Secretary.

DEWEY B. MEAD,
Camp Commander.

Approved:
O. F. HUHNS,
Department Commander.

CHAS. F. MARTIN,
L. L. FOSS,
GEO. T. DRAKE,

Department Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: (re. 1st paragraph). This is a delicate point and we, the committee, discussed that pro and con.

Adding the word "loyal" would not do any harm if it were added. After a man has been recommended by a Brother and the Committee approves it, we appreciate it that he must be an American citizen. It is not a bad word to add in when we make our changes, but at this time we do not concur.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: I move that as each clause of the report is read, it be considered as approved if no objection is made. (Seconded by several and so ordered).

Past Comander-in-Chief Shellhouse: (re. 2nd paragraph). This is a minor change and we feel that we are trying to conserve. Horace tells me that it costs money and we do not see that this is of any great importance.

(re. 3rd paragraph). All changes we felt we could not concur with.

(re. 4th paragraph). True, we know we have some patched up forms. I was told last evening that it would cost \$400 or \$500 to do some of that work. That is a lot of money these days. We do not concur at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse: Communication from Massachusetts:

Camp Patriotic Instructor's charge should be flexible so that a civilian officer should not be obliged to instruct veterans of any war in patriotism or the salute to the flag.

The words "With the courage of your *newly avowed* convictions" should be omitted in all cases. Why should we assume or imply that any applicant for membership has just become patriotic?

ELIAS R SWEET,
Massachusetts Department Commander.

(re. Camp Patriotic Instructor's charge). We discussed that. There is a question there in all of our minds and we do not feel that it would improve the charge. We feel that it could be studied out, and we therefore do not concur.

(re. balloting). There is no specific method of election prescribed by the Constitution. It may be advisable to amend the Ritual and on page 10 add a section of Article 2 under membership. We would add the word after the report of committee, Camp shall elect candidate *by* a majority vote. That question does come up very frequently.

Past Department Commander Weiler of Massachusetts: I think that matter is one that should come before the Constitution Committee instead of this one.

National Secretary Hammer: This is under the Ritual. What has the Constitution got to do with the ballot on a member of a Camp? But the Ritual, as you state, is a part of the Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The use of the Ritual is optional, and the use of the ballot box is optional. If a committee of three pass favorably on a man and one black ball prevents a man from joining, the majority would not be ruling. One man could rule and control the membership of a Camp.

Department Commander Herman L. Brockway of New York: We felt that this question was very important because practically every one of us has had the experience in our Camp where one man has black-balled a brother and the large majority of the Camp knew that he was a good fellow and would be of help to the Camp. This recommendation is really that the vote of the majority of those present

shall prevail. It would take a majority of black balls to keep him out. If we understand this, it is what we all desire.

National Secretary Hammer: I have no reason or object to do anything contrary to the desire of the Committee, or the Encampment, but you are breaking the precedent of fifty years. I never black-balled a man in my life. I don't know that I would do that to the worst political enemy I have and that is the only kind I have. I don't object to having this put in the Ritual, but I do object to having it in the Constitution. If you say you are going to have a majority of the black balls, put it in your Ritual, but don't let the outside fellow know about it. Commander-in-Chief, I move that we do not concur in that recommendation. (The motion was not seconded).

Department Commander Brockway of New York: We are already under this method which our National Counselor has approved. That a man is to be elected into a Cmp by a majority which means that he cannot be kept out by one black ball.

I appreciate what Horace Hammer has said, that in several organization a black ball does not keep a man out, but let us understand that those organizations and ours are not comparable; those organizations are formed for a given purpose. Our first specific and positive object is to commemorate the heroism and brave deeds of the veterans of the Civil War. Then from that we can branch out in many directions. We first come to the eligibility of the man and the blood which runs through his veins, then if he is a decent and respectable citizen, what reason is there to keep him out

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York: I dislike very much to continue this discussion. I don't like in any order, just one black ball. I knew I was going to be black-balled when I was being voted on in an organization. I was black-balled by a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, not because of anything against me otherwise but because of a personal matter. Six months later I was elected. With three on the committee, why not say three or more blackballs?

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The rule as stated is that those in favor will deposit a white ball and those opposed a black ball. It means, therefore, that the will of the majority shall prevail. Judge Howard has investigated this from beginning to end and he has pointed out that it needs clarification to be clearly understood. There is no place in the Ritual where one black ball in specific words condemns a man and prevents him from joining the Sons of Union Veterans.

The recommendation is that "a majority vote shall elect the member or it shall require at least four black balls to reject."

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I move that four black balls reject a candidate. (Seconded by several).

National Secretary Hammer: The eligibility of any applicant has nothing to do with the black or white ball. It is the character of the applicant. I am not in any opposition to anything you folks want. But don't let's go wrong. Let me tell you why I want this understood. Here is a member in a Camp who owes \$40.00 and I know some that do, some that owe \$10.00. He lets that go, won't pay. He wants to be dropped to go into another Camp for \$1.50 or \$2.00 and they will admit him on a majority vote. In many other instances a man is out of work and we carry him along. Then when he gets a job instead of paying up his back dues, he drops out of the organization.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fouch: You are on a vital ques-

tion. It needs considerable consideration. In the first place, we take it for granted that all sons of Union Veterans are honest, but when it comes to the admission of a son whom certain members of the Camp know will disrupt the Camp, that he will throw the Camp members into dissension, then it becomes vital to this organization to have some way of stopping his admission.

Suppose you lived in a neighborhood where there were Negro Sons and there were six of the neighbors sons who also wanted to come. If they all joined, soon that nationality would predominate in your Camp.

Whatever action you take should be given some consideration. We had in Michigan a man who joined four different Camps. He insisted that the Camps contribute to the support of his family and that went on until he got into the fourth Camp. I advised them to take him to the doctor and on examination they found that he was perfectly normal.

When you come to an individual that should be kept out, there should be some means of keeping him out.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Some Camps vote by majority and some otherwise. There still remains this difficulty. Let us take a Camp with 100 members and a man is proposed by one of them. His application is referred to a committee of three who approve. Should it be possible for one man out of the hundred to keep that man out of the Camp and therefore have in that Camp only men of his choosing? Judge Howard recommended in view of the fact that there are no definite instructions in our Constitution or Ritual, that either four black balls rule out a man or else a man should be elected by a majority, and he has recommended by a majority.

National Secretary Hammer: I move that that section of the report of the Committee on Ritual be referred back for further consideration.

Seconded by Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Howard Michael of Maryland, and so voted.

PARADE—ESCORT

Delegate Zoa Williams of New York: Today something happened that should not happen again. We have a military organization which we call our Reserve. This parade was a reflection as a whole upon our organization. There must have been some mistake. The Commander-in-Chief in his General Orders permits an escort of the Sons for the Grand Army. Today the Grand Army and the Chief-of-Staff stood at the High School waiting for the Sons of Veterans. Brothers, we are trying to organize Reserves in our state and if we are going to organize, ought to have our position made clear.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: We had an arrangement with the local committee of which we told you yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon Captain Post, acting in place of our Chief-of-Staff, brought back the ruling which was announced last night that we were to assemble and parade in dark trousers, white shirts, no coats and no hats.

The man in charge of the parade placed us at the head of the Division of Patriotic Societies and we were given the Veterans of Foreign Wars Drum Corps.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling was placed in charge of our group. It happened that the American Legion came along and insisted on having the right of line and rather than have any public

dispute, we stood aside. Then as the parade proceeded, at intercepting streets other local bodies were sandwiched into the parade by the local police.

In consequence, we were separated from our assigned Drum Corps. There is no reason, however, to get excited about it. We acted as gentlemen should and made a very creditable appearance, though we should have been placed in the First Division as escort to the G. A. R. where we properly belong.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: It is not all the local committee's fault. It is partly ours because we do not equip ourselves with uniforms. As I suggested yesterday, it is not a hardship to provide yourself with a uniform and if three or four or five in each Camp would come with uniforms, we would have enough for a military escort. The uniform can be purchased for a little less than \$25.00 for trousers, blouse, and cap. Bring it to the next Encampment. We'll then have our rightful place in the line of parade. I took it upon myself today of not having a scrap with the American Legion.

Department Commander Post of Pennsylvania: May I add a word? I went to the office of Colonel Jackson to find out what our position would be in the parade. After much delay we finally talked with his assistant who told us the law as laid down. The Sons of Veterans Reserve were to be the official escort provided we have a sufficient number provided with uniforms. The unfortunate part of the Reserve at this time is that the men are not fully equipped. They have not brought their necessary arms or equipment. The result was that we could not parade in a body, as an escort. The Sons were told that they could parade together dressed as advised this morning, which they did. I am sorry that we could not be in the escort to our Fathers, but we had to carry out orders as given. I feel that all who marched made a very creditable showing. Personally, I was proud of our entire civilian body.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: It may be further added that members of the various Departments had to carry the flags of the Grand Army of their Departments.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Past Department Commander Anderson of Massachusetts would like to meet the Delegates from Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado & Wyoming and California & Pacific to discuss the Grand Army Highway after this session.

