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## PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

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### ENCAMPMENT DIVINE SERVICE

A Special Patriotic Service was conducted by National Chaplain, Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, with the approval of and in co-operation with Dr. G. L. Powell, the Minister, and the Executives of the various National Bodies. Service was held in the Smithfield Methodist Church Sunday morning, August 27. The National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans used as his theme, "The Greater Works." Besides the Minister and the National Chaplain, the following guests of honor occupied seats on the pulpit platform:

Past Commander-in-Chief Willett, G. A. R., of Tama, Iowa.

Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y., Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Mrs. Rhoda D. Moss, Seattle, Wash., President W. R. C.

Mrs. Edwina P. Twigg, Kansas City, Mo., President Ladies G. A. R.

Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, Girard, Ohio, President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans.

Wm. L. Anderson, W. Roxbury, Mass., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans.

Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, Chaplain-in-Chief, G. A. R.

Rev. Joshua C. Pearce, Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army, offered the closing prayer. It was reported by the ushers that the attendance was approximately 375.

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### MEETING NATIONAL FEDERATED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

The twentieth annual meeting of the National Federated Patriotic Societies was held in the gold ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., Sunday, August 27, at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, National President, presiding. Colors were advanced by the pages and the meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance by the Patriotic Instructor, Elizabeth L. Kothe, and Invocation by the Chaplain, Margaret C. Brady.

A very fine representation of the affiliated groups were present. Reports were heard from the Officers and Departments. It was the opinion of many that the need of the Federation was very definite and if contacts were made among local groups new Units could become a part of the Federation.

Several Past National Presidents of the affiliated orders were in attendance, as well as the present leaders: Mrs. Rhoda Denny Moss of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Edwina P. Twigg of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; William L. Anderson, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mrs. Anne Lockyer, National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons, was taken very ill at her hotel and was unable to be present. We were also sorry that Miss Kate G. Raynor, Past National President of the Federation, was absent due to serious accident prior to the Convention.

A splendid report was read by the National President, Mrs. Kuhns. Other officers made interesting comments on their work for the year. Mrs. Mary J. Love, Secretary-Treasurer, gave a complete record of

the minutes and finances. Officers elected for the coming year were: President, William L. Anderson; Vice President, Edwina P. Twigg; Chaplain, Rhoda Denny Moss; Patriotic Instructor, Anne Lockyer; and serving for her last year, Mrs. Love as Secretary-Treasurer.

It was voted to again have printed reports of the meeting in full and all Departments and Units are urged to send their names and addresses to the Secretary, that copies of same may be mailed them.

The banquet was held at 5:30 p. m., in the blue room, and was most enjoyable. Toast was given to the Grand Army by Mrs. Moss; to the Federation by Mrs. Twigg; and to the Flag by Chaplain Mrs. Brady, for Mrs. Lockyer. Brother Anderson was the principal speaker and gave a splendid address on the ideals and purposes of our citizenship and as the newly elected National President of the Federation outlined a few objectives for the coming year, asking support of all the groups in making it a bigger and better Federation. Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans, gave the Benediction.

#### PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL TABLET MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1939

Ceremonies opened in the General Library on the fifth floor of the Cathedral of Learning of the University of Pittsburgh, by Brother Charles A. Locke, of Davis Star Camp, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Prayer given by National Chaplain. Chairman Charles A. Locke gave a most excellent address on the life of Abraham Lincoln, which gave a true life picture of the Great Emancipator, bringing to the audience many every day pictures.

The audience sang in unison "America."

Chairman Locke introduced National Patriotic Instructor Albert B. DeHaven, of Sanford, Maine. Brother DeHaven, in giving the address of presentation, pointed out the fact that Lincoln's address was more than an address; that the hand that wrote the address originally must have been inspired by God; that the address was really a message that could be analyzed in three parts. First: the institution of our nation; second: the condition of Country when address took place; and thirdly: a prophecy of the future with this government being of the people, by the people and for the people, and how true that proved. He mentioned the fact that the many students, who must in the course of their education in this institution, become inspired by the message on this tablet, and thus inspired go out into the world and in the course of their lives strive to hold our government to the constitutional form that has proved so successful.

Chairman Locke introduced Dr. Fitzgerald, Provost of the University of Pittsburgh, who represented the institution.

National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven then formally presented, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to Provost Dr. Fitzgerald, and through him to the University of Pittsburgh, the Bronze Tablet of Lincoln's address, given at Gettysburg battlefield dedication, with the thought that if any student should become inspired and thus a better citizen, we would feel well repaid.

Provost Dr. Fitzgerald accepted the Tablet on behalf of the University of Pittsburgh, and stated that he could not help thinking that many students must surely become inspired. Dr. Fitzgerald gave a splendid description of the Cathedral of Learning, in which the Tablet was placed. In closing he presented on behalf of the University of Pittsburgh to the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of

the Civil War, a bronze medallion, to become a part of the archives of our Order, in commemoration of this event. (A reproduction appears herewith):



On the reverse side appears the following inscription:

"They shall find wisdom here and faith—in  
steel and stone—in character and thought—  
they shall find beauty—adventure—and mo-  
ments of high victory."

Chairman Locke then introduced Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, Sr., who gave very interesting remarks regarding Lincoln, his address and its influence.

The exercises closed by singing the last verse of "America."

Arrangements were in charge of Carl Ruhe, of Davis Star Camp.

#### ENCAMPMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Joint Memorial Service for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans was held Monday afternoon, August 28, in the English Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel. This was in charge of the National Chaplains, Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, and Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, assisted by Mr. C. A. Frederick, Pianist, and Mr. Frank Johnson, Soloist. Color bearers were Emma Morton King, Mary Munnell, Bertha Oehmler and Bessie Warden. Taps were sounded by Boy Scouts James McKay of Troop 17 and Fred Bohn of Troop 79.

Tributes were paid to Past Commanders-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton, Harry D. Sisson by Past Department Commander Sweet of Massachusetts. Past Commander-in-Chief Samuel S. Horn presented a tribute to Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch. The Auxiliary presented a floral tribute in memory of all the members who have passed away during the year. Every floral tribute represented a Department. The names of those who have passed away during the year who were mem-

bers of the Commandery-in-Chief were read by the National Chaplain. After a moment of silence the Boy Scouts sounded taps and National Chaplain Craig pronounced the benediction.

The following are brief tributes to the Past Commanders-in-Chief and the Past National Patriotic Instructor:

**Fred E. Bolton.** The history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would not be complete without a large place being given to the leadership and the service of Fred E. Bolton, who had been a member of the organization for more than fifty years. He was elected Commander of the Massachusetts Division in 1895. He was made Commander-in-Chief in 1910. Following high honors that have been conferred upon him he never lost interest in the success of the organization as a whole. He was a man of outstanding ability and had served in civic affairs and in Masonic Bodies. He passed away on October 2, 1938, while on a trip to Cuba.

**Harry D. Sisson.** Like his friend, Fred E. Bolton, he was very active in fraternal and civic affairs. He had served his City, Pittsfield, Mass., as Tax Collector, Assessor and Mayor. He had also served in the State Legislature. He was a member of the Masonic Bodies. In 1886 he was elected Commander of Massachusetts Division and in 1919 at Columbus, Ohio, he was elected Commander-in-Chief. Quiet and gracious in his manner with a pleasant personality, he made those with whom he came in contact to feel that he was a friend indeed. The National Chaplain pays tribute to him as a friend, having been appointed to this high office by Brother Sisson. Harry D. Sisson passed to his eternal rest November 5, 1938.

**Titus M. Ruch.** Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch was a charter member of Weaver Camp No. 295, of Hellertown, Pa. For forty-six years he was an active member of the organization. He was likewise connected with the Masonic Bodies and other fraternal organizations. For many years he was Superintendent of the Sunday School, to which he gave a fine constructive leadership. He was made Commander-in-Chief in 1932. His funeral service was one of the largest that Northampton County has seen in many years. He passed to his reward July 6, 1939.

**National Patriotic Instructor, Rev. John M. Dunlavy.** Rev. John M. Dunlavy was born June 3, 1875, at Chapman, Kansas, and died October 9, 1938, at St. Louis, Mo. At the time of his death he was serving his third term as Department Commander of Missouri, of the Sons of Union Veterans. Those who knew him best recognized in him an outstanding personality, of earnest pious disposition and an eager passion for souls that eminently fitted him to be an ideal pastor and leader. The success of our organization and the pleasant relationships which existed among its members and affiliate organizations have been due in a large measure to the genial welcome and the generous hospitality that Brother Dunlavy always extended to those with whom he came in contact.

The following Past Department Commanders have died during the year:

- California & Pacific—Fred I. Dunster, September 25, 1938.
- Connecticut—Willis B. Barber, March 28, 1939.
- Kansas—Samuel White, December, 1938.
- Maryland—Herbert W. Rutledge, February 10, 1939.
- Frank A. DeGroot, September 9, 1938.
- Michigan—Frederick C. Stilson, January 25, 1939.
- Ohio—Wm. B. Martin, January 16, 1939.
- Aubrey E. Hess, May 5, 1939.



Pennsylvania—Dallas Dillinger, Jr., May 28, 1939.  
 Vermont—Chas. C. Daniels, September, 1938.  
 Carl C. Rollins, December, 1938.  
 Wisconsin—Chas. H. Hudson, February 12, 1939.  
 (also Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

#### Requiescat\*

Now the laborer's task is o'er; now the battle day is past;  
 Now upon the Farther Shore lands the voyager at last.  
 There the tears of earth are dried; there its hidden things are clear  
 There the work of life is tried by a juster Judge than here.  
 "Earth to earth and dust to dust," calmly now the words we say;  
 Left behind, we wait in trust, for the resurrection day.

—John Ellerton.

\*Methodist Hymnal.

### DEPARTMENT SECRETARY-TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION

Eight Departments were represented at the dinner meeting of the Department Secretaries and Treasurers held on Monday evening, August 28, at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., in conjunction with the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. While the number attending was not as large as was hoped for, the get-together accomplished considerable for the good of the Order.

It was evident that these officers when they attend Encampments, go there for business and not just for a good time. Each Department should make provision to have its Secretary and Treasurer attend the Encampments. The revised price lists, Forms No. 1 and No. 1½, were among the matters considered and approved by the Secretaries and Treasurers present at this meeting. Such changes should result in much benefit to the Departments.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michael Casey, National Secretary Horace H. Hammer, and Department Commander Cloy V. Smith of Michigan were in attendance and each had helpful suggestions to offer.

Thayne LaBanta was welcomed to the meeting as the new Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Department, succeeding Cloy V. Smith.

The Secretary-Treasurers present at the meeting were: National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer; Julius Isaacs of New York; John L. Reeger of New Jersey; James W. Lyons of Maryland; Benj. G. Haag of Wisconsin; Thayne LaBanta of Michigan; A. W. McDoniel of Indiana, and Dewey B. Mead of Minnesota.

### JOINT OPENING WITH THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS

Tuesday Morning, August 29, 1939.  
 Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A brief ceremony introducing the National Officers of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War opened the day's session. Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, National Chief-of-Staff, presented the following National Officers to the assembly:

President—Mrs. Anne E. Lockyer, accompanied by Mr. William Anderson, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Vice President—Mrs. Charlotte Turner, accompanied by the Department President of California.

Council—Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, accompanied by the Department President of New York; Mrs. Amy Bell, accompanied by the Department President of New Jersey; Mrs. Ida M. Snider, accompanied by the Department President of Iowa.

Secretary—Mrs. Maude B. Warren, accompanied by the Department President of Massachusetts.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lillian Ball, accompanied by the Department President of Indiana.

Patriotic Instructor—Mrs. May C. Bassett, accompanied by the Department President of Connecticut.

Chaplain—Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, accompanied by the Department President of Pennsylvania.

Press Correspondent—Miss Jean M. Thole, accompanied by the Department President of Illinois.

Special Aide—Mrs. Edith B. Nile, accompanied by Department President of Ohio.

Personal Aide—Mrs. Hazel B. Lester, accompanied by the Department President of Wisconsin.

Organizer—Mrs. Lula Lounsberry, accompanied by the Department President of Michigan.

During the ceremony the "Scrap Book of Memories" from every Department was presented to National President Anne E. Lockyer. This program, interspersed with piano and voice music, was brought to a close by the National Chief-of-Staff, Mrs. Schroeder, as follows: We are here to welcome this morning our National President and Commander-in-Chief, and hope for them a happy and harmonious meeting. I wish for them all luck and success. (At this point, Sister Edith Lockyer Linn (Daughter) escorted by Sister Margaret Anderson, P. N. P., Massachusetts, presented her Mother with a beautiful corsage (white orchid). Commander-in-Chief Brother William Anderson was presented with a boutonniere.

As soon as all these officers were ushered to the platform, President Anne E. Lockyer assumed her position as National President. She tapped the gavel at 9:55 calling the meeting to order.

Anne E. Lockyer, National President: Will the four officers for the Encampment—Guide, Assistant Guide, and two Color Guards, please take their places and escort to the platform Brother John Sautter and Col. Robert Woodside. (Brother Sautter and Col. Woodside proceed to platform).. (Applause).

President Lockyer: Col. Robert Woodside, General Chairman of this National Encampment Committee, it is a pleasure to welcome you and salute you. Members of this National Encampment, you all know John Sautter. I am going to ask him to introduce Col. Woodside.

John E. Sautter: Nothing could give me more pleasure than that which has just been accorded to me of presenting into this joint meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary the man who has been more responsible for this Encampment coming to Pittsburgh, and for its success than Col. Robert Woodside. He has worked, I might say, exceedingly hard over a period of months; and displayed boundless enthusiasm in making this Encampment, the seventy-third of the Grand Army of the Republic, a successful and enjoyable one. Col. Woodside could hardly have done otherwise, because he, himself, has been a soldier in two of our wars. At the outbreak of the Spanish American War, he enlisted in the Tenth Regiment of Pennsylvania, the "Fighting Tenth," and served with that regiment in the campaign. Later he joined the National Guard of Pennsylvania and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. At the outbreak of the



World War, when the United States entered in 1917, he had the rank of Captain in the Thirty-eighth Infantry, and served with his command in five major battles. For his prompt action and gallantry in France, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He has served two terms as the National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In civil life, Col. Woodside can easily be named as one of the leading citizens of Allegheny County. When he works, he fills the office as Controller of Allegheny County. Next January, he will begin his fourth term. He has been extremely anxious and has worked over a period of months that your stay in our city can be a pleasant one. And now I have the great pleasure of presenting to my friends, my friend, Bob Woodside.

Colonel Woodside: It affords me great pleasure to come here today to extend the official welcome of the County of Allegheny and the City of Pittsburgh. I was really impressed by the introduction given me, but don't believe everything John says. I might say I have always been a lazy man; and the men I employ do the work. In January of this year I was invited to the William Penn for lunch and for the first time became aware that the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated bodies had been invited to Pittsburgh this year, and had accepted. After lunch I went with Mr. Umpstead to meet the Commander-in-Chief. I might say that although my father came to this country after the Civil War, I became interested, as a boy, in the Grand Army of the Republic, and when asked to plan for this organization, I could not turn down this duty. I was taken to headquarters of the chief and they had a contract already filed. I said I wanted to read over this contract. It involves an expense, but I will get busy and see what I can do, and when I see the money in view, I will sign the contract. Then we got to work. There are many things we would like to do for our visitors that we cannot do. When the Encampment last met here, there were so many members that they had so much money they could not spend it all, and they turned over the balance to the University of Pittsburgh for scholarships to students who are descendants of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This year, it is different. However, we are doing the best we can. If we have made a success of it, I am not responsible. The sub-committees have made it possible. Of course, from time to time there were little details which had to be ironed out. The Grand Army of the Republic is hard to handle because we do not know how many members to provide for since we cannot tell how many will be present.

We want you to know that we appreciate the honor of having you in Pittsburgh. As you have been told, I have been fortunate in having certain decorations bestowed upon me. For this I did feel greatly honored, but I got the greatest "kick" of my life, I believe, when your Grand Commander-in-Chief took me to his room last night and said, "Bob, I love you." I hope you will have a good word for Pittsburgh when you leave us. Don't blame us if you don't have a good time. Blame the Chamber of Commerce. Thank you.

President Lockyer: Col. Woodside, I am sure all our girls are happy to be here and are grateful to you for this memory.

Mrs. Molly Hammer, P. N. P.—(Response): Col. Woodside, it seems to us quite fitting and very proper that the committee should have sent you to us this morning, or that you, as head of the Convention Committee, should be coming to us this morning with your greetings and welcome. We are grateful to you for what you have done for the remaining Comrades. Our fathers would have found in you a kindred spirit. Only one who has served as you have served has the knowledge to understand. We want to welcome you to our assembly this morning. We want you to know we are grateful to you for all

your kind thoughts. We are appreciative of all the hospitality you have extended. We have had "57 Varieties" of hospitality, and I want to assure you that not any has been more graciously given than that given by your city. We shall go home with kind thoughts, not only for the City of Pittsburgh, but for you. I express the thanks of this convention and assure you that not for many years shall we forget Pittsburgh hospitality and you.

President Anne Lockyer: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are, I am sure, indeed appreciative of what Colonel Woodside is doing for our entertainment. I am going to call upon Dr. Ralph Sheldon in behalf of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dr. Ralph Sheldon—(Response): Colonel Woodside, sisters, and brothers, I feel somewhat in the position of the man who has run into a mud-hole with his automobile. He was working hard lifting the wheel out of the mud while the sun was beating down with great intensity. Up the road came a ministerial gentleman with an umbrella to protect his head. He asked the man in the mud-hole if he was not afraid to have the sun beating so upon his head. The answer came, "You do not figure that if I had any brains in my head I would be in this mud-hole?" (Laughter). I feel, too, like the gentleman who spoke before a group of school children. At the end of his speech, upon inquiring from the children if there were any questions they would like to ask, one little boy rose and said, "I would like to know at what time your train leaves." (Laughter). Col. Woodside, I am indeed trying to respond to you because I feel there is some similarity between us. You served in the 10th of Pennsylvania; I served in the 10th of New York. But there ceases to be any similarity. You were decorated for services of bravery. I never received any decoration. I think perhaps if I had gotten out of the country and to the front, possibly the first tree or woodpile might have found me, and I would have received no decoration for bravery. We appreciate your coming to us for the reason that we are so thankful, and we have so much to be thankful for that you were Chairman of the Local Committee. You have done so much to make our stay a success. There is so much you have done for our comfort. We are delighted to come back to Pittsburgh; we are proud of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania, the wonderful records made by its men during the Civil War. Pittsburgh raised many troops and they were loyal and brave men. So, for that reason we are glad to come back and pay a slight tribute to their memory. To my mind, Pittsburgh will go on, and I will always consider it as one of the most pleasant and happy Encampments that we have ever had. You have done so much for us in every particular. Why, you have even given us pickles. (Note: Referring to trip to Heinz Factory). In spite of this, I have yet to see any of our men "pickled." For that reason I think we can be proud of Pittsburgh and our organization. Again I want to thank you for coming and for the delightful way you have responded; and I trust that when we leave your beautiful city of smoke and otherwise, that your people will feel as we of the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that you are proud that we came and thankful as well. I thank you again for coming.

President Anne Lockyer decorates Colonel Woodside with a flower for his buttonhole. Group of Colonel Woodside, Counselor Sautter, Dr. Sheldon, escorted to rear by Guides and Color Guards.

Stella Owen, P. N. P.: Sister National President, just as I sat there a moment ago, I saw our Commander-in-Chief set his permanent wave. Then I realized he knew I was going to talk to him. If I had days to plan a speech, I could not make it more sincere. I think every member knows how fine Bill Anderson is. Our National Organization would like to express their love for their Commander-in-Chief in a

material way, and this morning I am presenting to our Commander-in-Chief this little gift which is an indication of love for him. I think it is a watch, and I know he does not need this watch to remind him of our love for him. However, I hope that he will think of us with every tick. (Presents watch). This is from our National Organization and our National President.

Commander Anderson: Well! Sister Anne, my National President, and my good sisters of the Auxiliary. (To President Lockyer: "Sit down, I am going to talk for an hour"). We of this great patriotic family of the Grand Army of the Republic all recall what Abraham Lincoln said relative to his mother—"Whatever I am, or whatever I hope to be, I owe to my age-old mother." You of the Auxiliary who know Bill Anderson have heard me say many times that whatever the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are, they owe to the Auxiliary. "In Union there is strength." I want to see your organization and my organization join hands in a greater spirit of harmony than ever before because of the fact, after witnessing some of the meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic in recent days, I am convinced that the time is not far distant when we shall have to carry on their ideals. So, may I, as Commander-in-Chief of your brother organization, ask you today to re-dedicate yourselves to the high principles of your organization and my organization that we may, in future years, go hand in hand down the line of service, and prove that we are sincere in perpetuating the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

As to my gift! Words cannot express to you the feeling in my heart. Yes! As I wear this watch, and as it ticks, each tick will be a beat from your hearts, and as days go on, and as I pass the time away, I shall always remember those women I have associated with for over thirty years to carry on the ideals, the services, and the sacrifices of my father and the Comrades who served with him. Since time is short, accept my sincere gratitude—not from the Commander-in-Chief, but from Billy Anderson.

Willma Combs, P. N. P.—(Response): Your Auxiliary has been proud of you this year, and we know that you always have a good word for your Auxiliary. We hope that you enjoy your gift and that it will be a reminder of the happy days you spent as Commander-in-Chief.

Commander Anderson: We might as well complete the job while we are at it.

President Lockyer: I will hold the box.

Commander Anderson: (Fumbles with wrist watch). Instead of ten fingers, I have twenty. (President Lockyer puts watch on Commander Anderson's wrist).

Commander Anderson: You cannot say she never held my hand. I wish my National President and members a most successful Encampment.

Enter, escorted by Guides and Color Guards, Mr. Al Goff, Press Correspondent in Charge of Publicity for the Encampment, and Brother John Sautter.

Brother Sautter: I have the pleasure of bringing Mr. Goff, Press Correspondent in Charge of Publicity for the Encampment, before you.

President Lockyer: I am happy to receive you in our Encampment and welcome you.

(Mr. Goff and Brother Sautter escorted to platform).

Brother Sautter: I shall try to be as brief as Dr. Sheldon. You will recall that the Chairman of this National Encampment Commit-

tee said that his workers did the work. I want to say that the general committee recognizes Mr. Al Goff the same way. When I met him three months ago, I thought he was a pretty rough looking "guy." I have changed my mind; he is the peer. I want to say that, if you don't get full publicity, it will not be the fault of Al Goff. It does give me very great pleasure to present to you the man who has worked exceedingly hard—not only eight hours, but eighteen hours daily. In fact he has put in so many hours that when I dropped into the publicity office, I was asked to answer the telephone and speak to Mrs. Goff. She said she just wondered where Mr. Goff was; he had not been home all night.

Mr. Goff: President and ladies; I think I can call you sisters. I am a veteran of one of the more recent wars, and we like to refer to our ladies as sisters or comrades. I am glad to be here this morning, for even if Mrs. Goff does not know where I am this morning, it is all right. John reported the facts correctly. Mrs. Goff was kind of worried. She knew I had a great many details to clear up, but she was a little worried anyhow. When I finally got in touch with her, I told her I just planned on staying in town. I explained that I had forgotten to bring the automobile to town and reminded her how the street cars run late at night. She said, "What are those old veterans doing up until 1 o'clock in the morning anyways?"

It is good to see you here, and in behalf of the newspapers of Pittsburgh, I extend to you a hearty welcome. We are trying to let the public of this city and a great part of the United States know there is something happening this week. However, we are having a little difficulty with some people about 3000 miles away hogging the news. We have three newspapers in Pittsburgh, and all three are trying to give a good idea to the public what the G. A. R. is. In a meeting, a number of newspaper boys had in Colonel Woodside's office, shortly before this Encampment, many startling facts were learned about the unawareness of the general public to what the G. A. R. stands for. A young college graduate really asked what the letters G. A. R. meant. A tale was told that a labor leader, and somewhat of an international figure, asked if they might use the G. A. R. Hall for a meeting. The gentlemen spoken to questioned, "G. A. R. Hall." "Sure," said the labor leader, "You know—the hall where they wouldn't permit Marian Anderson to sing." When he was told this was the D. A. R., he replied, "D. A. R.—G. A. R. What's the difference?" I believe that your presence can do a lot to break this type of thing up. Don't let the G. A. R. die. I am not quite as fortunate as you ladies here. My parents came after the Civil War. I do not have the heritage of Americanism that you folks have. However, I feel that I am a good American, and I want to guide Americanism on. I am honored to be here. I extend greetings on the part of the Newspapers of Pittsburgh. If there is any work in the line of publicity that you want done, if you will just contact me or Miss Thelma Sautter, it will be done. If you don't get enough publicity, don't blame me too much; blame foreign conditions. Thank you. (Decorated with flower by President Lockyer.

Margaret Brady, P. N. P.—(Response): Sister National President, Commander-in-Chief, sisters and brothers, and Mr. Goff, first may I thank you in behalf of our organization for the splendid lesson that you brought us this morning. They tell us that publicity is the key to success. When you hear a publicity man tell you that people do not know what G. A. R. means, there is no reason to laugh; it is tragic. And we thank you for the lesson. And if we can help you out with your Mrs., we will be glad to. I want to thank you for the publicity you have given and will give us. We realize we cannot have



the front page. And another thing, you need not apologize that your parents were not here during the Civil War. I salute you as a soldier. Nothing can bring home to us the horrors of a war, as it could to you. If war should happen, of course, as a democracy, we feel that the only safeguard we have for ourselves, is to safeguard the democracies. This is the first time a publicity director has honored us with his presence. It is one of the grandest things that could have happened to us. We thank you again and hope you will give us all the publicity you can. We thank you again, and express our gratitude. (Applause).

Commander Anderson: Sister National President and Comrade Goff. In behalf of the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I want you to accept our sincere thanks for all the time and effort you have given to place our organization before the public. On the day I met Mr. Goff, I had about fifteen minutes before train time. In that time Mr. Goff arranged that I meet four reporters and four photographers. I was interviewed and cross-examined. Three minutes before the train was due, he rushed me into a taxi, through red lights and past policemen, and got me to the depot just fifteen seconds before the train pulled out. I was exhausted, but I was glad I had met a man who knew publicity. I want to thank our Publicity Director, Mr. Goff.

Escorted by Guides and Color Guards Mr. Goff left the room.

President Lockyer: Our Commander-in-Chief wants to say a few words.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: In my excited mementos I overlooked the fact that during the presentation of that gift to me, Sister Anne Lockyer was mentioned. I want to thank her sincerely at this time. Will the Sons now adjourn to our room so that we may begin our session.

### THE PARADE ESCORT

Colonel Edwin John Prittie, commanding Pennsylvania Brigade Sons of Veterans Reserve, Acting Chief-of-Staff for Commander-in-Chief Anderson, reported that the Official Escort, comprising Sons of Veterans Reserve, of the Official Encampment Parade of the Grand Army of the Republic, was composed of various units of the Reserve, the quota fixed by the G. A. R. (100) exceeded, but satisfactory and commended by the officials. It was a fine demonstration, the effect and showing of the Reserve Escort very creditable and favorably commented upon.

Approximately 200 members of the Grand Army of the Republic cheered continuously along the line, 1,500 National Guard of Pennsylvania, under command of General Dunlap, 13th U. S. Infantry, Detachment, Marine Band, composed the inspiring turn out, viewed by thousands with patriotic demonstration, under escort of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

### DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance was held Wednesday evening and Sisters and Brothers from all Departments attended. There were four hundred persons at the dinner. Guests of honor were Commander-in-Chief Anderson and National President Lockyer. At the guest table were the following: Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Comrade Rownd; Colonel Robert Woodside; Mrs. Rhoda Denny Moss, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Edwina P. Twigg, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; Mrs. Frances M. Kuhn, National

President of the Federated Patriotic Societies; Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Past National President; Mrs. Gertrude Sautter, Past National President; Mrs. Katherine Joyce, National Chaplain of the Auxiliary, and Mr. John Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief. Other guests were the National Officers of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, National Chief-of-Staff, was Toastmaster. Short speeches were made by all the guests and Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, and Past Commanders-in-Chief were introduced. Entertainment was provided by Danny Nirella and his orchestra. Solos were rendered by Miss Dorothy Goveller, accompanied by Miss Virginia Fichtner.

Presentation of prizes took place. Gifts were presented to our National President in the form of a "flower cart" wheeled by six girls in costumes and the National President's Grandson made the presentation. Gifts were presented to various National Officers in Department order. Dancing completed the program for the evening.

#### ARLINGTON HALL

The following letter and list of donations was received during the Encampment in Pittsburgh and is hereby submitted for your information and record:

Arlington Hall, 1436 Arlington Avenue,  
Des Moines, Iowa, August 22, 1939.

Commander William Anderson,  
National Commander Sons of Union Veterans,  
Hotel Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Friend:

Our love and appreciation to all the Camps and Auxiliaries of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliaries.

Here is a report of the Christmas offering which accomplished such a great tide of good will.

We hope we may have the backing of your high office to repeat the Christmas offering this fall.

We feel as though Arlington Hall, in a measure, is the project of the Sons and Auxiliary because you have done so very much to help these little unfortunate boys.

Love and appreciation to you all. This little letter and detailed summary will tell you exactly what the Camps and Auxiliary accomplished. \$150 of this money is in the bank toward another cottage. The rest was used for clothes, school supplies, Christmas parties and all of the other things these boys need.

Again our deep and sincere appreciation.

Most cordially,

PRISCILLA WAYNE SPRAGUE.

#### Summarized Report by Departments 1938-39

##### AUXILIARIES

2	California	.....\$ 4.54	2	Maryland	..... 6.10
4	Colorado	..... 4.55	36	Massachusetts	..... 49.51
7	Connecticut	..... 12.21	7	Michigan	..... 9.49
0	Illinois	.....	4	Minnesota	..... 3.70
8	Indiana	..... 11.40	5	Missouri	..... 7.20
16	Iowa	..... 106.14	2	Nebraska	..... 5.34
5	Kansas	..... 6.00	10	New Hampshire	..... 12.30
17	Maine	..... 24.30	9	New Jersey	..... 12.75

AUXILIARIES

20	New York	37.80	5	Vermont	7.35
11	Ohio	14.05	1	Washington	.70
1	Oklahoma	2.00	7	Wisconsin	17.10
2	Oregon	2.49			
28	Pennsylvania	56.90			
3	Rhode Island	5.51	212	units	
					\$419.43

CAMPS

1	Com. Anderson	\$ 2.00	2	Missouri	2.00
1	Florida	1.60	0	Nebraska	
5	California	6.60	6	New Hampshire	11.50
2	Colorado	2.35	0	New Jersey	
10	Connecticut	16.60	15	New York	15.50
15	Illinois	25.50	3	Ohio	4.35
4	Indiana	3.30	0	Oregon	
7	Iowa	22.25	6	Pennsylvania	5.95
3	Kansas	3.61	4	Rhode Island	7.15
10	Maine	15.81	5	Vermont	5.01
2	Maryland	2.09	1	Washington	2.12
38	Massachusetts	38.40	3	Wisconsin	9.45
6	Michigan	12.20			
0	Minnesota		149	units	
					\$215.34

Auxiliary Gifts Total .....\$419.43  
 Camp Gifts Total ..... 215.34

Grand Total .....\$634.77

COMPLIMENTARY PARTY

As a closing farewell to all the Delegates and Members of their families the local committee arranged for a Complimentary Dancing Party in the main ball room of the Fort Pitt Hotel on Thursday evening, the closing day of the Encampment. The hall was filled to its capacity and was an occasion long to be remembered. It was agreed by all that it was the finest Encampment in years, being well attended, harmonious, outstanding in record for constructive legislation, and every Department represented.

# PROCEEDINGS

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
PITTSBURGH, PA., AUGUST 29-31, 1939

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson: The officers and members of the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will please come to order.

I appoint: Outer Guard, Howard Klein, of Camp No. 4; Inner Guard, Joseph Koehnlein of Camp No. 4; Color Bearer, Harry McClure, of Davis Camp; and Guide, William J. Blakeley, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

The National Secretary will call the roll of officers.

The roll of officers was called and the Encampment duly opened in Ritual form.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Credential Committee is:

H. H. Hammer, National Secretary.  
Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary, New York.  
Albert E. Deems, Past Department Commander, California.  
J. W. Lyons, Department Secretary, Maryland.  
Fred Rebele, Pennsylvania.

We will now hear the report of the Credential Committee.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, the Credential Committee respectfully presents a preliminary report, 202 members in this Encampment. (Reads report). Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this preliminary report and that it be first roll call.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are no objections, it is accepted.

The next order of business is the appointment of committees.

### Officers' Reports

Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Chas. H. E. Moran, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.  
W. Gordon Ryan, Past Department Commander, Ohio.  
Edwin C. Irelan, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
W. F. Hathaway, Iowa.

### Resolutions

Dr. Ralph Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Department Commander, Massachusetts.  
Chas. R. Hale, Connecticut.  
Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Department Secretary, Illinois.  
John E. Reeger, Department Secretary, New Jersey.

### Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.  
Elias R. Sweet, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.  
W. C. Elliott, Jr., Pennsylvania.



### Program and Policy

William L. Anderson, Sr., Commander-in-Chief.  
 Michael Casey, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.  
 Dr. L. L. Shope, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.  
 H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer.  
 Albert B. DeHaven, National Patriotic Instructor.  
 Cleon E. Heald, Council-in-Chief.  
 William Allan Dyer, Past Commander-in-Chief.  
 Perle L. Fouch, Michigan.  
 William H. Ball, Past Department Commander, Indiana.

### Marking Graves

Charles R. Hale, Connecticut.

### The Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Ralph R. Barrett, Past Department Commander, California.

### Ritual and Ceremonies

Samuel S. Horn, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.  
 Theo. H. Mohr, Department Secretary, Missouri.  
 Wm. H. Hiland, Past Department Commander, Minnesota.  
 H. Harding Hale, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.  
 C. W. Jackman, Past Department Commander, Ala. & Tenn.

### Essay and Schools

Park F. Yengling, Past Commander-in-Chief, Ohio.  
 W. R. Graves, Past Department Commander, Wisconsin.  
 Walter C. Mabie, Past Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania.  
 B. O. DeForest, Past Department Commander, Connecticut.  
 Geo. A. Laduke, Past Department Commander, Vermont.

### Constitution and Regulations

John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.  
 Wm. T. Church, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.  
 M. G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.  
 Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary, New York.  
 Ralph Grant, Past Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut.

### Americanization

Frank L. Kirchgassner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.  
 Delavan B. Bowley, Past Commander-in-Chief, California.  
 Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois.  
 William Allan Dyer, Past Commander-in-Chief, New York.  
 Rodney H. Brandon, Department Commander, Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, I would like a little coloring, as far as the background of the Encampment is concerned. Therefore, I will ask all the Past Commanders-in-Chief if they will grace the platform with their presence. (Applause).

I will ask Past Department Commander Fouch of Michigan if he will assume the office of Patriotic Instructor, inasmuch as this officer has not yet reported.

Brothers, we are all looking forward to a most harmonious and pleasant Encampment. It may be a little confining in this room, but let us all be expedient in the transaction of our business because there are many things to be seen here in this city, and the local committee desires that every member that attends this Encampment have some opportunity to visit about the city before they go home. The sooner we dispose of the business we have, the sooner we can go out and enjoy ourselves. This I am leaving in your hands.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Casey will kindly assume this office while I present my report.

## REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the  
Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment:

At the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, held in Des Moines, Iowa, you elected me to the office of Commander-in-Chief. I accepted that office with full knowledge of the task, not only from thirty-two years as an active member of this order, but as a participant in twenty-two National Encampments. During this time I had the opportunity to see our organization as a national unit annually working out its problems and trying new policies under new and enthusiastic administrations each year.

I realized also that in recent years our organization has not been particularly active in patriotic work. I have seen our order fade into the background as that grand and noble Army of Blue dwindles to a faint line against the horizon. With these things in mind I felt highly honored that my brothers should bestow this singular honor on me during such times.

In working out a program on which to base the activities and aims of my administration, there were certain things that were obvious at the outset. As I look back over the years of my activities in the organization, about every conceivable stimulus for organization work had at one time or another been used by our national organization. It was equally obvious, however, that if certain fundamental policies were not adhered to that our organization would soon fall by the wayside and could not interest eligibles in an organization with good aims, but with little or no activity toward that end.

My program, therefore, was not what perhaps we could do as an organization but what we **MUST** do to truly carry out our sacred obligations as members of this noble organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The words, "*action*," "*publicity*" and "*accomplishment*" are words now familiar to all of you. They summarize my entire plan for waking up our organization and increasing its activity and publicity, which we need very badly, and for achievement that would win us the respect of our countrymen and the praise of our noble fathers.

### Camp Meetings

One of the first and most important problems was the proper method of conducting Camp meetings. In one issue of *The Banner*, I went into this quite thoroughly. Camp meetings are the roots of our organization and if they are not healthy Camps, the entire structure of our organization will suffer. If a Camp has nothing of interest but a small amount of business to transact, they should cut down on their meetings accordingly. I am thoroughly convinced that many Camps are meeting too many times during the year for the required amount of work necessary to carry on the Camp business. In past years when our responsibilities to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic necessitated frequent meetings in order to keep in touch with the comrades and their work, meetings were necessary for this purpose alone. Conditions in this regard, however, in most places have now changed. There are no Grand Army men or Posts in many places and yet Camps go on holding meeting twice a month, paying rent and sometimes light and heat in addition, when the income of the Camp is not sufficient to meet the current expenditures. No Camp can long exist under such circumstances. In such cases I would suggest that meetings be held four times a year, which gives sufficient time for good of the order committees to formulate fairly elaborate plans. Such meetings would be remembered and would create a desire to attend future meetings. Organizations much larger than ours

realize the necessity of cutting down the number of meetings during a year, because of the many social functions which crowd into the lives of people in our first generation.