Council-in-Chief John L. Reeger of New Jersey: I move, Commander-in-Chief, that we recess until tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock. (So voted).

SOCIAL HOUR

Wednesday Evening, September 8, 1937—9:00 P. M.

Great Hall, Memorial Union, was the scene of much hilarity and merriment on Wednesday evening when members of both organizations as well as friends enjoyed "Stunt Night."

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston presided, and capably presented the various Departments who participated in this entertainment. All joined in making this hour one that will be remembered for a long, long time.

FOURTH SESSION

September 9, 1937—9:40 A. M.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The Encampment will come to order. We have delayed the opening of this session for a particular reason. One of the Grand Army men died and we have been trying to arrange for the funeral. The local Camp is to provide six men as bearers and Commander Post is to have six men in uniform act as a guard to take the body to the train. The National Chaplain is down there now and I thought he would be here at 9:30. Let us open informally this morning because there are three Grand Army men outside. We'll receive them with honors and later take up the password and countersign.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM G. A. R.

One of the Grand Army men is from New York and I will ask Past Department Commander Klein of New York to act as escort to him; and Past Department Commander Heald of New Hampshire and Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania as the other escorts.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Gentlemen and Comrades, we are delighted to have you here. Will the committee now please escort these gentlemen to the Commander's station, and seats on my right.

Now Brothers, let's give these three gentlemen a fine hand. We want them to know what we think of them. I will introduce to you Department Commander Joseph Bauer of Rochester, N. Y., Comrade Dorsey of Washington, D. C., and Department Commander Storms of Utah.

I just want to say to you that Commander Bauer, who is a personal friend of mine, is almost unable to speak aloud. They have to proceed back soon and I am going to ask just one of them to speak. Will you just sit down and take it easy, comrades?

Comrade Dorsey of Washington, D. C.—Grand Army: Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of our Comrades, we are very much pleased to be with you just for a few minutes this morning. I am unable to speak extemporaneously and did not know until a few minutes ago that I was on this committee, but we are here to pay the respects of our Encampment to our sons, but I want you to excuse me as I have forgotten how to speak.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Will Past Commander-in-Chief Homan respond for us?

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan of Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, Comrades, and Brothers of this Encampment, it seems almost unfortunate to have this visitation at the very beginning before some of the Brothers have gotten here in order that they might grasp the full significance of this Encampment with its total membership. We do want you to know that we are having a splendid Encampment. Our men have come from California to Maine, Minnesota to Florida, that they might prepare themselves better to carry on the work which you Comrades have done down through the years.

The parade yesterday was one of those things that will always remain in our minds. I was able to assist a Comrade into the hotel after the parade yesterday morning and the thing that he said impressed me. He said: "Homan, I was following your feet. You were keeping time to the music, and by watching your feet, I was able to do it." I make the parade and I never thought I would be able to do it." We have been following in your footsteps, Comrades, all these years and we only hope that we may be able to follow in your footsteps for all time; that is all we ask and to keep step with you. If we can do that, we think we will be the kind of men who will stand by the Constitution; will stand by the Flag and will be the kind of Americans and the kind of Sons you will be proud to own.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I know you have to go now, and we want you to take back to your Encampment a new pledge of allegiance of your Sons and tell them that we here are with you. We want each of you to accept and wear one of our badges.

Comrade Bauer says that some time when he gets his voice back he will come back to us and talk us blind.

(Comrades retired while the Encampment gave them three rousing cheers).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The Greeting Committee to the Grand Army will now please go. This committee consists of Past Commander-in-Chief Titus Ruch of Pennsylvania; Phillip Byron, Past Department Commander of Illinois, and Past Department Commander Addison A. Quinn of Massachusetts.

We will take the password and countersign.

The National Chaplain will make a tentative report on the funeral of Senior Vice Commander Jeffers of Washington, Grand Army of the Republic.

FUNERAL OF COMRADE JEFFERS

National Chaplain Dickinson: We have found it very difficult to make contact with the family, and we have had no message as to when to send the body or how. Our escort to the funeral home depends upon when we receive the message. I have asked the funeral authorities if we may come in a body and conduct our funeral services. It would be a fine thing if the Sons could have the guard standing at either side of the couch during the funeral service. I think it would be a very courteous matter if we would visit the other orders and invite them to send a delegation to this service. I think it would be very fine if they were there. The room will seat 200.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: You will find it somewhat difficult to get a conference with the various orders, but we will put the whole thing in your charge to make such proper arrangements as you deem best.

Are there any committees to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan read report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 9, 1937.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

As the family await the report of the Doctor as he takes the pulse and temperature of his patient, so those interested in our Order await

the report of our Commander-in-Chief and his Officers, to find if possible the real condition of our Order and what its future may be.

As we listened to the reading of Wm. Allan Dyer's splendid report, we were impressed with its clear cut, concise statement of facts and the courageous note as he spoke of the future. His report is that of a man with a vision, who seeks by business-like methods to achieve his goal. We compliment Commander-in-Chief Dyer on his comprehensive statement of conditions of our Order, the report reflects his enthusiasm and his ability as an organizer. The report indicates that the two objectives—increased membership and a better financial condition have been to a certain extent achieved. The report shows clearly the unlimited possibilities in store for our Order if we want them enough to work for them.

That we are in a better financial condition than a year ago is indeed encouraging; a man or Order with money in its pocket can face the future with more courage.

The establishment of a National Highway through the United States, to be known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, the third objective for the year, has in some States become a reality, and is a feature of the year's work that has brought favorable notice to our Order.

Your Committee heartily agree and support the Commander-in-Chief's stand regarding the American Constitution, and the Sesquicentennial of its birth, and urge all Brothers to return to their Departments and Camps resolved to see that this document and its Anniversary be suitably commemorated this month.

Junior Camps is a subject that should concern our Order and the Commander's suggestion that a committee of five be appointed to investigate and report at next Annual Encampment, seems to be a good way to approach this matter.

Your Committee heartily concur with the Commander-in-Chief in his recommendation regarding terms of officers and suggest that the present or incoming Commander-in-Chief instruct the National Counselor to prepare necessary changes in By-Laws to carry out the provision of this recommendation so that they may be acted upon by this or the next Annual Encampment.

The Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief reports show that they have been interested in the affairs of our Order; the suggestion of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michaels that both Senior and Junior Vice Commander be given definite Departments to care for and be responsible for is a good one and worthy of consideration.

The Commander-in-Chief's recommendation regarding the change in Departments on page 14 seems to be taken care of by Constitution and we recommend that incoming Commander-in-Chief make necessary changes and allocation of Camps, as covered by Constitution.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer Hammer shows the usual careful consideration of detail, and necessary information found only in his report.

Recommendation No. 1 change in Department would follow as that of Commander-in-Chief on same subject.

Recommendation No. 2 regarding reports of Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, etc., we concur in Secretary's recommendation.

Recommendation No. 3 regarding Sons of Veterans Reserve, Committee reconsidered non-concurrence. We feel that we do not know from year to year what the Grand Army is going to expect. We there-

fore feel that this should be left to the judgment of the Council-in-Chief.

We, together with the entire Commandery, appreciate the continued loyalty of National Secretary Hammer and hope that he may continue to submit reports of this kind for many years to come.

Dr. Barrett, the National Patriotic Instructor, is to be congratulated upon his report and it shows a careful and painstaking perusal of reports received. We agree with Dr. Barrett that some way should be devised to get a more complete report of the really fine patriotic work being done by our Order at large.

We feel that the Legislative Committee appreciate the importance of the work of their committee and are to be complimented on same.

Chairman Chas. R. Hale is doing a wonderful work and it is really a labor of love in compiling records of the Veterans and recording same for future generations. We only regret that there are not more Brothers inspired to do this kind of work in their communities.

The report as a whole seems to reflect a spirit of optimism and enables us to face the future with new hope and courage.

Fraternally submitted,

DR. ERNEST W. HOMAN, Chairman,
DR. J. E. GALLAGHER,
REV. JOHN M. DUNLAVY,
CHARLES T. WEBSTER.

Department Commander Sweet of Massachusetts: I move that the report be adopted as read.