#### Grandsons and Great-Grandsons

It has been repeatedly called to your attention as a national body the importance of interesting grandsons and great-grandsons in our work. As we look about this convention today and, in fact, any meeting of our organization in any section of the country, we know that the average member is well along in years. We must look to the youths who are eligible. In this regard the above subject on Camp meetings is related to this one. Young men will not attend Camp meetings that amount to the running through of the ritual and perhaps some refreshments. There are too many activities to say where our young men can expend their mental energies, to be bothered with such meetings. In this regard I am thoroughly convinced that regardless of age, young or old, patriotic work is one activity where young and old alike can join hands with common enthusiasm. I believe that the young men in our organization want to do that which we as an organization are organized to do, but in many instances the older men will not permit the younger members to be active. While it is true that they are young, I have confidence in our young men of today and feel that if given a chance they can stimulate enthusiasm into Camps, bring in new members and create much needed activity. The way you handle this problem will make or break the future of our organization. I know from my travels and visitations to various Departments that it is the young men who want and are able to do patriotic work, work that we as a patriotic organization should do, but somehow they cannot get the older men to join in with them. This laxity or failure to respond by the older members of our organization I do not charge up to old age but to failure to carry out the sacred obligation of a Son of a Union Veteran.

#### State Camps

State Camps are a subject which I believe are growing more important to our existence each year. Because of the small attendance at some of our Camp meetings and lack of interesting programs, many are not willing to approach professional and business acquaintances who are eligible to our order. While it is unfortunate that we have to admit this, it is true and we should face the problem and correct it, if possible.

This problem has been taken care of successfully by the State of Massachusetts, which has a State Camp. The membership of this Camp consists of doctors, business men, bankers, Army and Navy Officers, and other influential citizens. The initiation fee is \$10 and \$6 per year for dues. There are only four meetings a year but each meeting is a banquet at which city and state notables discuss problems and subjects of interest to us as a patriotic organization. This Camp in Massachusetts, although in existence a short time, has given us a considerable amount of favorable publicity and takes care of a heretofore unsolved problem.

#### Subservient Activities in the United States

Another important factor that I found demanding immediate attention was the necessity for us to establish a definite policy against un-American activities in this country. I have given this subject considerable study to make certain whether this subject was truly important or whether it was a big problem which we had created ourselves by talking about troubles and possibilities that didn't exist. I believe that our organization should give more time to the analyzing and control of this important problem. Since the beginning of our

existence as a nation, we have had noble men when the times demanded rise in a noble body to protect and defend the country and the Constitution of the United States. We have had Minutemen in every generation when needed, in 1775, 1861, 1898 and 1917 as well as in other important wars where our rights and liberties were concerned.

War tactics, however, have in our generation almost completely revolutionized. There was a time when nations declared war, they do not today. The new instrument of warfare is more deadly than guns and gas, worse than submarines and airplanes, a weapon which our democracy because of its Constitution permits it to be used against itself. I, of course, refer to propaganda. The only defense our democracy has against propaganda is good citizenship, which can be kept good by the constant preaching of organizations such as our own to our fellow citizens. Un-American, oral and printed poison is administered to our citizens daily paralyzing their reason, breaking their morale and disturbing their souls. It twists democratic truths and causes unrest, strikes, crime and paganism.

What our attitude and action should be in this regard is expressed by a famous poet and forms a part of the Grand Army of the Republic Ritual. "The price of freedom is vigilance." How true these words are and how much in point at the moment. When you realize that there are more Communists in the United States today than there were in Russia at the time of the Red Revolution and that the totalitarian governments of Central Europe were once small minorities, we have some idea of the possibilities that confront us. I have gone into this subject at length in *The Banner* and set forth a definite program to combat un-American activities. I quote from a Congressional study and report on the subject. "The surest and most effective way to combat Communism in the United States is to give the fullest publicity to it."

#### Good Citizenship Award

One of the principal lines of danger because of un-American propaganda, and one of the principal branches of our work is in the school. We have done some good work in our schools but we could do much more. Outside of sending a patriotic speaker to schools on various patriotic days and Memorial Day, we have been at a loss as to what to do to further assist our school children. The "Good Citizenship Award" or certificate gives all Camps an opportunity to do some worthwhile work, gain good publicity by the presentation of the award and win the esteem of local citizens and eligibles to our order. These certificates which I have had made at my own expense were to be given to school children for outstanding expressions of citizenship. We have given out a few this year and I believe the idea is of value and will be of greater value to us when its possibilities are fully realized, and sincerely hope the idea will be continued.

#### Camp Awards

With an idea of further increasing the patriotic activity of Camps, I am offering certificates of recognition to Camps outstanding in their patriotic activities for the year. The award and the method of obtaining it have been completely covered in *The Banner*. By having the activities of the Camp incorporated into the Patriotic Instructor's report more in detail than we have been accustomed to set forth, I believe brings out the importance of the Patriotic Instructor's report and gives a Department, and also the National Organization, a bird's eye-view of the patriotic activities of our order. The rise and fall of membership in our organization alone should not measure our importance and usefulness as a patriotic organization but the complete re-



port by Patriotic Instructors gives us a very definite idea of whether our organization is fulfilling its purpose.

#### Major General Frederick Dent Grant Trophy

In keeping with my program to stimulate more action in our organization, I had occasion to talk with Colonel Ulysses S. Grant, the 3rd, Chief-of-Staff, Second Corps Area, Governor's Island, New York, a member of our New York Department. I told him of my plan to obtain a trophy to be given each year to the Department rendering the most patriotic work. Colonel Grant enthusiastically responded and offered to finance the plan; thus we have the beautiful plaque which you see exhibited at this convention.

As I have mentioned before, I believe our National Organization should be familiar with the patriotic activities of our entire organization and this beautiful award should not only stimulate patriotic activity but give us an annual record of some of our achievements.

This beautiful plaque was given by Brother Grant in memory of his father, Major General Frederick Dent Grant, who was a member of our organization in its early days, through the services of General Ulysses S. Grant and was, himself, a Veteran of the Civil War. I believe this gift is one of the finest our organization has ever received from anyone and I know it will be given a prominent place in our organization. We are deeply indebted to Brother Grant, who believes, as I do, that this trophy will help us greatly to achieve our purpose. This award, like the others, was not brought into existence merely for my administration, but to be used by the Commandery-in-Chief in the future for whatever advantages they could obtain from the plan of recognizing units for outstanding service.

#### Americanization Committee

At our last Encampment, the National Americanization Committee came into existence and has not really had time to prepare a definite program of action. I believe the work of this committee is of tremendous importance and the instrument through which we can obtain ammunition to combat propaganda and subservient activities in this country. Only in recent months we have seen nation after nation conquered by propaganda long before armies marched across borders. We have seen national governments turn over their power to others without the firing of a single shot. Let us hope it can never happen here. To turn out frequent reports and suggestions for programs of activity requires money and I sincerely hope that at this convention an appropriate fund can be established so that this Committee can be active during the year, and not be limited to the submitting of an annual report at the Convention.

I have conferred with the American Legion Americanization Committee, which is a national unit similar to our own committee and from them have received a great deal of valuable information and a number of books and pamphlets which I have turned over to our committee for study.

Generally speaking, I believe we have not been very successful with our national committees. Most committees have been brought into existence to do certain work but with no specific ways or means to carry out the work to be done. In some instances it has been because of lack of funds and in others because the committee, being a representative body, has not been able to act as single members to express themselves for the committee, and in this way the committee has been dormant during the entire year, rendering only a report at the national convention with certain suggestions to be carried out by the new members of the committee, who, in turn, make other suggestions to be carried out and by the time the program is complete to

carry out the work in mind, either the need for the committee has gone or some new idea has come into existence to take its place. I believe the Americanization Committee is of tremendous importance and hope that all possible means to make it an active committee, with the proper funds and means to carry out the necessary work, will be considered at this convention.

#### Associate Membership

Numerous organizations such as the Grand Army of the Republic, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spanish-American War Veterans, American Legion, and numerous others have an associate membership for those who have rendered noble service to their organizations, or to those in high rank. There are a number of citizens in certain localities that donate large sums of money to certain Camps. There are other merchants, who, while they are not eligible, are always helping the Camp or giving the free use of a hall or something of that nature. I believe such service should also be recognized by our organization and believe that such an associate membership, well restricted, would be an asset to our order.

#### The Banner

The Banner is the only means we have to contact our membership individually throughout the year. I have tried in my various messages in The Banner to go into some detail on ways and means of carrying out my year's program for increasing activity. I procured pictures which I believe added greatly to The Banner this year. One of the most pleasant things that has happened to me during my administration were the many letters I have received from all parts of our national organization complimenting The Banner and the articles written. I cannot praise Brother Holbrook too highly for his co-operation in making The Banner most attractive this year.

If you want to know more about your organization and if Department Commanders desire ideas and plans to carry out an active administration they should read the general orders and items of the national officers in each issue of The Banner.

#### Grand Army of the Republic Highway

As my successor to the chairmanship of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, I appointed Dr. Ralph R. Barrett of California. Brother Barrett, to you and your active committee I extend the sincere thanks of the National Organization. Through your efforts this grand highway has advanced westward. Colorado has passed legislation naming United States Route 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway. California, Iowa, Nebraska, Utah and Nevada were not successful with their bills but will continue to try. This highway now extends from the tip of Cape Cod in Massachusetts through Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Colorado. I believe this is one of the finest pieces of work our organization has ever done and each year's advancement is a great tribute to our own organization, for its work in memorializing the Grand Army of the Republic in this manner.

#### Grand Army of the Republic

Our relations with the Grand Army of the Republic during the past year have been most cordial. To know Commander-in-Chief Rownd is to honor and respect him. We regret his period of illness during his term of office but rejoice that he has recovered so well and was able to carry on. The happy hours spent with this fine citizen and soldier will always be a happy memory, and I express with pride and appreciation the honor conferred by being permitted to associate with him this year. We pledge every effort to perpetuate their memory and to carry on the work this noble organization represents.

### Allied Orders

The official family each year, by traveling to distant points together, corresponding and discussing plans, causes a warm friendship to come into existence. My associations this year with Mrs. Rhoda Denny Moss, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Edwina T. Twigg, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Ann Raeyling, National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and our beloved Commander Rownd of the Grand Army of the Republic, have been most pleasant. They have always shown a willingness to co-operate in the interest of our order and to them I sincerely express the thanks of our National Organization. The deep friendship among this year's official family I know will live for many years.

### Our Auxiliary

What the Woman's Relief Corps has been to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Auxiliary is to the Sons of Union Veterans. No finer group of women could any organization wish for. I repeat now what I have said for many years, whatever we are or hope to be as an organization we owe to a great extent to our Auxiliary.

The National President, Sister Anne E. Lockyer, has been very gracious and considerate and ever ready to assist when and wherever possible. Because of the loyal support of our splendid Auxiliary for so many years, we should take a definite step as to their proper place in connection with our Order.

Whereas the National President of the Auxiliary found Camps refusing to permit the organizing of Auxiliaries whose membership complies with that of the regulations of their Order, and whereas these Camps are adopting other allied Orders as their Auxiliaries, I recommend that some action be taken at this Encampment to correct the irregularity of procedure, and that only legally constituted Auxiliaries, as prescribed in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the National Organization of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be approved by all Camps.

### Necrology

Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton of Massachusetts passed away October 2, 1938, on his way to Cuba. He was elected Department Commander in 1895, and Commander-in-Chief in 1910. No man had more interest and love for our order than Brother Fred. His guiding hand and timely knowledge is greatly missed by our organization and by his many friends. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Past Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery in Boston, Past Potentate of the Aleppo Shrine, and at the time of his death was Deputy Assessor of the City of Boston.

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson of Massachusetts, born in 1856, died in November of 1938. He served as Department Commander in 1896, and was elected Commander-in-Chief in the year 1920. He served his City as Tax Collector, and Assessor, and in 1902 and 1903 was elected Mayor of Pittsfield. He served several terms as State Legislator and was campaigning for re-election when stricken. Being interested in a number of fraternal organizations, he was a Mason, Knight Templar, Shriner and Past Grand Patron of the Eastern Star. Harry was a loveable character and was respected for his judgment by all who knew him. The loss of these two noble brothers in Massachusetts is a deep sorrow, and they leave reverent places in our memories that can never be filled.

National Patriotic Instructor John M. Dunlavy of Missouri died October 31, 1938, from heart failure. He served his Department as

Commander for two years. His work in the interest of our organization is a matter of record. He was a tireless worker in the interest of our order and we indeed mourn his untimely passing.

Past Commander-in-Chief Titus M. Ruch died suddenly July 6, 1939, from a heart attack at his home. He was elected Commander-in-Chief at the Fifty-first Annual Encampment in Springfield, Illinois, and his administration was one of the finest we have ever had. He was Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania 1913-1914, and was always active in our organization. This year he was the Chairman of our Program and Policy Committee.

He was a leading citizen in his community, was a merchant most of his life and very active in public and civic affairs. He served several terms in the Pennsylvania Legislature as well as other public offices, and was State Inheritance Tax Auditor for many terms and held this office at the time of his death. He was a prominent member of the Reform Church and superintendent of his Sunday School for more than twenty years. Brother Ruch was a noble and beloved brother.

During the year many of our brothers have answered the call of the Great Commander above and so in the midst of our pleasure let us pause for a moment with bowed heads and offer a silent prayer for all who have gone to their last resting place, and to those who have been saddened by the loss of their loved ones our deepest sympathy is extended.

#### National Officers

The official family of the Commandery-in-Chief this year were brothers worthy of the office and have carried out their duties in an energetic manner which is shown by the success of this administration. Personally, in behalf of the National Organization, I sincerely thank them for their services.

To our National Secretary, Brother Horace H. Hammer, if ever there was a brother who was a human dynamo of action and knowledge of the affairs of our order it is he. His co-operation and assistance has been most valuable. This man should take a leave of absence for a year and serve as Commander-in-Chief and then come back as permanent National Secretary. My sincere thanks to Brother Horace for his fine work in my behalf and in behalf of our organization.

#### National Federated Patriotic Societies

The roll call of the Grand Army of the Republic is getting smaller each year, the time is not far distant when we of the Federated Patriotic Societies should get together under one roof in order that we may as a united group solve our problems. The allied orders of the Grand Army of the Republic are members of this society, with a membership of over 100,000. What ever we may hope to do in the future to perpetuate the ideals of our fathers let us do it together, because in union there is strength. I earnestly urge each Department to take up the question of such an organization.

#### Visitations

I have made official visits to nineteen Departments during the year and in some instances more than once if circumstances warranted. Most of the visits were made during January and February as I felt that if I expected to gather momentum in my program for increasing activities in our organization, I could not wait until the State Encampments took place in April, May and June. I am indeed deeply grateful for the many courtesies extended to me during my visits and was very pleased with the response to my program and ideas.



### The Campaign

Fully realizing the importance of increasing our membership, I included in my program of activities a continuance of a drive for new Camps and members. This year's work has been outstanding in the accomplishment of holding our members and showing a substantial gain. Over a period of years our losses have been many and it was my aim to prevent losses, build new Camps and initiate new members by methods elsewhere set forth in this report. I am glad to report that we have gained 18 new Camps and a total membership of 1637. Our net loss was 12 Camps and 966 members, 515 of this number were lost by death, leaving 451 lost by other reasons. This small loss should encourage our members to a greater effort during the coming year.

	Camps	Members
In good standing June 30, 1938.....	739	22,736
In good standing June 30, 1939.....	727	21,770
Loss .....	12	996

### New Camps Instituted or Re-instated

Ala. & Tenn.....	1	Michigan .....	1	Nebraska .....	1
Indiana .....	2	Ohio .....	2	Pennsylvania ....	1
Illinois .....	2	Vermont .....	1		
Massachusetts ...	2	Oklahoma .....	2	Total .....	18
Kansas .....	2	New Jersey.....	1		

Thirteen of these Camps are New Camps with 341 Charter Members. In addition to these Camps, Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, Florida, Maryland and New Jersey are working on New Camps.

### Finances

	Permanent Fund	Organization-Marker Fund	General Fund
1937 .....	\$1,299.62	\$ 693.79	\$2,202.28
1938 .....	2,092.15	1,203.99	3,133.07
1939 (March) .....	2,867.69	1,745.64	3,037.13

Every effort was made to conduct an economical administration. Last year \$249.00 was spent on organization work. This year only \$20.00. Last year for Convention Stenographer, \$150.00; this year, \$100.00. Traveling expenses allowed \$1,200.00—spent \$1,045.51. No expenses incurred by National Staff Officers for traveling. I have left no promises of payment of money that will burden the incoming administration.

### Historical, Markers and Organization Fund

From my experience this year, I do not entirely approve of this fund. The Council-in-Chief could include in the annual budget the necessary amount for the grave marking committee and historical markers as their expenses do not vary but slightly from year to year.

The organization portion of this fund I believe is a great mistake. While the purpose of this fund has its good points, it does not work out. I was only in office two weeks when I received letters from one western Department stating that if I expected co-operation I would have to pay for it. A short time after another similar letter was received. I answered both letters by asking them to produce and I would send the money but I heard no more. In one Department \$60.00 was spent for reorganization work and I received a request for money from the same Department asking for a like amount, the result being that our National Organization would have to spend about \$50.00 a year to keep a couple of Camps going. Another Department received \$50.00 from this fund to organize three Camps. These Camps have

never met or paid any per capita tax and are now on the verge of being dropped. I believe buying Camps is poor business. If we want to be fair about this, why not reduce the per capita tax and give all Camps a chance to have some money in their treasury.

#### Grave Marker Committee

The National Organization offers its sincere thanks to Charles R. Hale, Chairman of the Grave Marker Committee for his untiring efforts in the splendid work he is doing. Your Commander-in-Chief has had the pleasure of visiting his office and was impressed with the completeness and detail of this most important work, and recommend that his services be continued.

#### Recommendations

1. That no Camp be instituted until charter application has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary, and accompanied by the required fee of \$5.00.
2. That we officially recognize our Auxiliaries as the authorized working bodies associated with our Camps.
3. The continuation of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.
4. I recommend that the \$1,745.64 in the Historical and Marker Fund be placed in the General Fund or, as an alternative, that no money be added to this fund.

#### Conclusion

I wish it were proper to have an honor roll list of those who have been so helpful to be attached to my report. Obviously, however, many humble working brothers who do effective work and seek no credit might be left out. To every man who in any way helped me this year in carrying out my program to increase patriotic activities in our organization and bring our noble order to the attention of the public, I extend my deepest thanks. Whatever advancement we have made this year is entirely due to you. A Commander-in-Chief can plan a program but someone must carry it out. You have co-operated with me this year and I believe the record will show that we have accomplished our purpose. The co-operation that you have given to me I sincerely hope you will give to the administration to come. My working plan this year was not made with my own administration in mind but whatever plans I had, or ideas, and awards I put into effect was with the intention that they might be used to better advantage by future administrations. I will continue to work in the future for my organization as I have during the past thirty-three years as a member, and again thank you for the honor bestowed and the work and co-operation rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, SR.,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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

#### AT MAJOR A. P. DAVIS' TOMB

Past Department Commander Blakeley, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to bring before the Encampment a matter of importance, and I will make a motion as follows:

About two and one-half miles from our location, in the Allegheny Cemetery, lie the mortal remains of a distinguished Pittsburger, a prominent Grand Army leader and the founder of this organization

as it is now constituted, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I therefore deem it fit and proper that we should honor the memory of Major A. P. Davis, the founder of this organization, by proper recognition, and I therefore move you, Commander-in-Chief, that the Commander-in-Chief, in honor of Major A. P. Davis, the founder of this organization, secure a proper floral tribute, accompanied by the proper military detail, to take that to the Allegheny Cemetery at such time as your committee sees fit, this afternoon or morning, and follow it up with the proper ceremony. I make that as a motion.

National Patriotic Instructor Albert D. DeHaven: I second that motion. (Adopted).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Past Commander of Pennsylvania Blakeley, kindly act as chairman and also select your own committee. While we are on the subject, to those of you who do not know, Pittsburgh was the first home of our organization, and the Davis Camp was the first Camp to be instituted. Perhaps Brother Blakeley can advise you on that.

#### VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM TENT NO. 44, DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Past Department Commander Blakeley: Commander, we have a committee here from the Daughters of Union Veterans, Georgiana Willet Tent No. 44, Aida I. Parker, Chairman, who is the only spokesman for this group. What is your pleasure?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Blakeley, escort the delegation to the hall.

Aida I. Parker: Commander Anderson and members of this Convention, I am an old Pittsburgher and we certainly are delighted to have you here in our city. I am pretty old, but still I represent the fourth generation in this city in my family, and I would like, if you found it possible, to have you all move here,—you are a nice looking bunch of men,—but knowing that that is impossible, we brought these flowers to represent us at your Convention, your Encampment. These are presented with all the love and respect from the Daughters of Veterans to you, our brothers. We could not bring you a check; I know your organization is like ours—we would like to have a check—but our heart is with you, and in token of that we leave you these flowers. We are so glad to be with you.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Sister Parker, I am sure that we are indeed grateful to you for this splendid floral tribute. I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie to respond for our organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I want you all to know that we have been over this morning with our Auxiliary. We saw those ladies over there, but I want to say to you that you are the first to take the trouble to come and see us, and we appreciate it. When you say you would like to have us live in Pittsburgh, and that we are a nice looking bunch of men, I want to return the compliment and say that if it were possible, every one of us would stay here to be with your fine looking bunch of women. I thank you. (Delegation leaves the hall).

#### REPORTS OF OFFICERS

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, in the National Secretary's report, please make correction at the bottom of page 17. Balance on Hand August 20th, instead of September 20th.

The Department of Washington, as you will notice, was suspended, no per capita tax having been received for this quarter. I received

the reports yesterday, and I have handled the same in the Encampment Report.

I present the reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and other officers, with the exception of the National Counselor, whose report is not in, unless you have it, Commander-in-Chief. And I also hand in the report of the National Secretary.

Commander-in-Chief: If there are no objections, I will refer these reports to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Ordered.

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

Washington, D. C., June 17, 1939.

Mr. William Anderson, Sr., Commander-in-Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
40 Robin Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I had been thinking of rendering this report for some time when I received recently a request from National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer a reminder that the report must be submitted not later than July 1, 1939. I then re-read the reports of the Senior Vice Commanders-in-Chief for the past ten years.

The "new membership" thought predominates throughout the reports of most of my predecessors for the past several years. Well it may. There are, however, other thoughts to be associated with those concerning the securing of new members.

I well recall that prior to my election as Camp Commander for the first time new members were always talked up as goals. I myself have preached on the subject as a member of the rank and file of the order, as Camp Commander (twice), and as Department Commander, and, more recently as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Along with the new membership idea, including the securing as members grandsons as well as sons of Veterans, I have included for some years, in the light of experiences such as all officers of the order have had, I have advocated, still advocate, and will continue to press the equally important idea of conducting meetings, whenever at all possible, that will be a little more interesting than what some members refer to as "the old routine," with the idea of not only making attractive the social benefits to be derived from fraternal action, *but also of holding together the members we have*, to the end that they may continue to carry on the primary aims of the organization.

Upon my election as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief I commenced visiting the states of West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, where there are considerable numbers of the sons of the men who made it possible for us to make such reports as this as their sons. My efforts on these trips were directed toward rejuvenating old Camps and organizing new ones.

My efforts were met, to a great extent, by excuses revolving around the depression. Nothing has materialized yet, but I am hopeful that some of the ground work I have done will not be lost.

During my trips I noticed that in several places old cemeteries had been cleaned up by the WPA and CCC, and I learned that many records have been researched and the history of Veterans of the Civil War brought to light. Many a Veteran, if it were possible for him to speak, might well ask the question: "What have you sons been doing these many years when you let the graves of your fathers and their comrades be forgotten?" The fact that the Government has

worked on some of these cemeteries, when the sons themselves neglected them, forces me to propose the question for some of our brothers to answer: "What are YOU doing for the cemeteries in your own home town—are you letting the WPA boys do the work while you are hanging around and perhaps criticising the administration?" I just wish to leave this as a thought.

There is hardly any need, I think, for me to put down in this log such accomplishments as I have made while serving under you as my Commander-in-Chief—you may refer to the record. My regret is that I was not given more work to do, but I trust that what little was assigned to me met with the approval of all.

In closing I wish to thank each and every brother responsible for my election as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and my gratitude for having had the honor of serving a term of office under you. My tenure of office has been pleasant to me and you know I am at the service of the organization at all times.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

MICHAEL CASEY,  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

#### REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Des Moines, Iowa, June 27, 1939.

To William L. Anderson, Commander-in-Chief, and to the Officers and Members of the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, held in Des Moines last September, you bestowed upon me and my Department the honor of the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Entertaining no delusions that your selection was warranted as a recognition of distinguished or meritorious service in the past, or which might be performed in the future, I humbly, though gratefully, received the office.

That the bestowal of this honorary post imposes some slight duties and responsibilities upon the incumbent is a fact of which I am fully aware; but I am of the firm belief the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief may, and should, be developed into one of greater magnitude and importance.

With the privilege of submitting a report to the Commandery-in-Chief is born the natural tendency, or temptation, to indulge in personal suggestions for changes and innovations in the administration of our order's affairs, from the National down to and including the local Camps. Any desire or urge on my part to yield to this common propensity I shall curb, remembering "after all, what is one man's opinion," and the work of "re-modeling," if such be required, must be performed upon the advice of experienced and seasoned workmen.

During the year, very little specific duty and service has been asked or required, and little has been performed. As your special representative, I have responded to numerous calls in this Department, and accepted every opportunity to advance, to the best of my ability, the objects and interests of the Order.

In the recent Department Encampment at Iowa City there was displayed unmistakable evidence of enthusiasm, and the existence of a revival spirit. To the credit of the administrative officers, it must be said, Iowa closed the year without the loss of a single Camp, and a slight increase in membership. Several New Camps are well advanced toward mustering, but unfortunately they cannot be shown in the records of the quarter now ending.



### Grand Army of the Republic Highway

The Grand Army of the Republic highway resolution failed to receive endorsement of the Iowa legislature. With many other bills, it became buried in the files of the Sifting Committee and could not be brought before the House, although it passed the Senate early in that body's session. Our local committee having to deal with this resolution labored faithfully and incessantly to attain the desired goal. We are informed that strong opposing influence was exerted by selfish commercial interests. And to this the committee ascribes the failure to receive approval in the House.

### Arlington Hall

As its memorial activity during the National Encampment in 1938, the Commandery-in-Chief gave attention to assisting in the further advancement of Arlington Hall, a home for under-privileged boys. This institution, now nationally known, had its inception in the minds of several charitable and liberal thinking Des Moines women. Without the aid of public funds, the home is supported and maintained solely by free-will bequests and donations. The National body, with our Auxiliary, completely equipped and endowed a dormitory for this most worthy project. Following this initial movement, we endorsed, in every Department, plans to create a voluntary Christmas fund. The response to this call was highly gratifying. The Board of Directors inform us that soon additional buildings will be purchased and furnished to meet the growing demands. And thus do WE grow. By aiding others we strengthen the second link in the chain of our glorious trinity—CHARITY.

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The time is now at hand when the present Commandery-in-Chief must close its books and give open account of the year's activities. To conduct the affairs of an organization such as ours is by no means a "one man's job." Nor can it be properly done by the combined efforts of the entire national group, and, to say the least, it is unfair for the membership-at-large to entertain this impression. Seriously, there is a duty and obligation devolving upon each and every member of the Order; and that goes for these complaining brothers. More, the dispatch and thoroughness with which Department and Camp officials react to every order and command of their superior officers, to a great degree influences and effects the administration's record.

The commonly accepted evidence of an organization's growth is by the increase in the number of its members. To some, this is the only accurate method of reaching the decision. Their attention is constantly directed to the number that have been dropped from our rolls. This is but natural, and we should, properly, give the problem much consideration and meet it effectively. But in all that makes for real growth in our beloved order, loyalty to principle, and the undiminishing courage and confidence of those who remain in active membership are pre-eminent.

In closing, I can but say—in all sincerity—I thank you for the honors enjoyed, the pleasant associations formed, and the privilege of signing myself,

Very loyally yours in F. C. & L.,

L. L. SHOPE,  
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

## REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Reading, Pa., August 20, 1939.

To Mr. William L. Anderson, Sr.,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.  
My dear Commander-in-Chief:

As required by the C. & R., I have the honor to report conduct of affairs, finances and transactions incident to the duties of this office.

This Encampment is historical in the record of the Order—meeting in Pittsburgh, where as constituted it was founded by Major Augustus P. Davis, prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Loyal Legion and other military societies, by the institution of Davis \* Camp November 12, 1881. The Camp has functioned continuously since and has a creditable influence in the community.

The First Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Harry T. Rowley of Pittsburgh presiding, as (Provisional) the First Commander-in-Chief (elected and re-elected) was held in the Headquarters of Davis Camp October 18, 1882. This is the first time the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment has been held here since.

Started here—the Order needs to be **STARTED AGAIN!**

### Financial

Finances and related transactions indicate the economics.

Receipts were \$600 less than last year, approximately \$360 in per capita tax and \$200 in supplies account. Disbursements were over \$100 less.

	Permanent Fund	Organization, Historical Marker Fund	General Fund
September 8, 1938.....	\$2,092.95	\$1,029.23	\$ 1,717.04
Receipts .....	736.40	736.41	9,333.89
Interest .....	38.34		
Dept. Indiana, returned..		18.00	
			\$11,050.93
By Expenditures:			
Dept. Indiana .....		\$18.00	
Dept. Vermont .....		10.00	
Dept. Nebraska .....		10.00	8,013.50
		\$1,783.64	\$38.00
August 20, 1939,		38.00	
To Balance .....	\$2,867.69	\$1,745.64	\$ 3,037.43

### Receipts from Departments: 1938-1939

Dept.	Memb. Fees	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Sup- plies	Premium Bonds	Miscl.	Total
Ala. & Tenn....	\$ 2.00	\$ 19.40		\$ 10.04	\$ 2.50	\$ .46	\$ 34.40
Cal. & Pac....	36.50	251.20		106.39		1.35	395.44
Col. & Wyo....	13.00	78.80		36.87		.82	129.49
Connecticut ...	21.50	554.50		63.37		.32	639.69
Illinois .. ...	11.50	243.70	\$10.00	32.69		.44	298.33
Indiana .. ...	8.00	273.10	10.00	41.12	2.50	.08	334.80
Iowa .. ...	10.50	139.10	*5.00	34.36		.12	189.08
Kansas .. ...	8.50	126.20	10.00	43.89	2.50	3.33	194.42
Maine .. ...	24.50	377.60		80.66		1.11	489.87
Maryland .. ..	1.50	156.80		14.32	2.50	.22	175.34
Massachusetts...	50.50	1572.60	10.00	199.67		.54	1833.31

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT — CAMPS, ME**  
Detailed gains and losses, etc., are shown in the following

Department	In Good Standing June 30, 1938.		GAIN								LOSS											
			By Organization		By Initiation		By Transfer		By Reinstatement		Total Gain		By Disbanded		By Death		By Hon. Discharge		By Transfer		By Suspended	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Members	Members	Members	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Ala. & Tenn.....	4	51			4		1	13	1	17					2						1	13
Calif. & Pacific...	20	698			73	4		24		101	1	10	23									
Color. & Wyo.....	9	205			26			1		27			1									
Connecticut .....	31	1419			43	3		3		49	1	19	37									
Illinois ...	26	627	2	50	23	3			29	2	105			22								
Indiana ...	30	665	2	105	16				17	2	138			13								
Iowa ...	21	360			21					21				2					2	1	5	
Kansas ...	19	302	2	33	17	2	2		52	4	104			4				4	4	4	59	
Maine ...	36	954			49				10		59			18	4							
Maryland .....	12	399			3					3			13	2								
Massachusetts ...	121	1035	2	34	101	12		32	2	179	1	11	91	24	5							
Michigan ...	12	466	1	32	28	1		7	1	68			7	2	2							
Minnesota ...	10	195			22					22			3	3								
Missouri ...	11	356			7				15		22	1	14	8	2							
Nebraska ...	8	193	1	16					7	1	23											
New Hampshire..	21	636			49	3		11		63			15	8	1							
New Jersey ...	26	821	1	19	46	2		9	1	76	1	9	16	3	2							
New York .....	81	2329			70	1		31		102			64	8	1	2	0					
Ohio ...	61	1605			48		2	78	2	126			44	3	1							
Oregon ...	8	157			13					13			3	2								
Pennsylvania . .	109	4702	1	34	104			106	1	244	3	34	97	13	1							
Rhode Island ....	16	372			17	5		1		23			5	16								
Vermont ...	25	577	1	18	19	1		3	1	41	2	10	16	8	2							
Washington ...	5	97			2					2												
Wisconsin ...	17	515			7					11			11	1								
Total ...	739	22736	13	341	808	37	5	453	18	1639	10	107	515	118	38						8	97





Dept.	Memb. Fees	P. C. Tax	Charter Fees	Sup. plies	Premium Bonds	Misc.	Total
Michigan . . . .	14.00	198.10		67.51	2.50	.08	282.19
Minnesota . . .	11.00	80.70		44.77	2.50		138.97
Missouri . . . .	3.50	140.40		15.59	2.50	.10	162.09
Nebraska . . . .		74.60	†10.00	13.62	2.50	.12	100.84
New Hampshire .	24.50	257.60		30.06		.10	312.26
New Jersey . . .	23.00	326.60	5.00	87.76	2.50	.16	445.02
New York . . . .	35.00	895.20		141.91	2.50	3.07	1077.68
Ohio . . . . .	24.00	637.10	5.00	68.28	2.50	2.87	739.75
Oregon . . . . .	6.50	60.50		12.69		.06	79.75
Pennsylvania . .	52.00	1788.40	5.00	191.17		7.88	2044.45
Rhode Island . .	8.50	147.90		22.84		.06	179.20
Vermont . . . .	9.50	214.00		32.93	2.50	1.03	259.96
Washington . . .		27.10		11.95	2.50	1.44	42.99
Wisconsin . . . .	3.50	195.70		30.90	2.50	.68	233.28
<b>Total . . . .</b>	<b>\$403.00</b>	<b>\$8886.90</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$1435.36</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$26.64</b>	<b>\$10806.70</b>

\* Iowa—Cancelled—Credit to P. C. Tax and Bonds.

† Nebraska—Cancelled—\$5.00 Credit to P. C. Tax and Bonds.

‡ No payments June, 1939, Quarter.

**Itemized Expenditures**

**General Expenses:**

Supplies, Stock . . . . .	\$ 834.63
The Banner, Subscription . . . . .	2088.78
Encampment . . . . .	536.14
Printing . . . . .	42.35
Shipping Supplies . . . . .	60.34
Salary . . . . .	2200.00
Premium on Bonds, Department Commanders and National Officers . . . . .	65.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	329.11
Committee on Marking Graves . . . . .	55.00
	<u>\$6211.35</u>

**Office Expenses:**

Postage . . . . .	\$ 78.98
Express . . . . .	1.92
Telegrams . . . . .	3.12
Stationery, National Officers . . . . .	119.26
Rent . . . . .	420.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	133.36
	<u>\$ 756.64</u>

**Commander-in-Chief's Expenses:**

Postage . . . . .	\$ 40.08
Telegrams . . . . .	28.33
Traveling . . . . .	895.45
Office . . . . .	19.87
Stenographer . . . . .	61.00
Express . . . . .	.78
	<u>\$1045.51</u>

**Total . . . . . \$8013.50**

## Vouchers

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
1.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Bond, Commander-in-Chief.....	\$ 2.50
2.	Metal Marker Mfg. Co.,	Seal Press.....	4.05
3.	Pennsylvania Unemployment	Compensation Fund.....	65.85
4.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, Oct.-Dec. 1938.....	105.00
5.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Stationery National Officers.....	71.44
6.	The Banner, Subscription,	October (22,311 copies).....	390.44
7.	The Casey Florist Co.,	Floral tribute P. C.-in-C. Bolton..	10.00
8.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Sept.-Oct...	122.57
9.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies	.....	26.21
10.	The Casey Florist Co.,	Floral tribute P. C.-in-C. Sisson...	10.00
11.	Peterson's Floral Shop,	Floral tribute Nat. Pat. Inst. Dun- lavey .....	8.16
12.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Nov.....	161.72
13.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Printing, Stationery.....	223.71
14.	Mrs. Irene U. Fuller,	Encampment, 1938.....	10.15
15.	The Banner, Subscription	December (22,111 copies, \$386.94); Printing .....	418.16
16.	Pennsylvania Unemployment	Compensation Fund.....	59.40
17.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, January March, 1939.	105.00
18.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c December.	166.21
19.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas.,	Salary, Aug. 21-Dec. 20, inc. ....	733.33
20.	Edward J. Hughes, Sec. State,	Illinois Charter Incorp, fee	1.00
21.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Stationery .....	51.75
22.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c January...	291.90
23.	The Robbins Co.,	Badges .....	106.11
24.	The Banner, Subscription,	February (22,119 copies, \$442.38); Supplies .....	463.75
25.	The Banner, Printing, shipping	Journal of Proceedings Fifty-seventh Encampment, 1938 .....	433.98
26.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c February	88.42
27.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Stationery .....	49.53
28.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas.,	Salary December-March	550.00
29.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Dept. Com. Bond.....	2.50
30.	Pennsylvania Unemployment	Compensation Fund.....	14.85
31.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, April-June, inc.....	105.00
32.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c March.....	103.44
33.	Remington Rand, Inc.,	Typewriter .....	118.26
34.	The Banner, Subscription,	April (21,858 copies).....	437.16
35.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Prem. Dept. Coms. Bonds.....	10.00
36.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c April.....	54.91
37.	W. C. Mabie, Supplies,	Stationery.....	104.32
38.	American Surety Co., N. Y.,	Premium Dept. Com. Bond..	2.50
39.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Premium Dept. Coms. Bonds.....	20.00
40.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c Encampment	56.40
41.	The Robbins Co.,	Badges .....	287.00
42.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c May.....	8.40
43.	The Banner, Subscription,	June (21,593 copies).....	431.86
44.	W. C. Mabie, Stationery	.....	6.78
45.	H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas.,	Salary, March-June.....	550.00
46.	Maryland Casualty Co.,	Bond National Secretary-Treas- urer and Department Commander .....	27.50
47.	Chas. R. Hale, Chairman,	Committee on Marking Graves	55.00
48.	Mrs. Mary J. Love, Sec.-Treas.,	Federated Patriotic So- cieties, dues .....	10.00
49.	Pennsylvania Unemployment	Compensation Fund.....	14.85

No.	To Whom:	Account:	Amount
50.	Colonial-Berks Real Est. Co.,	Rent, July-September.....	105.00
51.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c June.....	21.10
52.	George D. Hooke,	Floral tribute, P. C.-in-C. Ruch.....	10.00
53.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July.....	51.04
54.	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Com.-in-Chief, Exp. a/c July.....	9.00
55.	C. R. Schlechter,	Badge (Past Commander-in-Chief).....	125.00
56.	H. H. Hammer,	Nat. Sec.-Treas., Exp. a/c 1938-'39 Salary	541.29
Total .....			\$8013.50

**Supplies—C. & R.—Ritual**

Anticipating instructions by this Encampment for the printing complete of revised Constitution & Regulations and Ritual, an unusual expense will be involved. It is warranted. These and other items in our supplies are more costly now, due to increase cost for production, labor and material. The 25% increase in charge for supplies authorized several years ago and not made effective is now necessary and required to charge for supplies. Copies of the C. & R. cannot now be procured at prices to sell at \$3.50 per hundred; Ritual at forty (40) cents each.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That previous authorization for increase in supplies be effective next term, 25% added to present cost, Requisition Forms 1 and 1½ changing prices to conform to the new rates, be provided and promulgated, as approved and adopted by this Encampment. Specifically—

Form 11—C. & R., sell to Departments at \$5.00 per 100; to Camps at \$6.00 per hundred.

Form 21—Ritual, sell to Departments at 60 cents each; to Camps at 75 cents each.

Fifty Years Continuous Membership Badge, sell to Departments at \$1.75 each; to Camps at \$2.00 each.

All other items on Requisition Forms 1 and 1½ changed in price to add 25% thereto.

Form 29, Dispensation, Form 55, Record of Camp Index Cards, be discontinued and withdrawn from supplies.

Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1938.....	\$3113.11
Cost of Supplies purchased.....	334.63
Cost of Supplies to account for.....	\$3947.74
Cost of Supplies on hand August 20, 1939.....	3011.30
Cost of Supplies sold .....	\$ 936.44
Amount Received .....	\$1435.36
Cost of Supplies sold.....	\$936.44
Cost of shipping .....	60.34
Express .....	1.92
Cost of Supplies to National Officers.....	7.05
Charged off, obsolete .....	42.39

Total Cost .....

Profit .....

**Fifty Years Membership Badges**

During the year 53 were issued to members Fifty Years contin-

nously in good standing and members. Last term 69 members were honored with this decoration; 92 the term previous.

#### Membership

Number of Members is our asset—our existence. Conditions need serious consideration, decisive action, and not disregarded. They are vital, paramount to every other question. Our losses are demoralizing. Not only must they be checked, but overcome. In hundreds of localities where Camps flourished none exist now. The last gain, term ending June 30, 1924, eighteen (18) Camps and 1,231 members, showed 1,021 Camps and 54,961 members in good standing. The number of deaths each year over 500—is a factor. There are too many Camps with nominal membership. They are unable to meet the pressure of existence and reverse. They are not prepared to function properly, meet obligations, carry on to effect the purposes of the Order, and disband. Average number of members in new Camps this term was 25; last year 35.

Interest in and effort to organize New Camps, secure new members is not manifested as in former years. That interest is sadly lacking.

Illustration: In one Department not one new member was initiated in any of its Camps since December, 1936. No Camps in five other Departments initiated new members in two successive Quarters in this term. Another Department secured no new members in any of its Camps in all of the four Quarters.

It is reasonable to assume that in some of those localities, if sufficient or the slightest interest had been taken by those responsible some new members could have been obtained.

Since 1934 six (6) Departments do not conform to the Constitutional requirement—250 members—(they have less), Section 5, Article VI, Page 6. C. & R., viz: Alabama & Tennessee, Colorado & Wyoming, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, Washington. During this period of five years only three (3) New Camps were organized in these Departments—one in Colorado & Wyoming, two (2) in Nebraska. This indicates the necessity for organization work in these Departments.

Initiations, including organization of New Camps emphasize that measures should be taken for reaction and revival of positive and strenuous course to change the distressing situation we have to contend with. The record shows:

Initiated and organized:	1925—24 Camps,	4610 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1926—31 Camps,	4025 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1927—17 Camps,	2283 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1928—12 Camps,	1680 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1929—38 Camps,	2469 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1930—26 Camps,	2084 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1931—12 Camps,	1439 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1932—11 Camps,	1058 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1933— 5 Camps,	702 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1934— 6 Camps,	1297 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1935—10 Camps,	1362 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1936— 7 Camps,	1153 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1937— 7 Camps,	1195 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1938—14 Camps,	1223 Members.
Initiated and organized:	1939—13 Camps,	1147 Members.

Imperative that an organized, planned campaign to increase membership be conducted at once, directed by the Commander-in-Chief:



**RECOMMENDATION:** That any or each of the Departments now enrolled showing a net gain of three hundred (300) members June 30, 1940, over June 30, 1939, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

That a member securing the highest, greatest number of new members, in excess of, over and above fifty (50) for any one Camp, said new members to be reported in good standing June 30, 1940, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred (\$100) dollars.

That the Organizer or Member who shall organize ten (10) New Camps in the States of Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, respectively, reported in good standing June 30, 1940, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred (\$100) dollars, for each of the said States in which ten (10) Camps are organized, or, the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) dollars for thirty (30) Camps in the three (3) designated States.

That: Appropriations for the foregoing shall be authorized by this Encampment, from the Organization (and Historical Marker) Fund and, if necessary from the Permanent Fund.

This or some other means or project, a challenge to the "depression" or "recession" we have been experiencing.

**New Camps**

New Camps and Charters issued thereto as follows:

	No. Applications	No. Applicants	No. Camps Organized	No. Charter Members
Illinois . . . . .	2	50	2	48
Indiana . . . . .	2	104	2	103
Iowa . . . . .	1	27		
(Withdrawn—Cancelled)				
Kansas . . . . .	2	32	2 (both Okla.)	36
Massachusetts . . . . .	2	34	2	34
Nebraska . . . . .	1	16	1	16
New Jersey . . . . .	1	24	1	21
Ohio . . . . .	1	16		
Pennsylvania . . . . .	1	26	1	26
*Vermont . . . . .			1	18
	<u>13</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>302</u>

\* Approved previous term.

**Receipts School Essay Fund**

Contributions received:			
From Departments . . . . .	9	\$136.05	
Department Junior Auxiliary, Rhode Island . . . . .	1	1.00	
Camps . . . . .	5	10.00	
Members, etc. . . . .	15	1.51	
		<u>\$148.56</u>	
Department of Alabama & Tennessee . . . . .		\$ 2.50	
Department—Connecticut . . . . .		\$ 21.25	
Wm. D. Hill, Camp No. 1, West Haven . . . . .		.10	
Wm. C. Dickinson, Camp No. 1, New Haven . . . . .		.10	
Camp No. 1, Stamford . . . . .		2.00	
		<u>23.45</u>	
		\$18.20	
Department—Illinois . . . . .		.25	
Clifford U. Collins, Peoria . . . . .			18.45

Indiana—		
Rev. Hurd Allyn Drake, Camp No. 1, Kokomo.	\$ .15	
Dr. M. W. Yencer, Camp No. 28, Richmond.	.25	
		.40
Kansas—Camp No. 2, Vinita, Okla.		1.55
Massachusetts—		
James A. Haskell, Camp No. 79, Melrose.	\$ .05	
Everett A. Thrower, Camp No. 37, Gardner.	.10	
Dean E. Kingsbury, Camp No. 25, Worcester.	.05	
		.20
Michigan—Department		15.25
Minnesota—Department	\$ 1.80	
Camp No. 8, Minneapolis	3.20	
		5.00
New Jersey—Department		20.00
New York—Department	\$48.30	
Camp No. 74, Yonkers	2.65	
		50.95
Pennsylvania—		
H. F. Mertz, Mertztown, Camp No. 6.	\$ .05	
Mrs. Louis J. Herrman, for deceased husband, and, Camp No. 200, Philadelphia	.10	
John W. Reeves, 2nd, Camp 233, Easton.	.06	
Wm. H. H. Ogden, Jr., Camp 200, Philadelphia	.10	
		.31
Rhode Island—Department	\$ 7.50	
Camp No. 1, Newport	.60	
		8.10
Washington—Department		1.25
Wisconsin—		
Dr. George H. Belding, Camp No. 1, Milwaukee.	\$ .05	
Otto Bretz, Camp No. 1, Milwaukee.	.05	
Mrs. Otto Bretz, Auxiliary No. 1, Milwaukee.	.05	
		.15
Total		\$147.56
Rhode Island—Department Junior Auxiliary.		\$ 1.00
SUPPLEMENTARY RECEIPTS—August 14-25, inc.:		
Massachusetts—Camp No. 26, Taunton.	\$ 1.50	
Pennsylvania—Frank M. Heacock, Media.	.05	
New York—Department	7.95	
Ohio—Department	24.70	
Total		\$ 34.20
Total Contributions		\$182.76

#### Grand Army of the Republic

Our Purposes and Objects, CONSTITUTION. Article 2, Third:  
"To assist the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic \* \* \*."

With the service rendered by Camps, Members and Departments, it should be emphasized—financially. It is expected of us. The time has come for it. The thinning ranks, loss of Posts, Members, so great annually by their passing away, reduces their sources of revenue so materially that action of this character is essential. It will be helpful to them to continue as an Order to its end.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council-in-Chief be instructed to provide annually in the Budget, an appropriation made from the Permanent Fund, by the Commandery-in-Chief, to the Grand Army of the Republic.

### Sons of Veterans Reserve

The Sons of Veterans Reserve is our Encampment attraction and asset. Without it, there would be little if anything as a feature or publicity for the Order, or knowledge of the presence of a representative, patriotic Order in the Encampment City.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council-in-Chief annually provide in the budget, and the Commandery-in-Chief appropriate from the General Fund, an amount to compensate the one hundred (100) members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve constituting the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Escort of the Grand Army of the Republic in its annual Encampment parade"—the number of uniformed and equipped members designated by the G. A. R. as its Official Escort.

### Department Secretaries-Treasurers Conferences

A valuable adjunct of Encampment is the Conference of Department Secretaries-Treasurers. It is a permanent occasion, important. Views, subjects of mutual benefit, customs, interpretation of laws, etc., discussed, emphasizing necessity for and importance of increasing membership. Profit is derived.

### Our Auxiliary—Affiliated Orders

Contact with our Auxiliary and affiliated Orders is of mutual benefit, pleasant and in accord. Our Auxiliary under the active leadership of Mrs. Ann Lockyer, National President, has favored us in many ways. She has on every opportunity advocated our cause, organization of Camps and urged eligibles to unite with us. Her interest, personal services were substantial, effective, and in co-operation, manifested the true spirit of the "term Auxiliary." We are obligated to her and her fine organization—our efficient ally.

We also have thanks to tender in acknowledgment of cordial co-operation and favors from the National Presidents and Officers of the respective other Orders with which we are associated, in serving the Grand Army of the Republic—the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans—with all of whom we are in most friendly and fraternal relations, exemplified by their courtesies and assistance.

### The Banner, Official Organ

Editor Allan S. Holbrook, and his efficient corps, extend to the Order, many favors, courtesies, for the benefit of Members, Camps and the Order in general. Their assistance in details, matters related in various Departments and Camps is valuable. Always active in the interests and affairs of the Order, Editor Holbrook provides an effective medium at our service and a valuable asset to the Order.

### Conclusion

Our Official relations end. We look back and to realize a year has passed, the term ended, impresses the speed of time, quickly passing of days, months, a year. It has been an active period. Every effort you could apply for the upbuilding of the Order, for active co-operation to accomplish a record for results in New Camps and Members, you resorted to and applied, by example, service, personal endeavor. You have the general good will for your future good health, prosperity and success. I thank you for your many courtesies, favors and assure you of grateful appreciation thereof.

To the colleagues—the National Officers and Staff, acknowledgment is made of their assistance, favors and for their kindness in many ways.

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

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—National Secretary-Treasurer

	Receipts	Permanent Fund	Organization and Historical Marker Fund	School Essay Fund	General Fund
August 20, 1939, TO BALANCE.....		\$2867.69	\$1745.64	\$148.56	\$3037.43
Received for Membership Fees.....	\$1.00				
Per Capita Tax.....	8.70	.72	.73	34.20	8.25
Total Receipts .....	\$9.70	\$2868.41	\$1746.37	\$182.76	\$3045.68
By Disbursements:					
To Grand Army of the Republic.....		\$ 250.00			
Memorial Bronze Co., Lincoln Gettysburg Address Tablet, University of Pittsburgh....			\$ 123.00		
To Balance .....		\$2618.41	\$1623.37		
Transfer from Essay Fund.....			182.76	\$182.76	
By General Expenses .....			\$1806.13		
Office Expenses .....				\$189.44	
Total .....				3.54	
September 3, 1939, By Balance.....		\$2618.41	\$1806.13		\$1492.98
(Appropriation term 1939-40, to Essay Committee.....)			\$ 382.00		\$1552.70

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Voucher No.	To Whom:	Account:	The Banner	Encampment	Office	Total
57.	The Banner,	Subscriptions, August (21,398 copies)	\$427.96	\$ 142.92		\$ 570.88
58.	S. S. Horn,	Ritual Committee		3.00		3.00
59.	Reserve Escort,	Parade		200.00		200.00
60.	P. F. Yangling,	Essay Committee		7.50		7.50
61.	W. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Commander-in-Chief		75.60		75.60
62.	Michael Casey,	Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief		17.50		17.50
63.	Robert T. Alcorn,	Council-in-Chief		60.75		60.75
64.	C. E. Heald,	Council-in-Chief		83.55		83.55
65.	J. P. Shrive,	Council-in-Chief		29.20		29.20
66.	A. B. DeHaven,	National Patriotic Instructor		55.59		55.59
67.	J. K. Craft,	National Chaplain		18.35		18.35
68.	Edwin John Prittie,	Acting Chief-of-Staff		12.00		12.00
69.	H. H. Hammer,	National Secretary-Treasurer		92.67	\$3.54	96.21
70.	W. L. Anderson, Sr.,	Commander-in-Chief		31.35		31.35
71.	Department of Massachusetts,	Engraving Trophy		6.50		6.50
72.	Harry Bastow,	Stenographic Report		100.00		100.00
73.	C. R. Schlechter,	Badge Past Commander-in-Chief		125.00		125.00
Total			\$427.96	\$1061.48	\$3.54	\$1492.98

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



SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT—National Secretary-Treasurer

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August 20, 1939, TO BALANCE.....		\$2867.69	\$1745.64	\$148.56		\$3037.43
Received for Membership Fees.....	\$1.00				\$1.00	
Per Capita Tax.....	8.70	.72	.73	34.20	7.25	8.25
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$9.70</b>	<b>\$2868.41</b>	<b>\$1746.37</b>	<b>\$182.76</b>	<b>\$8.25</b>	<b>\$3045.68</b>
By Disbursements:						
To Grand Army of the Republic.....		\$ 250.00				
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To Balance .....		\$2618.41	\$1623.37			
Transfer from Essay Fund.....			182.76	\$182.76		
			\$1806.13			
By General Expenses .....					\$1489.44	
Office Expenses .....					3.54	
<b>Total .....</b>						<b>\$1492.98</b>
September 1, 1939, By Balance.....		\$2618.41	\$1806.13			\$3424.54
(Appropriation term 1939-'40, to Essay Committee.....)			\$ 382.00)			\$382.00

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Voucher No.	To Whom:	Account:	The Banner	Encampment	Office	Total
57.	The Banner, Officers' Reports.....			\$ 142.92		\$ 570.88
	Subscription, August (21,398 copies).....		\$427.96			
58.	S. S. Horn, Ritual Committee.....			3.00		3.00
59.	Reserve Escort, Parade .....			200.00		200.00
60.	P. F. Yengling, Essay Committee .....			7.50		7.50
61.	W. L. Anderson, Sr., Commander-in-Chief.....			75.60		75.60
62.	Michael Casey, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....			17.50		17.50
63.	Robert T. Alcorn, Council-in-Chief.....			60.75		60.75
64.	C. E. Heald, Council-in-Chief.....			83.55		83.55
65.	J. P. Shrieve, Council-in-Chief .....			29.20		29.20
66.	A. B. DeHaven, National Patriotic Instructor.....			55.59		55.59
67.	J. K. Craig, National Chaplain .....			18.35		18.35
68.	Edwin John Prittie, Acting Chief-of-Staff.....			12.00		12.00
69.	H. H. Hammer, National Secretary-Treasurer.....			92.67	\$3.54	96.21
70.	W. L. Anderson, Sr., Commander-in-Chief.....			31.35		31.35
71.	Department of Massachusetts, Engraving Trophy.....			6.50		6.50
72.	Harry Bastow, Stenographic Report .....			100.00		100.00
73.	C. R. Schlechter, Badge Past Commander-in-Chief.....			125.00		125.00
	Total .....		\$427.96	\$1061.48	\$3.54	\$1492.98

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

## REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Sanford, Maine, July 25, 1939.

William L. Anderson, Sr., Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander:

I herewith submit, as National Patriotic Instructor, to you and through you to the Commandery-in-Chief assembled in Encampment at Pittsburgh, Pa., my report of the activities of Departments and Camps as reported to my office by Department Patriotic Instructors and compiled by them from reports of Camp Patriotic Instructors also comments, suggestions and recommendations by Patriotic Instructors.

When accepting your invitation to fill this office last November, I fully realized its responsibilities especially now that the activities previously reported by the Chaplain has been assigned to this office with report being made on new style blank. Although I have been very busy, at times, since last November, I have found a great amount of pleasure with it. I always enjoy work in connection with the Sons of Union Veterans. This year I have traveled many miles in the New England States including my own large state. I have had the honor to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the New Hampshire Encampment, the Regional Meetings at Providence, R. I., and The Weirs, N. H., also the Campfire at Concord and a Broadcast from Laconia, N. H., as well as several minor functions. I was received with all due courtesy wherever I went.

### Essay-Schools

In January, the Committee on Essay-Schools took up the matter regarding the proposed Essay contest with me. In February I was directed by the committee to formulate plans for a suggested contest and submit same to the committee, same to become part of their report to the Encampment. After weeks of study and conferring with my local Superintendent of Schools who handles many such contests, I formulated a plan that I thought would be suitable for our Order to start with. It does not compare with large contests any more than our Order compares with large Orders. The plan was sent to the committee February 22. I am in full sympathy with the proposed contest and believe it could be of great good to our organization and to the public through the school children. Space prevents my going into detail regarding its benefit.

This report is made up in four parts: Personal (the foregoing), Statistical, Physical, and names of members giving public addresses.

### Summary of the Statistics

This year, up until July 22, 378 Camps reported—10 more than last year. 233,338 Flags were placed on graves in over 3000 cemeteries—if all Camps had reported there would have been, I am sure, over half a million Flags reported being placed. The questions on these new blanks are very simple and plain but notwithstanding that fact at least three of the questions were greatly misread and therefore reports in these instances greatly exaggerated at times. One of them read "Number of Headstones PLACED." Some reported every one that a Flag was placed on. Thus placing 647 Headstones is somewhat high. Again the question "Graves given SPECIAL attention" was greatly misread. Notwithstanding the fact that there was a note under this question stating "resetting stone, grading, seeding, cutting grass, etc." 2647 graves were reported having received this special attention. The reporting of the Children Participating in Memorial Day activities is confused, I believe, at times with school programs and therefore some

reports are real high. I saw one Camp report that stated every school child in the city participated.

However, the rest of the questions were more clearly understood. 5493 Flag holders were placed. 810 funerals attended with Camp members funerals being only 102 less than the Veterans. Our Camp loss by death is gaining. 304 of the 378 Camps report having patriotic programs and discussions during the meetings and 757 public programs were presented—that is indeed encouraging. There is much more co-operation with other patriotic bodies in programs and this is of great benefit to the Order. 892 Flags were presented—one Department reported two Flags being presented to cemeteries. 89 broadcasts were reported with Massachusetts reporting 25. 1198 visits to schools, etc., shows fine activity. 33 Memorial Monuments were erected and presented—that was certainly doing fine. 283 Camps out of 378 take lead in planning and conducting Memorial Day programs. In many places Camps join with other bodies in forming Memorial Councils and Associations and I really believe that tends to make closer harmony between all concerned. 14 Departments report the Pledge of Allegiance is required in schools by law and the rest report its general use. 12 Departments report the general use in the schools of the American's Creed and the others report its increasing use. All Departments report the Flag is displayed on school buildings when school is in session. The only direct disrespect for the Flag is reported in a few Eastern states where the organization "Jehovah Witnesses" whose belief does not allow its members or their children to salute the Flag. They sent Missionaries on flying visits to different places to get converts but I know in quite a number of cases these visits resulted in disaster because they were run out of the city when they did not get much further than to say "that they did not recognize and would not salute it." The above summary made without Ohio's report.

Taking the reports of the Camps as a whole, I fully believe that the Camps are honestly more active in the duties for which they are organized. There is better co-operation with other Patriotic Bodies and the name Son of a Union Veteran is being received with more respect. The comments, suggestions and recommendations are reported just about as they were given to me and is certainly interesting reading.

#### Suggestion

I make no recommendation but I would like to call to your attention the fact that next to the Commander-in-Chief and the National Secretary-Treasurer, the National Patriotic Instructor is the busiest officer of the Commandery-in-Chief and especially more so if the Essay contest is held and handled by this office. The consolidation of the new reports is much harder to handle and prepare especially in the short time allowed. The contest will take about five months time. He must be at the Encampment much earlier so as to prepare and hold a dedication of some Memorial Tablet. There is also other activity and traveling during the year. At present there is no expense allowed to this office other than the traveling fare to and from Encampment. I am not speaking for myself but for whoever handles this office in the future. Do not place too much on him financially.

As I close I trust that I have been of some little help to the Order. If so, I am satisfied and well repaid. I would leave, with this toast "May the Sun—The G. A. R.—from which our organization receives its light, shine perpetually on us."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

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### DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTORS COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Alabama & Tennessee—W. L. Gray, Jacksonville, Fla. Camps observe Memorial Day with Patriotic programs. Schools hold patriotic programs November 11. The Pledge of Allegiance is required by law in the schools with the American's Creed generally used and the United State Flag generally displayed when school is in session.

A big event took place when a Grand Army of the Republic Monument of Department Commander C. J. Rose, of the G. A. R., was unveiled on April 12 at Miami, Fla. Recommends that more stress should be given our schools at best times suitable. All four Camps, including the Camps in Florida, reported. The report of these Camps in the South shows excellent work.

California & Pacific—Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Huntington Park, Cal. Camps generally observe all Patriotic Days. The schools also have patriotic programs for all patriotic events. The Pledge of Allegiance, in the schools, is required by law and the American's Creed is generally used also the Flag is displayed when schools are in session.

Camp 1, San Francisco, holds membership contest—losers give Fourth of July dinner—also has class study of History of Flag. Oakland Chaplain handles 4800 Flags in 27 cemeteries assisted by Boy Scouts and Girl Reserves. Ontario Camp sponsors Essay contest in schools. "Pot Luck" dinners used to assist towards more interest and attendance in Camps. Special campaigns for members held. Believes members should understand rightly their obligation—that more patriotism be taught in average American Home—that we should give more attention to programs in schools and call on schools to assist in special programs. As to The Banner—believes an organization like ours should have a larger paper, with more news, special discussions on some phase of our work—more Camp and State news and a copy each month. Some members get encouragement from reading news of Camps and States. 18 of 19 Camps reported and showed splendid activity.

Colorado & Wyoming—A. R. Ross, Ft. Collis, Colo. Camps observe Washington, Lincoln and Grant Birthdays and Memorial and Flag Days. Schools have Patriotic Programs for Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays. The Pledge of Allegiance in the schools is required by law and the American's Creed is generally used, also the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. No special events reported and no suggestions. The four active Camps reporting shows activity that is indeed encouraging.

Connecticut—Joseph A. Hickey, Ansonia. Camps observe Lincoln's Birthday and Memorial Day. In the schools, Patriotic Programs are held Columbus, Lincoln, Washington, Memorial, Flag and Armistice Days. The Pledge of Allegiance evidently is not required by law as only nine report its use in schools—ten report use of the American's Creed and 17 out of 18 report Flag being displayed on schools when in session. One Camp reports they have full charge of Memorial Day, G. A. R. Services. Other Camps report they have Veterans Councils or Memorial Associations. Camp 18, Thomaston, reports that an Appomattox Day Essay contest for 7th and 8th grade pupils was promoted and prizes given. Suggests having newspapers print more about Memorial Day—get teachers to take more active interest in it. Says The Banner should have better paper and more reading matter with publication monthly and to keep on publishing and if members are interested they will read it, if not, we have nothing more to offer. Report shows excellent work done.

Illinois—George B. Buck, Moline. Camps observe Lincoln and



Memorial Days. In the schools, Lincoln, Washington, Memorial, Armistice and Flag Days are observed by patriotic programs. The report as to whether the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law and whether the American's Creed is generally used in the schools is: DON'T KNOW. The Flag is displayed on schools when in session. The report is not of the very best—plenty of chance for improvement. Only nine Camps of twenty-six reporting and, it may be so, but the placing of eighty headstones, during the year, on Civil War Veterans graves by nine Camps, seems an awful lot. Apathy among Patriotic Instructors in this Department is shown.

Indiana—W. A. Thomas, Fort Wayne. Camps observe about all Patriotic Days as do also the Schools. The Pledge of Allegiance in the schools evidently not required by law as five Camps report its usage and one report optional. Seven reported the American's Creed being used. The Flag is displayed when schools are in session. Camp 28, Richmond, gave prize to winner, in High School, chosen to deliver Gettysburg Address. Lots of signs of greater activity with study towards interesting younger eligibles to join with us.

Iowa—Bruce L. Holt, Clinton. Camps observe Lincoln, Washington and Grant Birthdays and Memorial, Flag and Armistice Days. Schools have programs Washington and Lincoln Birthdays and Memorial and Flag Days. The Pledge of Allegiance is NOT required by law in the schools but the American's Creed is generally used and the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. No comments or suggestions given. A study of report shows less than half of Camps reporting but the work of these Camps is fine.

Kansas—Sullivan Lomax, Cherryvale. Camps observe Memorial, Flag, Union Defenders and Armistice Days. Schools have programs for Memorial, Flag and Armistice Days. The Pledge of Allegiance in the schools is required by law but the American's Creed is NOT generally used but the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. Radio programs are given to stimulate patriotism and the Camps are generally active.

Maine—Earle H. Jackson, Monson. Camps generally observe most all patriotic days as do also the schools with patriotic programs. Department Commander, immediately after election, calls a conference of his Department officers and interested Past Department Commanders at some central point and plan activities for the year ahead. The Auxiliary Department does also and both appoint committees to form joint committee on Ways and Means, which committee proves of great advantage in many ways to the Department. Class musters with Degree Team contests held. There is a traveling Flag that a Camp holds until another Camp arrives on a visit with at least nine members then said Camp takes Flag until another Camp claims same with at least nine visiting members. This produces interest. Districts with District Deputies proves advantageous to this state of large mileage. Believes all patriotic bodies take a firmer stand regarding Memorial Day—observe it themselves—get Flags out—sponsor parades—get school children out to participate and give them small Flags. Urges deeper interest in public schools—co-operate with teachers and urge them to, each day, touch on patriotism. Believes Camp members must constantly talk with eligibles regarding their duty to themselves and the assistance they can be to the Camp. Says The Banner is all right, the main trouble lays in the heads of those who receive it, either they do not read it all or if they do they do not give good sound reading any serious thought.

Maryland—Robert S. Valleau, Richardson Park, Del. Camps observe most all patriotic days as do also the schools by patriotic programs. The Pledge of Allegiance is evidently not required by law

as three Camps report its usage and three report NO. Also, in the schools, the American's Creed is used three places and three say NO. But all report displaying Flag on schools when in session. There are no direct discourtesies to the Flag. Appomattox Camp of Wilmington, Del., secures the assistance of the school pupils in procuring flowers for the decoration of graves and with the assistance of Boy Scouts decorate 4024 graves, also use Scouts for Drummers, Flag Bearers and Buglers thus sowing the seed with the younger generation for the creation of civic interest in the future. R. G. Shaw Camp also of Wilmington does splendid work. Reno Camp of Grafton, W. Va., presented a very interesting Memorial Day program with co-operation of school pupils. Lincoln Camp and Harding Camp of Washington, D. C., hold attractive patriotic programs on most of our usual patriotic days. Garfield Camp, Baltimore, Md., appreciates The Banner articles and thinks the significance of Memorial Day should be stressed with the people. Report shows splendid work.

Massachusetts—Guy Richardson, Jamaica Plain. Camps observe February 12 and 22, April 12 and 19, May 30, June 14 and November 11. In the schools these days are also observed by patriotic programs. The Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, the American's Creed generally used and the Flag is displayed on schools when in session. Dept. Pat. Inst. Richardson is in Europe when this report is being made up by Dept. Sec. Leon Palmer. Time was short and Brother Palmer did what he could in the short time allowed. There was not time for comments, suggestions or recommendations but we, in the East, know just what fine work Massachusetts is doing with their regular broadcasts, district meetings, etc. Reports of outstanding Camps is not available at this time. Dept. Sec. Palmer could only get the reports from 41 Camps. The other reports must be at Brother Richardson's house and will be amended to this report when finally published in the Encampment proceedings.

Michigan—John L. Tiffany, Kalamazoo. Camps observe Lincoln and Washington Birthdays and Veterans Night. In the schools, the Pledge of Allegiance is NOT required by law, the American's Creed is NOT generally used but the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. Movement on hand to have law compelling use of Pledge also use of Creed. Believes a movement should be started at National Encampment to try to suppress major sports, such as auto races, ball games, etc., on Memorial Day. Believes interest can be increased on Memorial Day if programs were made more interesting. Says school children seem to take more interest in patriotic programs. Says District meetings, by the Department, at which Camps are urged to provide a class of candidates, has worked out satisfactorily. Believes Camps should provide more REAL news for The Banner.

Minnesota—William J. Hiland, St. Paul. Camps observe most patriotic days. In the schools, patriotic programs are given on special days, the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, the American's Creed is NOT generally used but the Flag is displayed on schools when in session. Report explains that the number of Sons participating in Memorial Day programs and the estimate of Flags used in decorating is not available as much of the decorating is done by Memorial Day Associations which are composed of representatives of various Patriotic organizations in which the Sons take a prominent part. Splendid co-operation is maintained with Veteran organizations. Camp 8, Minneapolis, says "print something in The Banner besides visiting around, eating and speechmaking" (this means Department news). Believes preference be given to activities along constructive lines. Believes Banner could be given medium of transferring ideas.

Missouri—Stanley H. Gates, Springfield. Camps generally observe Lincoln, Washington and Flag Days. In the schools, patriotic programs are given for Memorial and Armistice Days, the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, the American's Creed generally used and the Flag displayed when schools are in session. No direct discourtesies to the Flag but feels that too many business men use Flag thoughtlessly. First—by using Flag with display of merchandise to assist towards selling same. Second—many Flags thus used are crumpled and dirty. Report shows activity that is very encouraging.

Nebraska—J. A. Carman, Cook. Camps observe Lincoln and Grant Birthdays. In the schools, these days are observed by programs, also Flag Day—the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, the American's Creed generally used and the Flag displayed when schools are in session. No comments or suggestions. Report is interesting, showing all nine Camps reporting with an activity they can be proud of.

New Hampshire—S. Arthur Florence, Boscawen and Department Commander Claude E. Rockwood, Troy. Am mentioning both as this is an outstanding case of co-operation between both offices towards completion of a 100% report on 21 Camps. This is the fourth straight years this Department reports have been 100%. Commander Rockwood was Patriotic Instructor in '36 and '37 and assisted last year and this year by traveling to many delinquent places and getting reports personally. Brother Florence deserves great credit in not only getting a 100% report but in having same in this office by JUNE 20. Camps observe most patriotic days. In the schools, patriotic programs are frequently given, the Pledge of Allegiance is NOT required by law but 11 Camps report its use and 13 use the American's Creed and the Flag is generally displayed on schools. A few children of JEHOVAH WITNESSES refuse to salute the Flag. Department gives prizes for Camp getting most members. Recommends law prohibiting sports on Memorial Day. Believes Camp meetings would be larger and better if followed by music, dancing, plays, etc., and once in awhile the public present. Believes reduction of fees for a period would gain new members. Says The Banner is profitable to Order—would like to see more events, stories, pictures, poems and especially a radio page. District meetings help the Department a lot

New Jersey—Ralph Murphy, Sr., Bloomfield. Camps observe Lincoln, Washington and Grant Birthdays and Memorial, Flag and Armistice Days. In the schools, the same days are commemorated with patriotic programs; the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law but the American's Creed is NOT generally used. The Flag is displayed on schools when in session. No comments or suggestions given. A perusal of the report shows two more than half of the Camps reporting. These were really active and are to be congratulated.

Vermont—Elias L. Jangraw, Rutland. Camps generally observe Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, Memorial Sunday, Memorial Day and Veterans Night. In the schools, patriotic programs are given adjacent to Memorial Day and Lincoln and Washington Birthdays, the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, the American's Creed generally used and the Flag displayed when schools are in session. Recommends that each Camp send \$1.25 with their Patriotic Instructor report to the Department Patriotic Instructor to be used for a Flag fund for presentation of a Flag to some school each year. The broadcasting of fourteen programs by Radio shows splendid progressive activity.

New York—Harold T. Beilby, Rochester. Camps generally observe Washington, Lincoln and Grant Birthdays and Memorial, Flag, Armistice, Appomattox, Constitution and Gettysburg Days and July Fourth. Schools have patriotic programs for Lincoln and Washington Birth-

days and Memorial, Flag and Armistice Days. The Pledge of Allegiance is required by law in the schools and the American's Creed is generally used also the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. No direct discourtesies to the Flag known but several minor ones that were reported were immediately corrected when called to the attention of proper authorities. Several Essay Contests are held among school children on subjects pertaining to the Civil War and to Patriotism—cash awards are given for same.

Recommends: Having Memorial Services really Memorial Services instead of a celebration of—as some Memorial Services are conducted. Believes in a slated program for school children on every occasion possible—not too dry but impressive enough for them to catch the spirit. Suggests that: where there is more than one Camp in a city or in close proximity, there should be a central committee, composed of members chosen from all Camps, whose chief aim is to further our organization especially with the idea to obtain new members regardless of which Camp they joined. This proved advantageous in Rochester where there are four Camps. Believes that if The Banner's appearance was changed and brought more up to date, thus more appealing to the eye—it would be read more. Also it should be published oftener, also if along with news of the Order current everyday affairs of the world could be injected and still tied up with our own work it would be of more interest to members.

Oregon—Walter C. Harmon, Grants Pass. Camps generally observe February 12, 22, April 6, September 17 and November 19. Schools have patriotic programs February 12, 22, September 17 and November 19. The Pledge of Allegiance is NOT required by law in the schools and the American's Creed is generally used also the Flag is generally displayed when schools are in session. All but one Camp reported and the report shows splendid activity. An important event took place when they placed in the State House at Salem Oregon, a Monument, dedicated in memory of the Civil War Veterans from 1861 to 1865, by the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans. No comment or suggestions given with report.

Ohio—Ohio's report not received when this report closed (July 27). Report was ready, I understand, at their Encampment in June. Requests for it have failed.

Pennsylvania—George F. Roberts, Johnstown. Camps observe Lincoln, Washington, Grant, Memorial, Flag, Armistice, Appomattox and Union Defenders Days and Veterans Night. Schools also generally observe these days—the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law and the American's Creed is generally used, also the Flag is generally displayed on schools when in session. No general comment or suggestions given with report. I find in looking over report that a few more than half of the Camps reported but these showed real activity. Eighty-seven members gave patriotic public addresses.

Rhode Island—A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Ashaway. Camps generally observe all patriotic days. In the schools, the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, but the American's Creed is NOT used but the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. Comments and recommendations were most complete and very interesting and am sorry space does not allow its full publication. Believes better programs by Sons to which the public is invited is better than same behind closed doors because it brings to the eyes and ears of the public the Principles and Objects of our Fathers. Recommends campfires at which talks, songs and plays of Civil War days be given—results of same there has proved beneficial. Believes in closer co-operation with allied organizations—recommends Commanders and Presidents, or committees, meet and discuss problems and plan together for mutual



A. Number of Camps in good standing.....	
B. Number of Camps included in this Report.....	
1. Number of Members in good standing.....	5
2. Number attending Memorial Sunday Services.....	12
3. Number participating in Memorial Day Exercises.....	13
4. Number of Cemeteries covered by Sons of Union Veterans.....	
5. Number Flags placed on graves.....	15
A—Civil War Veterans.....	3
B—Other Veterans.....	11
6. Number of head stones placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....	
7. Number of Flag holders placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....	
8. Number of graves of Civil War Veterans given SPECIAL attention*.....	3
9. Number of funerals attended (or conducted).....	
A—Civil War Veterans.....	
B—Camp Members.....	
C—Members of Allied Organizations.....	
10. Number of Camps having an active Committee on Marking of Veterans' Graves.....	
11. Number of Camps having patriotic talks and discussion at regular meetings.....	
12. Number of public patriotic programs sponsored by Camps.....	
13. Number of Flags presented.....	
To Churches.....	
To Schools.....	
To other Organizations.....	
14. Number of radio programs broadcast.....	
15. Number of parades participated in.....	
16. Number of official visits by representatives.....	11
To Churches.....	1
To Sunday Schools.....	1
To Public Schools.....	5
To other Organizations.....	
17. Estimated number of school children participating in Memorial Day activities in communities where Camps are functioning.....	300
18. Number of Memorial monuments or tablets erected during the year by this Department (NOT grave stones).....	1
19. How many Camps take the lead in planning and conducting Memorial Services for the G. A. R. where it has ceased to be active?.....	1
20. Number of Camps participating in Armistice Day parade and programs.....	