Seconded by Delegate Bond of Maryland, and so voted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse of Indiana: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers. In line with the discussion yesterday in reference to the balloting; whether one black ball should reject an applicant; in order to clarify and expedite matters at this moment, we the committee, have decided that we would recommend the following:

Immediately following item 8 under the Order of Business, there be added these words:

"Should four or more black balls be cast, the Candidate will be declared rejected."

FRANK SHELLHOUSE, Indiana, Chairman,
HERMAN L. BROCKWAY, New York,
CLINTON J. SMITH, Vermont,
KEARNEY L. FORBES, Washington,
Ritual Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: I move that the report be adopted. (Seconded by several, and so voted).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant, of Connecticut, read report of Resolutions Committee.

Motion by Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale of Massachusetts and seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Huston of Indiana that the Committee's recommendations as a whole be approved unless some one objects. So voted.

Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 9, 1937.

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment:
Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following report:

1. The Department of Minnesota presents a request for our endorsement of the proposed project to erect at the national cemetery at Fort Snelling a Memorial Chapel as a lasting tribute and monument to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Sons of Union Veterans, the Daughters of Union Veterans, of Minnesota, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps have entered into an agreement to incorporate a Memorial Association for the purpose of securing funds for the project.

Your Committee approves, and recommends that the requested official endorsement of this Encampment in favor of the building of the proposed memorial be granted.

2. The Department of Ohio presents a proposed resolution as follows:

"Be it Resolved by the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the managements of any and all Veterans' Homes be requested to establish and maintain Military Bands."

As the present inmates of most Veterans' Homes are those who served in the Spanish-American and World Wars, your Committee is of the opinion that action, if any, along the lines of the proposed resolution should first be taken by the Veteran organizations of those wars, and we therefore recommend that no action be taken by this Encampment.

3. A resolution comes from Gen. John A. McClernand Camp No. 4 of Illinois requesting the members of Congress from Illinois to inquire into certain reports concerning Nazi or other un-American activities throughout the United States. The resolution does not bear the endorsement of the Department of Illinois, and is addressed to the members of Congress from Illinois.

Your Committee recommends that no action be taken by this Encampment, believing that a resolution so addressed should be disposed of in the Department of Illinois.

4. From Owen Summers Camp No. 4 of Portland, Oregon, is presented a petition that action by resolution of the Encampment demanding that disbursing officers of the WPA and PWA require all foreign-born persons to produce citizenship papers before being granted employment or relief. The action sought by the proposed resolution has been taken by federal order heretofore and your Committee recommend that no action be taken by this Encampment.

5. Whereas, We who have been privileged to attend this Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now being held in this beautiful city of Madison, have been greeted with hospitality seldom equalled and never excelled, and

Whereas, Every possible provision had been anticipated, and has been provided, for our comfort and entertainment, and for the successful accomplishment of the business of this Encampment, be it

Resolved, That our sincerest thanks be, and they hereby are, extended to the Mayor, and citizens of the City of Madison; to President Dykstra, and members of his staff, including particularly Messrs. Butts, Blessner and Owens, of the University of Wisconsin, who as

our hosts have attained perfection at this delightful occasion; to Prof. Dvorak for his helpful influence in obtaining the services of the United States Marine Band; to the Madison, Wisconsin, Foundation; Col. J. W. Jackson and Miss Margaret Smith for outstanding efforts in our behalf; to the local Camp of Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary; to the newspapers and press of the City of Madison; to the Madison Concert Orchestra for its excellent contribution to our entertainment; to these and all others whose combined efforts for our accommodation and happiness, have produced an outstanding Encampment ever to be remembered; to all we extend our thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH M. GRANT, Chairman, Connecticut.
 RALPH R. BARRETT, M. D., California,
 ELIAS R. SWEET, Massachusetts,
 CHARLES WISE, Illinois,
 W. J. SCHULTZ, Ohio.

To the National Convention of the Commandery-in-Chief
 of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Whereas, A tract of land, located at Fort Snelling, consisting of 180 acres has been set aside for the establishment of a national cemetery to serve the Northwest area consisting of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin; and

Whereas, As it is planned to make this cemetery the Arlington of the West, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the Department of Minnesota, and assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, have entered into an agreement to incorporate into a Memorial Association under the laws of the State of Minnesota for the purpose of securing funds to erect a beautiful Memorial Chapel as a lasting tribute and monument to the Grand Army of the Republic in this cemetery; and

Whereas, The Department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, wish to assist this committee in every way possible to obtain the above results; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Department of Minnesota, Grand Army of the Republic, request that the Commandery-in-Chief, now in session, give their official endorsement in favor of the building of this proposed memorial.

OHIO DEPARTMENT

Columbus, Ohio, June 17, 1937.

Be It Resolved, by the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the managements of any and all Veterans Homes be requested to establish and maintain Military Bands, and that a similar resolution be prepared and presented to the Commandery-in-Chief at its meeting in Madison, Wis.

Signed by the Committee,

HOWARD F. HEALD,
 DARIUS A. WETZEL,
 WM. H. BREBE.

Approved by the Encampment.

ED S. WILSON,
 Department Secretary-Treasurer.

FRED D. PHARIS,
 Department Commander.

Whereas, Countless lives have been sacrificed for the preservation of AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS since the establishment of these UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and

Whereas, Our forefathers unstintingly responded to our country's call, when the guarantees of individual freedom of action and religious liberty without fear of persecution were endangered; and

Whereas, They were motivated by the avowed desire of preserving for posterity these sacred principles of democracy for their posterity; and

Whereas, As descendants of those patriots, it is incumbent upon us to prevent the desecration or destruction of those safeguards which formed the basis for the founding of our republic; and

Whereas, Persistent reports exist of wide spread activities throughout the Union of certain alien and UN-AMERICAN organizations aiming toward the establishment of a fascist dictatorship; and

Whereas, These aforementioned organizations are reported to be engaged in the establishment of prewar armies with the avowed purpose of undermining our established form of government for the furtherance of their subversive purposes; and

Whereas, Among their alleged activities is the alienation of the fealty of our youth to the AMERICAN FLAG and all that it represents and the transfer of such allegiance to the SWASTIKA AND THE PRINCIPLES OF NAZI GERMANY; and

Whereas, If such reports are true, immediate and drastic action is necessary to eradicate such venomous insidious and subversive influences; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By General John A. McClernand Camp No. 4, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that the members of Congress from Illinois be respectfully importuned to do all in their power to cause the investigation and determination of the truth of the reports stated in the preamble of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That if such reports are verified, that said members of Congress be further requested to require such action as may be necessary to eradicate such pernicious activities; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the members of Congress from Illinois.

Signed: MICHAEL J. BURNS,
J. W. RIPPETOE,
J. A. MARRIN.

The above resolution was read at a regular meeting of Gen. John A. McClernand Camp No. 4, and adopted by a unanimous vote.

CLYDE H. MIDDOUR,
Commander.

FRANCIS A. GIBSON,
Secretary.

OWEN SUMMERS CAMP NO. 4

Portland, Oregon, September, 1937.

Officers and Members of the National Encampment
Assembly of the Allied Organizations of the G. A. R.: *Be like
the American Eagle! Ever watchful and alert to our Country's need!—and especially now!*

To the Members of the Sons of Union Veterans—Greetings:

As a recommendation, we implore you to place a petition before the Governor and each of your City Councils of each of your respective States, to demand the disbursing officers of the WPA and PWA,

to demand all foreign-born to produce their citizenship papers before being given employment. Also, absolutely no direct or indirect relief to any foreign-born without first showing their citizenship papers.

Just think! Millions of aliens on WPA and PWA, while millions of our own loyal American citizens are in destitute circumstances! Many are sacrificing their homes in the struggle to meet their taxes in order to feed this *army of aliens*, many of whom are besmirching our flag and country, and trying to undermine our government. How much longer are you citizen taxpayers of the forty-seven sister states going to tolerate this disgraceful situation? We of Oregon have already adopted the movement. This is done in order to make peace with our own American people who are in absolute need. *Think it over—and Act!*

Copy of petition submitted, and meeting with popular unanimous approval in Oregon, and which will be presented to the Governor of Oregon and the Portland City Council in October, is as follows:

"Owen Summer's Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, organized to Perpetuate the Memory of their Fathers and our Heroes, for the Maintenance of our FREE GOVERNMENT, petition Governor Martin and the Portland City Council, to demand the disbursing officers of the WPA (Works Progress Administration) and PWA (Public Works Administration), to demand the showing of citizenship papers of all foreign-born before they are given employment, in order to make PEACE with our own AMERICAN CITIZENS who are in *absolute need*." Signed by Patriotic Organizations, taxpayers and other substantial citizens.