\* (Re-setting stone, grading, seeding, cutting grass, etc., NOT included in

† Thousands.

‡ Not available.

§ Two cemeteries.



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	Alabama	Tenn- see, Florida	California & Pacific	Colorado & Wyoming	Connecticut	Illinois	Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri	Nebraska	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New York	Ohio	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	Vermont	Washington	Wisconsin	Totals
A. Number of Camps in good standing.....	4	19	9	30	27	29	20	19	36	12	122	13	10	11	8	21	26	81	63	8	106	16	24	5	17	736	
B. Number of Camps included in this Report.....	4	18	18	154	9	15	7	11	29	6	41	9	5	8	9	21	33	25	60	11	15	5	16	16	403		
1. Number of Members in good standing.....	50	608	106	918	154	692	354	325	826	250	3912	490	204	400	216	646	815	940	900	158	3372	356	532	87	454	17774	
2. Number attending Memorial Sunday Services.....	22	238	46	305	76	192	67	225	359	53	558	68	50	200	175	259	223	592	300	85	1559	128	100	38	126	6038	
3. Number participating in Memorial Day Exercises.....	22	256	54	466	83	262	81	180	516	116	765	99	150	100	300	290	712	412	91	1832	178	204	42	224	7436		
4. Number of Cemeteries covered by Sons of Union Veterans.....	5	56	13	120	30	107	44	32	334	56	281	41	12	15	19	179	158	302	192	39	736	116	150	15	75	3206	
5. Number Flags placed on graves.....	150	10558	3950	13340	3415	13565	2295	3800	12636	6348	22602	6655	3000	4000	4000	7599	9256	23688	28000	1671	64822	7347	4891	2500	5250	261338	
A—Civil War Veterans.....	34	6030	450	10162	1780	4361	2209	2400	10901	6147	20863	6655	3000	4000	4150	7584	19488	2	2	52197	6390	4621	2500	4470	180391		
B—Other Veterans.....	116	4528	?	3178	652	1504?	86	1400	1735	201	1734	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	34	3	27	1	12	0	14	654
6. Number of head stones placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....	0	175?	16	36	80?	68	3	90	53	7	11	0	1	0	0	2	14	34	?	2	12625	957	270	0	780	37700	
7. Number of Flag holders placed on graves of Civil War Veterans.....	0	175?	6	181	14	47	8	120	286	0	197	2	0	0	100	63	1968	79	107	18	2019	31	15	100	64	5600	
8. Number of graves of Civil War Veterans given SPECIAL attention*..	34	3	1	42	0	8	68	0	923	5	261	1	4	3	5	346	113	1315	14	206	264	35	0	0	10	3661	
9. Number of funerals attended (or conducted).....	3	95	11	39	11	27	4	90	28	18	36	24	23	5	12	18	39	72	12	152	17	21	0	0	53	817	
A—Civil War Veterans.....	2	41	7	7	2	17	3	75	11	6	9	11	9	5	4	3	12	38	7	0	56	11	2	0	20	358	
B—Camp Members.....	1	19	0	6	1	8	0	8	9	9	16	8	2	0	5	12	10	21	0	0	75	5	19	0	15	249	
C—Members of Allied Organizations.....	0	34	4	26	?	2	1	7	8	3	11	5	12	0	3	3	17	13	0	0	21	1	0	0	18	189	
10. Number of Camps having an active Committee on Marking of Veterans' Graves.....	1	5	3	16	4	10	6	8	21	3	35	7	4	6	3	15	13	26	20	5	48	9	15	3	11	297	
11. Number of Camps having patriotic talks and discussion at regular meetings.....	4	17	4	14	6	12	7	0	26	6	35	8	4	8	4	16	13	25	17	6	60	11	8	0	13	321	
12. Number of public patriotic programs sponsored by Camps.....	8	71	33	18	39	22	17	18	74	10	56	19	9	21	8	34	24	53	64	15	145	17	15	3	28	821	
13. Number of Flags presented.....	1	9	1	7	0	9	22	5	274	3	505	3	0	0	0	6	1	0	11	4	11	6	4	5	0	9	896
To Churches.....	0	5	1	0	0	2	11	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	.....	0	8	0	0	0	2	30
To Schools.....	0	2	0	1	0	5	0	0	273	1	502	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	3	.....	11	1	0	5	0	4	816
To other Organizations.....	1	2	0	6	0	2	11	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.....	0	3	4	0	0	3	44
14. Number of radio programs broadcast.....	1	3	0	0	0	12	2	2	25	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	12	1	1	0	1	1	14	0	2	90
15. Number of parades participated in.....	3	15	8	26	26	16	5	38	53	4	63	9	18	15	5	30	21	47	25	11	264	27	16	4	26	775	
16. Number of official visits by representatives.....	11	113	23	84	25	22	14	0	47	4	142	10	44	0	10	44	103	90	26	0	265	36	2	8	41	1224	
To Churches.....	2	15	4	5	15	2	1	0	37	1	24	6	0	0	3	8	11	1	.....	0	59	8	0	0	5	207	
To Sunday Schools.....	0	7	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	1	2	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	.....	0	14	0	0	0	8	55
To Public Schools.....	5	15	6	40	0	28	0	6	1	64	1	17	0	5	23	53	56	3	56	.....	0	71	8	2	0	11	412
To other Organizations.....	4	96	13	39	10	5	15	0	4	1	62	3	21	0	2	13	39	31	.....	0	121	20	0	8	17	517	
17. Estimated number of school children participating in Memorial Day activities in communities where Camps are functioning.....	300	105720	1425	19960	1650	3900	5550	5000	5481	18900	39926	3500	40000	20000	1200	3820	47925	40150	10000	525	73540	1289	2100	?	36348	488109	
18. Number of Memorial monuments or tablets erected during the year by this Department (NOT grave stones).....	1	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	1	1	8	33
19. How many Camps take the lead in planning and conducting Memorial Services for the G. A. R. where it has ceased to be active?.....	1	12	4	15	7	12	2	3	26	4	31	3	6	2	9	17	12	25	17	2	50	11	15	3	11	300	
20. Number of Camps participating in Armistice Day parade and programs.....	2	15	4	9	1	7	2	8	12	2	25	3	6	6	4	15	8	12	20	3	38	10	7	2	8	229	

\*(Re-setting stone, grading, seeding, cutting grass, etc., NOT included in 6 and 7).

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good also there should be visitations. Believes in active cemetery committees to complete records, erect government stones, care for neglected graves and erect G. A. R. Memorials. Results there have proven their worth by action. Believes in Uniforms for all members and an increase in the S. of V. Reserve. Believes in proper exemplification of Ritual and its full use—schools of instruction and annual inspections. Believes in frequent visits to the schools with interesting talks on the Civil War history. Brother Lewis held a mass meeting of Camp Commanders and Patriotic Instructors to discuss means of improving our organization and the above is a synopsis of their plans.

Washington—E. A. Newell, Wenatchee. Camps generally observe Lincoln, Washington, Flag and Armistice Days. In the schools, the same days are observed by patriotic programs, the Pledge of Allegiance is required by law, the American's Creed generally used and the Flag displayed on schools when in session. A big event took place when a Log Cabin, a replica of Lincoln's Birthplace, erected by the Sons and Auxiliary, was dedicated on Flag Day, June 14, 1939, to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. A full day program from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. Also presented to the State at Lincoln Rock Park, a Cave, same to be maintained and protected by the State. Although there are only five Camps in this Department, their report showed splendid activity that is encouraging.

Wisconsin—Gordon K. Cline, Baraboo. Camps observe most all patriotic days. In the schools, patriotic programs are given on most of the school patriotic days. The Pledge of Allegiance in the schools is NOT required by law and the American's Creed is NOT used but the Flag is displayed when schools are in session. Baraboo Camp, by suggestion set in motion and played an important part in what became an immense city wide celebration of Flag Day—large parade with floats—speaking at Fair grounds and fireworks. Finds Department in good shape and carrying on for the BOYS IN BLUE—perpetuating their memories with monuments, memorial tablets and memorial benches. On the whole, the report shows fine activity on lines for which Camps are organized.

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The foregoing is as clear an account of the activities, comments, suggestions and recommendations of our organization as can be carefully gleaned from reports of Department Patriotic Instructors. I want to express to the Department Patriotic Instructors my very sincere thanks for their splendid co-operation.

#### NAMES OF MEMBERS WHO GAVE MEMORIAL DAY AND OTHER PUBLIC PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES

Alabama, Tennessee and Florida—Charles Higgins, Tampa; W. L. Gray, Jacksonville; M. D. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.; C. W. Jackson, St. Petersburg; O. M. Wetherbee, St. Cloud.

California & Pacific—P. C.-in-C. D. B. Bowley, Wm. D. Fletcher, San Francisco; Dr. Ralph R. Barrett, Huntington Park; W. F. Mattfeldt, R. B. Dumser, Howard J. Piersol, C. A. McCurely, Oakland; W. D. Lewis, Riverside; A. E. Blethen, San Diego; Fred Miller, Santa Ana; John Speelman, Long Beach; Arthur McLaughlin, Modesto; H. R. Collins, Lee H. Norcross, Los Angeles; James A. B. Young, Harry Young, Glendale; Frank J. Logan, Pasadena; L. L. Sturgis, Ontario; J. Wilbur Coursey, Fresno.

Colorado & Wyoming—No names sent.

Connecticut—Samuel W. Morrell, Stamford; W. G. Gibney, Charles

Beveridge George C. Clark, New Britain; Robert H. Alcorn, Robert J. Woodruff, James Y. Ledwith, William F. Alcorn, Ward Jenks, New Haven; Chester Bellamy, Henry Simpson, Francis Selleck, Thomas-ton: H. W. Cleveland, Plymouth; Nelson Bellamy, Waterbury; P. D. C. Lewis S. Chapman, Shelton; P. D. C. Bertrand O. DeForest, Dept. Com. Fred L. Chapman, Derby; Dept. Pat. Inst. Joseph A. Hickey, An-sonia; Gov. Raymond Baldwin, Lyman B. Gregory, Roger F. Lyon, Milford.

Illinois—No names sent.

Iowa—W. F. Hathaway, Charles L. Miller, Des Moines; Judge James Bollinger, Davenport; Vern A. Kramer, Jacob Kirchner, Fort Dodge; Bruce L. Holt, Clinton.

Indiana—Don P. Strode, Kokomo; J. W. Williams, Martinsville; John W. Macey, Winchester; Samuel B. Huffman, P. C.-in-C. Frank C. Huston, Dept. Com. William H. Ball, H. B. Pike, Indianapolis.

Maine—Nat. Pat. Inst. Albert B. DeHaven, Charles C. Webster, Rev. Frank R. Welch, Hon. Charles A. Authier, Sanford; Rev. Arthur M. Soule (Marlboro, Mass.); Rev. George Leighton (Somerville, Mass.); Perley E. Fitch, Stanwood Woodbury, Frank H. Berry, Henry Towle (South Portland); H. Herbert Sturgis, John T. Farr, all of Portland; Merl Jones, Liberty; David Grindle, H. W. Buzzell, Biddeford; Frank E. Small, Coopers Mills; Senator Robert A. Cony, Augusta.

Maryland—Wm. E. Skellenger, Rev. W. Harry Wright, Frank P. Gentieu, Dr. Henri Pipes, Caleb G. Laws, John L. Hubert, Wilmington, Del.; Sr. V. C.-in-C. Michael Casey, Sec.-Treas. James W. Lyons, John C. Proctor, Washington, D. C.; E. N. Lock, Grafton, W. Va.

Michigan—Charles A. Berty, Arthur E. Lewis, Detroit; Lester F. Ballard, Marshal; Lynn A. Strong, John L. Tiffany, Kalamazoo.

Minnesota—Dept. Pat. Inst. W. J. Hiland (14 addresses), Dept. Com. W. R. Boyce, St. Paul; National Chaplain J. Kirkwood Craig.

Missouri—D. O. Sherman, Springfield; Herman Balsinger, B. F. Balt, H. H. Crittenden, C. A. Dorsey, Kansas City, Mo.

Massachusetts—Commander-in-Chief William L. Anderson, Sr., Joseph Casey, Melrose; P. C.-in-C. Frank L. Kirchgassner, Frank F. Johnson, William J. Ricker, Herbert H. Marshall, Cambridge; E. W. Homan, P. C.-in-C. Lynn, George R. Beckman, Brockton; Wm. E. Val-entine, Fred E. Warren, Somerville; Elias R. Sweet, Gloucester; Earl W. Harrington, Allen B. Howland, Rockland; Rev. E. S. Philbrook, Rev. Geo. L. Thompson, Randolph; A. C. Drew, A. E. Mosher, J. Wm. Webber, New Bedford; Parker B. Chandler, Duxbury; Chas. H. E. Moran, N. P. Avery, E. J. Stapleton, Holyoke; Rev. Reuben J. Davis, Athol; Wm. H. Arnold, T. W. Cazmay, Watertown; Herbert A. Lin-coln, S. H. Blanchard, Geo. C. Turner, Norwell; Dept. Com. Frederick Gilbert Bauer, Jamaica Plain; H. Harding Hale, Hudson.

Kansas—Sullivan Lomax, Cherryvale.

Nebraska—No names sent.

New Hampshire—Ralph R. Dudley, William L. John, Manchester; Gov. Francis P. Murphy, William A. Chase, George Farwell, B. B. Foster, Nashua; Stewart E. Rowe, Keene; Edwin F. Nash, Ports-mouth; Dept. Com. Claude E. Rockwood, Troy; Orion H. Hardy, Robert E. Gordon, Penacook; Russell Chase, Deerfield; Lewis E. Hayes, C. Jones, Barton Hale, Alton; Edward J. Galiger, Brother Barkerof, Lake-port; Henry W. Wilson, Dennington.

New Jersey—Fred Williams, Alton Frome, Wm. Roberts, Albert Lambert, Hoboken; John Teshimo, Adam Gray, William F. Hogan, Joseph I. Hellinger, Warren S. Kern, Bayonne; Thomas Neary, Jersey

City; Frank L. Merrell, Marcus Jacobs, James B. Riordon, Newark; I. Tracy Mills, East Orange; Wm. T. Bryan, George Nixon, Willard S. Bryan, Wm. T. Bryan, Jr., Phil Denike, Belleville; Lewis A. Varick, Jr., Roseland; Richard Rieger, Lyndhurst.

New York—Rev. John E. Lovejoy, Rev. W. Doughty, Beacon; Mark M. Thompson, Ed. E. Cohen, Howard E. Bunker, Brooklyn; Charles Kunsenwiller, Yonkers; Fred E. Colwell, Ed. G. Hartel, Harold T. Beilby, Walter S. Beilby, Rev. Wm. A. Hallock, Rochester; Rev. Young, Seneca Falls; Rev. McHague, Auburn; P. C. in-C. Wm. Allan Dyer, Hon. F. P. Malpass, Dwight C. Dale, Chas. P. Morse, Geo. B. Cathers, F. M. Fletcher, Hon. G. B. Parsons, Syracuse; Howell E. Near, North Syracuse; Maj. H. C. Durst, Manlius.

Ohio—No report received to July 27th.

Oregon—Frederick K. Davis, W. E. Buchanan, Dept. Com. E. T. Helms, F. L. Cook, I. P. Inman, Eugene, Ore.

Pennsylvania—Eighty-seven members gave addresses—no names given.

Rhode Island—Dept. Com. Wm. H. Poole, East Providence; Frank P. Ballou, Col. Clarence E. Young, Enoch A. Hoyt, Chas. E. Sleeper, Frank S. Reavy, Albert B. W. Fowler, Francis Conrey, Providence; Harry J. Geer, Hoxsie; William Spencer, W. Warwick; Frank B. Wight, Edgewood; A. Waller Lewis, Jr., Kenneth T. Morgan, Ashaway; Fred J. Arnold, Fred O. Arnold, Washington; M. A. Sullivan, Newport; C. J. Roode, Westerly.

Vermont—J. J. Donnelly, Rutland; G. A. Laduke, H. S. Howard, A. D. Butterfield, Burlington; A. W. Robinson, Barre.

Washington—No names sent.

Wisconsin—J. J. Johannes, W. J. McMahan, Milwaukee; C. L. Miller, Leo Schleck, Stanley Heitz, Wm. Ryan, Madison; W. R. Graves, Prairie du Chien; Mayor G. Sigelkow, Rev. A. Stolin, Stoughton; James Frachette, R. Fredenberg, Keshena; H. W. Chaplin, Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT B. DE HAVEN,

National Patriotic Instructor.

Approved:

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON,  
Commander-in-Chief.

### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 28, 1939.

Mr. William L. Anderson, Sr.,  
West Roxbury, Mass.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

In the first place I want to express my deep appreciation for the honor you conferred in appointing me as the National Chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

It has been a pleasure to be thus closely associated with you and others who are like-minded along patriotic lines.

As to my "stewardship of service" will say that several opportunities have come. My first contact was with the Camp at Marietta, Ohio. After fulfilling another speaking engagement I was escorted to the Camp meeting, was graciously received and introduced, following which I made a few remarks regarding the "Good of the Order."

On February 12th it was my high privilege to address the Lincoln Day banquets and of course meet many of my old friends, not only of Camp No. 8, Minneapolis, of which I am a member, but others too



from St. Paul and other nearby cities. In that address I tried to point out some of the "Unfinished Tasks" which are ours today.

On April 10th it was a real joy to be at the reception in Boston where so many Sons, Auxiliary Sisters and many others, not only from the "Bay State" but from among the "Pines," the "Granite Hills" and the "Green Mountains," came together to honor our Commander-in-Chief.

I was able to attend some sessions of the Auxiliary and Sons on Tuesday and be present at the Banquet and Campfire in Concord, N. H., April 13, the 22nd anniversary of my receiving the Past Department Commander's Badge from the New Hampshire Department, which it was my privilege to serve as Chaplain and Commander.

On Memorial Sunday I attended divine services in Sharpsburg and in the afternoon participated in the services at the "Arsenal Victims' Monument."

Plans are in the making for a special patriotic service at the Smithfield Street Methodist Church, August 27, at 11:00 o'clock. To this National officers of all organizations connected with the Grand Army have been invited.

The National Chaplain of the Auxiliary and I have had some conference regarding the Memorial Service for August 28th.

During the year the Sons of Union Veterans have lost some stalwart leaders, men of courage and fortitude, who were ready to serve in many ways.

October 2, 1938—Fred E. Bolton, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past National Secretary, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

November 5, 1938—Harry D. Sisson, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Massachusetts.

July 6, 1939—Titus M. Ruch, Past Commander-in-Chief, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

Following Past Department Commanders:

California & Pacific—Fred I. Dunster, September 25, 1938.

Connecticut—Willis B. Barber, March 18, 1939.

Kansas—Samuel White, December, 1938.

Maryland—Herbert W. Rutledge, February 10, 1939.

Maryland—Frank A. DeGroot, September 9, 1938.

Michigan—Frederick Charles Stilson, January 25, 1939.

Missouri—Rev. John M. Dunlavy, October 9, 1938. (Also National Patriotic Instructor)

Ohio—Wm. B. Martin, January 16, 1939.

Ohio—Aubrey E. Hess, May 3, 1939.

Pennsylvania—Dallas Dillinger, Jr., May 28, 1939.

Vermont—Charles C. Daniels, September, 1938.

Vermont—Carl C. Rollins, December, 1938.

Wisconsin—Charles H. Hudson, February 12, 1939. (Also Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

With all good wishes for a pleasant and profitable Encampment, I remain,

Very cordially yours in F. C. & L.,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,

National Chaplain.

National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to have the permission of the Encampment to make a supplement to my report. When I made this up I was lacking the report of the Ohio Department. The Massachusetts Department Patriotic



Instructor went to Europe three or four months ago and forgot that he had to make a report, and therefore I had to get the Department Secretary to get the reports. These reports were sent in after my report was made up, and would like to have the permission of the Encampment to supplement my report, so that in the proceedings it will be correct and up to date.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Permission is granted.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF**

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Commander-in-Chief, I submit the preliminary report of the Council-in-Chief as follows:

To the Commandery-in-Chief,  
Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment.

Brothers:

The Council-in-Chief begs leave to report that it has carefully examined the books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer, and have found them correct in every detail.

The method employed by the National Secretary-Treasurer, in the keeping of his books, and his marked ability for all minor details, shows us that we have the Right Man in the Right Place. It is a pleasure to audit the records and accounts of Brother Hammer.

We submit a statement from the Reading Trust Company, as to the balance on hand, August 25, 1939, to the Credit of the National Organization.

ROBERT ALCORN, Chairman,  
J. P. SHRIEVE, Secretary,  
CLEON E. HEALD,  
Council-in-Chief.

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

Gentlemen:

Balance to the credit of H. H. Hammer, National Treasurer, this date are:

General Fund .....	\$3037.43
Organization Fund .....	1745.64
Savings Fund (Permanent Fund) .....	2867.69
Essay Fund .....	148.56

We hereby certify, that on August 25, 1939, the above balances agree with our books.

THE READING TRUST COMPANY,  
Reading, Pa.  
W. H. PEACOCK, Treasurer.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Our National Secretary has read all the resolutions that he has received. On the committee to the Auxiliary I would like to have the committee report to Past Commander-in-Chief Edwin Irelan by three o'clock this afternoon.

Recessed.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Two o'clock P. M.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I have the report of the Committee on Marking Graves.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Has Chairman Charles R. Hale anything further to say in regard to his report?

Chairman Hale: Commander and Brothers; Francis E. Hall, Chairman of the Department Grave Marking Committee, in the last six years has spent a great deal of time, Sunday and every day, giving up his time and business to organize the marking of graves in the various cemeteries out there. We have some 13,000 graves. In my report, which is printed as of July, I speak of his illness, but he died on July 6th, and I want to call your attention to this. He was unmarried, and the amount of work that he has performed is prodigious. Would that we had more Francis Halls! I would like to have this go in my report.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Hartford Connecticut, July 12, 1939.

Mr. William L. Anderson, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

I hereby submit to you and the members of the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment, the report of the Grave Marking Committee for the year 1938-1939.

In the Departments which have been engaged in locating, identifying and marking veterans' graves, the work has gone forward with the same great interest that has been displayed in the past.

In Indiana, the good record of previous years has been maintained. Brother Duke, Chairman, reports that their four years of experience as a grave marking committee has proven the worth of the movement. Two hundred stones have been obtained and placed; graves of Revolutionary soldiers are being found and stones secured for their graves. All veterans' graves in Montgomery and DeKalb counties have been listed. In these counties, they have been assisted by the Ladies of the G. A. R. In Clinton county the D. A. R. has co-operated and in Marion county a club has been formed to complete the work there. With this club are associated several churches and the American Legion. Under the leadership of Brothers Ball and Duke, it appears to be certain that the Indiana Department will carry on until the work is complete.

In Michigan, I regret to announce the severe illness of Brother Francis E. Hall, Chairman, of the Department Grave Marking Committee. He became ill on May 10th, while on his way to the G. A. R. library for research work. Happily, he is now on the road to health, but has been ordered by his physician to forget cemetery work for the time being. While I cannot give a detailed report of the work in Michigan for the past year, I know that it has been going forward.

A full page notice and account appeared in a Grand Rapids newspaper and the same was reproduced in the National Tribune.

In Massachusetts, results have been disappointing, due to the failure of the Department Grave Marking Committee and Camps to function jointly in order to get the best results. Excellent work has been done in certain counties and communities through the efforts of local brothers and Camps.

In Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, likewise, there has been no organized Department work. Some work has been done in each of these Departments through the efforts of individual brothers and some Camps.

In Rhode Island, there is much promise for successful results. The Sons of Union Veterans have joined with other patriotic orders for concerted action and two WPA projects have been initiated and approved.

In Iowa, the work is under the direction of the Adjutant General. Brother Hathaway, who is the supervisor, reports good progress has been made during the past year.

In New York, as heretofore the greatest progress has been made in the central part of the state where notable work continues. Also one Camp in Brooklyn has become interested and promises results.

In Ohio, there has been no Department activity, but very considerable work has been done by individual Camps. As an outcome of this, the Government has approved a WPA project with an allowance of \$500,000.

In Illinois, Brother Francis A. Gibson, Chairman, reports good results during the past year. Over one hundred headstones have been placed. They have operated in co-operation with the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army and the Daughters of Union Veterans with quite satisfactory results.

In Connecticut, it has been my privilege as State Military Necrologist connected with the State Library to give my entire time to this work. Sources of information are being exhaustively developed as follows: All headstone inscriptions from all the cemeteries in the State have been copied and indexed. This is now entirely completed. Marriage and death notices appearing in ninety-two old Connecticut newspapers from 1755 to 1866 are being copied and indexed. This is about two-thirds complete. Names and other information appearing in United States Census 1790 to 1850 are being copied and indexed. This is about one-half complete. Requisitions for headstones for unmarked graves are being made at intervals. This work has been given considerable notoriety and excellent press reports have appeared throughout the country, in which the prominent part that our Order has played has been featured.

Thankful recognition is due to the many brothers throughout our Order who are quietly and effectively demonstrating that they have read and taken upon their conscience the first paragraph of the Purposes and Objects of our Order which reads: "To perpetuate the memory of the services and sacrifices of our fathers." It is earnestly to be desired that their work may become better organized so as to be the more effective. An unforgotten grave is not the synonym of "To perpetuate."

Appreciation is acknowledged of your helpful co-operation and that of your associate officers, and that of the Grave Marking Committees in several Departments. Your Committee believes that its work should be continued, and so recommends.

Cost of stenographic work and postage has been \$55.00.

Since the report of the Grave Marking Committee was forwarded to Commander Anderson to be printed, I have learned of the death of Francis E. Hall, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Chairman, Michigan Department Grave Marking Committee. Brother Hall had been ill since May. He appeared to be on the road to recovery when he suddenly died on July 5th at the age of 53.

Brother Hall, who was unmarried, had spent many years of his life checking the locations of the graves of 6,500 soldiers buried in Kent County, and had located the graves of 15,000 veterans buried in 338 cemeteries in 24 counties in Michigan.

Truly, a wonderful work, I wish to take this opportunity to pay my tribute and respect to him, a real son of a noble sire. Would that we had more Francis Halls in our Order.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHARLES R. HALE, Chairman,  
Committee on Marking Graves.

National Secretary Hammer: I have the reports of the Legislative Committee, Committee on the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, no report from the Committee on Program and Policy. I presume that is due to the death of the Chairman, Past Commander-in-Chief Ruch.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Hartford, Connecticut, June 28, 1939.

To William L. Anderson, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The difficulties attending attempts to enact remedial legislation have been revealed once more in connection with two proposed Acts of Congress, known as Senate Bill 175 and H. R. 2645, respectively entitled "to regulate the formation and activities of private military forces of the United States."

These acts propose to prohibit the drilling or parading with rifles of groups or more than five persons. Ex-service men are exempt. The acts are no doubt aimed at the Communists, Fascists, Nazi, and all other un-American groups, but unfortunately the weapon is a blunderbuss, hitting alike the just along with the unjust.

It is of particular moment to our Order, in that, if passed by Congress, the acts would effectually cripple or obliterate our Sons of Veterans Reserve. Your Legislative Committee has received many protests, and has made representations to members of Congress regarding same, pointing out the loyalty and patriotism of our Reserve and its praise-worthy background.

No other legislation has been called to our attention which is of particular interest to our Order, or to our allied Orders.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL S. HORN,  
CHARLES H. E. MORAN,  
FRANK C. HUSTON,  
FRANK S. REAVEY,  
RALPH M. GRANT, Chairman,  
Legislative Committee.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE  
REPUBLIC HIGHWAY**

Huntington Park, Calif., July 1, 1939.

To Commander-in-Chief, William L. Anderson,  
40 Robin Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Sir:

I have the honor to report as Chairman of Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee, the following: First, I would thank you for the honor of serving on so important a committee; the object of same so worthy a one, and to establishing of some coast to coast so important and so needed a way of carrying a message to the public.

My slogan has been to all with whom I have made contact: "That he who rides may read," and why, I expect as many or more perhaps travel the highways of the United States as visit the places where memorial plaques are placed, dedicated to Grand Army of the Republic. Ofttimes the plaques are placed in such a manner that scarcely one may notice them; but this idea of Memorial Highway is an idea that surely catches the eyes of every motorist, for who as he drives does not read the highway signs? Thus they may be stimulated to stop and think—what of this GRAND ARMY, any way; the place it not only had in establishing a permanent Union of the States, by one of its greatest wars, but coming home afterward and building well for a great nation in world affairs; whose influence for good and lasting "Government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth." That has been and still is a great inspiration to us.

We are living in a changing world, they say. Great nations are changing their forms of government. We say it can't happen here, but there is considerable of an element in this country who think differently than we. We must, therefore, put forth every effort possible to forestall their realizing any part of their propaganda.

Thus I see future generations—passing along these Highways, reading these signs—and perhaps some will be moved to turn to the history of our beloved country and read of the cost of independence and establishing a Union, inspired only by an ideal of true Democracy and perpetuation of those ideals for which our Fathers struggled. So we Sons of Union Veterans would establish such a Memorial Highway, as one of our objects and it is going to be a worthy struggle, I assure you, based upon the results of this year's efforts.

Soon after my appointment I got in touch with Brothers in Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska and California. There being no Departments in Utah and Nevada, through which U. S. Highway No. 6 passes, some other approach was necessary.

I would thank you for the opportunity to go through your files in regard to procedure in the East, and by your efforts the Highway was extended from Provincetown, Mass., to Davenport, Iowa. That is where we took up the task, and we found it sort of one. We could not imagine any State Legislature, Road Commission or Road Committee of any Legislature turning such a worthy proposition down. When we stop to think of that idea of a changing world affairs, with quite drastic changes in political set up of Governors and members of the Legislatures, social welfare, economics, budgets, relief, economy and what have you—jangle after jangle—controversies—there did not seem much time to stop and think of such lasting things as memorials, and especially one that would gladden the hearts and souls of a few living men of the days of '61 to '65, and the thousands who sacrificed their all for liberty and justice.



No they could not take the time, and so a little story of the results for this past year, with our "Bills" before Governors and Legislatures, follows:

Iowa—Communications with one of our vigilant workers—especially, W. F. Hathaway, chairman, and Brother Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief L. L. Shope—it looked quite hopeful. It passed the Senate unanimously, but finally got into the hands of the Sifting Committee. Brother Hathaway states that the publicity given the matter by the newspapers of Iowa worked a hardship and objections were filed to it right away, especially by the Roosevelt Highway people. So our Committee there, try as hard as they could, they could not get it out of the Committee to the Legislature. It remained in the hands of the Sifting Committee. Brother Hathaway stated the Bill had the good will and efforts of the American Legion Legislative Committee. We are grateful to them for their assistance and to quote Chairman Hathaway of Iowa: "I am very sorry we have failed again but we will be there trying again next time." Thanks, Brother Hathaway. We glory in your spirit.

Colorado presented its Bill designating Highway No. 6 through Colorado, and according to telegram of March 8, 1939, from Brother Vernon E. Cheney, Chairman of Committee, the Bill passed the Legislature, and that a letter to me would follow. I have not heard from Brother Cheney very recently, but thanks to he and any others who worked for the passage of the Bill. So here is a link that should be hitched to others.

Nebraska—Bill was introduced by Brothers I. O. Townsend and Department Commander J. A. Kelly, and they had promises that it would pass, but as Brother Kelly says: "It did not and never would with the present Governor, as he is not kindly to such a Bill. We will have to wait for another meeting of Legislature when our Committee will go to work on it again." Anyway, Brothers, we are glad for your loyal support and thank you in the name of the Commander-in-Chief, and wish you well and success next time.

Utah—I took the matter up with individuals. The Governor, who responded very nicely and said he passed my letter on to the Highway Commission, who has entire jurisdiction in their State, to establish it as such if they so desire it, needing no Legislative action. I wrote them and they informed me they had no Highways in Utah that had a name to designate a certain Highway—only numbers, and could not change their policy, worthy as our project seemed. They could not see advisability to use a Highway as a memorial. I also contacted members of the Ladies of G. A. R. in Utah—but we failed there.

Nevada—About the same conditions prevail there as in Utah—the Highway Commission has all the say—and we found that the Roosevelt Highway—Theodore—has options on Highway No. 6 through Nevada, and of course will try to prevent the Grand Army Memorial idea. Nothing has been done there.

California—Much publicity and work has been done. The Grand Army groups were fully back of us. Many members contacted Senators and Legislative members, and our Bill was fostered by Brother Harrie Collins, Department Commander, of Los Angeles, and presented by a well known member of the Legislature from Los Angeles, as an Assembly Bill. It has been a battle royal in the Legislature of California with the first Democratic Governor for many years, many Democratic members elected, and all kinds of crazy legislation proposed. I think our Bill was too good to be presented at this time for it was killed in the Committee. So goes, but we will be there to tell the story another day. I am sorry. I thought surely California would reverse

the sacred name "Grand Army of the Republic" and show their interest in carrying on the memorial to them. We have about 200 yet living, and they have been a great help in establishing this state in years of their service.

I guess we will have to place a beacon light on top of Pike's Peak, Colorado, Grand Army Highway, and have the folks from Mississippi River and Pacific Ocean look up to that point of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, and perhaps take it as a guiding star to show them the way to connecting links of the Grand Army Highway—Coast to Coast.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve in this seemingly small way.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

RALPH M. BARRETT, M. D.,  
Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Are you ready with your report on Americanization?

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we have no report at this time. I simply want to make this request. About two weeks ago each Department Commander received a letter in which we stated that very little information had been received of the doings of the Department. Only about five Departments evidently read the General Orders and gave attention to the request of the Commander-in-Chief and later of the Committee Chairman to send in communications. I have had a few handed to me today or yesterday. If there is anyone who has anything to submit that we can go over with the Patriotic Instructor, we would like to have it at once. I will simply at this time report progress for the committee, and we will report later. If you have anything to submit, please submit it either to myself or the Patriotic Instructor.

#### MAYOR LYSLE AND ALICE HERRLEIN PRESENTED

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Mayor of the City of McKeesport is here and I will ask that he be presented.

Outer Guard: Commander, I take great pleasure in presenting Brother Mayor Lysle of McKeesport.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Mayor Lysle, come to this platform, please. (Applause). (Past Department Commander Herrlein of Pennsylvania escorted the Mayor and Miss Herrlein to the platform).

Mayor George H. Lysle: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, to receive the title of good citizen is one of the finest tributes an American can be given, and it is an honor that has been given to me to bestow on Alice L. Herrlein, a good friend of mine, this tribute. She has a good background, and comes from a city where loyalty and patriotism has been always exemplified. Therefore, it is extremely pleasing for me to have this opportunity to take part in a ceremony of this kind. The Civil War Veterans are passing, and it is the duty of the affiliated organizations to cherish their high ideals. Instructing the youth of the land is a real service, and this young lady is an example of patriotic Americanism. Real patriotism is shown by good citizenship, and it is a pleasure for me to present to you, Alice, this most honorable award for your outstanding patriotic service. (Applause).

Alice Herrlein: I thank the Sons of Union Veterans for their interest. It has been a very high honor. (Applause).

### G. A. R. PROGRAM 1888 ENCAMPMENT

Delegate Cline, Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief, if you will refer to the history of the Order which was given you, you will find on page 19, under the Grand Army of the Republic, this resolution which was adopted by the Twenty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic: "Resolved, that this Encampment endorse the objects and purposes of the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War of the U. S. A., and hereby gives the Order official recognition \* \* \*"

Commander-in-Chief, I present to you for your Scrap Book of Memories a copy of the Official Program of the Twenty-second Encampment, held at Columbus, Ohio, in 1888.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Cline, accept my sincere thanks for this special gift, and I will see to it that it will receive a proper place in my Book of Memories of my administration as Commander-in-Chief.

Department Commander Maples, New York: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Greetings to the Relief Corps is about ready to leave. Brother Graves has not yet reported on that committee.

Commander-in-Chief: I will ask Department Commander Haag, Wisconsin, to substitute.

### HISTORIC GAVEL

Brothers, I have here a gavel that was presented to me by the Sons of Veterans Club of Philadelphia. I understand this gavel was made from a piece of a window that was taken from the old depot in the City of Philadelphia, where the Union Army entrained to go to the front. I said at the time it was presented that I greatly treasured the possession of this gavel, and that I would use it at my Encampment.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Commander, we are ready to report.

### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

The Council-in-Chief recommends the following:

1st. That the Essay Contest be continued; that further solicitation of funds (5c per member) be discontinued.

That the Department Patriotic Instructor under the direction of the Department Commander conduct the Essay Contest in the several Departments.

That the Commandery-in-Chief, through the National Patriotic Instructor and such Committee as he may need, act only as a steering Committee which shall select the subject for the Essay, promulgate the rules governing the same and shall issue the certificate to the winner of the contest.

That in any section of the country where no Department exists then the Commander-in-Chief may assume the duties of a Department in promoting their Essay Contest.

That funds shall be made available by the Commandery-in-Chief to the National Patriotic Instructor for the purpose of furnishing certificate to the winner and to pay incidental expenses pertaining to the promotion of this Essay Contest, sum not to exceed \$382.00, this sum to be taken from the Historical Marker Fund.

2nd. That the National Secretary-Treasurer discontinue issuing receipts for monies received which are less than \$1.00 in amount; that in place of sending a receipt for such amounts he shall keep a record of same.

3rd. That the traveling expenses for National Officers which are now authorized shall be as follows:

By train not to exceed Pullman rate,

By automobile not to exceed 5 cents per mile;

That voucher submitted must have the trips itemized.

4th. That members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who participate as the armed escort in the G. A. R. Parade shall receive the sum of \$2.00 for which payment they shall sign a payroll. The sum of \$200.00 provided, being the total payroll, shall not exceed that amount, but no man shall receive more than \$2.00.

5th. That the sum of \$250.00 be taken from the Permanent Fund and presented to the National Organization of the G. A. R. as a gift from our Commandery-in-Chief.