T. A. PENLAND, Department Commander,
 ADAH NEWGARD, Department President,
 RUTH BIGLER, Department Patriotic Instructor
 GAIL P. DIBEL, Department Counselor,
 GRACE WICK, Americanization Committee Chairman,
 Oregon Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Upon arriving in session this morning a resolution was handed me by Brother Hiland of Minnesota. The resolution is to the effect that the book "Gone With the Wind" is having a large sale, and calling attention to untrue statements.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Whereas, A certain book published under the name of "Gone With the Wind" is having a large sale and is attracting a great amount of attention because of certain vilifying statements against the Soldiers of the Federal Army, and

Whereas, It is generally conceded that these statements are made to *kindle* a feeling of hatred between the North and South and to give wrong ideas to the younger generation as to the cause of the Civil War, and

Whereas, We are generally informed that a movement is on foot to have this story put in motion pictures to be shown all over the United States; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at their Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment, that we most strenuously object to the filming of this fabrication of the true happenings during Sherman's march through Georgia, and be it further

Resolved, That we petition the Board of Film Censors to refuse the licensing of this film, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the author, Miss Mitchell, and a copy be sent to the President of the Daughters of the Confederacy; also a copy to F. P. Sherman, the son of W. T. Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) WM. J. HILAND,
Department of Minnesota.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Without entering into the merits and demerits of that book, I would say that the most successful way to advertise a film is to attack it and it seems unwise to give free advertising to this book. We recommend no action.

Past Department Commander Hiland of Minnesota: If the Daughters of the Confederacy can get such free advertising that they can get a film which will create a feeling of hatred between the North and South, what are we going to do, sit down and not make any protest whatever? Are we going to let the people think our fathers were thieves and robbers and bandits who went through Atlanta? It is absolutely against the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: What is your pleasure, gentlemen?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I would simply like to add that the committee are in full accord with the statements of the Brother, but it is futile to expect that our objection would prevent the filming of this book and it would just add the curiosity and incentive of the people to see the film if we advertised it as more will hear about it. It is for that reason, not that we don't agree with Brother Hiland.

Department Commander Brockway of New York moved and Past Commander Reeger of New Jersey seconded that the action of the Committee be approved. Adopted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I think there is one thing we do agree upon and that is that this false propaganda in the South ought to be stopped. I think it would be well to pass some resolution tending to correct the false propaganda that is emanating from certain persons in the South with regard to having the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" taken from our hymn books. I believe this is a matter upon which our organization should take some action and the time is a proper one.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: I am perfectly in sympathy with the Brother from Minnesota. I also agree with the Committee's report. If you pass that resolution just as it was offered it is going to be just advertising and going to do the film more good than anything that can happen. Do you know how you can stop that film? When it comes out stay away from it. If we stay away, the film business will lose money. That is, if we all stay away and keep our families away from it.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Brother Huston is preparing a resolution on the subject of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." We will now vote on the "Gone With the Wind" question. Those in favor of concurring with the Committee's report, please say "Aye." It is so voted.

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Moran of Massachusetts read the final report of the Council-in-Chief.

Madison, Wisconsin, Sept. 9, 1937.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1937-1938

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Per Capita Tax—24,000 members at \$.40.....	\$ 9,600.00
Less 1/3 for Permanent Fund and Historical Marker Fund...	1,600.00
	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Membership Fees—1,000 members at \$.50.....	500.00
Charter Fees—5 new Camps at \$5.00.....	25.00
Supplies	1,400.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Organization and Historical Fund available for appropriation 1/2 of \$1,600	800.00
Total	<u>\$10,775.00</u>

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

General Expenses:

Organization under direction of Commander-in-Chief....	\$ 500.00
To National Patriotic Instructor for Historical Marker..	200.00
Supplies	1,000.00
The Banner—six issues	2,520.00
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 for Marking Graves	55.00

Total \$ 8,187.50

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

\$ 1,721.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts	\$10,775.00
Estimated Disbursements	9,908.50
	<u>\$ 866.50</u>
Less balance earmarked for organization expenses..	100.00
Balance	<u>\$ 766.50</u>

With respect to the recommendation of the National Secretary-Treasurer relative to an appropriation for the official uniformed escort, your Council feels that the location of the next Encampment will necessarily determine the amount of money needed for the purpose; therefore your Council would recommend that this be left with the

incoming Council with power to allocate funds for this purpose, but not to exceed \$200.00.

The contract for The Banner having expired, we suggest that the Encampment authorize the incoming Council-in-Chief to negotiate a new contract with The Banner; that they be authorized to increase the amount to be paid to The Banner in excess of the estimated number of 24,000 at a rate of 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per copy—and that payment by The Banner for returned post cards as to improper address, be chargeable to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Chairman,
JOHN L. REEGER,
A. W. McDANIEL,

Council-in-Chief.

Council-in-Chief Moran: I move the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted and recommendations adopted.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania. So voted.

Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania: The same thing has been left to the Council-in-Chief every year. I think we should appropriate something to the Reserve to get some incentive. This way they have no incentive. I personally disagree.

National Secretary Hammer: In submitting the recommendation, do you authorize the Council-in-Chief to act or appropriate?

Chairman Moran: We will add to that "your Council would recommend that this be left with the incoming Council with power to allocate funds for this purpose."

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling of Ohio: I think it will be wise for the Council-in-Chief to name a specific sum \$100, \$200, or \$300, whatever our finances will permit us to do.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I asked the Wisconsin people to provide the Reserve with a place to sleep and sustenance up to 100 men for three days at the rate of \$1.00 per day. Colonel Jackson was very desirous of doing it. He did get us quarters for one hundred men and only fourteen men could get here. If you don't know how many are coming you cannot provide for them. It might be well not to appropriate a set amount but to give the Council power to act in case it was needed up to a certain amount. It depends entirely upon how many of our Reserve come.

National Secretary Hammer: It is immaterial to me personally what you do. Last year we paid \$137.00 and some cents. Now the question is whether or not the \$137.00 came out of our treasury or where it came from. We thought we were going to get that from the Encampment city. Five months after we sent our check to the U. S. Treasury. It was returned. The Treasury Department said it was an expense of the entertainment committee. We did not know we were going to get that back. That amount is in your funds. I suggest that some money be put away for S. V. Reserve expense attending Encampments. The Council-in-Chief was in favor of it.

Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania: I move that the Council-in-Chief add into their report \$300 for the Reserve, that the report be amended to include \$300 for the use of the Reserve.

National Secretary Hammer: I suggest that we try not more than \$200.00 or \$150.00. You are not going to provide for more than 100 men as that is the stipulation of the Grand Army.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: It seems to me that if I were running a business concern, I wouldn't spend my income before I had it. I believe we will have a larger income next year but it is not assured and this or any expenditure ought to be contingent on what we get. Ordinarily we get something from the city where we meet in convention. It would seem that the right way to do would be to put it in the hands of the incoming Council with power to act so far as our finances permit.

Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania: May I change the amount of my motion to \$200.00?

Past Department Commander Weiler of Massachusetts: I move that the recommendation be recommitted to the Council for further consideration.

Chairman Moran: The Council-in-Chief is ready and reports now: "The Council feels that the location of the next Encampment will necessarily determine the amount of money needed for the purpose; therefore your Council would recommend that this be left with the incoming Council with power to allocate funds for this purpose, but not to exceed \$200.00." I move that the recommendation be adopted.

Seconded by Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania. Motion carried.

THE BANNER—CONTRACT

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Before the Council-in-Chief report is adopted as a whole, I want to say something regarding The Banner. I don't exactly like the wording of the cost of The Banner for the coming term. In preparing the budget they specify that there shall be six issues published, the cost of that to be \$2,520.00. They further provide that the incoming Council-in-Chief in conjunction with the Commander-in-Chief and the publisher execute a contract. I was under a misapprehension in my interpretation of the report as rendered last year at Washington; I was the sufferer, thereby, because of conditions existing in the publishing business which makes it almost impossible to anticipate the cost ahead. The Banner has been issued this year without any contract and it was my understanding that it would be this year with a contract.

I went to the Council and asked that 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per issue be paid to The Banner per copy in excess of the estimated number of 24,000. I further asked that the cost of the postoffice cards as received by the publisher be taken care of by the Commandery-in-Chief and which figures \$50.00 or \$60.00 per year. With my knowledge of the publishing business, I don't see how it will be possible to issue six issues of The Banner at the stipulated price of \$2,520.00 provided we get those 1,000 new members and we have to send out copies to all of them.

It seems to me that you are putting something onto the publisher that it is almost impossible to fill.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The question of details of the contract is up to the Council and the publisher together. If we have more members, we will have more money to pay with.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There is a stipulation in the budget.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The budget is definitely based on a 24,000 membership, but why not make it entirely clear in the proceedings so that it will not be possible for misunderstanding when they come to fulfill the same. I am not a pessimist. I don't want to be in the face of present day conditions, but we can't look into the

future with any degree of certainty. It seems to me to be entirely fair that this amount is based on 24,000 circulation of The Banner and please understand this that the circulation of The Banner is not under previous action of the Commandery-in-Chief based on membership. Take a family where there are still three members living under the same roof. Is there any sense in sending three copies to that address?

Let us be fair with the editor of The Banner and make it specific and if the number be less than 24,000 we save it, and if it be more, we pay the publisher. Of course we ought to have a contract. We should have had one last year. We have had contracts previously and we got along fine. It does seem to me that we should have a recommendation so clear that there will be no debate between the publisher of our official organ and the boys. Perhaps after all the real practical way of doing that is to try to obtain from the publisher what it might or would cost per copy, per issue, and then have the Council authorized to enter into a contract based on a strictly business basis. I had some knowledge of the difficulty this year and I don't think we ought to leave here without the records showing specifically as authorized, not by an individual opinion, but it ought to be clear that it is the action of this Encampment as specified in the proceedings.

Chairman Moran: For the benefit of the members and our previous speaker, the question is somewhat mixed up. Last year we figured on $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents per issue; when it came time to issue the new contract, Brother Holbrook asked for $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents. It was the opinion of your Council that we figured on $1\frac{2}{3}$ cents, therefore we could not consent to $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents. He agreed to enter a contract on a basis of $1\frac{2}{3}$ cents. The estimated budget this year is the estimated cost based on 24,000 at $1\frac{3}{4}$ cents, the amount asked by Brother Holbrook. We don't know of any other way we could put it in there. The only thing that he is asking for now is that the Commandery-in-Chief pay for the returned postcards which come back to him.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: There is another point beyond there. The circulation may go beyond the 24,000 in which case it would exceed the stipulated amount in the budget.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I rather assume from the statement just made by the publisher that the only question he wants clarified is that if the issues exceed 24,000 then the amount of the budget—\$2,520.00, be increased proportionately as the increased cost for him of the mailing list of 24,000. I move that the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief be adopted as amended.

Seconded by several. So voted.

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin read the report of the Educational Committee regarding contests in public schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ESSAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Chairman Kremer, Wisconsin, presented a verbal report for the Committee, which decided after several meetings to formulate a plan for this Essay Contest: That it should be limited to pupils in the eighth grade, essay not to exceed five hundred words in length, neatly and legibly typewritten on one side of white paper, identified by numbers, no names to appear on essay. The name should be recorded with the teacher whose pupil submits an essay and not made known until the winning essay is announced; that the teachers are to send the winning essay to the National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of

Union Veterans of the Civil War; that the topic for 1938 shall be "THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG;" that the judges shall be three prominent citizens of each town, suggestion—one should be the Superintendent of Schools, one the Mayor or town official or prominent clergyman, and a third a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; that the Essay Contest take place in the month of May and be limited to citizens of the United States, the winner should receive a properly prepared Certificate signed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and the National Patriotic Instructor; the above tentative subject to the final decision of the Committee.

Moved by Department Commander Haag of Wisconsin and seconded by Delegate Stephan of New York that report be adopted. So voted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS— SUPPLEMENTARY

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant of Connecticut: Your Committee on Resolutions submits a supplementary report and it will be in the form of a resolution by Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston and I will ask him to read it.

Whereas, All untruths or misrepresentation of factual history are subversive to the development of the highest type of American citizenship, and

Since it appears, from some definite sources, there emanates from time to time, actions or statements which do not comport with actual facts of history,

And since efforts are now being made to have removed from all school and church song books, the song known as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," upon the protest that it is untrue to history, be it

Resolved, By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in National Encampment assembled that this body go on record as being unalterably opposed to such proposed deletion of the song in question, and respectfully request any and all members of any and all committees before whom any such question of deletion may be presented, to carefully consider the subject matter of the song before any action be taken by such committee.

We believe that the appeal to the facts of the song and its subject matter will be sufficient answer to all misrepresentations of facts in this particular regard.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I move the adoption of this resolution. (Seconded by Delegate Gallagher of Illinois).

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: I move that the report of the Resolutions Committee as a whole be adopted.

Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania.

So ordered by vote of the Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania: I report for the Greetings Committee to the Grand Army. We were very courteously and royally received and are very much pleased to return their greetings to you.

The Inside Guard announced that the Betsy Ross Quartette from Ohio were outside and would like to sing. (Sang two songs).

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND POLICY

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston, Indiana: We have a standing Committee on Program and Policy. No member has heard from our chairman this year. There has been no request made. We therefore have no report to make.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I move that we now recess until one o'clock and immediately on opening the afternoon session we proceed with the nomination and election of officers.

Seconded by Past Department Commander Heintz of Ohio. So voted.

Recessed at 11:50 a. m.

FIFTH SESSION

The Fifth Session was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Dyer at 1:20 p. m. The Guides took up the password and countersign.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant of Connecticut: My attention has been called to the fact that there are several of our voting Brothers, including our National Chaplain, who are conducting the funeral of the Grand Army Comrade who passed away this week, and therefore cannot be here to vote. They are doing a duty for us and by our request. It seems very unfortunate that they should be deprived of their right to vote, and I therefore move that those Brothers be considered present and that their vote, if they have so reported to their Chairman, be cast in this Encampment.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania: I heartily second that motion.

The motion was put and unanimously carried.

National Patriotic Instructor Barrett: Is that in accord with our By-Laws?

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: That is covered by the vote of the Encampment.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: The final report of the Credentials Committee will now be made.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credentials Committee respectfully submits its final report of this Encampment, viz:

	Present and Enrolled
Officers	9
Past Commanders-in-Chief	12
Past Department Commanders	48*
Department Commanders	14
Delegates	76
Alternate Delegates	5
Substitute Delegates	31
 Total	 <u>195</u>

(* Eight Officers Past Department Commanders).

I move the adoption of this final report and the discharge of the committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable of Pennsylvania: I second the motion. (So ordered).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Nominations are now in order for Commander-in-Chief. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Homan to take the Chair, and appoint as Tellers of the Election Department Commander Tiffany, of Michigan, and Delegate George B. Cathers, of New York. Past Commander-in-Chief Homan of Massachusetts presiding.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: I move the nomination speeches be limited to three minutes for any individual. (Seconded by several and so voted).

National Secretary: Called the roll of Departments, Alabama & Tennessee, Past Department Commander C. W. Jackman, giving way to New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York: Mr. Commander presiding, and Brothers, three minutes is not required, though possibly will be taken—indeed it would take many more than that, to tell all of the good qualities of the man whose name I am to present. This is the first time with one exception, in the history of our Order than a man has been honored, as I consider I am doing today, in nominating one of our own members for re-election to the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Dr. George Abbott was Commander-in-Chief two terms and part of another. George Abbott, known to very few of you who are present, was a wonderful organizer, a wonderful character, and a splendid man, very much like our present Commander-in-Chief. Indeed they are very similar in many of their ways. Splendid organizers, able, bright, intelligent, devoted to the Order and well worth while. You know of the work which Brother Dyer has done for you and our Organization at large throughout the past year. It is not necessary for me to go into details at all. A year ago, and for eighteen years, we were losing members by the thousands, and we were looking for a leader to lead us out of the wilderness and you elected William Allan Dyer. His report shows to you—to us all—that he was a worthy Moses, and he has led us out of the wilderness. Now we want a Moses who will lead us through the Red Sea, so that those walls of water will come together and cut off forever those great losses in membership;—and through the closing of those waters, if we choose again the Moses who led us the past year, we feel certain—at least those of us from New York—that we have the Moses to take us across the Red Sea—and give us an administration the coming year like that we had during the year just passing.

Gentlemen, I ask today for the re-election of William Allan Dyer of New York as your Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church of Illinois: I know, fellows, I am one of the old members in this Order—since 1886. I have loved this Order probably beyond anything else in my social experience. I have worked for it. I have done everything I could to advance the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and I am still ready to carry on. There comes a time when we are obliged to consider men and circumstances. I believe we have arrived at that occasion today. We have had an outstanding administration during the past year. We have gone through strenuous times in this Order. We have endured grave losses. We have seen our membership slipping away from us. We have had a Commander-in-Chief courageous enough to tackle that proposition and gallantly lead us. If we can impose upon our Commander-in-Chief the duties of our Order for another year, what do you fellows say?

We have got to recognize efficiency when it comes to us, and we have had it in the past year. We have had both ability and efficiency. We have had performance,—and it has added to the increase in membership and morale. Let's go on. I take great pleasure personally, without speaking for anyone but myself, in seconding the nomination of Brother Dyer for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. I hope Brothers, you will endorse him.