6th. That the Council-in-Chief be authorized to enter into a new contract with the publishers of The Banner, for the ensuing year. Price to be the same as last year (2c per copy per issue).

7th. That in future years, the Commander-in-Chief shall have posted or printed on the Saturday before the opening of the Encampment, a complete schedule of events to be held on Sunday and up to the hour that the official programs become available to our members.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That any or each of the Departments now enrolled showing a net gain of three hundred (300) members June 30, 1940, over June 30, 1939, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

That a member securing the highest, greatest number of new members, in excess of, over and above fifty (50) for any one Camp, said new members to be reported in good standing June 30, 1940, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

That the Organizer or Member who shall organize ten (10) New Camps in the States of Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, respectively, reported in good standing June 30, 1940, shall be paid the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars, for each of the said States in which ten (10) Camps are organized, or, the sum of Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars for thirty (30) Camps in the three (3) designated States, and all other Departments organizing ten (10) or more Camps the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

That: Appropriations for the foregoing shall be authorized by this Encampment, from the Organization (and Historical Marker) Fund and, if necessary from the Permanent Fund.

This or some other means or project, a challenge to the "depression" or "recession" we have been experiencing.

Signed: ROBERT T. ALCORN,  
J. P. SHRIEVE,  
CLEON E. HEALD,  
Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this report.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there is no objection, we will adopt this report. So ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I have some communications to read:

New England Sanitarium and Hospital,  
(Melrose P. O.) Stoneham, Mass.

To Officers and Members of the National Encampment,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Had hoped to be with you all this year, but am still confined at this Sanitarium waiting for my heart to get stronger before I again get together with you. Best wishes for a happy, successful Encampment.

DR. E. W. HOMAN,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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La Crosse, Kansas, August 21, 1939.

H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa.  
Dear Horace:

Conditions, which amplified mean distance, health, and family ties, prevent my being with you at Pittsburgh next week. I regret the inability to meet my old friends of other days, and to not only renew old friendships, but make some new ones. I know that many will not be there, for time is taking so many from us. Just think, Horace, it is forty-four years since I assumed the high office of Commander-in-Chief, and you were also then and had been, active in the Order. Give my sincere and most cordial regards to old friends and my best wishes to the Encampment.

Yours sincerely,  
W. H. RUSSELL,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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Maywood, Calif., August 26, 1939.

William L. Anderson, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans,  
Hotel Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Commander:

Another year has rolled around and again, much to my disappointment I find that I cannot be present at the National Encampment to be held in the birthplace of our beloved order, as my health is such that I cannot make a trip so far away.

However my thoughts will be with you and I trust that the Encampment will be a most successful one and that steps will be found to make our organization greater than ever before.

Please remember me to the boys who will be present.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,  
PELHAM A. BARROWS,  
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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Greetings and best wishes for the best Encampment the Sons of Veterans have ever had.

MARY R. CARR,  
Past Department President, Massachusetts.

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National Secretary Hammer:

Sorry unable to attend Pittsburgh Encampment.

Wenatchee, Washington.

C. H. THORP,  
Department Commander.



Dear Hammer:

Fort Dodge, Iowa, August 17, 1939.

Best wishes and greetings to the Encampment. There may be some who will recall our presence in the past. Were it possible we would like to be with you once again.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,  
H. M. PRATT,  
Past Department Commander.

Melrose, Mass.

William L. Anderson, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Hotel Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh.

Best wishes for a happy and successful convention from your own Auxiliary.

DOROTHY DANIELL, President.

Hoboken, New Jersey.

Commander-in-Chief William Anderson,  
Hotel Fort Pitt, Pittsburgh.

Congratulations and best wishes for a most successful Encampment.

Yours in F. C. & L.,  
MARY A. CARNEY.

1122 North Clark Street, Chicago, Ill.

National Secretary Horace H. Hammer,  
Sons of Union Veterans,  
National Headquarters, Pittsburgh.

Greetings to brothers of Sons of Union Veterans and friends attending Pittsburgh Encampment. Could not attend this time.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE S. GEIS, Past National Commander,  
Philippine and China Veterans.

Burlington, Vermont.

H. H. Hammer, Secretary-Treasurer,  
Sons of Union Veterans Encampment,  
For Pitt Hotel.

Greetings to all. Sorry I am unable to be present. Have an inspiring convention.

H. W. HOWARD.

Des Moines, Iowa, August 25, 1939.

Mr. Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

Due to unexpected developments, the proposed trip to Pittsburgh may be cancelled. In the event my arrival has not been reported by Sunday evening, August 27, you will construe this as evidence I shall not be present.

Should prevailing matters prevent my appearance, I must take this opportunity to tender to you my sincerest thanks for the many kindnesses you have provided for my enjoyment.

That you will preside over an Encampment of universal harmony,

and productive of great achievements, is my earnest belief and most ardent wish.

May health, happiness, and prosperity, attend you and yours throughout the years to come.

Loyally yours in F. C. & I.,

L. L. SHOPE,

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., August 18, 1939.

Mr. Horace H. Hammer, National Secretary,  
Sons of Union Veterans.

My dear Brother Hammer:

In view of my intended absence from the annual Encampment of the Sons next week may I ask you to express my sincere regrets. I greatly miss the opportunity of meeting with many friends of former years. The third of next September will be the twenty-fifth anniversary of my election as Commander-in-Chief and many of my compatriots of those years have fallen by the wayside. If permitted to live until next spring I shall have completed fifty years' membership, for it was in 1890 that I was "mustered" in Camp 11 of Bridgeport, Conn. Fifty years seems a long time even when looking backward, and probably no other fifty years in the history of the world has seen so many and far-reaching changes as have taken place.

After an unusually severe illness I find myself able to go to business a part of each day with every prospect of making a complete recovery, but unlikely to continue as active in fraternal matters as previously.

May your sessions be productive of much good, and some way found whereby the Sons of Union Veterans may contribute to make this country appreciate their system of government.

Fraternally yours,

C. F. SHERMAN,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

St. Louis, Missouri.

National Secretary Hammer:

Very sorry that I cannot be with you at the 58th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. Just returned from a delayed trip through Illinois.

THEO. H. MOHR,

Past Department Commander.

Taneytown, Pennsylvania.

National Secretary Hammer:

Regret illness of Mrs. Hafer prevents my attending Encampment. All arrangements made but conditions do not warrant leaving. Regards to all.

L. B. HAFER, Delegate.

Commander-in-Chief, the desk is clear.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, you have the right to question any of the recommendations by the Council-in-Chief, or speak on any of them. If you so desire, now is the time to do it. I will ask Brother Alcorn to come to the platform in case any questions should be asked of that committee.

**COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF REPORT—SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST**

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: First is the Essay Contest.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, as a member of that committee, we haven't made our report yet. The committee's report will probably in some of its features be along the lines of the Commander-in-Chief, but I want this Encampment to know what we have been up against during the past year, before you accept anything, because this has been a subject that has been a difficult proposition for the boys. The easiest thing was to find out how to conduct the contest, but the big thing was to know how we were going to finance it, and that is what I want to tell you in our report. And the references in the preliminary report, I wish you would kindly hold those references up until we finish.

Council-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, it is not the intention of the Council-in-Chief to submit anything here that will annoy the Committee on Essays, but if we are correct in our assumption, the vote at the last National Encampment was that this committee on the Prize Essay Contest was a planning committee. We did not know, and we do not now believe that this committee has the authority to go ahead and place an assessment on the members. If we are correct in our assumption, this committee was appointed last year to bring in a report this year.

The Council-in-Chief believes that the Commander-in-Chief should be a steering committee for this Essay Contest, that the plans and details of conducting the contest should be left with the Department and with the Camps in those Departments. In other words, the Commander-in-Chief, through the National Patriotic Instructor for such assistance as he might need, should select the title of the essay, promulgate the rules, and then pass it down along the Departments to the local Camps. I tried to state clearly but briefly our position in submitting our report pertaining to the Essay Contest.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, may I correct an error? There was no assessment placed upon the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans. It was an easy matter for this committee to formulate rules under which the contest should be established, but you know and I know that it was turned down last year on account of lack of sufficient funds. I have the written consent of the Commander-in-Chief, his permission to ask a personal contribution of five cents a member from the organization. That was not compulsory—we didn't want it from any Camp Treasury,—we wanted you simply to go down in your own pocket and give us five cents a member. This will all be threshed out again when the committee reports, which will be done right after the session tomorrow afternoon.

Council-in-Chief Heald: I am sorry I used that word "assessment." I should have used the word "contribution."

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Recommendation 2 is: "That the National Secretary-Treasurer discontinue issuing receipts for monies received which are less than \$1.00 in amount; that in place of sending a receipt for such amounts, he shall keep a record of same in a memorandum book."

Commander-in-Chief, I move that the recommendation of the committee be adopted. (Motion carried).

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: The third recommendation: "That the traveling expenses for National Officers which are now authorized, shall be as follows: By train, not to exceed Pullman rate; by automobile, not to exceed two and one-half (2½c) cents per mile; that vouchers submitted must have the trips itemized."

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: In regard to traveling by automobile, for two and one-half (2½c) cents a mile, I never heard of such a cheap rate for any organization or business house. However, the recommendation is before you.

Delegate: Brother Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the two and one-half (2½c) cents be stricken out and four (4c) cents per mile substituted.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, I understand the government gives four (4c) cents a mile for automobiles. Why should the Sons of Union Veterans be cheap?

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the recommendation, so far as mileage is concerned, be amended to read: "not more than five (5c) cents per mile."

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: A motion has been made that the recommendation be changed to read: "not more than five (5c) cents per mile."

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, have we looked at the other side? Possibly the Council-in-Chief was figuring that when a man brings his automobile to the Encampment, generally he will bring two or three others, and he figures in that they are possibly paying two and one-half (2½c) cents per mile, so that the man may be getting ten (10c) cents per mile. Isn't there something to that? Very few men come here in automobile, and I know in most cases the ones who ride generally help to pay the way, and I feel that possibly the Council would figure something of that sort.

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: Commander-in-Chief, having had under my jurisdiction many men who travel by automobile, I would like to ask, does my good friend Mabie take into consideration the storage charges when they arrive at a place, and the oil and gas? And does he realize also that if a person driving a car accepts compensation from those in the car he violates his liability policy?

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander, I understand that, but does he realize, himself, that when he accepts money that he is working against the interests of his own company, and he is positively taking that money unlawfully? Or does he let the other passengers pay for the gas and figure that his work is the driving? But I do believe that if officers and others can come cheaper by automobile—and a lot of us do that, who don't get any railroad allowance—why should we establish a rate of five (5c) cents per mile? It is all right to be generous, but you haven't the money to be generous with. We are trying to raise money for other things, and why should we be given ten (10c) cents a mile for traveling, or not less than five (5c) cents per mile, when others are doing the same thing and not getting one cent per mile?

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: Commander-in-Chief, the amendment to the motion is "not more than five (5c) cents per mile." If the conscientious driver collects from those whom he is carrying to a place, he surely will not charge five (5c) cents for his services.

Council-in-Chief Shrieve: Commander-in-Chief, your Council-in-Chief did have in mind five (5c) cents per mile, and if you stop and think a minute, five (5c) cents a mile is exactly what it is, that is, two and one-half (2½c) cents a mile each way. I have been attending National Encampments for a good many years, and I have been driving a car all the time, a Chrysler automobile. I have depreciation against this organization, naturally I can't drive my car for two and a half (2½c) cents a mile, but I can drive my Chrysler

for two and a half (2½c) cents a mile all over the United States and make money on it if I don't figure depreciation on the car.

We did this for one particular reason; you can travel by coach on the train for two and a half (2½c) cents per mile. You can drive your automobile for two and a half (2½c) cents per mile, or you can drive it for five (5c) cents per mile round trip. We have had some comment about people starting out and driving four hundred or five hundred miles around to get to the National Encampment, and it is not fair for you brothers to have to pay for this pleasure trip, and so we said two and a half (2½c) cents per mile, which is in reality five (5c) cents a mile round trip.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, may I say a word? I don't know where you get your statistics, whether you have one individual car you are figuring on, or whether you have a number of cars. My whole thought in this matter is this, that you don't want to economize a member of the Commandery-in-Chief driving to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to such an extent that when he gets here he finds that he is in a hole. If your officers are coming by automobile and bringing other people, conscientiously, of course, they will take into consideration whatever they collect from their passengers, irrespective of their liability policy.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: A motion that the traveling expenses by automobile be not more than five (5c) cents per mile. Are you ready for the question? (Motion carried).

#### AUXILIARY DELEGATION VISIT

Past Department Commander Blakeley, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, a delegation from the Auxiliary, consisting of Mrs. Mamie M. Deems, Past National President, Edith M. Snider, Department Vice President, of Indiana, and the Chairman, Mrs. Gertrude M. Sautter, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, I am gonig to ask the Council-in-Chief if they will withdraw for a few moments to allow the Committee of the Auxiliary to be received at this time. I will ask Past Commanders-in-Chief Sautter, Horn, Grant, Ireland, Holbrook and Yengling to act as escorts.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Another announcement, brothers. We were royally entertained at the Heinz establishment yesterday. It was a very interesting trip through their buildings, and one of the guides, who has been working there for many years told one of the group that he escorted through the establishment, that of all organizations we were the best outfit that he has ever brought through the establishment. (Applause). He told us in the past they have had great difficulty in bringing convention groups through the institution for the reason that they all wanted to grab some souvenirs that they were not supposed to, that our organization was the most co-operative that they had ever brought through the plant. I thought you ought to know that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, if it is in order, I propose the following resolution: That the National Secretary write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Heinz Food Company, extending them the thanks not only of our own organization, but of all of the allied bodies, that they were so royally entertained in their plant yesterday. It is due them. (The motion was carried).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We will receive the Greetings Committee from the Auxillary.



### AUXILIARY GREETINGS COMMITTEE

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I hold in my hand—the writing is extremely bad and I am not certain whether I can make it out, but it appears to be the name of Gertrude M. Sautter, Past National President, from the Department of Pennsylvania. On second thought, it seems to me I am slightly acquainted with the young lady. (Applause).

(Mamie M. Deems, Edith M. Snider and Margaret F. Anderson, Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary, were presented by their respective escorts).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We are indeed happy to have the official members of our Auxiliary here this morning. (Applause). This is one of the happy moments of our Encampment, whereby we receive the sister members of our Auxiliary to bring to us a message. The chairman, Sister Gertrude M. Sautter, Past National President of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Sautter, Past National President: Commander-in-Chief, and my brothers of the National Organization; after the introduction I had, you ought to know I am the wife of a Past Commander-in-Chief. He and I have been working together so hard on this committee he is a little bit gruff and tired, and so am I, just a little tired. I have tried to do my best in extending the greetings of my organization to you. We stood out there in the hall a little while ago, and I wondered if we had to talk against that Drum Corps, and I hoped we would, because then you would not be able to hear me.

You know what I think of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Your organization has been very close to me, perhaps closer than my own organization, I believe in your principles, and I know that you are trying your best to do in your humble way what you are supposed to do, that is, to be of assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Grand Army never needed your help as it needs it now, and I, knowing each and every one of you boys—and we say "boys" because we don't get any older after a certain age—you boys are trying and have been having handicaps in the past few years, in helping the Grand Army of the Republic, but they feel now that you are a help to them.

There is no need of my telling you—you all know what I think of your Commander-in-Chief. You have had a splendid year, and he has had your help, and the Auxiliary tried to give him every co-operation they could, and I know that your incoming Commander-in-Chief will have the same co-operation from the Auxiliary as he has had. Our love goes out to you, and we wish for you every success, and I wish for you a successful Encampment, and hope that your stay in our home city will be a pleasant one. To you, Commander-in-Chief, and to the members of the Encampment, I present to you this basket of flowers from our National Organization. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you. Now, we shall hear from Sister Mamie Deems, Past National President, from the State of California. (Applause).

Past National President Mamie Deems: Commander-in-Chief, I too am most happy to bring the greetings of the Auxiliary to you in Encampment assembled. Also, I bring to you the greetings of our National President. She said to give each and every one of you her love, and she prays God's richest blessings to rest upon each one of these Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I also want to bring to you my greetings, the greetings of Cali-

fornia, and the greetings from our local Auxiliary. Next to Billy Anderson, I am sure that the Commander-in-Chief of 1925 and 1926 was the best Commander-in-Chief the Sons of Union Veterans have ever had, and again bring my greetings and love to him and to all of you.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you. We will now hear from Sister Edith M. Snider, Department Vice President from Indiana.

Department Vice President Edith M. Snider: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to be one of those privileged to be on the committee to bring the greetings of our organization. I certainly appreciate it, and I wish you Godspeed in your Encampment.

Past National President Gertrude Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, may I have the great pleasure in introducing to you and to this Encampment one of our greatest leaders, our Margaret. Commander-in-Chief, here is your wife. (Applause).

Past National President Margaret F. Anderson: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I have had many, many thrills in my life. Perhaps one of the loveliest I ever had was when I was elected National President, for several reasons. One, because I was nominated by one of the loveliest women I have ever known, Mayme Dwyer; secondly, because I was unanimously elected; and third because I felt that my organization would stand back of me and co-operate, which they did. So those were lovely thrills, I think you will agree. My other thrill was when you elected my husband to be your Commander-in-Chief. That perhaps was the biggest thrill of all, notwithstanding those that I had had previously. When he was elected your Commander-in-Chief, you made him very, very happy, and you made me happy too, and if he has made a good Commander-in-Chief, which I hope he has, and which I know he has endeavored to do, then he has been repaid for his year of service,—and it has been a year of real service.

While I was not asked to be a member of this committee, I couldn't help but come along with the committee. While the Auxiliary has a real affection for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, so have I for your Commander-in-Chief, and because of that I tagged along, and I can assure you that I appreciate the privilege, not only to come to this Encampment but to see a great many friends and greet them, particularly the men that I have known for so many years, men who years and years ago I used to look up to, the Past Commanders-in-Chief of this organization, whom I have learned to love and admire as the years pass on.

To say to you that I am happy puts it mildly, and I am glad to have had this opportunity that only comes once in a lifetime. I know that we will have lots of lovely memories this year, particularly the memory of the co-operation with your Commander-in-Chief by his National Officers, and Past Commanders-in-Chief.

You have had lots of lovely things said to you by our Greetings Committee, and I feel I should close, because you are very busy, but truly, I appreciate the honor you have bestowed upon my husband, and I hope you will have the best Encampment that you have ever had. I thank you, and this for you. (Kissing Commander-in-Chief Anderson).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: To my sisters of the Auxiliary, personally I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kind words that each and every one of you have said here this afternoon. We realize the importance of our Auxiliary and of our friends in this great patriotic work of ours. Sister Sautter mentioned the task in arranging for this Encampment of ours. You have heard our

Past Commander-in-Chief, John E. Sautter, compliment what these other city officials have done regarding their preparation for our stay in Pittsburgh, but he has not said anything about what he and his wife have done. May I extend publicly on behalf of our organization to Mr. and Mrs. Sautter our thanks and appreciation for the fine work they have done for us. (Applause).

Now, I ask Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter if he will kindly respond to the Greetings Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, some of the things I want to say probably ought to be off the record. I don't believe a more pleasant task could be assigned to anyone at any Encampment than that of responding to the greetings from our Auxiliary, and I do not believe there is a brother in this hall, whether he belongs to a Camp that does have an Auxiliary or not, who does not have knowledge of the value of that body to ours. I sometimes think that a response to the Auxiliary is entirely unnecessary because it ought not to be necessary for us publicly to acknowledge to them their value to us and the assistance which they give us, because it ought to be known and is known to every member of this organization throughout the scope of the work.

I was interested somewhat in assisting in the preparation of the history that has been handed to the delegates, in noticing some of the work of our Auxiliary over the more than fifty years that they have been organized. I would that it were possible for all of us to know the real value of their services. I am honestly of the opinion that regardless of the fact that we have had perhaps over a period of years, all too many, of having a reduced membership, yet had it not been for the good women of the Auxiliary, perhaps the number might have been still further reduced.

It seems to me, brothers, that we can take many a lesson to ourselves and back to our Camps from the active constructive work of this body of women. I know something of what they are doing in everyday life in practicing that which they have in their constitution as their cardinal principles, and they are doing a work as women that cannot be matched by any other body of women in this great land of ours. I want them to feel that we do appreciate them, that we realize the necessity of their assistance to us, and that we believe as we go on into the future it should be, and pray God that it will be, hand in hand with the thought that perchance as husband and wife, or as brother and sister, or as a father to a daughter, we may be able by united effort to do a telling work for good in this great nation of ours.

I don't know how many of you brothers heard the statement of the Publicity Director of the Local Committee in the Auxiliary this morning. Those of you who heard it will permit me, for the benefit of those who were not present, to repeat it. When he said that upon the first meeting with the press of Pittsburgh,—and I am not excluding them,—I don't believe they are any different from the press of any other city, but after the conclusion of the first interview with the press of the City of Pittsburgh, one of the reporters, an experienced reporter, a college graduate, he said, asked him what G. A. R. stood for, or what the initials indicated. Now, that may come as a shock to you, brothers; it came as a shock to me, but with the shock came the realization that we, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and perhaps these members of the Auxiliary have not been on the job in this nation as we ought to be, else everybody would know what G. A. R. stands for, that it stands for the Grand Army of the Republic.

Do not criticize the press unless you have the inner consciousness that you as an individual have tried to have the people know what those three letters stand for.

But let me give you the other half of this story. He didn't use names—neither shall I use the name, but he was a prominent labor leader, one of national and to some extent, international reputation. When he was asked for a certain service, which it is unnecessary for me to name, he said, "I am willing to do it if you will let us have the G. A. R. Hall in the City of Washington for our next meeting." When Mr. Goff said to him, "We have no hall in the City of Washington," he said, "I mean the hall where Marian Anderson was refused permission to sing." He was told that it is not the G. A. R. Hall, but the D. A. R. Hall which refused permission to Marian Anderson. He said, "Well, isn't the G. A. R. the male side of the D. A. R.?" Wait a minute, brothers, let the thought sink in. Let the lesson be brought home to you. When a man of that type,—and I have no reference to him save with reference to the fact that he ought to know what G. A. R. stood for,—but when an intelligent man,—and he is an intelligent man, and when a reporter of the press, with years of experience as a reporter back of him, doesn't know that G. A. R. stands for the Grand Army of the Republic, what in God's world has the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War been doing for fifty-eight years, and what has the Auxiliary been doing for fifty-three years, and what an uncompleted work there is for us to do ! (Applause).

And if we don't do another thing from now until next year but go back to our homes and among the present generation, bring to them that in 1861 to 1865 there was fought in this land of ours a great war, that settled momentous questions, but beyond all, it saved that Flag and saved our nation not only from possible dissolution, but from possible destruction, and that the men who did that have for seventy-three years been constituted into an organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and as they are reaching the sunset of their life, in God's name may we, their sons and their daughters, see that the name Grand Army of the Republic is not forgotten.

The history of the Great Civil Strife will be continued, perchance reduced, in the pages of national history, as it has been reduced. The past is ours, the responsibility is ours, and we are missing an opportunity that we have of telling of the facts not only as it pertains to our respective organizations, but as it pertains to the actual welfare of our beloved land.

This is perhaps unusual,—I never know when I get up what I am going to talk about,—but it just came to me, what a job it is for the Sons and what a job it is for the Auxiliary, and can't we continue working together with the people of this generation and the people of the generation to come, so that they will know that there was a war fought from 1861 to 1865 that preserved this nation, and that out of that war there came the grandest organization that the sun ever shone upon, never to be matched by any organization of this land or any other land, the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We thank you, Brother Sautter, for this inspiring response.

Past National President Gertrude M. Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I thought John was going to say something to you about the co-operation we have had with his committee, and the committees we had working with us here in Pittsburgh. If we hadn't had the great co-operation that we did have from every Son of a Veterans and every Auxiliary member, we couldn't have gotten through. There wasn't a meeting that we called that there wasn't a full corps there.



I am not going to take credit for this Encampment, for helping to have a good Encampment, but I give the credit to my committee.

You talk about the press here in Pittsburgh. I know that Mr. Goff has had trouble in the first place in getting his publicity into the papers, and that is one of the reasons we don't have any publicity. Our papers will not carry our publicity. We send articles to them and we don't get them printed. It isn't our fault here in Pittsburgh that we are not known because we have been before the public and the public knows what it is both here and in the surrounding counties. It isn't our fault, it's the press' fault, and I would like to bear out Mr. Goff on that proposition.

Well, Commander-in-Chief, I think we had better go. I thank you, Commander-in-Chief Anderson. Thank you.

### GREETINGS, LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Past Department Commander Blakeley Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief the Daughters of Union Veterans Drum Corps from Wooster, Ohio, are here under the direction of their leader, Agnes Foltz, and also the Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are outside.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We will bring the Greetings Committee in first, and then we will have the Drum Corps. I will appoint Brothers Michael, Graves and Heald to act as escorts. I will ask Past Department Commander Michael Heintz to act on the Greetings Committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(Mrs. Mollie Neubauer, Past Department President of Missouri; Mabel Schilken, Past Department President of Minnesota; and Mrs. Ada Gorsuch, Past Department President of Pennsylvania, of the Ladies of the G. A. R., were introduced by their respective escorts).

Past Department Commander Blakeley: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to present the Daughters of Union Veterans Champion Corps of Wooster, Ohio, under the direction and leadership of Agnes Foltz.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: To the Championship Drum Corps of Ohio, we indeed welcome you into our Encampment this morning, and if you are champions, show it to us now. (Selections by Drum Corps). I thank you, Miss Foltz, and your very fine Drum Corps. I believe you are champions.

Agnes Foltz: Commander, we thank you for receiving us.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, we are indeed happy to receive the greetings of the committee of the National Organization of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I will ask Mrs. Mollie Neubauer to speak to us.

Past Department President Mrs. Mollie Neubauer: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is indeed a great privilege and a pleasure to come to meet with this group of men today and bring you the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are the wives, mothers, daughters, and granddaughters of the Civil War Veterans in whose veins flow the blood which is the same as theirs. I see that some of you may be possibly a little older than some of us yet we find white hair and we deem it a pleasure to call you all Sons, because you belong to us. It is a pleasure to see a group of men like this to follow in the footsteps of their great fathers and grandfathers. I am happy to say that I have been eligible through six of them who served during the Civil War. Not only the six, but also my mother who served with them, who passed out to the boys the rations just the same as the boys did. She nursed for them and



washed for them and worked for them yet she failed to register, but if she had registered, she would have been considered a nurse. But in those days they were not so apt to do those things, to insure credit, so I say again that we are happy to be with you, and we hope that many of you will be able to come back many, many years, to come for Encampment after Encampment.

I have the honor, Commander-in-Chief, to present this badge to you from our organization. I had the pleasure of hearing you speak last night, and I considered that you were very splendid, although you didn't have a check for a thousand dollars—you had more than a thousand dollars in words to express the feelings of the National Commander. I also have a personal gift to you from our National President, Sister Edwina Twigg.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Take back to Sister Edwina Twigg my thanks for this gift. She is a fine, loyal character, and I appreciate her loyalty and co-operation throughout the year, and especially do I appreciate this gift from her. I ask for at least a rise and bow from Miss Mabel Schilken.

Past Department President Mabel Schilken: Commander, may I wish for you a happy Encampment. For the incoming officers may I wish a very successful and happy year.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: May we hear now from Mrs. Ada Gorsuch?

Past Department President Mrs. Ada Gorsuch: Commander-in-Chief, I deemed it a great honor when our President appointed me on the committee to come from the Ladies of the G. A. R. It is my first occasion, and indeed I know how well you are doing the task of handing down to future generations the great deeds of great men, and I bring to you greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Commander, and I too trust that the incoming officers will have success and perpetuate the memory of these Boys in Blue.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you very much. I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief Church of Illinois to respond to the Greetings Committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, you have come to us today with the greetings in the name of an organization which finds response in the hearts of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are more closely allied to that grand old organization of our fathers than any of the others, and we appreciate most highly your visit today and the words of good cheer and love and affection you have spoken to us, to our officers, and to our assembled brothers. We know, as you know, that when our fathers and our grandfathers went into the service of the United States for the purpose of preserving the Union, that they went with the lofty purpose which they fulfilled in a manner which has made their deeds memorable for all times and in all history, so it is fitting that on these national occasions we get together and we renew our loyalty and our fealty for those fathers who did so much for this land of ours, that we revere so highly, and it is most happy that we have you ladies from your organization, that bears the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, which we revere, with us today. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the words of good cheer and affection that you have brought to us. We wish for you that your Order may be continuous and may be prosperous through all the future. We have been very happy in our association with you. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Escorts, will you kindly escort the ladies from the hall.

Past Department Commander Blakeley: Commander, there is a committee awaiting, representing the Daughters of Union Veterans, and also a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps.

### GREETINGS COMMITTEES, DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS AND WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I am going to ask Dr. Byram, Past Department Commander Moran, Past Department Commander Boyce, National Chaplain Rev. J. K. Craig, Past Commanders-in-Chief Dr. Sheldon, Holbrook, Yengling, and Brother C. C. McClain, Past Department Commander, to act as an escort for these committees.

(Both committees were introduced by their separate escorts, as follows: Woman's Relief Corps—National Director of Juniors, Anna F. Leppelman; Della Coleman, Past Member of Executive Board; Bessie M. Cummings, Past National Senior Vice President, Vermont. Introduced Committee of the Daughters of Union Veterans, as follows: Henrietta Eppley, Department President, Colorado; Helen Savery, Past Department President, Massachusetts; Mary Spaulding, Department President, New Hampshire; Clara Yengling, Past National President, Ohio; Stella Underhill, Past National President, New York).

Past Department Commander Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, I have the greatest of pleasure to present to you a lady that I do not think needs any introduction to you, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and my wife. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: When I heard that there were two committees waiting in the lobby to be admitted, I felt that we should not detain one outside, but that both should come in together. I present Mrs. Della Coleman, of the Woman's Relief Corps, who is to bring the greetings of her National organization to you.

Mrs. Della Coleman: Commander, may I ask that you substitute Miss Leppelman, chairman of our committee.

National Director Anna F. Leppelman: Commander, it is my pleasure this afternoon to come to you with greetings from the National Woman's Relief Corps. Our organization wishes for you a very, very prosperous Encampment, and one that will be full of things that will be of advantage to the Sons of Union Veterans. We are not going to make any speeches today, because we are going into the election of officers, and we are very glad to get back,—we want to get back because we have some favorite candidates that we want to elect, so on behalf of Mrs. Moss, she wished me to give you this little gift in remembrance of the pleasant year that she and you have had together, and to present her best wishes.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you. Will you give Mrs. Moss my thanks for this fine gift? I have enjoyed our association during the year. Please extend to her the greetings of our organization. Now, we will have a bow from Mrs. Della Coleman, and a word or two.

Mrs. Della Coleman: Commander, my best wishes for a splendid Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Now, Mrs. Bessie Cummings.

Mrs. Bessie Cummings: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the Sons of Union Veterans, and every one of you splendid sons who have such a wonderful heritage from your fathers, I am so pleased, and I consider it such a privilege that Miss Leppelman invited me to come as a substitute on the committee, and because I am a substitute,

I can add a word of my own greeting and love with the greetings of our National Secretary.

Sons of Union Veterans, I know that you are proud of the Commander you have this year. The National Woman's Relief Corps and every member were thrilled with the wonderful message that he gave at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, and we feel that you are all proud of the heritage that your fathers gave to you, and that you will retain faith in America to remain united, for your Flag and my Flag, and to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, the greatest organization of men that ever lived and died to keep the stars in our Flag. And so I thank Miss Leppelman for bringing me here.

In our Encampment I have often been given the privilege of visiting the Sons of Union Veterans, and I can say that I am quite well acquainted with your body, so, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, I am presenting to you from Vermont, the Green Mountain State, greetings. God bless you, every one of you Sons, and keep patriotism in your hearts. Let not one proper activity be given up for lack of your individual help. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I thank you members of this committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I am going to call upon Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook to respond for our organization.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Commander-in-Chief, members of the Encampment, and members of the Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, we want to thank you sincerely for coming from our mother organization as representatives of that organization, to extend your greetings to their sons. We appreciate the words that you have spoken, and we also appreciate the love and affection and the work that you have been doing in behalf of our fathers. God grant that you may continue to keep that up, that you may be given strength to carry on that work!

One of the possessions that I prize most highly is Mother's pin of the Relief Corps. I also have Father's Grand Army badge, and I prize each one of them very deeply. We want you to take back to your organization the kindest greetings and best wishes from this organization. May your Encampment be successful, may your legislation, whatever it be, enhance the interests of your organization, and we wish you Godspeed in your work. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Will the escorts kindly escort these ladies so that they may get back to the very important work that they have of electing officers.

I have just been handed the card of Comrade Russell Reed, ninety-three years old, from Seattle, Washington. I will ask you to escort him and present him at this time to my station. (Applause).

#### DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS GREETINGS

Commander-in-Chief: Now brothers, our sisters are with us. You have heard what Commander-in-Chief Yengling said regarding his escort, and now we are going to hear from his escort, Past National President, Mrs. Clara Yengling. (Applause).

Past National President Mrs. Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, National Officers, and my brothers, my National President honored me by making me chairman of this committee. Now, while you boys may think she did that because I have a husband here, I want you to know that I think she did it because I like Bill Anderson. As for the rest of the committee, I know Sister Savery insisted that she be sent here, and for Sister Stella Underhill of New York she came along because she likes the boys, and the other girls, Sister Eppley, of Colo-

rado, and Sister Spaulding, from New Hampshire, they came because they wanted to see what a wonderful body of men you have here,—and it is an inspiration to be here with you.

Commander-in-Chief, I want to extend greetings of our National body and to wish you every success in your Encampment. We know you have a wonderful Encampment, and we enjoyed your speech last night,—it was outstanding, and I know that you are proud of him. Our National President extends her personal greetings and best wishes for your success, and she has a gift for you, and it is coming,—it is like that gift to the G. A. R. last night, so if I come later you will know it is to bring you a gift. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you, Sister Yengling.

Past National President Stella Underhill: Commander, I think it would be unfair to Bill Anderson not to let me speak. You know, when I was a National President I was a guest at the home of Brother Anderson, and I never was treated better, and I don't know any one for whom I have more love and affection than I have for Mr. Anderson. I would like to say, as to my liking the boys, I do like them, but there is one I like better than all the rest; his name is Edwin Ireland; he is my Commander-in-Chief, and next Bill Anderson, and next down the line Park Yengling, and next Bill Dyer, from Syracuse. I am a pinch-hitter; I came over to see how Bill Anderson and Park Yengling are behaving. I bring to you my personal greetings and my thanks for the pleasure I had during my year as National President. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We are honored also to have the Department President of New Hampshire, Sister Mary Spaulding.

Department President Mary Spaulding: Commander-in-Chief, Brother William Anderson, and members of the Sons of Union Veterans, I want to tell you and I want to tell Brother Bill how thrilled I am to be able to come and bring greetings to him from the Daughters of Union Veterans. I have asked him to be present at my reception in Nashua. I had asked Brother Billy previously to come, and he said if possible, he would. I thought then I would have a wonderful thrill, but after reading our National Journal on it, I find I had the best one, after all. I don't want to take up too much of your time, as we also have much important business to do, but I do wish you, Brother Billy, and all the members of your organization the very best success that you can have.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We will now have Henrietta Eppley, of the committee, extend her greetings.

Department President Henrietta Eppley: Commander-in-Chief and Officers, I extend greetings from Colorado and Wyoming to you, my brothers; I am very much interested because it was I and the brothers from Denver that organized our own Camp, sixty-five miles north of Denver. I hope you will have a very wonderful Convention.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: My own sister, Past Department President of Massachusetts, Mrs. Helen G. Savery.

Past Department President Savery: Commander-in-Chief, Brother Bill, and Convention assembled, I am proud to have the privilege to attend your National Convention. Sister Spaulding said she had the pleasure of having the Commander-in-Chief in line. I have the pleasure and honor of serving the last six months with Brother Bill, and he was my bodyguard in my line. At this time, Commander-in-Chief, I bring to you the greetings of the Massachusetts Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil, and to wish for you one of the happiest and

most pleasant Encampments that any Commander-in-Chief has ever had, as I know you deserve it, and as we in Massachusetts know you.

Now, as Mrs. Yengling said, our National President is busy, but our Department President is out shopping. Here is a little token from the Massachusetts Department, with their love and very best wishes. They have sent to you this little token. And now, just at the last, with very best wishes to you from me. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Santa Claus has arrived. You see a great deal of this in the women's organizations, but very seldom in the Sons of Union Veterans Encampments. I am indeed overwhelmed with the shower of gifts. First, I want to thank my sister for her gift, and then the Department President of her organization. I want her to take back to them my gratitude for their thoughtfulness, also the gift coming from the National body; please take back my sincere thanks. Sister Anne is a very fine type of woman; she is indeed very loyal and patriotic, and I have enjoyed her co-operation throughout the year. To this committee in general, I thank them for their words of appreciation and friendship. Past Commander-in-Chief Park Yengling will respond to his own wife and her committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, and members of the committee from our sisters, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I assure you that the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War deeply appreciates this visit you have paid to us this afternoon. You know, while not all of us may be related as brother and sister as our Commander-in-Chief happens to be, we consider you all our sisters. Some of us are a little bit closer to some of you than sister, even. You know, some of us love certain persons in the Daughters of Union Veterans; while all of us admire the Daughters of Union Veterans.

I think with remarks of that kind that that's enough of this sugar coated stuff, and knowing that you want to get back to your Convention,—and I suppose you have got a lot of politics there,—that you go back and say to your National President that we have the largest Encampment up to the present time we have had in a good many years. We are happy to announce that. We hope you have your rooms so crowded that you can hardly close the doors, because that is the usual thing. I want to say to Sister Anne that we wish her the very best success that any organization leader could possibly have. We thank you for coming, and we wish you Godspeed. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you, Brother Yengling. Now, brothers, before you get away, we have a very important announcement to make, and it must be complied with. I am going to ask Colonel Prittie, of the Reserve, at this time to issue orders as my Marshal for the Reserve.

(Colonel Prittie explained instructions of the Chief Marshal of the Parade, General Dunlap).

#### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF RESUMED

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you, Colonel. Now, to finish up the work, I will call on the National Council-in-Chief at this time.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Recommendation No. 4. "That members of the Sons of Veterans Reserve who participate as the armed escort in the G. A. R. Parade shall receive the sum of \$2.00, for which payment they shall sign a payroll. The sum of \$200.00 provided, being the total payroll, shall not exceed that amount, but no man shall receive more than \$2.00.



Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are no objections, proceed to the next one.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Fifth. "That the sum of \$250.00 be taken from the permanent fund and presented to the National organization of the G. A. R. as a gift from our Commandery-in-Chief."

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We will all agree to that. We know there is no objection.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Sixth. "That the Council-in-Chief be authorized to enter into a new contract with the publishers of The Banner for the ensuing year. Price to be the same as last year, two cents per copy per issue."

Delegate: Inasmuch as the Resolutions Committee is to act on that recommendation, I would ask that it be put over until the Resolutions Committee is ready to report.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: This will be put over.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Seventh. "That in future years, the Commander-in-Chief shall have posted or printed on the Saturday before the opening of the Encampment, a complete schedule of events to be held on Sunday, and up to the hour that the official programs become available to our members."

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: No objection? It is so approved.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: That is all.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Are there any other committees present and ready to report?

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief, the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies is rather lengthy, but we are ready whenever the Encampment wants to take it up. I don't know whether you have time this afternoon to take that up or not, if not, I move that it be made the first order of business tomorrow afternoon on the opening of the Encampment. (Motion seconded and carried).

Department Commander Maples, of New York: Commander-in-Chief, reporting for the Greetings Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, we have discharged our duty and were fortunate enough to be present at their Memorial Service, which was a very solemn occasion. We bring back their greetings.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you. Past Department Commander Michael of Maryland will serve on the Committee on Officers' Reports.

Past Department Commander Blakeley: Commander-in-Chief, I announce that the committee to pay respects at the grave or at the mausoleum of Major Davis in Allegheny Cemetery will proceed there in taxicabs at 5.30 from this hotel. I have arranged to have our National Patriotic Instructor, as well as the Chaplain, and the same officers of the Auxiliary, together with a detail from Davis Star Camp to go there. If any others would like to attend, we are sure we would like to have them. I am limited on my taxicab service, but if any others have cars, and we can fill them in, we will be glad to have them go with us.

### ORIGINAL CHARTER

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you, Brother Blakeley. Brothers, for those of you that don't know, I want to say that this charter in front of the rostrum is the original charter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I would like to have you look it over before you leave the hall.

### PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF HOMAN

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I ask Brother Heald of the Council-in-Chief to say a word.

Council-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, those of us who come to these Encampments year after year have noticed that many faces are missing this year many friends and many members who have been faithful in our organization in past years. I am thinking particularly of one man who is away this year; he has been in very poor health for several months. Just now he is convalescing in the New England Sanitarium at Stoneham, Massachusetts. I refer to Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Past Commander-in-Chief. I move you that the Commandery-in-Chief send a letter to Dr. Homan expressing our regrets at his inability to be here, and wishing for him a speedy recovery.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I second that motion, with this exception, if agreeable, send a wire instead of a letter. Would that be satisfactory?

Council-in-Chief Heald: Perfectly satisfactory. (The motion was carried).

### CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Is there any other business at this time? Has the National Secretary any other resolutions or communications at this time?

National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I have a supplementary report of the Credential Committee, reporting 217 members on the roll. Of the 245 members of the Encampment, all Departments are represented—not for sometime has that happened.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: That is a mighty fine representation, brothers, that every Department is represented. I deeply appreciate that, as your Commander-in-Chief.

### PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARROWS

Past Department Commander Barrett, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to know that this Encampment remembered Past Commander-in-Chief F. A. Barrows, now living in California, who has been very ill for several months, and his life at times has been despaired of. I called on him two days before I left for this Encampment and he said, "Oh, Doctor, I wish I could go. My heart is warm for the National Encampments." I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that this Encampment send him a letter. (Motion seconded and carried).

### MEMBERS—SPANISH WAR VETERANS

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, I report for the Committee on Greeting to the Daughters of Union Veterans. Your committee attended to that duty, and by listening in as we were walking over, to my surprise I found that the other three members of the committee, Boyce, Ball and Brother Leisee, were also Veterans of the Spanish War. I am very happy that I had that committee. We were received very cordially, and they told us they were very glad to have our greetings.

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I don't want to in the least reflect, but there is an organization that if our committee would stress to the officers of that organization right, it seems to me we might be able to do something. In their rules and regulations they provide that an honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor, Marine, etc. and a son of an honorably discharged Soldier, Sailor, or Marine in the War of the Rebellion shall be an honorary member of

the body. In one of the Departments we tried very hard to get new members. They told the Department it is not necessary to join the Sons of Veterans, don't need to have that overhead or activity because we have it all in our honorary membership in the certain organization. I believe we could get those regulations amended so that their honorary members *must be members* of the Sons of Union Veterans.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, inasmuch as Brother Hammer has made this suggestion I wonder if he will agree with me that it might be well to have a committee to draw up a memorial to this organization.

National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer: No, I think best to have them to ~~change~~ their rule.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I know, but nevertheless, if they do not know that we know this, and then if they do not know that we would like to have them make that change, the chances are that they won't do it, but if we suggest in a diplomatic way, that they would be very glad to make a change in their rules and regulations. If I can get a second to it, I would move you that we name a committee to draw up a memorial. (The motion was seconded).

Commander-in-Chief: We have one motion on the floor now, a motion to recess. Will the brother who made that motion withdraw it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Irelan: I will withdraw the motion.

Past Department Commander Blakeley: Commander-in-Chief, there is a delegation from the Auxiliary, headed by a member of the Department of Massachusetts, who wishes the delegates from Massachusetts to come out and bring them in.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, there is a motion before the house that we appoint a committee to present a memorial to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. (The motion was seconded).

Past Department Commander Barrett, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, I have found in my experience that the best way to accomplish a thing of that kind is to wait upon the National President. That is the way, if there is a committee in existence in her organization with whom our committee should confer. On the other hand, if we go into this organization, making any suggestion from the floor, we may not get hung, but you will be shot at sunrise.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I would naturally suppose that no Son of a Veteran would have enough fortitude to go on the floor of any organization allied with our organization to suggest changes in their rules and regulations. Of course, any committee would have enough sense to not try to go on the floor there to bring about such changes. They must have some committees, the same as we have, on the Constitution, and Regulations. Naturally, this special committee would contact that committee and would have sense enough to do that without going on the floor of their Convention.

Past Department Commander Barrett, California & Pacific: Then, Commander-in-Chief, let the motion show that.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The motion is before you. (Motion carried).

#### MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION ADMITTED

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: This is not the Army of the Potomac; it is the Army from Massachusetts. We have here the delegation of the Auxilliary from the Massachusetts Department, the Aux-

illary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am indeed happy to greet them at this time, and may I hear from the Department President, Sister Warren?

(Song rendered by the Auxiliary delegation).

Department President Mrs. Warren: Our Commander-in-Chief, Brother Billy, words fail me today. I would love to be an orator so I could say lovely things to you, but from the bottom of my heart I bring you my personal greetings of love, and from the Massachusetts Department, greetings, and hope for you and your Convention the best of everything. Here is just a little token from the Massachusetts Department.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: My girls, the co-operators of our organization in the State of Massachusetts, I deeply appreciate this visit at this moment, and it was not necessary for you at this time to present anything in a substantial way to show your appreciation of my membership in your Department. I have for many years enjoyed the friendship of each and everyone of you, because you are all loyal, upright members of the Auxiliary, and if it were not for you, perhaps Massachusetts would not be the second largest Department in our National organization. May I now, as Commander-in-Chief of our organization, express to you my appreciation and the appreciation of our organization, for all that you have done in the past in the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and, personally, please accept my sincere thanks for this gift; and no matter whether I should receive a gift or not, I shall always remember my pals of Massachusetts. I thank you. (Applause).

Past Department Commander Sweet, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, inasmuch as the Massachusetts Delegation is here, and your boys of Massachusetts in the Camps which have been such a source of inspiration and help for the past thirty years, have desired me to act as their representative and to present to you their little token of love and esteem for "Bill"—"Brother Bill," as you are known in Massachusetts, your spirit of ambition—you have taken many a sick Camp and put it on the road to recovery through that smile and cheery atmosphere that you have brought into that Camp, and our hope as boys of Massachusetts this year, as you have gone through the country on your work for the National body, has been a prayer that God might spare you in health and give you the strength that you might conclude your duties at the National Convention, the strength of body, with a clear mind and that spirit that God has given you as a Christian gentleman, as you go forth and mingle with men.

Bill, you are known to us and to me as three years Department Commander of Massachusetts, you have been my mind, you have been my right hand, you have been my eyes on the road, you have done everything possible for the human body to do to allow me to go through the years with the little success that we might have had; not only I, personally, but the boys of Massachusetts love you, Bill, your Auxiliary love you, and from my observance of the National Encampment, it is loving you, Bill. May this Convention be to you a happy one, may the memories of your past year's association, Bill, be retained in your scrap book of the heart, and in the silent moments, in the quietness of your home, may you look back over the years of your life's ambition, and in behalf of the boys and also in behalf of one little Camp, the Oklahoma, who wanted to join us because of the work they did for you this year, they too wanted to be counted as one of the delegation of Massachusetts in presenting to you this little token of love and esteem and fellowship. God bless and keep you, Bill. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If I cry, you would call me a sissy, so I am not going to cry, but I am glad to have this very nice tribute from Brother Sweet of Massachusetts. These brothers, I have worked with them and I have fought with them for the benefit of the Order, and as fellow-members of the organization, organized to cherish and protect the memories of our own fathers, we still clasp hands this year and every day of the year that we might carry on and perpetuate the ideals of our fathers. Your very presence here this afternoon has touched me. May we go home from here and rededicate ourselves to the ideals and principles for which our organization stands, and may Bill and Jack and John and Frank and Dick and Harry plug along as they have in the past forty years in the interests of our organization, and as the years roll by, and as we come to the National Encampment, let us still be in the forefront, still carrying on, answering the call of our fathers: "My son, don't forget me when I am gone." I thank you. Does the National Secretary of the Auxiliary desire to say a word at this time?

National Secretary Maude Warren: Brother Bill, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am happy to be a member of this delegation to visit your Convention. I am glad that my National President could spare me for a few moments, to come. I had feared that I would not be able to come with the rest of the girls, and I thank you for the courtesies extended.

I hope you will have a splendid Convention, one that will live in your memory forever and forever, and we will remember our visit to you as our Commander-in-Chief. I thank you. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: In response to what Sister Warren has said, I want to say that so far we are having a very enjoyable Encampment; everybody has a smile on their face; everybody is enjoying himself, from my observation on this platform, and I, myself, have a smile on my face all the time because I am tickled to death the way things are going, and I want to have you, National Secretary, go tell your National President that I am not through with her yet. I went in there this morning at the joint opening, and I hope to go back there again as an individual and as Commander-in-Chief. Will you kindly convey my message to her? Now, will you escorts see these ladies to their meeting place again?

(Recessed until 1:00 p. m., Wednesday, August 30).



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 o'clock P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Encampment will please come to order.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief, I beg to submit the report of the Ritual Committee. I want to read first the general substance of the committee's report. The rather numerous suggestions and changes, among which were five different prayers, have been substituted among other things. This was turned over to me in the mail, and on the request of the Commander-in-Chief I took charge of it after Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse was relieved from the Chairmanship. In preparation for this Encampment, I had already prepared for my own Encampment an outline of some of the necessary changes. I sent a joint letter to every member of our committee with the proposed suggested changes, asking for their reaction, and in turn sent the letters with their expressions of opinion to the succeeding members of the committee, finally getting back to me. With a very few minor suggestions, the committee was in thorough accord with all the suggestions. There is only one matter that the committee on its meeting here decided to leave to the Encampment. The present proposed changes retain the Inner and Outer Guards. There is a favorable impression, particularly possibly in New England States that we should do away with two guards and have but one guard. This would necessitate a change in the Constitution and Regulations and Password, and so forth, so I am going to send this as the committee originally adopted it, and if the Encampment desires it, they may so indicate. I am rather strong for retaining the Inner and Outer Guards as from time immemorial, and many of the Camps are demanding that. It is true that some Camps with small membership or small attendance may find it difficult to find enough members to provide Inner and Outer Guards for their meetings. However, that is for the Camp to decide. (Reads report).

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 26, 1939.

To the Officers and Members of the  
Fifty-eighth National Encampment.

Brothers:

Following the intent of the Resolution adopted at Des Moines in reference to a re-editing of the Ritual, and the sentiment expressed there against any drastic upsetting of the present one, your committee felt that any drastic changes were not desirable.

Indeed, it would take a long time to make a general revision to cover many individual ideas that would be expressed. Further, it is only an awakened loyal interest in the Order by the membership and in a renewed activity which would increase the numerical strength of our organization, and any ritual alone will not do it.

With this in view in the necessity for a re-print of the Ritual, the elimination of confusing sticker inserts, and a clarification of some incomplete provisions with other minor matters, the Committee has confined its work along such lines believed to be most essential.

With some adjustments in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the Order of Business and other changes, we believe it will give the Order all it needs, and yet some of the things it needs, in that the least proficient of Camp Officers, many of whom are not too well informed on what is expected of them, will have a thorough and understandable service to follow.

Some few changes are suggested in the initiation ceremonies, both short and long forms, to give candidates a clearer conception of the instruction he or they receive when admitted to membership.

Aside from these matters, the main substance of the present Ritual which is generally satisfactory, is practically undisturbed. We present the proposed changes in detail with explanation for the reason thereof, for your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. HORN, Chairman.

(Read changes in the report of Ritual Committee, commencing with "Opening Ceremonies").

The following discussion was had regarding Order of Business, Item No. 10:

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to ask Brother Horn a question. He says there: "Prepare the ballot box and then ascertain whether or not there are candidates in waiting"

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: No, that is farther down.

National Chaplain Craig: You have: "Guide, you will prepare the ballot box," and then after that you say: "Guide, you will ascertain and report if any candidates are in waiting." Would it not be better to find out first if there are candidates in waiting and then prepare the ballot box?

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: But there may not be candidates. There may have been candidates balloted for in the previous meeting, so the Guide should then go out and find if there are any of them present.

(Regarding Item No. 11): Brother Moore questioned why that was. You will find in many Camps, particularly during recess, they simply tell stories or play cards for half an hour before they come to order. We feel in respect to the open Bible that should be closed during the recess, whether it is half an hour or only a few minutes.

That is our report Commander-in-Chief, and I move it be adopted as a whole, and the usual number of copies required to be printed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I may not have heard all that was said, but I think that where the Committee on Ritual has incorporated in their report matters referring to the Constitution and Regulations, that the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations takes precedence over the action of the Committee on Ritual.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: That is my motion, except so far as may be changed by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

(The motion was seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Are there any other committees to report at this time? Is Commander Maples, of the Department of New York, in the room?

Brothers, while we have a minute, I want again to call your attention to this bronze plaque given to us by Colonel U. S. Grant III, and also the Certificates. I would be glad to have you all look at them.

National Secretary Hammer: The Credentials Committee presents a further report, 228 members enrolled.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, yesterday, after adjournment, a committee of three of us went to the Ladies of the G. A. R. regarding opening the doors of their meetings to sons and grandsons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, regardless of whether or not they were members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Our Patriotic Instructor, Albert DeHaven, Past Department Commander Wentzel of Pennsylvania, and I had a very fine conference with two of their officers. They received us very graciously, and we explained what we were there for, and asked them what they thought about it, and they explained to us that they opened their meetings to sons of the Union Veterans and grandsons, hoping that they would create an interest in our organization; they pointed out to us several places where this had been done, and as a direct result of their opening their doors to their meetings and to participation in their social activities, several Camps had been organized, one in Springfield, Missouri, with 100 members. They were perfectly willing to face this situation and to consider very favorably a change of that rule or regulation of theirs, so that if and when and where there should be a Camp, that sons and grandsons should be members of the Camp, that is, where there is a Camp, but where there is no Camp, they feel that by opening the doors to their meetings and also especially to their social activities, they hope to create an interest in the Sons of Union Veterans, so that there may be organized Camps in the community where that organization is in operation. They had discussed the matter both pro and con and I think they were favorable, all of them, not only those to whom I have already referred, but also Sister Frances Kuhn, who is out at our Ladies of the G. A. R. Home at Swissvale. However, it was reported to me this morning that other matters came up that were in their judgment, apparently much more vital than this particular point, and they passed it without any formal action at this time. They did not say, however, that formal action would not be taken, or that it would not be considered favorably. They may even yet consider it favorably. On the other hand, the counter-charge, if you may call it that, was made on us that in some localities our Sons of Union Veterans were opening our doors to women who were not members of any of the affiliated bodies allied to the Grand Army of the Republic. I said that I do not believe it is being done anywhere, that it was not in harmony with our rules and regulations. That was my understanding. There were meetings, of course, where we invited especially people who were members of our allied organizations, but so far as I know, there was no place where the doors of our Camps were open to women other than those who were qualified members of the allied organizations with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander-in-Chief, that is my report, as briefly as I know how to make it. If either Brother DeHaven or Brother Wentzel wants to add to that, I will be glad to have them do so.

Past Department Commander Wentzel: Commander-in-Chief, I think that the results of our visit to this committee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic has been very thoroughly covered by the report of our National Chaplain.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, it might be a good idea, if the Encampment so desires, to let this be a preliminary report, and if we get anything further definitely and officially, we will

report to this Encampment, and if not, and you so desire, this committee may be continued for further negotiations with them.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We will accept this as a preliminary report and this committee will be continued.

**MEMBERS CAN ATTEND W. R. C. MEETINGS**

Delegate: Commander-in-Chief, may I ask a question? Can a member of the Sons of Union Veterans attend a meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: This information comes to me from the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps. They have passed resolution in their National body permitting any Corps or any Department to open their doors to the Sons of Union Veterans, if the Corps so wishes. It is up to the Department if they so desire. The National body has made it so that any Corps in your respective Departments can let you in if they wish to, or they can keep you out if they want to.

**HONOR TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ANDERSON**

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I think what I am going to say should be a matter of record. At the semi-official meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, I was accorded the honor of pinning on the breast of Commander-in-Chief Rownd of the Grand Army of the Republic, the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief, and I understand from that noble body that this is the first time that a Son of a Veteran of the Civil War has been accorded this honor. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, I made this report as brief as possible, so Brothers pay attention to it, please.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ESSAYS, SCHOOLS, ETC.**

Your Committee on Essay-Schools submit the following report:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, duly assembled in annual National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief; having a sincere desire to promote the best interests of our Order; and believing that such object can best be obtained by a definite program of education and publicity; and

WHEREAS, We believe that such education should begin in our public schools at a time when the minds of the students are still in a formative and unbiased period; and at a time when impressions become life habits; and

WHEREAS, We believe that any plan of patriotic education which will secure the combined attention and co-operation of the students, teachers and parents, will result in the development of a greater love of country and a realization of the price our fathers paid to keep our Flag intact on the map of the world, and that in so doing, we have been able to maintain our wonderful system of public schools; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the National Patriotic Instructor, with the advice and counsel of Committee of three members of our Order, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, shall prepare, organize and direct the following plan:

1. The plan shall be designated and known as the "Sons of Union Veterans National School Award."

2. Pupils, both boys and girls, in grade 8 of any school in the United States, shall be eligible to compete for this award.

3. In January of each year, the National Patriotic Instructor shall announce a subject on which students may submit essays. We recommend for the first subject: "The Battle of Gettysburg."

4. Each Department Commander, upon receipt of the subject, from the National Patriotic Instructor, shall forward to the Camp Commander of each Camp the subject, together with the directions for conducting the contest.

5. Camp Commanders shall contact the Supervisors of Schools in each community and with their co-operation, shall organize and conduct same. In communities where no Camps exist, the Department Commander shall be charged with the duty of contacting the local Supervisor of Schools and arranging plans for said contest.

6. A suitable certificate, bearing the signature of the Commander-in-Chief, the National Patriotic Instructor and the Department Commander shall be presented to the pupil who shall be declared winner of the contest in the area prescribed by the rules adopted by the above named committee.

7. The Rules, regulations and details, incident to the execution of this project shall be as follows:

To the Supervisor of Schools:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War offers a contest of Essays to be submitted by the pupils of the 8th grade schools.

This contest to close ..... Essays to be sent by you to the Department Patriotic Instructor ..... (Name) .....  
 ..... (Address) ..... (Before) .....

Respectfully, .....  
 National Patriotic Instructor.  
 .....  
 (Address)

RULES

1. Open to any pupil of the eighth grade in any school.

2. The subject to be written upon is: .....  
 Essay to be not more than 1,000 words.

3. The front page of papers shall contain: 1st, Name of Essay; 2nd, Number of the pupil (identity not to be given to examining committee); 3rd, Winning essay to be submitted with the following information:

Name of pupil, address showing street, city and state.

4. Essays will be judged upon: 1st, Accuracy of data used; 2nd, grammatical phraseology; 3rd, continuity; 4th, neatness; 5th, originality.

5. Schools in district of under 10,000 population shall choose and submit not more than five Essays; over 10,000 not more than one Essay for each eighth grade school in the district.

6. All papers submitted shall become the property of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The decision of the National Patriotic Instructor shall be final.

8. Be it further resolved, that a sum of money, not to exceed \$392.00 shall be appropriated for the use of the National Patriotic Instructor for carrying out the provisions of this Resolution.

9. Be it further resolved, that this Plan shall become effective on passage of the Resolution by this Encampment.



10. All members of this Committee shall serve without compensation and there shall be no expense allowed except for incidentals.

Respectfully submitted,  
PARK F. YENGLING, Chairman.

(Discussion on above report): Let me explain why this sum of \$382.00 was put in; \$200.00 of it was appropriated by the Council-in-Chief and we have collected from this five cent contribution asked for by this committee, \$182.00, so that makes \$382.00 appropriated for this first year's expenses. Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this report. (Motion seconded).

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I raise this question: I wonder if this is applicable only for public schools, or do you throw it open also to the parochial schools?

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: As a matter of policy, we throw it open to every school in the United States, regardless of whether it is public or parochial.

National Chaplain Craig: It doesn't say that.

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: The words are "eighth grade school," which covers everybody. (The motion was carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the sum of \$382.00 collected by this committee be transferred to the Historical and Marker Fund. (Motion seconded and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: Commander-in-Chief, may I have one word more? Brothers, I don't know who your next Commander-in-Chief is going to be, but may I suggest, if he is within the sound of my voice, that he get the committee close together and not all over the United States?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: You will now hear from Doctor Sheldon, Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Doctor Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, members of the Fifty-eighth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, being in session in the City of Pittsburgh, I will say, brothers, that your committee expected that this would be our final report, but since coming into the hall, your Commander-in-Chief has seen fit to submit something else, so we will have to make a supplementary report later. Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following report:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 30, 1939.

To the Members of the Fifty-eighth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, being in session in the City of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit its report:

Resolution No. 1, submitted from Pennsylvania, relates to the holding of a joint session with the Sons of the Confederacy and the Sons of Union Soldiers of the Civil War to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Appomattox Day April 9, 1940.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 1, 1939.

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

Brothers:

By action of the Fifty-ninth Annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department, held at Bethlehem, Pa., June 20

and 21, 1939, it was ordered that the enclosed Resolution be presented to your body for consideration.

Fraternally,

MAYNARD C. HUBER, Commander.  
Attest: JOHN H. LIESEE, Secretary.

Resolution from Major M. A. Gherst Camp No. 51, of Darby:

WHEREAS, The Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the close of the Civil War will occur on the ninth day of April, 1940; and

WHEREAS, The proper observance of such day should be considered by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, This day should not be celebrated for the purpose of eulogizing the valor of the victor, but to give thanks to the Almighty God that War ceased, and we have remained a free United States of America; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Major M. A. Gherst Camp No. 51, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Pennsylvania, go on record endorsing the observance of April 9, 1940, for such a purpose jointly with the Sons of the Confederacy, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the National Encampment for the Pittsburgh Sessions.

Respectfully approved: Franklin M. McLain, Commander; Attest: Richard S. Middoes, Secretary.

Your Committee would favor such a celebration, but we feel that it would be ill advisable owing to the fact that so much distance would have to be covered by those attending such a meeting that there would be a very small attendance.

We would recommend that each Department or any of the Camps of the Department who desire to hold such a meeting, we would give our approbation. With this change, we concur. (Adopted).

Resolution No. 2, submitted from the Department of Iowa. This resolution recommends the creation of an Abraham Lincoln Foundation to raise funds for the work among homeless boys, and to protect the name of Abraham Lincoln from being used as an advertising medium.

WHEREAS, The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have undertaken a work for homeless boys at Des Moines, Iowa, known as Arlington Hall; and,

WHEREAS, There is need of more financing to make this work a success; and,

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln was raised in poverty, yet he was studious and industrious which made him a great man and a great ideal for boys; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary set up an Abraham Lincoln Foundation to raise funds for the work among homeless boys. That this Abraham Lincoln Foundation arrange with the public schools to observe Lincoln's birthday each year by a program and entertainment in which will be used material furnished by the Foundation. That the pupils of all schools where these programs are held be given opportunity to make some donation to a fund collected by the Abraham Lincoln Foundation to be used to provide home and school privileges for children who have been denied these blessings which all children should be permitted to enjoy.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Abraham Lincoln Foundation be appointed guardian of Abraham Lincoln's name and that they protest the improper use of that name even to court action if necessary.

Passed unanimously by Department Encampment at Iowa City, June 18-21, 1939.

Your Committee sees much good in this Resolution but there are many legal points which enter into it which necessitate some thought and careful consideration. We recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of three members to look into the thought and purpose of the Resolution and make its report to the next Encampment under Commander-in-Chief without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. (Adopted).

Resolution No. 3, submitted from the Department of Minnesota. It relates to the distressing condition of our country and asks our support of a Bill numbered S-409 presented in the United States Senate to put a suspension of Immigration in the United States for a period of ten years. As the Bill No. S-409 was not given to us and such a Bill may contain many undesirable features for the lack of knowledge of this Bill, we make no recommendations.

WHEREAS, The economic conditions in our Country are such that the most careful consideration of proper legislation is imperative; and

WHEREAS, There is a bill in the United States Senate, known as S. 409, which seeks to correct these distressing conditions by the suspension of immigration into the United States, for permanent residence, for a period of ten years, thereby stimulating the employment of American citizens on American jobs; and

WHEREAS, That bill has already received the careful consideration and indorsement of Minneapolis Camp No. 8 and the Department of Minnesota, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Department of Minnesota, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual Encampment assembled in St. Paul, Minn., June 6-8, 1939, that this bill, S. 409, be submitted to the Fifty-eighth National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for indorsement and that copies of the indorsement be sent to the President of the United States and to both branches of the Congress of the United States.

GEO E. BAILEY, Department Commander.  
Attest: DEWEY B. MEAD, Department Secretary.

Resolution No. 4, submitted by Department of Ohio. The resolution criticising the screen version of "Gone With the Wind," which depicts a United States Soldier as being a thief, a libertine and a marauder and a person of general disrepute.

WHEREAS, Press notices of the shooting of certain scenes in the forthcoming motion picture "Gone With the Wind" inform us that the producers thereof cut and tore the blue uniform of a Union Soldier, that they rubbed clay and dirt in his beard, that they tramped on his cap, and pictured him as a forbidden character, and that they have further depicted him as a thief, a libertine and a marauder in a certain scene in

which he is killed by Scarlett O'Hara, the heroine of the picture, on the stairway of her home, and

WHEREAS, We have in this Encampment of the Ohio Department of the Grand Army of the Republic two soldiers who were on the "March to the Sea"—namely, Commander-in-Chief Robert M. Rownds, of Ripley, New York, and Rev. J. S. Arbuckle, of Columbus, Ohio, who say that the Union Army had strict orders not to enter private homes and who further say that they never heard of such an incident as we are informed is depicted in "Gone With the Wind," and,

WHEREAS, We feel that the depicting of such a scene is an insult not only to the Grand Army of the Republic but also to the American Veterans of other wars in that it pictures the soldier, in the Uniform of his Country, as a thief, a libertine, and marauder and a person of general disrepute, and,

WHEREAS, We feel that it is the duty of the descendants of Union Soldiers of the Civil War and of the allied organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic to defend the memory of those soldiers, and other American soldiers from insult and aspersion; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that we protest against the display of any scene in the motion picture, "Gone With the Wind," which represents a Union Soldier in the Uniform of his Country as a thief, a libertine and a marauder or in any manner depicts him as a person of ill repute, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we recommend to all producers that they interview some of the few Union Soldiers, who are still blessed with life and memory, and who are living chapters of the history of our Country, to the end that truthful and not false history shall be shown upon the screen, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we protest against the display of any picture which libels and defames the men who saved the Union. Be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the producers of the movie "Gone With the Wind," to Will Hays, to each of the allied organizations of the G. A. R., to each of the various American Veteran's organizations, and that the same be presented to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at its Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio, June 25 to 29, 1939.

W. GORDON RYAN, Department Commander.

Attest: ED S WILSON, Secretary-Treasurer.

Your Committee does not desire to further the publicity of this picture but we do object to any reference that a United States Soldier is of the type of character which the book and screen of "Gone With the Wind" depicts. We concur in the resolution and recommend that our National Secretary be authorized to send a copy of our recommendation of censure to William Hays, Director of all Screen Plays, also to the Producers of "Gone With the Wind." (Adopted).

Resolution No. 5, submitted from the Department in New York. Asks for the revision in the cost of supplies whereby a Department

could be in a position to realize a little profit; also that the 50-year membership badge should be presented gratis either by the National Organization or Department, to any member who had been loyal to the Order for that number of years.

The following resolution is presented by the New York Department having been presented and approved by the Resolution Committee and concurred in by the Encampment held June 5, 1939:

That a revision in the cost of supplies be made whereby Departments shall be in a like position to realize at least a small amount of profit in order to cover carrying charges of having same on hand as under present rates the National body makes a profit of 100% or more and the Departments in many cases suffer a loss.

Also that the 50 year membership badge should be furnished to members who have shown their loyalty for that length of time to the order and should be given same gratis by the National Organization or sold to Departments or Camps at a more equitable cost than at the present rate of \$2.00 each.

CLARENCE A. MAPLES, Department Commander.  
JULIUS ISAACS, Department Secretary.

Your Committee is informed that the Council-in-Chief have been making some changes in the cost of supplies and badges, that will possibly cover this request. As this is a matter of the Council-in-Chief and is within their province, the Committee makes no recommendation.

(Discussion of above Report: Regarding Supplies).

National Secretary Hammer: To get the record right. If any discussion and to inform all, the recommendations cover the needs of Departments and Camps. The Department Secretaries-Treasurers at their meeting or annual gathering incident to the Encampment, examined, went over item by item, spent a long while on these recommendations, as to prices. All Forms, prices, etc., were carefully considered, and, as approved and agreed upon, by them, adopted and so presented to the Encampment.

Resolution No. 6, submitted by the Department of Minnesota, this Resolution relates to United States Senate Bill known as S-408 providing for National Defense by the registration of aliens in the United States.

WHEREAS, Conditions throughout the World are such that our Nation must use every possible measure to provide adequate National defense, both from within and without, for our Country, and

WHEREAS, There is a bill at the present time in the United States Senate, known as S. 408, which will "... provide for the National defense by the registration of aliens in the United States, and for other purposes," and

WHEREAS, This bill has already received the unanimous indorsement of Minneapolis Camp No. 8 and the Department of Minnesota, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Department of Minnesota, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in annual Encampment assembled in Saint Paul, Minnesota, June 6-8, 1939, that this resolution be submitted to the Fifty-eighth National Encamp-



ment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for indorsement, and that copies be sent to the President of the United States and to the Congress of the United States.

GEO. E. BAILEY, Department Commander.  
Attest: DEWEY B. MEAD, Department Secretary.

Bill S-408 did not accompany the Resolution. Your Committee is ignorant of the provisions of the Bill, thus we have taken no action.

(Regarding Senate Bill 408, Registration of Aliens):

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Casey: Commander-in-Chief; I might say that quite a number of Departments of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other organizations have passed that resolution. It will be taken up in the Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They will pass that resolution and go back to Senator Reynolds on that bill; and I would like to see this assembly also back that bill up. The exact wording of that bill I do not remember, but what is in that bill is familiar to all of us, barring these aliens from coming into this country and robbing us in this country of the good jobs that we should have. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The committee reported the fact that they did not have the bill so that they would have the phraseology before them. If they do not have the bill, how could they report what to do?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, we discussed this resolution quite thoroughly, but there was not a member of the committee that knew one single thing about it, and while that bill possibly is a splendid bill and one which every member here would back up, and would like to see passed, yet I am one member of this body that will not recommend anything that I don't know anything about. (Applause).

Resolution No. 7, presented by the Department of Illinois, relates to a Bill introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Reynolds of South Carolina which suspends all immigration to this country for a period of ten years, and other provisions regarding aliens who have been convicted of crime, etc.

The Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War submit the following Resolutions for the thoughtful consideration and approval of the National Encampment convening at Pittsburgh, Pa., August 29-31, 1939:

#### RESOLUTION No. 4

WHEREAS, Senator Reynolds, of South Carolina, has drafted a bill intended to suspend all immigration to this country for a period of ten (10) years, or until every unemployed American is back to work; and

WHEREAS, Measures are also being prepared to deport every alien criminal in America and to require compulsory registration and finger-printing of all aliens; and

WHEREAS, Many aliens who have been convicted of crimes are still in the country and have not been deported; and

WHEREAS, The immigration of aliens to the United States causes not only the swelling of the unemployment ranks, the increase in crime, the lowering of the American standard of living and the spread of dangerous doctrines in this country; therefore, be it hereby

**RESOLVED.** By the Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at their Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment at Jacksonville, Ill., that this organization go on record as in favor of the suspension of immigration to this country for a period of ten (10) years; that it further go on record as insisting that all alien criminals in America be deported at the earliest possible time; be it further

**RESOLVED.** That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, be transmitted to the National Encampment of our Order to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 29-31, 1939.

Passed at Jacksonville, Ill., this 7th day of June, A. D. 1939.

Again, no Bill accompanied the Resolution, we are ignorant of its provisions except as stated in the Resolution and it is well known that many of these Bills, while the intent is good, have a slight joker which gives the Government a chance to interpret two ways, or at least some large Department Heads to interpret two ways. Not having the Bill and knowing its contents, we make no recommendation.

Resolution No. 8, submitted by Department of Illinois. The Resolution favoring the Honorable Martin Dies Committee on un-American activities. Your Committee are in sympathy with this Resolution and with its spirit. We are also in sympathy with the splendid work which has been done, and is still being done, by this Congressional Committee on un-American activities. We heartily recommend a continuance of this Committee. (Adopted).

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS,** Honorable Martin Dies and the members of the Committee on un-American activities are doing an excellent piece of work in exposing un-American activities in this Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** This committee is rendering to the citizens of this Nation a great service in pointing out the dangers existing in our country today; and

**WHEREAS,** This committee by this service is exposing those who would destroy our government and the activities with which they are connected; and

**WHEREAS,** We, as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are greatly concerned over the activities of those who would destroy our government and who are opposed to the principles for which our fathers fought; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED.** By the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, that the great services and work of the Honorable Martin Dies and his committee be, and the same is hereby approved; that this organization is in complete accord with this work being done by this committee, and that we urge this committee to continue this work, that the un-American activities exposed by said committee will be so forcibly brought to the minds of American citizens, that they will rise up and completely destroy all organizations having for their purpose, the undermining and destruction of our government; be it further

**RESOLVED.** That a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, be transmitted to the National Encampment of our

Order to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., August 29-31, 1939, for appropriate action.

Passed at Jacksonville, Ill., this 7th day of June, A. D. 1939.

**RODNEY H. BRANDON**, Department Commander.  
A. D. RHINESMITH, (acting) Department Secretary.

Resolution No. 9, presented by William J. Conniff, Secretary of Committee of the American Legion Department at Washington. It is a Resolution asking the co-operation with other American-minded Organizations that through their efforts something may be devised which will bring before the public a better condition of Americanism.

Port Angeles, Washington, July 5, 1939.

Mr. William Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
Colonial Trust Building, Reading, Pa.

Dear Mr. Dyer:

During the past few years The American Legion has frequently been challenged by other Americanism-minded organizations and persons to initiate a movement to co-ordinate and unify our respective Americanism programs.

By a mandate of the 1938 Los Angeles Convention, the American Legion was authorized by its membership to co-operate with other Americanism-minded organizations and to co-ordinate its efforts with theirs. And at the May, 1939, meeting of the Legion's National Executive Committee, upon the recommendation of its National Americanism Commission, it authorized National Commander Stephen F. Chadwick to appoint a committee of five to study the matter and to report back to the November, 1939, meeting of the Americanism Commission whether or not such a co-ordinated co-operative movement was feasible, and, if the committee so determined, to present at that time a plan to translate the idea into action.

This committee of five composed of Leslie P. Kefgen, Chairman, of Michigan, Louis J. Canepa of California, Adrian H. Boyd of Mississippi, William G. McKinley of New Jersey, and Wm. J. Conniff, Secretary, of Washington, after a preliminary study and discussion, has authorized me as its secretary to write your organization for its ideas and suggestions concerning this matter. Naturally, your reaction to the idea and your reply to this letter will vitally affect our recommendations.

We should especially value your concrete suggestions, particularly as to how, in your opinion, our respective Americanism programs could be co-ordinated into a unified Americanism movement.

Sincerely yours,

WM. J. CONNIFF,  
Secretary of Committee and  
National Executive Committeeman,  
The American Legion,  
Department of Washington.

Your Committee is in entire sympathy with any movement to co-ordinate Americanism and we recommend the appointment of a Committee by the Incoming Commander-in-Chief to co-operate with them in any way which will bring about a better condition and status of Americanism in this our Country. (Adopted).