Delegate John T. Bond of Maryland: Brother Homan and members of the Encampment—I have given this matter great study and consideration. This organization must have leadership. When we pick a man for Commander-in-Chief, we want leadership. We want men who can do our work and who will work. Maryland would like to second the nomination of Brother Dyer.

Past Department Commander James M. Adams of Michigan: Forty years ago, more or less, a young man was attending high school in the hills down in the southwestern part of the State of Michigan. His father had enlisted in the Civil War several years before that time. His son found it to his advantage to work during every school vacation and to save his money for the following year. He obtained one summer a job with a contractor who was building close by the Court House of the town in which he lived. One day he asked his boss if he thought he was as smart for his age as the men who went in and out of the Court House every day. His boss said he was and it was then that he decided to study law. He was graduated from high school and college and shortly after was admitted to the Bar of the State of Michigan. He was soon recognized as a man of more than ordinary ability and integrity. He was later elected to the office of the Prosecuting Attorney, which office he held for a period of four consecutive years. Then he was appointed County Attorney, which office he held for twelve years. He was a member of the State Legislature for four years. He was County Commissioner for twenty years and has that office at the present time. He is a man of sterling character—a man of whom no one can truly say anything against his character.

When in Washington, D. C., the present Commander-in-Chief called for volunteers, he was the first man to bring two members into his Camp. Brothers, you and I elected this man as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at Washington—and I am asking you to raise him one step higher in order that he may fill the office upon which he has his heart and soul set. It is with pleasure and pride that I present to you for your careful consideration the name of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch of Allegan, Michigan.

Delegate W. R. Boyce of Minnesota: It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Brother Fouch. He visited our State Encampment and stayed with us and endeared himself to every one there. I am sure that he is a worthy man to become Commander-in-Chief; therefore it gives me great pleasure to second the name of Brother Fouch.

Department Commander William J. Schultz of Ohio: In seconding the nomination of Brother Fouch—last year there was a political deal pulled off in Washington in which it was agreed that if Dyer was elected Commander-in-Chief, Fouch would be elected this year. We demand that the East keep their word with the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. If you don't keep your word with this man, why you've left it in the hands of the Past Commanders-in-Chief and they haven't done a solitary thing. There is a clique that is ruling here, and it is up to the West to do what is right. It is up to the East to keep its word with Fouch by electing him Commander-in-Chief this year. I thank you.

Protests at the statements of the speaker were heard over the room. Order was restored by the Presiding Officer.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania: I desire as Brother Church of Illinois did, as an individual, and not attempting to speak for other members of the Pennsylvania Department—who

can speak and act for themselves—to second the nomination of Brother Dyer as Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

I second the nomination of the man whom I believe to be deserving, because he has been tried and has succeeded, and because I feel that the best interests of this Organization at this time, call for the unusual action of re-electing Brother William Allan Dyer as Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander Sweet of Massachusetts: I am from the East, and I believe that a reflection has been cast upon Massachusetts as an Eastern State. I was Department Commander of Massachusetts last year and was re-elected this year. We from Massachusetts use our own minds. I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother William Allan Dyer.

On motion, the nominations were closed.

Past Department Commander Phil Byron of Illinois: May I ask for a recess so that our delegation can get together.

Chairman Homan: No, we will go right along.

The Secretary called the roll of Departments in order. The vote was announced. Total votes cast 164 of which Brother Dyer received 128 and Brother Fouch 36, Departments voting as follows:

	For Dyer	For Fouch
Alabama & Tennessee	1	0
California & Pacific	6	4
Colorado & Wyoming	1	0
Connecticut	5	0
Illinois	8	6
Indiana	14	0
Iowa	7	2
Kansas	1	0
Maine	5	0
Maryland	4	0
Massachusetts	13	0
Michigan	0	11
Minnesota	0	5
Missouri	2	0
Nebraska	2	0
New Hampshire	3	0
New Jersey	4	0
New York	14	0
Ohio	1	8
Oregon	1	0
Pennsylvania	24	0
Rhode Island	2	0
Vermont	1	0
Washington	2	0
Wisconsin	11	0
	128	36

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I move that the election of Brother William Allan Dyer be made unanimous.

Seconded by several. By acclamation, the election of William Allan Dyer as Commander-in-Chief was made unanimous.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. I have sincerely tried this past year to do all that I could for our Organization—all that you expected of

me. I think it is fair to say that I have not sought this re-election—nor did I seek the nomination last year as your Commander-in-Chief—and no deal of any kind was made to secure it. It is also fair to say that I have nothing personal to gain further by this re-election except your continued good will, though I esteem more deeply than I can say the honor you have shown me. You have already given me all the honors which it is in the power of our loved Organization to bestow. You will realize that in accepting this high honor, it is done in modesty and with the knowledge that whatever service I shall be able to give you will be entirely unselfish, as it has always been—but is peculiarly so now.

By your unanimous approval of the budget which you have adopted, and which calls for the securing of one thousand new members this coming year, we have, every one of us, pledged our full individual efforts to the accomplishment of that objective—and if I am willing to give another year of my life to our loved Order, so, I am sure you too will and have pledged to do the same—and on that pledge, I as your chosen Commander-in-Chief, and our whole Order confidently reply. I want to thank you, everyone, that is all.

Nominations are now in order for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Secretary called the roll of Departments.

Department Commander Glass of California & Pacific: There is a Brother from Ohio who has been a resident of Huntington Park, California, for the past years. He has held various offices in our Order and it gives me great pleasure to propose for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, our present National Patriotic Instructor.

Past Commander-in-Chief Homan of Massachusetts: I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of the Brother from California.

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin: I move the nomination be now closed and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Dr. Barrett for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Seconded by several, so ordered, and ballot cast).

National Patriotic Instructor Barrett: I thank the members of this Encampment for the honor bestowed upon me. I accept, and in this acceptance I wish to pledge myself to our Commander-in-Chief to do all in my power to forward the work of the Order. I have found it a pleasure working with him this past year and look forward to another pleasant and successful year together.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Nominations are now in order for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll of Departments. No nominations were made until Wisconsin was reached.

Department Commander Haag of Wisconsin: I place in nomination Past Department Commander W. R. Graves of Wisconsin for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (The nomination was seconded by several).

Past Department Commander Kremer of Wisconsin: I move that the nominations be closed and the Secretary ordered to cast one ballot for Brother Graves. (Seconded by several and so ordered).

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: Nominations are now in order for members of the Council-in-Chief.

The Secretary called the roll of Departments to Connecticut.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant of Connecticut: I rise with particular pride this afternoon to nominate for a member of the Council-in-Chief a man who has made good in full measure this year. A de-

voted member of our Order, of many years standing, it is a pleasure to name Robert T. Alcorn, Past Department Commander of Connecticut.

(Roll call proceeded to Maine).

Department Commander Webster of Maine: We have never asked for a great deal from Maine, but I would like to have you take into consideration the name of a man who has worked hard in the interests of our Order. I nominate Past Department Commander Albert B. DeHaven of Maine.

(Roll call continued).

Delegate Earl Ross of Ohio: I have a young man for the job of Council, Past Department Commander Jonas P. Shrieve of Ohio.

Past Department Commander Shrieve of Ohio: I appreciate what the boys are doing for me, but I wish to withdraw my name.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch of Pennsylvania: I rise to place in nomination the name of a man who has made good on the Council-in-Chief this past year. I take pleasure in presenting the name of Past Department Commander John L. Reeger of New Jersey.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston of Indiana. We have another man already on the Council whom I would like to place in nomination. He has been our Department Secretary for many years. "Old Faithful," we call him. I take pleasure in nominating A. W. McDaniel of Indiana, Past Department Commander—and now a member of the Council-in-Chief.

By vote of the Encampment the nominations were closed and the ballot ensued.

VOTE FOR COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

	Alcorn	DeHaven	Reeger	McDaniel
Alabama & Tennessee	1	1	1	
California & Pacific	7		7	7
Colorado & Wyoming	1		1	1
Connecticut	5		5	5
Illinois	13		13	13
Indiana	15		15	15
Iowa	5		5	5
Kansas	1		1	1
Maine	5	5	5	
Maryland	4		4	4
Massachusetts	15	0	15	6
Michigan	11	11	11	
Minnesota	5	5		5
Missouri	2		2	2
Nebraska	2		2	2
New Hampshire	3	3	3	
New Jersey	4		4	4
New York	14	2	12	14
Ohio	8		8	8
Oregon	1		1	1
Oregon	1		1	1
Pennsylvania	16	14	24	20
Rhode Island	2	2	2	
Vermont	1	1	1	
Vermont	3	3	3	
Washington	3		3	12
Wisconsin	12		12	
	<u>155</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>125</u>

The tellers announced the result as follows:

Robert T. Alcorn of Connecticut.....	155
Albert B. DeHaven of Maine.....	55
John L. Reeger of New Jersey.....	156
A. W. McDaniel of Indiana	125

Brothers Reeger, Alcorn and McDaniel were declared elected.