Resolution No. 10, presented by the Department of Connecticut. The Resolution asking that the Official Organ be printed and distributed throughout the Order at least once a month, suggesting that better paper be used and that by so doing it will be of greater benefit to our Order which they now think the paper is a detriment being published only six times during the year.

WHEREAS, Publicity and information are the life blood of any organization, without which the organization must perish, and

WHEREAS, The best method of attaining these objects is through the medium of an efficient official journal, with a policy that will adequately serve the organization it represents, and whose columns are open to the members of said organization, and

WHEREAS, The Banner as at present published in no way conforms to the ideals and aspirations of the Sons of Union Veterans, and in fact is more of a liability than an asset. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Connecticut Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Encampment assembled, place themselves on record as favoring the publication of a monthly Journal, on good quality paper, and with a policy that will adequately serve the Grand Army, the Sons of Union Veterans and allied orders, and whose pages will always be open to the members for free discussion of the problems that confront them, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, and that the delegates to the Pittsburgh Encampment be instructed to bring them before that body for consideration, and to take any possible action looking to the improvement of The Banner.

Submitted by L. D. Penfield Camp No. 16, New Britain.

Adopted by the Department of Connecticut April 15, 1939.

Your Committee surely would be happy—yes, delighted—if the membership of our Organization was such as would give us the paper once a month, but owing to the fact of the small and decreasing membership we feel that the Organization should be lucky to get any paper at all. We feel that the present "Banner" is better than none at all and is the best that can be gotten out for the little money which is paid Brother Holbrook for his efforts in the issuance of The Banner. Your Committee does not concur in the Resolution.

(Regarding Resolution No. 10, Official Organ):

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to call the attention of the brothers to a fact which I know to be true, inasmuch as I pleaded with the Publicity Director in the State of Connecticut for this past year. Now, every year it seems to be uppermost in the minds of many of the brothers, but this is the first time that there has been a resolution presented to try to improve that publication. Now, we all know that our membership has decreased, as the report has stated, but nevertheless, I cannot for the life of me understand why an organization like ours that applies to men in all walks of life, brokers, bankers, business men, artists, architects, and members of the legislature, cannot support a better paper than The Banner. Remember this,—I am not casting any reflection on Brother Holbrook—I never met the man in my life.—I wouldn't know him, and I am not casting any reflection on the Council-in-Chief or anybody

that has any connection with the production of The Banner, but I will say this, that our paper has been greatly criticized for many years because it doesn't measure up to a paper that is equivalent to an organization of men such as ours, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Now, if it means the matter of a few cents more, I think, if I have been informed correctly, that the cost is three-quarters of a cent per copy,—if I am wrong, please correct my figures,—three-quarters of a cent per copy would put out The Banner.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: You are wrong, brother; it costs two cents per copy per member per issue.

Delegate Nemetz: All right, that comes out of our per capita tax. You brothers, how many of you would be willing to pay five cents for our paper if they get out a good one? Raise your hands. Would you brothers over there pay three cents more and get a better paper if Brother Holbrook would get one out for five cents?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Do I understand, brother, that the membership would pay five cents a copy?

Delegate Nemetz: No, I feel that we all would pay that three cents extra to have an improved paper.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: That means increasing the per capita tax, and the membership in general are now asking a reduction in the per capita tax, while you are asking for three cents more.

Delegate Nemetz: Commander-in-Chief, I think if they get a better paper they would be willing to withdraw their request for a reduction of the per capita tax. There are many families connected with the Order that receive more than one copy of The Banner. I know families that receive three or four copies of The Banner; one is read and the others discarded. Now, if we can all work together in this, the families that are now receiving more than one copy of The Banner, if they would eliminate the extra copies and let that cost go into improving the paper, and if necessary carry some advertisements in it. I, myself, can get an ad in The Banner, year after year for an insurance firm in Hartford, Connecticut, and I don't see why we have to go on year after year and have this brought up and nothing done about it. I would like to see a more up to date Banner, and I think it can be done.

Past Department Commander Ball, Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, the committee has said we cannot afford better paper. The paper is cheap, so is the organization, if we cannot afford a better paper. (Applause). I heartily endorse the words of the brother stating the advantage of a better paper, and I am like him, if we have to put in advertising, let us do so. It isn't the fellow that gets to the Encampment, it is the fellow back home down in the ditch that is going to pay for The Banner, and I am sure that if a man can lay down The Banner, a real up to date, progressive paper, printed on good paper, he has a point there that is a wonderful sales point; and if he can say, "This paper comes out once a month; it covers the entire organization, it tells you what we are doing, it tells you on page 5 of the Americanization Committee and what they are doing." If we can do something like that. Actually, when they say they can't afford to pay more than two (2c) cents for The Banner, it sounds to me a good deal like nailing some nails in the lid of your coffin. Don't do it, fellows; get on your feet and do that job. If you do that, men are going to join your organization. If you admit you are cheap, they don't want to join you, but if you are up to date and have something that really performs and produces results, they will say, "Yes, we want



to go with you; we'll put in the money and help you out." That's the way Indiana feels about it.

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_, New York: Commander-in-Chief, I feel I have something to say here. I have taken the time to write many articles for The Banner, which were thrown out for lack of space. I think more space should be given in The Banner for our organizations and their communications, instead of many articles that are written in there. I think where they are rehearsing scenes in the war that happened seventy odd years ago, that that isn't of near so much account as what is going on in our organization. I think they should be given more space for correspondence with the organizations.

A Brother: Commander-in-Chief, as far as my observation of The Banner is concerned, I think Brother Holbrook is doing a wonderful job for twenty-one (21) cents a year.—I don't see how he does it. Liberty and the Saturday Evening Post cost five (5c) cents, and that nickel doesn't even pay for the paper that is in it. If Brother Holbrook runs ads for a dollar apiece, or whatever it would cost, that advertising would pay for the increased cost of The Banner. I think many would be glad many times to put in an advertisement at one dollar apiece for a classified ad, and I am sure many of you men in the National all over the country, who have your businesses, would be glad to put in an ad at one dollar apiece. If you put in text with a cut, you could make it proportionately. If you ran two pages of advertising, that would pay for a good deal. I think the Francis Bannerman Company of New York, with their military equipment, would have an ad in it every time. If you had that, your paper could be given free to the Department.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, as chairman of your committee, I appreciate all the things that have been said by the brothers. Yes, many hands went up, they were willing to pay the five (5c) cents. This body here represents what you might term the elite of the organization. If some of you do not know what that word means, come up and I will tell you what it means,—but you are top notchers, most of you, probably all of you have an income sufficient to pay that extra three (3c) cents. We only have 218 registered delegates here, and we have about 20,000 members. I would wager most any amount within reason that out of that 20,000 membership there are 18,000 that have all they can do to pay the present per capita tax, and do you gentlemen here today want to increase it three (3c) cents,—while you are perfectly willing to pay it yourselves, you must think of the rank and file of the boys who would like to be here but haven't the money to be here and can't pay the extra cost.

The brother mentioned the fact of advertising. That a number of years ago was tried out. Gentlemen, if you want advertising which will pay—and we only have a circulation of 20,000—you have got to get the Wilson Whiskey or Seagram Whiskey or some other whiskey to pay the price, and gentlemen, this organization doesn't want whiskey advertisements. (Applause).

Gentlemen, if any of you are salesman, how many of you would go out and ask a concern for an advertisement, and then when he asks you what the price is, and you say "a dollar," he would say, "My God, man, what kind of organization is that?" You are talking about being cheap—that would make us ridiculous. I would like to see the paper increased in quality, and if it requires a larger amount of it, all right, I would like to see that, but we as a committee were thinking of the major portion of the membership and not of this 218 only.

The statement made is true enough, that some homes get three

or four copies of The Banner. I think that the brother who made that statement, if he thought it out, would know just the reason, which is because the contract with The Banner gives every member in the organization a copy of The Banner, and if there is a father and he has two or three sons in the organization, he gets it and they get it, and that's why the three or four copies. If they get more than they should, it is due to a Camp Secretary and nobody else. You are asked every so often to give a list of your own members, and I am advised that in past years—I don't know how it is now—that out of what is sent to the Secretaries by the Commander-in-Chief—well, a lot of them don't even answer.

Don't blame The Banner for sending out more papers than they should, because they are sending them out according to their mailing list, and their contract calls for that very thing, to send to every member of the organization who is entitled to it.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Commander-in-Chief, the contract also provides that in cases where a Banner is sent—or where duplicate copies are sent to one address—if such advice is given, all but one will be taken off. I want to state to the brothers that where there are instances of three or four copies of The Banner going to one place at the present time, such advice should be sent in.

Delegate: Commander-in-Chief, I get three copies at my home.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Whose fault is it?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: You should notify The Banner of the fact. You are at fault if you do not.

Commander-in-Chief: If there is no objection, I take it that you concur in the recommendation. (Approved).

No. 11. Any of our members who have attended the Encampment in the City of Pittsburgh in the past three or four days would be ingrates indeed if they did not thank the local Committee for the efforts which have been put forth to make this Encampment one of the most successful that we have held in many years. They have worked long and faithfully and we surely are proud of the work which has been done for our pleasure and convenience. We extend to all members of the Local Committee our gracious thanks and everlasting gratitude. To the Hotel that has housed us, granted every favor; in fact, have done everything to make our stay pleasant and agreeable; in fact, have gone out of their way doing the little niceties that they thought would add to our pleasure. To the Hotel Management, we extend our thanks and can assure them that in the event that Pittsburgh should some day in the future invite the Grand Army to hold its Encampment within its City Limits, we, as a Body, could think of no better place to be housed than in the Hotel Fort Pitt. To the Press of the City of Pittsburgh, they have been ever generous in their space given to the publicity and proceedings of our Organization, and as we leave for our homes, there will be a very pleasant and happy memory of the public press of the City of Pittsburgh.

Resolution No. 12. The following is a supplementary report presented by the Organization of the Ladies of the G. A. R. It relates to the question of Federal aid to education which was introduced in the last session of Congress. The Bill is for education but under Federal control; all public monies must be returned in some manner or other, and when under Federal control, surely education would be politically controlled and therefore very undesirable.

WHEREAS, The question of Federal Aid to Education is

now before the public through a bill introduced in the last Session of Congress, and

WHEREAS, All money given to the States from the Federal Treasury is not a gift in reality, but must ultimately be paid by the taxes of the citizens of all the States in the Union, and

WHEREAS, Federal funds cannot be spent without Federal control, and

WHEREAS, The control of education from one central source would take from the parents the right to say how their children should be educated and might lead to a totalitarian form of Government, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in annual Encampment assembled this 30th day of August, 1939, go on record as unalterably opposed to Federal Aid and thereby Federal Control of education, and demand that control of education be left with the respective States as at present, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of Education and Labor Committees of both House and Senate and the Press.

Your Committee concurs in the Resolution. (Adopted).

Resolution No. 13. It is a Resolution from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in that they strongly oppose the Wagner-Rogers Bill admitting 20,000 German Refugee children into our country, asking that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Richard B. Russell, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration, and to William H. King, Chairman on the Sub-Committee on Immigration in the Senate.

WHEREAS, Thousands of the youth of America are unable to obtain employment, and

WHEREAS, Our orphan asylums are filled with American children in need of homes, and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt has claimed that "millions of our people are ill-fed, ill-clad, and ill-housed" and we know that millions of unemployed are on relief and a burden upon the taxpayers of our Nation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in National Convention assembled this 30th day of August, 1939, strongly oppose the Wagner-Rogers Bill admitting 20,000 German refugee children and urge our representatives in Congress to vote against this Bill, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Senator Richard B. Russell, Chairman, of the Committee on Immigration, Senator William H. King, Chairman of the Sub-committee on Immigration in the Senate, Representative Samuel Dickstein, Chairman on Immigration and Naturalization of the House of Representatives, and to the Press.

Your committee are in sympathy with this Resolution and concur in the same. (Adopted).

(Discussion on Resolution No. 13, German Refugee Children):

Delegate G. S. Glasgow, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I read that in The Banner, and I thought if we want to petition our Congressman not to let 20,000 refugee children come into this country,—then

we should refrain from repeating the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." The Lord created the earth that our people should enjoy it. If we are trying to make His Kingdom come, why should we not do this—or are we just trying to make a Heaven for ourselves? Thy Kingdom come on earth. Then are we going to strike out what is in the Ritual? And that Flag, no Flag holds out so great a hope to so many people as does the red, white and blue; the blue symbolizes Heaven, the white is Purity, and the red is the best blood that was ever spilled on American soil. And this petition providing for 10,000 each year for two years wanting to come into our country, why not take these undesirable aliens that would undermine our country, these Communists, these Fascists, and send them back to the country they came from? Take their jobs and give them to the American men to do, but let children come in that you can educate and out of whom you can make American citizens. Oh, it made my blood boil when I read that. I thought in our Christian nation here, trying to hold up to the world that that Flag is for Liberty and Right. Our forefathers went to the South and fought for their lives, that the shackles should be stricken from the black man, that slavery should not exist in this country, and then we, their sons, are we recreant sons of noble blood, or are we patriotic in citizenship to humanity, not alone for this country, but for the world?

If God Almighty dealt with us, if he furnished us just as much rain or as many crusts as we deserve, we would go hungry in America. Oh, America perhaps doesn't deserve what she gets, but God Almighty permits the sun to shine on America, when we squander what we have, and yet we would say that when we are petitioned that 10,000 refugee children should be admitted and brought to our shores, and still we allow the alien who is undermining our country to remain here and not send them back. I thank you. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Brothers, although an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, it is with sorrow and regret that I am not able to quote very much Scripture, but are we not our brothers' keepers? The Lord knows, and you know, although you are not the Lord, any one of you—far from it—that the United States of America have enough children in the country that need looking after badly, without the additional 20,000 other children. (Applause).

I have a Health Camp in which this year I took care of 211 children. It cost me over \$5,000.00—not out of my own pocket—but I have to get it every year, or more, in order to take care of those children—and then gentlemen, I don't take care of one-third of the children that should be in that camp. Go out into your cities, and you don't have to really go into the scum part or the lower part of the city; you can go right into the better districts and find many children that need shoes, stockings, underwear, and clothing and don't have it because they haven't the money, or their parents haven't the money to get them for them. If we want to do anything for the children, if the government wants to do anything, my God, I feel we should do it for our own in place of any others. (Applause).

Delegate Tallman, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief, there is one thing in regard to this brother in this argument as to the children. If we, Sons of Veterans, had had enough fortitude in 1920, we would have got out and kept out the aliens for ten years, and by doing that we wouldn't have had the scum of Europe thrown on our doorstep. This group that you are talking about that are staying at home, that This group that you are talking about that are staying at home, that cannot afford to get here, there is darn few of them that are on relief; they are trying to earn their money and earn it in the good old way, as the good Lord says: "No man shall take his bread for lack



of toil;" but there is one thing, when Europe has some children that they can't take care of, or that are feeble-minded, they send them over here. I say nothing doing, let them feed their own. I have grand-children whose parents at the present time can't take care of them properly. When Christmas time comes I can dig down in my pocket and buy them shoes. Some of those kids are being sent to school that can't talk English. Is it right that I should deprive my own grand-children? Nothing doing. I say, let's turn around and bring up Americans, let's stop all immigration for quite a few years, let's do that until we can handle the foreigners, the fellows that stood in the line of the parade and didn't know enough to take off their hats to the Flag. Let's take them and send them back.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, I happen to be serving on a committee in Pittsburgh that has been giving very careful consideration to this matter of these German refugee children, and I grant you that when this matter was first put up to me, I hesitated some little time whether I even wanted to accept membership on this committee, but when I sat up here one day in one of the fine offices of this city and under the leadership of Dr. Lloyd H. Evans, Pastor of one of our finest and biggest Presbyterian Churches in this city—he is President, if I am not mistaken, of the Foreign Missions Board of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., and when I found that on that committee there were serving men and women of all faiths and of all creeds who look upon this thing as a total picture, I am afraid I had to change my mind about it—and that is a man's privilege as well as a woman's.

And I changed my mind about it in this regard, I want to correct the statement of the gentlemen here in my rear by saying that every child that is to be sent from Germany to the United States or to any other country in the world as a refugee must pass a very high physical and mental test; they are not going to ship to this country or to any other country morons, imbeciles, weaklings, physically, mentally or otherwise; and not only that, but it is also understood and agreed to by the leaders of the three great faiths in this country, namely, Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Protestants that these children shall come to America, if and when they do, and when they come, we Protestants are not going to proselyte any of the children who come from Catholic homes over there, nor will the Catholics proselyte the Protestant children, but all three faiths have agreed collectively that they will share in the plans and provisions so that these children who come to us will be neither candidates for the W. P. A. nor for our homes for children who are dependent upon the government or upon the church.

Therefore, as a member of this committee here in the City of Pittsburgh, and as a Christian Minister, these youngsters in Germany are not to blame for what some of their contemptible fathers did twenty-five or thirty years ago. Therefore, as the brother over here said, if we are not going to say, "Here is my hand, take it and let us be mutually helpful," let us quit saying the Lord's Prayer, "Thy Kingdom come;" and if we can do it by letting these children come to our country now when they are young and tender in years and can be impressed upon, we can impress upon them rather something of the heritage that we have—I think we will be doing a favor not only to them, but also be doing something for our selves and for our own kids. I favor the opening of the doors to these 10,000 refugee children who are homeless, fatherless, and motherless, and others who are in need of the refuge which the Stars and Stripes can give them. Let us give them the protection of the Stars and Stripes, even if it does



mean the opening of our doors to 10,000 or 20,000 within the next two or three years to come.

Past Department Commander Crittenden, Missouri: Commander-in-Chief, I don't see, if they want to send their children over here, if they wouldn't spend so much for war, dictators, and all that, then they wouldn't need to send these children here. My heart goes out to every child, but why should we, as the gentleman over here said, we have our own children and grandchildren, but when we spend millions and millions and throw the whole country possibly into war, I am against taking care of the German children. (Applause).

Past Department Commander Ball, Indiana: Commander-in-Chief, if the German government would take about 50,000 men out of their army and put them on productive labor, they could take care of their own orphans. I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that we concur in the report of the committee. (The motion was seconded).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: It has been moved and seconded that we concur in this report.

Delegate Morrill, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I agree with the speaker who said that those German refugee children are not to blame for the conditions in Germany, and 20,000 into this country wouldn't be a drop in the bucket as affecting 130,000,000 people, as far as any detrimental problems are concerned, but if those children were allowed to come in, and knowing that they were obliged to flee from Germany, then as they became organized and grew up, they surely would be more grateful than the Americans that don't take their hats off when the Flag goes by. I move that the matter be laid on the table.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: There is a motion before the house. All in favor of the motion to concur in the committee report say "Aye." Opposed—

Delegate Morrill: Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order. The motion to lay on the table takes precedence over other motions.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: There was a motion before the house to lay the subject on the table, but I didn't hear a second to it.

Delegate: I rose to second the motion, but you didn't wait.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Morrill, you made the motion, there was a motion before the house and it was carried.

Delegate: There isn't a rising vote.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The rising vote is not necessary. I rule now that that motion has been carried by this body and so ordered.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, this is just two compliments to some of the committees; I move, Commander-in-Chief, that this report be accepted with the changes that have been suggested.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, I offer an amendment to the motion to approve the whole report, that we do approve the whole report except those sections which have to do with the passing upon specific bills pending before Congress, and that those sections be referred back to the committee for further action, which I will explain.

I agree entirely with the attitude and the position taken by the committee chairman, not wanting to buy a horse unseen, not wanting to endorse a bill without seeing the bill or knowing exactly what it says. At the same time, those resolutions came up from subordinate bodies, and I assume that they have seen the bills pending before

Congress. In any event, certainly some of them by their captions, by their titles, dealt with serious public questions which are known to all of us. I feel that this body should maintain its dignity in many ways, and one is by taking a position on major public questions. (Applause). Therefore, what I have in mind in suggesting re-reference of those to the committee is not that they endorse a given bill, but that they take a position on the thing that the bill is supposed to accomplish. For instance, one bill, the last one that was mentioned, referring to the absolute stoppage of immigration for ten years. Do we want to take a position on that or not? Therefore, I move to refer those resolution to the committee, that they may pass a resolution not endorsing the bill, but taking a position on the subject matter of the bill.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief, I rise to a point of order. Can we refer for re-reference what has already been adopted?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: What is the pleasure of the Encampment? Brother Horn says that these cannot be passed back to the committee inasmuch as they have already been passed on by this body. If that is the case, we ought then to go back to the original motion and refer the whole to the committee with the necessary change. I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin to repeat his motion so that we may get it correctly and in detail, and then I will put it before you.

Delegate: Commander-in-Chief, the point of order on referring that matter back to the committee; there was no objection. The motion now was simply to adopt as referred to the committee.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The question has been called for on the motion. Are you ready for the question? (The motion was carried).

Respectfully submitted,  
 MICHAEL G. HEINTZ,  
 JOHN L. REEGER,  
 CHAS. R. HALE,  
 FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,  
 RALPH SHELDON, Chairman,  
 Committee on Resolutions.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, I have the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

Your Committee has carefully reviewed the reports of all the National Officers as submitted by them and beg to report as follows:

#### REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ANDERSON

Commander-in-Chief Anderson's report is comprehensive and complete—it gives in a most orderly manner a vivid review of his stewardship and shows much thought and study in its preparation.

Commander Anderson has for many years served our Order faithfully and well and he is deserving of the everlasting gratitude of the entire membership.

His report contains the following recommendations upon which your committee report as follows:

On page 8 of the printed Officers' Reports—second paragraph from

bottom of page—we would refer the membership to page 23, paragraph 3, of Davis Camp "History of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War"—"Resolved, that the efforts of the Ladies Aid Societies are truly appreciated by this Commandery-in-Chief and their work is heartily endorsed and recommended to the various Camps under this jurisdiction"—we believe this thoroughly covers the matter.

On page 9, last paragraph, we recommend that the Laws of the Commandery-in-Chief be suspended and that the rank of Past Commander-in-Chief be conferred upon National Secretary-Treasurer Horace H. Hammer, and that the regulation badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief be presented to him.

On page 12, Recommendation No. 1, your committee approves.

Recommendation No. 2, as already noted in our reference to "Davis Camp History" this was done August 28, 1884. We do however recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief stress this in his orders to the membership through "The Banner."

Recommendation No. 3, your committee approves.

Recommendation No. 4, your committee disapproves and offers as a substitute "That no money be added to the Historical and Marker Fund at present."

#### REPORTS OF SENIOR AND JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF

The Reports of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief contain no recommendations but do indicate activity upon the part of these two Officers that is worthy of our commendation.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER HAMMER

As has been the case in a period of more than thirty years the Annual Report of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer shows not only a complete review of his duties but contains much information that is of vital interest to the entire membership.

Our thanks go out to him for his many years of service to our organization.

Brother Hammer makes the following recommendations: (Page 20)

Recommendation: That previous authorization for increase in supplies be effective next term, 25% added to present cost, Requisitions Forms 1 and 1½ changing prices to conform to the new rates, be provided and promulgated, as approved and adopted by this Encampment. Specifically—

Form 11—C. & R., sell to Departments at \$5.00 per 100; to Camps at \$6.00 per hundred.

Form 21—Ritual, sell to Departments at 60 cents each; to Camps at 75 cents each.

Fifty Years Continuous Membership Badge, sell to Departments at \$1.75 each; to Camps at \$2.00 each.

All other items on Requisition Forms 1 and 1½ changed in price to add 25% thereto.

Form 29, Dispensation, Form 55, Record of Camp Index Cards, be discontinued and withdrawn from supplies.

All of which your committee heartily concur in—with the further recommendation that the fullest publicity be given these changes in future issues of "The Banner."

Your committee also recommends that 50-Year Membership Badges

may be purchased in any quantity and sent out from the Departments directly upon receipt of Form 2, properly filled out.

Page 22—Recommendation concurred in.

Page 24. Insert the word "partially" before the word compensate on third line (second recommendation), making it read "partially compensate" etc.—after which correction your committee approves of the recommendation.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The report of National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven contains much that should be of interest and information to the membership at large and Camp Patriotic Instructors are urged to study and digest the comments, etc., contained in pages 28 to 33.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

The report of National Chaplain Craig is well prepared and recites some of the many activities of his office. We extend to Brother Craig the thanks of the entire membership for his continued great work for our Order.

#### REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the National Legislative Committee reflects great credit upon the members of the committee in their prompt and efficient manner of handling a situation that arose and which meant so much to the life of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Brother Barrett as chairman of this committee presents a pleasing report that shows much activity and goals attained. To him and his committee we are deeply thankful.

We recommend that much more publicity be given the work and accomplishments of this committee from time to time in The Banner and the public press.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Brother Hale as Chairman also presents an interesting report—one that could be studied by our membership—we believe to great advantage.

We recommend the continuance of this valued committee.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,  
 WALTER C. MABIE, Chairman,  
 CHAS. H. E. MORAN,  
 EDWIN C. IRELAN,  
 W. GORDON RYAN,  
 HOWARD MICHAEL,  
 Committee on Officers' Reports.

National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief, Brother Mabie has asked whether I accepted this report of Patriotic Instructor, or whether I have just passed it on as a recommendation that has been given to me. I would like to say that I only made the report that was sent to me by the Department Patriotic Instructor. I put those words in almost verbatim as they were sent to me. There is no recommendation of mine. I made no recommendation whatsoever in that report. Those are only comments on suggestions that were sent to me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: The Committee, therefore, makes no report on that.

On the report of the Committee on Marking Graves, Brother Hale of this committee also presents an interesting report that should be studied by the membership to their advantage, I believe.

The brothers have asked what disposition was made of the Organization and Historical Marker Fund. As recommended, it was very ambiguous, and possibly our recommendation is just about as bad. We made no disposition of the money; we merely stated that we recommended no further collections or no money be added at present. As to how the fund that was now on hand was to be spent, we made no recommendation. Whatever has been done before in the way of spending it, as I would understand, still continues and still is in force.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS APPROVED

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: You have your reports of your Committee on Marking Graves, the Committee on the Grand Army Highway, Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies, and the Essays and Schools Committee. I will entertain a motion at this time that these reports be accepted and approved. (Motion made, seconded, and carried).

### G. A. R. HIGHWAY

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, you will remember that the report of Brother Mabie mentioned the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. The various State Departments through which this highway passes have done a lot of work to get these bills through the various State Legislatures. We shouldn't stop there; we should see that the various Departments and their State Departments get out proper road maps, calling this the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. That was done years ago by the people who named it the Roosevelt Highway, which frankly has passed by the board on account of the legislation from the various states from the East, as far west as Colorado. When you get back home, see your Highway Department and see that they get out road maps with the words Grand Army of the Republic on them.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I believe our National Patriotic Instructor has something to present at this time.

### LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURGH ADDRESS—UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

National Patriotic Instructor DeHaven: Commander-in-Chief, as the brothers know, each year for the last few years it has been the custom to present in the city in which we meet some kind of a memorial to some institution on behalf of this organization. This year our organization purchased a plaque on which is Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, and through a lot of influence from our good friend and Brother Charles A. Locke we were able this year to place this plaque in the Cathedral of Learning of the University of Pittsburgh.

I understand that the University of Pittsburgh has a rule that does not allow any markers placed in the institution, but they did not consider this Address simply a memorial or marker. I will not go into an explanation of why, but I have here written out what transpired yesterday. This was presented on Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, and as this will go on the record, I will say in the closing, Dr. Fitzgerald, provost of and on behalf of the institution, accepted the plaque, and in return presented to us and through us to this organization, a bronze medallion or medal, which he trusted would enter into the archives of our Order. On one side of the medal or medallion is a picture of the thirty-four story Cathedral of Learning, and on



the other side is an inscription: "They shall find wisdom here and faith, in steel and stone. In character and thought they shall find beauty, adventure and moments of high victory." I would suggest that this medallion be entered into the archives of our institution, also a picture of this medallion should be taken and entered in the proceedings of this Encampment. I make that motion.

National Chaplain Craig: I second the motion, with the understanding that the picture will include both sides.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, I think Brother Holbrook will print it, anyhow.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I think so, too. (Motion was carried).

#### GREETINGS COMMITTEE LADIES G. A. R.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, the Committee on Greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army is ready to report. Yesterday afternoon your committee was received most magnanimously and graciously, and extended the greetings of this organization to them, and in turn they send their greetings to us. The committee moves that this report be adopted and the committee discharged.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Your committee's report has been accepted, and the committee is now discharged.

#### CEREMONIES AT MAJOR DAVIS' TOMB

National Chaplain Craig: Brother DeHaven has just called my attention, Commander-in-Chief, to the fact that Brother Blakeley should make this report of the visit to Major Davis' tomb yesterday afternoon, at which time we placed a wreath at his mausoleum. I can't tell you all who were there, but I know that Brother DeHaven, our National Patriotic Instructor, your National Chaplain, also the National Chaplain, Mrs. Katherine L. Joyce, and National Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. May Bassett, of the Auxiliary, also the heads of our Sons of Veterans Reserve, Dr. Barrett of California & Pacific, two brothers from Minnesota, one from Vermont, one from Michigan. With a proper ceremony we placed a beautiful wreath on the tomb of Major Davis. The photographer for the Sun-Telegraph was there.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are no objections, we will accept the report.

#### ESSAY FUND

Past Commander-in-Chief Yengling: I want to make a report on the Committee on Essays and Schools. It will be published in the next issue of The Banner so that these brothers throughout the organization will know where this fund came from. I move the adoption of the supplemental report. (The motion was seconded and carried).

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO ESSAY FUND

Department of Alabama & Tennessee.....	\$ 2.50
Department of Connecticut, \$21.25; Wm. D. Hill, Camp 1, West Haven, 10c; Wm. C. Dickinson, Camp 1, New Haven, 10c; Camp 1, Stamford, \$2.00 .....	23.45
Department of Illinois, \$18.20; Clifford U. Collins, Peoria, 25c..	18.45
Indiana—Rev. Hurd Allyn Drake, Camp 1, Kokomo, 15c; Dr. M. W. Yencer, Camp 28, Richmond, 25c.....	.40
Kansas—Camp 2, Vinita, Okla. ....	1.55
Massachusetts—James A. Haskell, Camp 79, Melrose, 5c; Everett A. Thrower, Camp 37, Gardner, 10c; Dean E. Kingsbury, Camp 25, Worcester, 5c; Camp 26, Taunton, \$1.50....	1.70

Michigan—Department .....	
Minnesota—Department, \$1.80; Camp 8, Minneapolis, \$3.20 .....	15.25
New Jersey—Department .....	5.00
New York—Department, \$56.25; Camp 74, Yonkers, \$2.65.....	20.00
Ohio—Department .....	58.90
Pennsylvania—H. F. Mertz, Camp 6, 5c; Mrs. Louis J. Herrmann, for dec'd husband, and self, Camp 200, Philadelphia, 10c; John W. Reeves, 2nd, Camp 233, Easton, 6c; Wm. H. H. Ogden, Jr., Camp 200, Philadelphia, 10c; Frank H. Heacock, Media, 5c .....	24.70
Rhode Island—Department, \$7.50; Camp 1, Newport, 60c.....	.36
Washington—Department .....	8.10
Wisconsin—Dr. George H. Belding, Camp 1, Milwaukee, 5c; Otto Bretz, Camp 1, Milwaukee, 5c; Mrs. Otto Bretz, Auxiliary 1, Milwaukee, 5c .....	1.25
Rhode Island—Department Junior Auxiliary.....	.15
Total .....	1.00
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	\$182.76

**Commander-in-Chief Anderson:** I received a package from Past Department Commander John Howe of Vermont, enclosing souvenir post cards showing the picture of a tree taken from the battleground of Gettysburg. With the aid of the Committee on Credentials, any one who would like one of these souvenirs can have it.

### PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**Commander-in-Chief Anderson:** Is the Program and Policy Committee ready to report? I think they had better assemble and make some report whether a report of progress or what-not, so that we will have it as a matter of record. Our Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Casey is Chairman of the Program and Policy Committee.

**Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Casey:** Commander-in-Chief, I don't really see at the present time that I can make a report on this Program and Policy Committee. There is nothing that I can say on it at the present time.

**Commander-in-Chief Anderson:** If you have in mind anything to present to the Committee on Program and Policy now, offer it to the temporary chairman, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Casey.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner:** As Chairman of the Americanization Committee, I am not making a report on that, because we have many matters under consideration, but speaking of the Program and Policy Committee—I am not sure of this—but it seems to me that last year or the year before, the recommendation was carried that the name of this committee be changed to Survey and Planning, to conform to that of the Auxiliary, and it was suggested that these two committees get together. The thought was that the Survey and Planning Committee was doing a constructive work and that we could benefit by that. I am not sure whether our Proceedings showed that or not, but I am of that opinion.

**Commander-in-Chief Anderson:** I am under the impression that the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations told me they would make some report on that.

**Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon:** Commander-in-Chief, I ask all the Past Commanders-in-Chief who are in the room or who are to be in the room—and this includes our new Past Commander-in-Chief Horace Hammer, we want to welcome you into our Order—you know we have an Order. I would like all the Past Commanders to meet on the rostrum immediately after adjournment. There are

some things that must be considered at this time, which will take only a few minutes, and also to greet our new member, our new has been, in other words.

### PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF G. A. R. RUHE

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to call the attention of the brothers to the fact that Comrade Ruhe, who resides in Pittsburgh, is ill in the hospital. I don't need to go into any discussion about Comrade Ruhe; you all know him or know of him. I think that this Encampment assembled should send him a telegram or message of condolence and our wishes for his speedy recovery. I don't know that it will be necessary to take any action.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I believe the brother has a fine thought, and that it will be very appropriate for our organization to send a letter of sympathy to Comrade Ruhe. If there is no objection, that will be done.

### SONS OF VETERANS DAY—NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

Department Commander Maples, New York: Commander-in-Chief, I don't know whether mention has been made here or not of the proposed Sons of Union Veterans' Day at the New York World's Fair. That will take place this coming Saturday, September 2. We have arranged an interesting program, at Washington Hall on the Fair Grounds at 3:00 p. m. Commander-in-Chief Anderson will have something further to say about that being held under the auspices of the National Organization, but as a resident of New York, and as Commander of the New York Department, I would like to see every delegate passing through New York be there and give this some publicity, which we really sorely need.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: In response to that, brothers, some two months ago I corresponded with the General Chairman of the New York World's Fair, Grover Whalen, asking him whether or not he could assign to our organization a day known as Sons of Union Veterans Day, and I received a letter from him saying that it would be possible, and asking me to suggest a date for that.

Figuring that we would get though here tomorrow night, and that most of our delegations would be returning home or going to the World's Fair, I asked him to assign Saturday, September 2. That has been done. The General Committee on the World's Fair are co-operating with us and are willing to do anything they can to assist us.

I did this, my brothers, as a matter of publicity. When you figure that the World's Fair with something like 200,000 visitors a day, and then to have the announcement made periodically throughout the day over the loud speaking stations, and then have it on the official program of the day, I thought it was a move that would be worthwhile for the publicity of our organization.

I hope you brothers who are going home and who intend to attend the Fair will go there and help us make a good showing before the General Committee of that Fair. I hope that you brothers will speak to the womenfolk and to the members of the other allied groups in this Encampment so that they will all understand it.

### G. A. R. MONUMENT, MIAMI, FLORIDA

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to call your attention to the leaflet regarding the G. A. R. monument we had erected in the City of Miami, Florida, this year. This money was raised for the purpose of erecting a perpetual marker or monument to the Grand Army of the Republic by the Woman's Relief Corps

of Miami. At the present time you know we have no Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Miami. However, the Woman's Relief Corps is assisting in our work, and I think it is fitting and proper that a letter of appreciation be sent to the National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps in Miami for their work and efforts in our behalf. When they erected the monument they inserted a replica of our badge on the monument, with our name underneath. I have drawn up a letter of appreciation, and if you want me to read it, Commander-in-Chief, I shall do so, and ask the body to act on it. (Read letter).

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

To Mrs. Grace Houlette Hahn, National Senior Vice President,  
 Woman's Relief Corps,  
 144 N. E. 27th St., Miami, Fla.

The Officers and Members of the Fifty-eighth National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held in the City of Pittsburgh, Pa., August 26 to August 30, voted unanimously to express to you, and the members of the Henry Clay Roome, Woman's Relief Corps No. 16, of Miami, Florida, their sincere appreciation and gratitude, for the noble act of including a replica of the Sons of Union Veterans Badge on the monument, erected in the City of Miami, on April 14, 1939, to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, and dedicated by Captain C. J. Rose of the Florida Department, G. A. R., who posed for the Statue atop the monument, which now stands in Riverside Cemetery, Miami, Florida.

It is comforting, and gives us satisfaction to realize, that while there does not exist at the present time, a Camp, or Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Miami, we do have a noble Body of Women who are untiring in their efforts to further the interests of our Organization in the great South, and are giving our Order the publicity that we could not have given ourselves.

Many, many thanks, to our Southern Sisters.

Faternally, .....

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: May I ask of the Department Commander or Past Department Commander, of Alabama & Tennessee, whether they or the Department sent a letter?

Past Department Commander Jackman, (Alabama & Tennessee): I was at Miami at the dedication of this monument and acted as Officer of the Day for Comrade Rowe, the Department Commander. The plaque on that monument is under name of the Miami Camp.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Do I understand, that it was dedicated under the name of the Miami Camp?

Past Department Commander Jackman: Yes, Commander-in-Chief, Miami Camp.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Then I don't think we should make any such reference.

Delegate Nemetz: We don't have any Camp in Miami.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We have a Department there; the Department of Alabama & Tennessee. Past Department Commander has already recognized it. He was at the dedication.

Delegate Nemetz: Yes, but the Department of Alabama & Tennessee didn't contribute anything to it.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: What is your answer to that, Brother Jackman?



Past Department Commander Jackman: Not the Department of Florida; the Department of Tennessee.

Delegate Nemetz: Commander-in-Chief, I wanted this to come from the National organization.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The question is raised, you say the Woman's Relief Corps and he says the Sons of Union Veterans. That's the thing I would like to get clear. You claim that the Woman's Relief Corps did the job, and now the Past Commander of the Department of Alabama & Tennessee says the Sons of Veterans dedicated the Miami monument. Did that Department dedicate this monument?