Past Department Commander DeHaven of Maine: Maine didn't come out here for anything, and didn't get anything and so we are not disappointed. I propose that we make this a unanimous vote for the three men elected. (So voted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling of Ohio: May I make a motion that the minutes as taken by our stenographer and edited by the Commander-in-Chief be declared the official minutes of the Encampment, the Encampment Committees be discharged—and that we meet next year at the time and place designated by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The motion was duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Installation of the newly-elected officers took place according to the Ritual, with Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon of New York acting as Installing Officer, and Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter of Pennsylvania as Guide.

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On inquiry by the Installing Officer of the Commander-in-Chief as to whom he wished to name as the appointive officers, Commander-in-Chief Dyer responded: "I will reappoint as Chaplain, Brother William V. Dickinson, who has been out during this session officiating at the funeral of a comrade of the Grand Army. For National Counselor, I will reappoint Judge H. S. Howard of Vermont—son of General O. O. Howard—and for National Patriotic Instructor I appoint Department Commander Rev. John M. Dunlavy of Missouri."

National Patriotic Instructor Dunlavy of Missouri: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I want to thank you for conferring this honor on me. I accept and promise I will do my best to fulfill the duties of the office. I thank you, indeed.

After the Officers were inducted into their offices and assumed their Stations, Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon addressed himself to the Commander-in-Chief and said: Commander-in-Chief, a number of times during my membership in this Commandery-in-Chief, I have been given the pleasure of presenting a badge. I do not recollect of any time that I have taken the pleasure of presenting a Past Commander's badge as I do at this moment. It goes without saying that I am fond of Will Dyer. He is a magnificent fellow as a friend. He is a magnificent fellow to have as your Commander-in-Chief. A year ago, I told you he would give you an administration of which you would be justly proud, and today you have proven to me that you are willing to agree that my statements were true, and you have re-elected him—something that has occurred but once before.

Brother Dyer, I know how hard you have worked, and of your enthusiasm. I feel sorry for one person and that is your good wife. I don't know whether she knows if she has a husband or not. You are one of the "has been's." You are also one of the "go-getters" and that is the most important thing of all. We welcome you into the organization which was described a few moments ago as a "clique"—and by heavens, I am glad there is such a clique—if to be a member of it means unselfish devotion to our Order—to build it up and not tear it down.

I am going to ask Brother Fred Barnard, one of your most faith-

ful friends and helpers, to pin this Past Commander's badge on your breast.

Past Department Commander Barnard of New York: Commander-in-Chief, you notice those tears coming down. I wanted to say something before, but I am subject to emotion. You are my friend. I am proud to be performing this little act of friendship. A year ago, Brothers, Commander Dyer appointed me as his Personal Aide. I was hesitant about accepting that position, for I knew it meant more work and I felt I couldn't do any more. I had given a great deal of time to this Organization, but I want you to know that it has been a pleasure to serve you even though I feel that I have done very little the past year.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I am appointing Fred Barnard my Personal Aide again, this year. (Applause).

COMRADE JEFFRIES OBSEQUIES

National Chaplain Dickinson of Connecticut: I would like to report on the funeral. We went over to the Woman's Relief Corps and they appointed me to conduct the services. We had only one disturbing feature and that was that the photographers insisted on taking pictures. Colonel Jackson and the Mayor were there. It is a fitting tribute to our Comrade. Next time I am going to have something in my pocket which will make a more impressive service. It went over very, very well. It was a great privilege for me. I just imagined that it might have been one of your fathers or my grandfather. It is a very great thing that we can do this for the Comrades.

I thank you for the privilege of doing this for the Commander-in-Chief. He has been perfectly wonderful to me and I am very glad that he has been chosen for another year. I am going to join in making his year a pleasant one.

RADIO "TRUE BLUE" BROADCASTS

Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale of Massachusetts: I'd just like to tell the Commandery what we are doing in Massachusetts. We have just inaugurated a new program on the radio of dramatizing stories of the Civil War. We have a script writer and well-trained actors. We call them "True Blue Stories;" true, because they are authentic and true blue because they signify the loyalty to our flag throughout the four years of the rebellion. We feel that in this way we are reaching into homes that never before knew the history of our flag.

We have a song that we love to sing—"Who Will Tell the Story When the Boys in Blue Are Gone?" They are going fast; one of them went today and what about tomorrow? One way to do it is by means of our True Blue Stories and we hope you will all listen in to them on the radio.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I want to thank every one who has helped me during this convention. I hope you have all been satisfied with the arrangements we have had here. I think we have had a convention that will last in our memories. We certainly had beautiful surroundings. We have gotten together nicely. I have tried to be impartial and fair as I could and I hope also you will believe in my sincerity for the Organization.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Commander-in-Chief Dyer, other members of the Staff, and members of our splendid Organization, I want you to know that I appreciate the honor bestowed

upon me. In accepting this appointment, I deem it a privilege because of my father who served with Abraham Lincoln, and I thank you.

National Secretary Hammer: I have a few more communications to read.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6, 1937.

Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Regret my inability to be with you, business prevents. Wish you a successful and harmonious Encampment.

HARRY M. COEN,
Past Department Commander, Illinois.

Stockton, Cal., Sept. 4, 1937.

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Horace:

It is with deep regret that I find myself unable to attend the coming National Encampment. I had hoped until the last minute that I would be able to attend, but I am just recovering from a severe sick spell and the Doctor told me that the trip would be too hard for me. So I must forego the pleasure this year, but I hope that I will be able to attend next year. You know it is many years since I have missed an Encampment. Give all the boys my best regards and wishing you a harmonious and prosperous Encampment, I am,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

W. J. HICKOX.

3755 Hyde Park Ave, Hyde Park,
Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 1, 1937.

Mr. Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans,
995 James Street, Syracuse, N. Y.

My dear Brother Dyer:

Your second letter regarding the Encampment at Madison should have been answered long ago; but as I told you in my previous communication my personal affairs are considerably upset at the present time and I shall find it impossible to be present on this occasion, much as I should like to.

However, I do want to add my voice to the chorus which I know will arise at this Encampment in praise of your efforts during the past year. I know you have put forth great effort and you have achieved telling results. You are certainly entitled to superlative commendation. If I were present at the convention I certainly should nominate you for re-election. I assure you it is with deepest regret that I find it impossible to do more at the present time.

I wish you would present this letter at the Encampment with the very sincere and heartfelt good wishes to everyone there from a humble servant of former years.

Yours in fraternity,

W. M. COFFIN.

Mount Vernon, New York, Sept. 4, 1937.

Mr. William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Commander:

I feel very sorry that I cannot meet with the Sons in their Annual Encampment this year. I should like to be present to hear your splendid report of a year of unusual activity and fine results in the organization of which you have been the proud executive.

Coming as it does at the opening of the school year makes it impossible for me to be away for a week and then in addition to that the job of being Rotary District Governor has filled my spare time to such an extent that I cannot be away from my office. The third reason is that my District Assembly will be held Friday and Saturday of this next week and that requires my presence. So I beg of you to accept my regrets at my inability to attend. Say to my friends of many years that I am thinking of them and that I wish the organization success and that your efforts to rebuild the Order will not be in vain.

Cordially yours,

CHARLES F. SHERMAN,
District Governor.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: I think we should hear from our newly-elected Junior Vice Commander.

Junior Vice Commander Graves: The boys from Wisconsin know that I am a man of few words and I have no speech to make this afternoon, but I pledge to you my time and ability which will be at your service and I trust that the opportunity may come during the year to recompense all for the honor the Wisconsin Department has given me today.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: For the benefit of those who were not here yesterday, I want to present Bob Alcorn who brought to his Camp 124 new members and \$1,200.00 in money. Bob, you have been a great help and inspiration to me this year. All I could do was to cite you publicly. It is a real joy to me that you have been made a member of the staff today.

Past Department Commander Alcorn of Connecticut: I appreciate the honor that was conferred on me this afternoon. It was absolutely unexpected. I fully appreciate that honor, boys, but nevertheless I do not consider it as a reward. I accept it as a gift from the Organization. I pledge to you that I will do all in my power to further increase the membership of our Order.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer: If there is no further objection, I now declare the Fifty-sixth Annual Convention of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War duly closed until next year at the time and place designated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army.

In ceremonial form adjourned at 3:35 p. m. following the benediction by the National Chaplain.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Madison, Wisconsin.

WM. ALLAN DYER,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES, AUXILIARY AND SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR—GREAT HALL. MEMORIAL UNION, MADISON, WISCONSIN, MONDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 6, 1937, 3:30 O'CLOCK.

Joint Memorial Services were held on Monday afternoon in Great Hall of the Memorial Union. National Chaplain Mary Simonds and Rev. Wm. V. Dickinson, National Chaplain, arranged a very fitting and impressive service for this occasion.

The processional led by National Chaplain Mary Simonds and National Chaplain Rev. Dickinson included members of the Auxiliary and Sons of Union Veterans, who paid tributes to the departed members of their individual states. While the Color Guards stood at attention, Sister Emma Bolt played "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" and the processional advanced to drape the charter.

Draping of Auxiliary Charter—Edith Niles, Ohio, Past Department President.

Draping of Camp Charter—Benjamin G. Haag, Wisconsin, Department Commander.

After the charters were draped the processional continued to the platform, while Sister Emma Bolt played "Nearer My God to Thee." A sheaf of red roses was deposited on the altar in loving memory of Past National President Frances Fox Moynihan and Past National President Libbie Meis. In memory of departed Brothers a sheaf of white flowers was deposited. A single rose was placed in memory of deceased Past Department Presidents.

Invocation, National Chaplain Mary Simonds: The purpose of this service is to pay our tribute of love and respect to the memories of the deceased Sisters and Brothers of our Order and of the "Unknown dead of the War of the Rebellion."

"I am the resurrection and life. He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live again."

Bless the principles and ideals of our beautiful Order and may we be an ever increasing force for good; unite us in loyalty of purpose and finally bind us closely together in devotion to Home and Country, and to Thyself.

This we ask in the Name of Him who taught us when we pray to say, "Our Father, etc."—by Assembly.

Invocation—National Chaplain Rev. Wm. V. Dickinson.

Solo, "Crossing the Bar"—Rev. Frank C. Huston, Past Commander-in-Chief; accompanist, Sister Emma Bolt.

We have lost 435 members since our last Encampment who were loyal to the order, two National and seven Department officers included.

"They are not dead who live
In hearts they leave behind."

Suitable tributes were paid to the memories of

Past National President Frances Fox Moynihan by Sister Past National President Mayme Dwyer;

Past National President Mrs. Libbie Meis by Sister Past National President Gertrude Sautter; and a like tribute to

Department President Marlon Bradley by Sister Mary Bassett of Connecticut; also to

Past Department President Jennie Fuller by Sister Abbie Brush of Illinois;

Past Department President Cora Shelton by Sister Lulu Richard of Indiana;

Past Department President Stella Harbuer by Sister Bertha Reynolds of Maryland;

Past Department President Manolia Hollister by Sister Lila Macey of New York;

Past Department President Jennie Lightcap by Sister Carrie Heabner of Pennsylvania;

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TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS, SONS OF UNION VETERANS

National Chaplain Wm. V. Dickinson: Unlike our Sisters, the Sons of Union Veterans this past year, have not had the sorrow which you have had. We have not lost any of our Past Commanders-in-Chief, but unfortunately we have lost others who have served as part of the Commandery-in-Chief Department.

George E. Cox, Connecticut, served as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, died December 17, 1936.

James E. Seabert, Illinois, who served as National Secretary, died April 28, 1937.

Leon W. Friedman, Alabama & Tennessee, Past Department Commander of those two states, served as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, died on May 31, 1937.

Wm. R. McGirr, Pennsylvania, who served on the Council-in-Chief, died June 16, 1937.

Fred J. Phillips, Illinois, who served on the Council-in-Chief, died June 26, 1937.

We regret the loss of these men who have given much to our National organization and we feel very sad because they are no longer with us. We place upon the altar in memory, a bouquet of flowers to remember them, and to all others, who have gone to the Great Beyond.

Brother Ben G. Haag places a sheaf of white flowers on the altar, saying, "In memory of our Brothers who have passed to the Great Beyond, I place these flowers."

Tribute to Memory of All Deceased Members of Sons of Union Veterans—National Chaplain Rev. Dickinson.

TRIBUTE TO PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

National Chaplain Rev. Wm. Dickinson: Although we have lost some of our National Officers who served at one time or another, among them were a number of Past Department Commanders:

November, 1936—Joseph A. McGee, Past Dept. Com., Kansas.
 December 6, 1936—Wm. H. Pensyl, Past Dept. Com., Pennsylvania.
 January 27, 1937—Joseph M. James, Past Dept. Com., Illinois.
 February 22, 1937—Albert L. Pauley, Past Dept. Com., Indiana.
 March 9, 1937—Isaac H. Smith, Past Dept. Com., New York.
 May, 1937—Alonzo P. Elliott, Past Dept. Com., New Hampshire.
 May 16, 1937—Freeman H. Hoyt, Past Dept. Com., New Hampshire.

Is there any Brother in the room who at this time would like to pay a short tribute to any of our Brothers? We will give you a little time so that you can do this.

TRIBUTE TO ALBERT L. PAULEY

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston: Albert Pauley is deserving of a little more mention than he has already received. Brother Pauley passed away very suddenly in February in Indiana. He and Mrs. Pauley had no children of their own, but they spent their time and gave unstintingly for whatever good cause it happened to be. Brother Pauley perhaps had given his car for transportation of more Grand Army men than any other Brother in the State of Indiana, and anywhere a Grand Army man wanted to go, Albert never questioned how far or what the expense was. He was a loyal Son of Union Veteran and Spanish-American War Veteran, and was proud of his love and loyalty to the Sons of Union Veterans.

While I am on my feet some of you perhaps noticed in the newspaper the mention of the tragic death of our own Camp Counselor, Arthur W. Demaree, who was shot by a bandit and died very shortly thereafter. His son, shot by the same bandit, is still living. We have lost much in the loss of Brother Demaree.

I am here to speak these humble words as a tribute to these Brothers.

Solo, "Shadows," by Rev. Huston, accompanist Sister Emma Bolt.

Responsive Reading:

Chaplain: What is true religion before God the Father?

Assembly: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Chaplain: What is true charity?

Assembly: To be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another.

Chaplain: As we brought nothing into this world we can take nothing out.

Assembly: The Lord gave, the Lord taketh away; Blessed be His name.

Chaplain: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Attention.

Benediction—National Chaplain Dickinson.

Song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"—Assembly. Accompanist, Sister Emma Bolt.

"Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again."

Taps—Boy Scout Ted Haspell.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 3, 1937.

Mr. Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
995 James Street,
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Commander Dyer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter expressing your thanks to the citizens of Madison for the courtesies extended to your group during the G. A. R. convention.

I assure you that everyone in Madison was pleased and honored by your presence and trust that we may again have the privilege of being host city to the fine group that comprise the membership of your various organizations.

Very truly yours,

JAMES R. LAW,
Mayor.

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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	June 30, 1937 Membership. Delegates	
Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	57	2
California & Pacific...	19	July 1, 1886	706	8
Colorado & Wyoming..	25	Mar. 22, 1929	204	3
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	1421	15
Illinois	10	July 1883	807	9
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	804	9
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	295	4
Kansas	9	June 1883	313	4
Maine	4	April 10, 1883	1007	11
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	369	5
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	4222	43
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	479	6
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	214	3
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	244	3
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884		2
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	668	8
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	800	9
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	2422	25
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1885	20
Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	154	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	4996	51
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	359	5
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	619	7
Washington	23	Jan. 1, 1890	166	3
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	531	6

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 E. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George E. 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. Amles	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	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	105 Hampton Ave., Wilkesburg, 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	2957 The Field Building, 129 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 Hyde Park 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 Pino 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.
1932	Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	314 North Jefferson Street, 610 Main St., Hellertown, Pa.
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	518 Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	20 Burr St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	995 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Sons of Veterans

1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1882	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania	
1883	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†Edwin Earp	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	†*Louis M. Wagner	Pennsylvania	
1885	†*Louis M. Wagner		
1886	†*Louis M. Wagner		

The Post System

1889-90	†George W. Marks	New York	Brooklyn, New York
1890	†*George T. Brown	New York	

Honor Conferred by Commandery-in-Chief

1883	*A. P. Davis	Pennsylvania	
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania	

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. 18-20	Denver	Colorado
48th	1929	Sept. 10-12	Portland	Maine
49th	1930	Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
50th	1931	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
51st	1932	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
52nd	1933	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
53rd	1934	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
54th	1935	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
55th	1936	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
56th	1937	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin

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