Past Department Commander Jackman: Yes, Commander-in-Chief.

Delegate Nemetz: They had the name on, Brother Jackman, but the job was really done by the Woman's Relief Corps out of their own money, so I think it is proper to send them a letter of recognition.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: There is no harm about that. If the Woman's Relief Corps did put a replica of the badge on it, it won't hurt to show our appreciation.

Delegate Nemetz: Commander-in-Chief, I happened to be in the City of Miami when we drew up the original plan, and only for the thoughtfulness of this Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps we would not have had this plaque on there.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Then I understand this letter is a letter of appreciation coming from the National organization and going to the National Chaplain of the Woman's Relief Corps. (Ordered).

### RADIO BROADCAST

Past Department Commander H. Harding Hale, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I have an announcement to make briefly. So many have come to me since I arrived in the city, asking about the radio activities of Massachusetts, and I have arranged with Columbia's Chain Station here, Station WJAS, to give a demonstration of one of the types of program that we have been doing in Massachusetts, so if you are interested in the publicity value of these broadcasts, I would cordially invite you to come over to the Chamber of Commerce Building, not more than two or three blocks away. You are all welcome to come over to the studio to listen to the Civil War account of a soldier, a prominent member of the Grand Army of Massachusetts, who was present at the surrender of General Lee to General Grant. That takes place at 5:45 D. S. T., this evening.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I am glad that Past Department Commander Hale brought up the subject of radio broadcasting. We have been doing it for some time in Massachusetts, and we have been very successful in arranging broadcasts periodically pertaining to the Civil War; it has been very fine publicity for our organization. In other words, we are picking our membership out of the air—get that? After our broadcasts, men come into our headquarters and tell us that they hear our broadcasts and are indeed interested in them. "My father or my grandfather served in the Civil War and I would like to know what is necessary to become a member of that Order." I would like to have every Camp take that up as a new scheme to advertise our organization to get new members. I had hoped this year, as Commander-in-Chief, to have a new officer known as National Radio Director, but that has not yet come about whereby we can have a regular program of broadcasts throughout this country, referring to the principles of the Grand Army of the Republic. I suggest that you take that back home and think it over.





HORACE H. HAMMER  
National Secretary-Treasurer  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, may I also announce that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have arranged for a broadcast tonight over Station KQV, in the Chamber of Commerce Building, under the general direction of the Past National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Past Department Commander Leslie, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, last year we had a Committee on Reserve. We made a report and suggested that a new committee be appointed to draw up regulations so far for the Reserve. Has that committee yet reported?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I believe that comes under the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. I believe they have that in mind and they will report tomorrow morning.

### THE NEW PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF—MASSACHUSETTS

Past Department Commander Sweet, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, I believe we have a few moments to spare, and today in this hall you heard a very fine tribute and complimentary order given to one who has served us so faithfully, not only personally, but in council with every Commander-in-Chief who has held office, and that is a man of little stature but of mighty weight in our organization, and it must be to him a heavy tribute to know that the boys of this Convention have approved the recommendations of Past Commander-in-Chief Mable's Committee Report, in presenting this honorary tribute. We have had during so many years in Encampments this Brother holding us down in argument and being the watch dog of our Conventions. I believe he will be very happy to have our Commander-in-Chief call on him at this time for a few words to us. Horace, although I have only known him for eight years, has been to me in those eight years an inspiration, and I just want the Convention to meet the master-mind.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We will now hear from the National Secretary. (Applause).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I don't know how to talk to you, and to you brothers now. If it were not for the personal part I could talk in my own way, but I must try to get the dignity to say to these—shall I say "has beens?"—in whose class you have put me. I can only thank you. I am very grateful and I appreciate the great honor you have all conferred upon me. But really I don't approve of it because it isn't constitutional. Oh, I know, "What's the Constitution between friends," and all about that. I am proud to be placed with the Past Commanders-in-Chief. They are the highest type representatives of the Order, always working for and interested in its welfare.

I might tell that I served as National Secretary under thirty-six Commanders-in-Chief; it will be thirty-five years continuously next year that I served as National Secretary. Twice before that I was National Secretary, but then I was a General—Adjutant General.

Commander-in-Chief, I thank you, and each one of you, very much. I can never show my full feeling of gratitude and appreciation to each and every one of you for this honor. You have always been very kind and good to me. All of you I regard and value as good friends. I have tried to get the proper dignity. Where is the badge of the Past Commander-in-Chief? (Laughter and applause)

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: You make out the necessary requisition and I'll sign it now.

National Secretary Hammer: Again, thank you all. And Commander-in-Chief Anderson—especially you.

**WORLD'S FAIR**

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: There is a big proposition coming before us on publicity, and I would like to know how many brothers anticipate going to the World's Fair, and will you be there Saturday at 3:00 o'clock. Let us stand up on that.

Delegate Blackman, Illinois: I have the honor of running a transport down here from Chicago, and we have forty-eight members. They are all going to the Fair Saturday.

Past Department Commander Towle, Maine: Commander-in-Chief, this may be entirely irrelevant, but I cannot help put in a plug for the Pine Tree State. We have four veterans, and one of them is ninety-eight years old, Samuel Henderson.

Recess ordered to 9 o'clock a. m., August 31.

## THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

9:00 O'Clock

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The Encampment will please come to order. I have a letter to read because of the fact that Past Commander-in-Chief Shellhouse, of Indiana, could not come here owing to illness. He was reminiscing a short time ago, looking over his effects pertaining to the organization, and came across a letter that I sent him back in February, 1923, when I was Department Commander of Massachusetts, at that time known as Division Commander, and he sent it to me with a little note. I think as he isn't here, I will read it in his behalf. A letter that I sent out to my boys in Massachusetts. (Reads letter).

At that time I was trying to hit the mark of 10,000 in Massachusetts. Frank Shellhouse replied: "My dear Commander Anderson, I read with great interest your letter to the boys under date of February 15th, in which you make an appeal for friendly and sincere assistance for Bill Anderson. Your appeal is different from all the rest, and indeed very unique. It should please the boys, and furthermore, incite them to greater activity. This heart-to-heart talk and man-to-man appeal generally gets something. I am, fraternally yours, Frank Shellhouse, Commander-in-Chief."

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I have here a resolution to restore the rank of Past Department Commander to Brother Charles A. Patterson, Missouri.

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE [Continued]

National Secretary Hammer: Here is another resolution for you, Dr. Sheldon, and don't talk back. (Laughter).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Good morning, brothers. That's one of the nice things about being chairman of a committee. You can be abused and you can't say one word, especially by one of our Past Commanders-in-Chief.

### Thanks to Col. U. S. Grant 3rd

These resolutions have all been presented recently. "Resolved, That the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be extended to our brother, Colonel U. S. Grant III, for his interest in the Order in presenting the Grant Trophy for competition in patriotic endeavor, and that the National Secretary be ordered to transmit to Brother Grant our hearty appreciation of this evidence of his interest in and loyalty to this Order."

Past Commander-in-Chief Church, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, I very heartily second adoption. It is very definitely in order and ought to be adopted.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I will ask for a rising vote on this, if you will, please. (Motion carried). That is a unanimous vote.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Resolution presented by Past Commander-in-Chief Horn "opposing the proposed appropriation by Congress of \$25,000.00 for the construction of a memorial in West Virginia to the Confederate General Stonewall Jackson." We do concur in this resolution, and we know you boys will, too. The idea of

building a memorial to Stonewall Jackson! I move the resolution be adopted. (Motion carried).

#### War Service Badge

Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Sheldon: A resolution handed in by Department Commander Chandler of Massachusetts: "Resolved, That the use of the War Service Medal is hereby revived, and the National Secretary-Treasurer is hereby directed to procure said medal for sale to Departments and Camps desiring them."

In explanation of that, years ago we had a badge and later a resolution was passed, a few years ago, doing away with this badge. This resolution simply reinstates that part of the Constitution and Regulations that did away with it at that time. Your committee concurs.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Are there objections? It is so approved.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Here is one from the Woman's Relief Corps. I think I should read it, because I never heard anything about it until this resolution was handed me, and I question whether there are many of the other brothers present who are in any different condition than myself. (Reads resolution regarding Andersonville Prison).

July 3, 1939.

At the command of Rhoda Denny Moss, President of The National Woman's Relief Corps, I respectfully urge your careful consideration of the following resolution representing the earnest convictions of the 200,000 members of the Corps:

"WHEREAS, It has been called to the attention of The National Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, that there is a movement being fostered whereby the United States Government is being solicited to erect a so-called 'Peace Memorial' in Andersonville Prison Park and Andersonville National Cemetery located at Andersonville, Georgia, and

WHEREAS, The National Woman's Relief Corps is directly interested, having acquired this property in 1896, the original grant consisting of 24 acres which was transferred to The National Woman's Relief Corps by the Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic; 64½ acres were later acquired by purchase. During the many years after its acquirement by The National Woman's Relief Corps the work of restoration proceeded, grounds were cleared, trees planted, a caretakers cottage built and furnished, a pavilion erected over the Spring.

Willingly did the noble women of our Order raise funds to transform a barren waste into a 'Garden of Blessed Memory,' that visitors might for all time behold a memorial to men who proved themselves the highest type of patriots, and

WHEREAS, Deeming it best for the future of those historic grounds, The National Woman's Relief Corps in 1908 upon recommendation of the National President tendered them to the United States Government, and, in pursuance of an Act of Congress approved March 2, 1910, the Twenty-eighth National Convention, ordered that a bronze tablet be erected to memorialize the patriotic work of The National Woman's Relief Corps in preserving and beautifying this spot where thousands suffered martyrdom rather than forsake the Stars and Stripes, and this Memorial, beautiful in form and conception, was dedicated and presented to the United States Government on May 30, 1911, and



WHEREAS, The National Woman's Relief Corps continues its interest in its preservation as a Memorial to the 35,000 Union Soldiers who were once confined there, and

WHEREAS, It is the only Prison of the twenty-four that has been preserved, and

WHEREAS, The National Woman's Relief Corps is of the opinion that the continuance of the movement to place the so-called Peace Memorial in Andersonville Prison Park will only serve to arouse sectional hatred and revive the bitterness of the Civil War. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 200,000 members of The National Woman's Relief Corps most respectfully request that no action be taken regarding the placing of such monument or garden as proposed, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Secretary be and she is hereby directed to send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of War, the Director of the National Park Service, Members of the Senate and House Committees on Military Affairs and other interested persons."

Yours very truly,

EMMA W. CAMPBELL, Secretary,  
The National Woman's Relief Corps.  
August 29, 1939.

That this resolution be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in convention assembled, asking for their immediate action.

By THE NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: This resolution has been passed by the Grand Army of the Republic, and I have been told in all the other patriotic orders. Your committee concurs in the resolution.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there is no objection, it will be so approved.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief, this completes the report of your Resolutions Committee. I move you that the report of the committee be accepted as presented, with the changes thereto, and that the committee be discharged with the thanks of this body.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: That does not mean that they have been discharged. (The motion was carried).

Are there any other committees? Brothers, before we get too far along in this Encampment, I want to take this time to personally and officially and nationally thank all my National Officers and all the men who have served on committees during this Encampment. I didn't write any letter to any of these men and ask them if they would serve. I simply appointed them and not a man declined, and I feel that at this time I am indeed indebted to them for the service they have rendered to me and to you at this Encampment, and at this time, each man who has rendered service to me at this Encampment I sincerely thank them all. (Applause).

### REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF—THE BANNER

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Commander-in-Chief, the Council is ready to report. In the report of the Council there was one paragraph left out that has to be acted upon now: "6th: That the Council-in-Chief be authorized to enter into a new contract with the publishers of The Banner for the ensuing year. Price to be the same as last year, two (2c) cents per copy per issue."

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are no objections, this part of the report of the Council-in-Chief will be adopted. It is so ordered.

Council-in-Chief Alcorn: Commander-in-Chief, we now come to the budget of the Council-in-Chief. (Reads proposed budget for 1939-40).

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 31, 1939.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1939-40

Balance on hand—General Fund .....	\$ 1,400.00
Membership Fees, 1,000 new members at .50.....	500.00
Per Capita Tax, 21,000 members at 40c.....	\$3,400.00
Less $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{1}{8}$ for Permanent Fund .....	700.00
Net .....	7,700.00
Charter Fees, 10 New Camps at \$5.00.....	50.00
Supplies .....	1,500.00
Premium on Bonds .....	35.00
Miscellaneous .....	50.00
Total .....	\$11,235.00
GENERAL EXPENSE:	
For Supplies .....	\$ 900.00
The Banner—six issues .....	2,520.00
Encampment .....	1,300.00
Printing .....	40.00
Shipping Supplies .....	65.00
Salary .....	2,200.00
Premium on Bonds .....	50.00
Officers other than Commander-in-Chief & Secretary-Treasurer	30.00
Unemployment Compensation .....	60.00
Marking Graves .....	55.00
Past Commander-in-Chief's Badge and Miscellaneous.....	250.00
Printing Proceedings, Rituals and C. R. & R.....	1,600.00
Total .....	\$ 9,070.00
OFFICE EXPENSE:	
Wrapping, etc. ....	\$ 6.00
Postage .....	100.00
Express .....	5.00
Telegrams .....	5.00
Stationery .....	125.00
Rent .....	420.00
Miscellaneous .....	10.00
Total .....	\$ 671.00
Commander-in-Chief .....	\$ 1,200.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts .....	\$11,235.00
Estimated Disbursements .....	10,941.00
Balance .....	\$ 294.00

ROBERT T. ALCORN,  
CLEON E. HEALD,  
J. P. SHRIEVE,  
Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of the report. (The motion was seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief, we have a recommendation from the National Secretary-Treasurer which reads as follows: (Reads recommendation for cash prizes to Departments and individuals for securing new members and new Camps from Secretary's Report).

Commander-in-Chief, I move the adoption of this recommendation. (The motion was seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson. Delegate Herrlein of Pennsylvania, will you present at this time the manager of the hotel, Mr. Morris.

Delegate Herrlein: Commander-in-Chief, it gives me great pleasure to present to you, and through you to the Encampment, the manager of the Fort Pitt Hotel, Mr. Morris.

Commander-in-Chief: Brothers, I am going to ask Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter of Pennsylvania to introduce Mr. Morris to the Encampment.

**TESTIMONIAL TO MANAGER MORRIS, FORT PITT HOTEL**

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: One year ago, when it was decided to come to Pittsburgh, there entered into the mind of the local people what one hotel in our city where we desired as a body to hold this Encampment. That was the hotel in which we have been meeting here. We did that because we had some knowledge of Mr. Morris as its most genial manager. The Department of Pennsylvania met in this hotel in the Department Encampment six years ago. We had not forgotten what he had done for us at that time. This is perhaps unusual, and yet it seems to me that when the manager of a hotel practically turns his building over to us to do with as we please, and goes to the absolute extreme in order to please our delegates while they are living in the city and in his hotel, it is fitting that we acknowledge it. Most of you have met Mr. Morris personally. To those of you who have not, I now want to introduce him to you. (Applause).

Mr. Morris: Commander-in-Chief and officers and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I am glad to be here to tell you I am acting as manager of the hotel. I just want to say for your organization, I cannot tell you wholly in words, of the wonderful convention that you have given us here. We want to thank those of you in your group or your Auxiliary who had anything to do with the matter, for selecting the Fort Pitt Hotel for your headquarters. As I told the ladies, we think we have had the cream of the crop, and we are certainly delighted to have had you under our roof. These days have flown very fast. Some of the boys asked if they were treating me rough. I said, "No, on the contrary, I don't wish you any bad luck, but I hope you stay a month." (Laughter). We are proud to have you. We have had lots of conventions, and this is no exaggeration—understand, I am not now saying you are the finest—we had

the Lions' Convention here, and it was a wonderful one; and we have had some other wonderful conventions, but I want to tell you I have never met a more wonderful group of men and women. I am a bit nervous right now—not quite as much as I was before the ladies. I told them that I only hoped we could get back to our childhood days and teach the children again the old adage of the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments, and those two first and great Commandments that we all know. We are going to get some place if we get back to those days and make ourselves sensitive to the feelings of the other fellow. That's what's the matter with the old world. You can't teach an old dog new tricks; you have got to get it down to the children in the infants' class. Some one had a Pekinese dog yesterday in the lobby. You said a few words to him, and over and over he went; he will never forget, and the child today will never forget if we instill love for one another. But you think: "If I do this, it's all right, but if the other fellow does it, it's all wrong." That's the general feeling today.

Again, I want to thank you. I am sorry you are going. (Applause).

#### 1940 ENCAMPMENT—SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Delegate Gibson, Illinois: Commander-in-Chief, next year's Encampment will be held at Springfield, Illinois, as decided by the G. A. R. It was almost unanimous to come to Illinois; the vote was 77 to 14. Now, on behalf of the Department of Illinois I bid each and every one of you boys a cordial invitation to come to Springfield, and we will show you the best time that Springfield can give you. Come with us and we will show you the hospitality of the people of Springfield and of Illinois.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother, we will accept your kind invitation, I am sure.

Past Department Commander Rippetoe, Illinois: Commander, I endorse what Brother Gibson has said. I know when you met there before we tried to do everything we could to make it pleasant for you. But I want to give you one pledge now, and that is in regard to the program. I remember I met Brother Huston at the train when he came in, had dinner with him, and I thought we had the program all fixed up, but when we went to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, we didn't have any program to give. But if the incoming Commander will let me know in advance how many programs he wants, I will try and have them for you.

I told Brother Daniels this morning of the historic walnut tree under which Grant wrote his first orders when he was first commissioned in the Army. The state wanted him to quit Illinois; the state had no money to give him for transportation, and that night he sat on the limb of that tree and wrote out his first orders. I have sent out pieces from that walnut tree all over the United States, and I am going to try to arrange for a trip out to that tree—it is a historic tree. Anything else that you want and will let myself or Brother Gibson know, we will do for you if possible.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Thank you.

#### INDUCTION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: At this time I call on Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I am going to ask Senior Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon to present the Junior Past Commander-in-Chief, Horace H. Hammer, before the Altar.

(Applause). Will all Past Commanders-in-Chief who are in the room please take position at the Altar. I am talking with extreme difficulty, (hoarse, with voice a whisper) but yet I couldn't forego this.

Yesterday afternoon action was taken on a matter that when it was conveyed to me, gave me a great thrill, because it brought to pass something that I had hoped would be done many years ago. Unfortunately for me, it was not possible to be in the room at the time, but I couldn't forgo the pleasure that would be mine if I were able to say something concerning that action, so I have asked the Senior Past Commander-in-Chief, Brother Grant, the next in rank, and being in my home city, just to let me do this. Few in the room have known "Past Commander-in-Chief" Horace H. Hammer as long or as intimately as I have had that pleasure. Some few perhaps have, yet all of us I am sure would join the expression that was made yesterday that if any men in this body at any time in the past more than a quarter of a century deserved to be a Commander-in-Chief, it was Horace Hammer.

Consider, brothers, that I have had the pleasure of presenting his name as your National Secretary-Treasurer five different times, and each time for a five year term. We want to keep him there until he passes on, and there is a prayer in our hearts that that may be postponed for many years. And yet we felt, Brother Hammer, that it would be altogether improper—and I don't mean that word in its literal meaning—that you should become a Past Commander-in-Chief without some expression for you. I am going to ask you now to place your left hand on the Bible and raise your right hand.

Brother Hammer, on behalf of the Past Commanders-in-Chief—and there are a goodly number in your rear—in behalf of the members of this Encampment, I am going to simply ask of you that you promise, as we are sure you will, to be true to all the traditions of the Past Commanders-in-Chief. We pray we may continue to have that association that has been so pleasing to us for so many years, and that you promise now that as God permits you, you will conduct yourself as a Past Commander-in-Chief of this Order should conduct himself. Do you promise?

Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer: Yes.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: You may drop your hand. Now it is my great pleasure to officially proclaim—if it wasn't so officially proclaimed yesterday—that Horace H. Hammer has been received into the ranks of the Past Commanders-in-Chief of this organization. Thank you exceedingly for this opportunity of so expressing myself. (Applause).

Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer: Brothers, I thank you very much for this distinguished honor. Some how it doesn't just set right. I am unaccustomed to so much prominence. If I were a candidate for Commander-in-Chief now, I wouldn't have to campaign. I didn't have to open up a headquarters, or do any campaigning to have this great honor—above all your good will and kindness. Thank you again. But the badge is still missing. (Laughter). I was thinking about that oath and obligation I took. I had a mental reservation where I promised support, Past Commanders-in-Chief. I'll go along if they're right; if they're not right, I won't go along. (Laughter and applause). But they are always right and fine fellows because you selected them—now I must say "us." I am grateful to you all.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: In order that the ceremony might be complete and that Brother Hammer and the brethren will see what he will look like with a badge of Past Commander-in-Chief, I am going to temporarily pass my badge over to him. The action



that you adopted—perhaps you didn't know it—provides in it for the badge. Now, we will see that you get the badge. (Pins on badge). Knowing him as well as I do, I want him to promise to return that to me.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hammer: I will be very glad to return it because it hasn't got the diamonds. I wonder what became of the diamonds it had. (Laughter and singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow").

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS [Continued]

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, I am sorry but you will have to bear with me again. Here is a resolution for the restoration to rank of Brother Charles A. Patterson of the Charles H. Morgan Camp No. 37, from the Department of Missouri. He was dropped apparently in 1925. It doesn't give any reason for it, but anyway, he has been re-instated, and the letter which accompanied states that he is again very active. Everything seems to have been in proper form here, having come from his Camp. The Missouri Department has passed the resolution and now present it to you, and the committee concurs in the resolution providing for the restoration of rank of Past Department Commander to Charles A. Patterson from Missouri. (The motion was seconded and carried).

Joplin, Missouri, July 25, 1938.

To Rev. John M. Dunlavy, Commander, Missouri Department,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Brother Dunlavy:

I hereby petition the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans, for restoration of my rank as Past Commander of the Missouri Department of the Sons of Union Veterans, with the approval and endorsement of Charles H. Morgan Camp No. 37, of which I am a member.

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

(Signed) CHAS. A. PATTERSON.

WHEREAS, Brother Charles A. Patterson recently re-instated as a member of Charles H. Morgan Camp No. 37, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, petitions the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for restoration of his rank as Past Commander of the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it is

RESOLVED, That this Camp approves and endorses the within named petition of Brother Patterson.

(Signed) C. H. CULLISON,

Camp Commander.

Attest:

F. L. UNDERWOOD, Camp Secretary.

July 25, 1938.

The above resolution was presented to the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Missouri Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and referred to the proper committee who recommended that it be forwarded to the Fifty-eighth Commandery-in-Chief Encampment for approval. It was so voted by the Department Encampment.

THEO. H. MOHR,  
Department Secretary.

PHIL A. BENNETT,  
Department Commander.

## DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES—PRESENTATION

Department Secretary Mead, Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief, I request all Department Secretaries kindly assemble at the Altar, especially those who attended the meeting the other night. (Department Secretaries assembled at the Altar).

You were attending the meeting the other night. First I want to say that we have heard from the elite. Now we want to hear from the proletariat. These are the Department Secretaries from the various Departments. In fact, with all due respect to the Department Commanders and the Commanders-in-Chief, it is a known fact that the bulk of the work in our Departments falls on the Secretaries and Treasurers. I think it would be well to know who these Secretaries are. I am going to introduce them. I introduce first Cloy V. Smith, who started the meeting for the Secretary-Treasurers. He has served for a good many years. Then, Ben Haag of Wisconsin; A. W. McDaniel from Indiana; James Lyons from Maryland; John Reeger from New Jersey; John Liesce from Pennsylvania; and Julius Isaacs from New York.

What the Commander-in-Chief has said in regard to our National Secretary only covers half the territory. These Secretary-Treasurers are in constant contact with our National Secretary. When we correspond with him regarding the Order, we receive promptly, within a few days time, a reply in full. Such co-operation is appreciated by these Department Secretaries, and in behalf of the Department Secretaries, and in view of the fact that they are of the proletariat—if we were the elite, we possibly could pass on a diamond ring or a watch or something else within reason—but as the proletariat, we have a little gift for our National Secretary. The cost is immaterial, but I want him to understand that it is from the heart of every last one of them. (Applause). (Presents fountain pen).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, my distinguished colleagues, and brothers, it's just too bad that I am so much in the limelight at this Encampment. It's all new to me. I will have to learn, since I am in the ranks of the elite—I don't know whether I want to hang up with you fellows any more or not—I don't know what's liable to happen. This gift is very necessary for me, and very needful for every fellow that wants a pen or pencil. I don't know how long I'll have it; everyone uses and takes my pen or pencil with him, but I promise you this one will be preserved. It is a beautiful pen, especially do I value that this is from those I am in touch with. The good will counts for everything with me, I can assure you, and my appreciation is deep and sincere to and for all of you.

I could pick out some of the Secretaries and tell you what I think and what I don't. (Laughter). I never get mad, you know, but if I had some of you at hand sometimes I don't know what might happen. (Laughter). But I thank you very much, and I hope instead of having the nine or eleven we had the other night, the next time we will have the twenty-five, the full delegation of Secretaries-Treasurers. We are all lined up and when we get together and tell you what we are going to do, see us. (Laughter and applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, we have all agreed that this has been one of the outstanding Encampments of our organization for many reasons, and because of this honor which we have conferred upon our National Secretary, I feel just as happy as he does, because I think it sprang from the recommendation that I made in my annual report.

We are ready now to hear from the Committee on Americanization, Commander-in-Chief Kirchgasser, of Massachusetts.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, your Committee on Americanization submits the following report:

First in regard to the Grant Trophy. The only basis on which the committee could act and determine the method by which this Trophy could be awarded appeared in the April issue of The Banner. We quote:

"This trophy will be annually presented to the Department outstanding in patriotic work during the year. Increase in membership, the prevention of losses, and new Camps will be taken into consideration along with the patriotic endeavor of the Department."

Thus your committee implied that the efficiency in patriotic endeavor during this year would be shown in results obtained in the way of increased membership, decreased losses, and new Camps established; in other words, the patriotic endeavor must be resultful to the Order in such manner.

Since this announcement was made in April there has hardly been time to assay the results in any Department. Work of this kind is analogous to advertising and the results of advertising are not always shown at once.

Hence your committee finds it difficult to make the award at this time based on these two qualifications—endeavor and results. Your committee felt that if the award is to be made this year it must be on outstanding patriotic endeavor alone, therefore we were faced with the question of policy—that is, would it be better to wait another year and give the opportunity for more results to be shown, or would it be better to make the award this year hoping that it will stimulate competition next year.

After careful consideration, pro and con, your committee determined to make the award on the reports of the Departments that had been submitted.

It was the unanimous opinion of the committee, in conjunction with the National Patriotic Instructor, that the most outstanding work in patriotic endeavor for the year had been done by the Massachusetts Department and the award is consequently made to that Department.

Some of the main points on which we base our decision is as follows:

Twenty-five broadcasts, thirteen of which are a series of "Heroes in Blue" stories, depicting stories of the Civil War as told by a supposed veteran to a young child.

Public celebration of the 75th anniversary of the battle between the Kearsarge and Alabama held on the deck of the U. S. Frigate "Constitution."

Organization work by the newly formed Camp Bay State '61 and the patriotic character of meetings held by this Camp.

Memorial Day exercises held on May 29 in the Hall of Flags in the State House, with His Excellency Governor Leverett Saltonstall and Colonel U. S. Grant 3rd.

In the matter of meritorious awards to Camps for their effort in carrying out the provisions set forth in Article II of the Constitution, the time has been too short, and the reports submitted too few and meagre by which to recommend giving any awards. The committee suggests that if these awards are to be continued in the future, definite rules should be specified by which they should be made.

The same applies to the Good Citizenship award to individuals.

The committee, however, desires to commend the following Camps and members for outstanding activities that were reported, with the suggestion that awards be granted by the Commander-in-Chief if he deems them worthy of recognition:

Martin Haynes Camp No. 34, Lakeport, N. H., for organizing and sponsoring the Loyal Sons of America, a club of boys interested in patriotic ideals.

J. S. Durgin Camp No. 7, Penacook, N. H., for presenting a Flag to a public school and arranging public exercises for same.

Merriam Camp No. 52, Syracuse, N. Y., for activities in arousing civic responsibility in the children of the public schools.

Theodore Winthrop Camp No. 81, Chelsea, Mass., for public exercises on Memorial Day in which groups from ten foreign nationalities participated, these exercises being favorably commented upon by the press in its editorial columns.

Charles Russell Lowell Camp No. 9, Boston, Mass., for membership gains (two members being appointed Aides for securing more than five members) and for the splendid project of publishing a bi-monthly paper "The Patriotic Register" for the purpose of creating greater interest and activity in the organization.

Past Department Commander William H. Ball, Indianapolis, Ind., for arranging public patriotic meetings, which were given favorable editorial commendation in the public press.

Past Department Commander Henry Towle, Portland, Maine, for issuing, at his own expense, a series of monthly bulletins to awaken the membership to its obligations.

In regard to Americanization work in general, your committee's work has been largely that of pioneering, and we have met with the usual lack of responses from Departments generally, both in the appointment of committees and reporting activities.

We believe that this work is so important however that it should be persisted in, and we recommend the continuance of the Americanization Committee of our Organization by the incoming administration.

Our Organization has co-operated with the American Coalition at Washington, D. C., under the presidency of John B. Trevor, and we recommend the continuance of our membership in said organization.

We believe that a committee of such a character if continued should have some money allotted to it to carry out the work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. KIRCHGASSNER, Chairman,  
WM. ALLAN DYER,  
ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,  
ALBERT B. DEHAVEN,  
Americanization Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: This is our report, and with it a report came from the National Patriotic Instructor including some material given to him. We submit this as the report of the committee and recommend its adoption, and that its recommendation of continuance be favorably acted upon. (Motion was seconded).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, in our Camp meetings and in your Department Encampments, and also in our National Encampment, we have heard of members of our organization getting up and making fiery addresses regarding other Americanization move-



ments and what-not. At the beginning of this year I gave you a definite policy to follow out, a definite plan, regarding our organization as a patriotic institution, that we as patriotic members of the family of the Grand Army of the Republic should stand on our feet and declare ourselves to the public as to where we stand on these un-American movements in this country. (Applause). Then what happened? We asked for the co-operation of the Departments to function with the National Americanization Committee. I naturally expected, and so did Brother Kirchgassner, that co-operation would come forward within a week, that something would come from the Departments showing that they were interested in this proposition, and to my great surprise I learned that only five Departments responded. Frank's letters were not even answered. Five Departments in a great organization such as this, and we talk about patriotism, and we talk about carrying out the ideas and ideals of the Grand Army of the Republic! And what have they done? If you are going to carry on for your organization, if you are going to declare yourselves as loyal, patriotic, American citizens, you have an opportunity in this organization, and I gave you the opportunity to do it. And then we got five letters from the Department Commanders. Where are the others?

I appreciate the service and the work done by that committee, and they made a very fine report.

The motion has been made and seconded that we concur in the report of this committee and that the proposition be continued in future years, and I also understand that the award which says on it specifically, "For Outstanding Patriotic Service,"—that this is to be presented to the Department of Massachusetts. Are you ready for the question? The (motion was carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, at the request of Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, Chairman of the Committee, it is now my privilege to present the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

The Committee on Officers' Reports of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment at Des Moines in 1938 (page 90 of Proceedings), recommended the appointment of a Committee on Constitution and Regulations to consider such changes in the Constitution and Regulations as might be referred to them by said Encampment.

It was the further thought that the committee so appointed would consider any changes in the Constitution and Regulations that might be referred to them during the year, or at the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment now being held in Pittsburgh.

In conformity with this recommendation, the Commander-in-Chief appointed as members of this committee John E. Sautter, Chairman; William Church, Julius Isaacs, Michael Heintz, and E. W. Homan. On account of the unavoidable absence of the last named member of the committee, due to serious illness, Ralph M. Grant was substituted as a member of the committee.

Reporting first on the several matters referred to them by the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, your committee begs to report as follows:

On the changes in eligibility recommended by the Commander-in-Chief in his report at Des Moines (see page 35 of Proceedings), your committee has given very careful consideration, and recommend no change in the eligibility to membership as provided for in the present Constitution.



Second, recommendation referred to the committee by the Des Moines Encampment (see page 37 of Proceedings) was to formulate rules for the government of the Sons of Veterans' Reserve. Your committee will make a supplemental report covering this question.

On the several changes in the regulations referred to the committee during the year or at the present Encampment, we report as follows:

From the National Secretary: Regulations—Chapter I, Camps. Article I, Charters. Section 1, insert as second paragraph: "No Camp shall be organized or constituted until the application for charter shall have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief." Your committee recommends adoption.

Article II, Membership, Section 3: Insert in second paragraph, page 10, after "Camps" in the fourth line: "Upon payment of dues or indebtedness owing to the Camp from which he was dropped, or amount such Camp may designate. The Camp not being in existence, the sum to be paid shall be fixed by the Department Commander and deposited in the Department Treasury." Your committee recommends adoption.

Insert following Article IV, Section 1: "Before proceeding with the installation, the Installing Officer shall require the Camp Treasurer to produce receipts from Department Headquarters for payment of per capita tax in full, including receipt for last quarter, and all indebtedness due the Department. Failure to comply, Installing Officer shall have all reports due, prepared, collect and receipt for the payment of all indebtedness and induct the officers into their respective offices." Your committee recommends adoption.

Section 2: "The Installing Officer shall convey to the Camp Commander the password when he assumes office and he shall impart same to the members of the Camp entitled thereto before closing the meeting." Your committee recommends adoption.

Section 3: "Prior to the meeting of the Camp for the installation of officers, the Installing Officer shall inspect and examine the books, records, forms, etc., and property of Camps, noting as to correctness Ritual, Constitution, and Regulations, and all necessary details for proper conduct of business, receipt books, dues, and credits of members, etc. He shall correct irregularities, impress that the Regulations be observed in the use of all as specified in Chapter I, Article IX, pages 19 and 20, Constitution and Regulations. He shall make a detailed report thereof to the Department Commander, who shall take action for compliance with the Regulations." Your committee recommends adoption.

Article V (New Article VI), Duties of Officers. Section 1: Insert after the word "committee" in lines 6 and 7 the words "of which he shall be a member ex-officio." Your committee recommends adoption.

General Regulations. Insert New Article X. Change Article X to XI: "The Commander-in-Chief shall issue General Orders; Department Commanders, Department Orders, Camp Commanders, Camp Orders, and official circulars, all attested by the respective Secretaries. Orders shall be five and one-fourth by eight (5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8") inches and shall have the electro of the Regulation badge in the upper left hand corner. Orders shall be numbered 1 in and from January of each year and consecutively thereafter, to the end of the calendar year." Your committee recommends adoption.

Chapter II, Departments. Article V, Duties of Officers. Page 26, Section 1, second paragraph, insert: "He shall in the first month of each quarter supply to each Camp Quarterly Camp Secretary and

Camp Treasurer report blanks, and at other periods promptly furnish Camps with the necessary blank forms. He shall at frequent intervals contact Camps, their Officers, Department Officers, and issue orders and official communication." Your committee recommends adoption.

Article V, Section 1: After the word "committees" in the 7th and 8th lines, insert the words "of which he shall be a member ex-officio." Your committee recommends adoption.

Chapter II, Departments. Article VI, Finances, insert in last line in Section 2, after the word "application," the words "and shall be forfeited to the Treasury of the Commandery-in-Chief if the Camp is not instituted within six months from the date of application." Your committee recommends adoption.

Chapter II, Departments. Article VIII, pages 29 and 30, Order of Business. Change present numbers 11, 12 and 13, to 12, 13 and 14, respectively. Insert new No. 11 to read as follows: "Report of Department Council: (Directed to and acted upon by the Encampment; not referred to committee." Your committee recommends adoption.

Chapter III, Commandery-in-Chief. Article VIII, pages 38 and 39. Change present numbers 11, 12 and 13, to 12, 13 and 14, respectively. Insert new No. 11 to read: "Report of Council-in-Chief." Your committee recommends adoption.

Recommended by the Department Counselor of the Department of Massachusetts: Chapter V, General Regulations. Article VI, Discipline, page 56. After Section 9, insert new section to read: "Where the resignation of a member is requested because of unbecoming conduct or for the good of the Order, the Camp may after due notice and a hearing, if requested, and with the approval of the Department Commander, vary the form of the charge to conform to the facts." Your committee recommends non-concurrence.

By the Department of Massachusetts: Chapter V, General Regulations. Article II, Badges and Decorations. Have new Section 8 to read: "In addition to the regulation sized badges herein prescribed, the Commandery-in-Chief shall provide for sale to those desiring them, the badge of the Order and the Iron Cross and Silver Cross in reduced size. The ribbon and the badge each to be approximately five-eighths inch ( $\frac{5}{8}$ ") in diameter. In the case of the membership badge, the bar shall be omitted." Your committee recommends non-concurrence.

From the Department of New York there have been submitted two regulations approved by the Department Encampment.

First. "We recommend the adoption of the plan adopted at the National Encampment held in Madison, Wis., whereby the terms of all officers begin on October 1st of each year and it is hereby ordered that our endorsement of this plan be forwarded to the proper committee of authority of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Encampment to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., on August 27-29, 1939." Your committee recommends non-concurrence.

Second. "It appears to be a well-established fact that there are members of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who have been actively engaged in the work of carrying on the principles and objects of the organization for many years, but who are now financially unable to continue their membership due to age and physical infirmities incident thereto, and it would seem rank ingratitude that such members should be dropped from our Order for such reasons, and it would further seem that some way should be provided to retain such members in the Order without the payment of dues or

per capita tax. With the object of bringing this matter before the Encampment, the following resolution is offered:

RESOLVED, That the New York delegation to the National Encampment at Pittsburgh, August 27-31, 1939, be instructed to propose to the National Encampment that necessary changes in the Constitution and Laws of our Order be enacted to provide for the establishment of an honorary of non-contributing class of membership. It is suggested that this class of membership consist of members who have reached the age of 65 years, or more, and have been in good standing for 25 years, or more, and are financially unable to continue to pay dues. It is suggested that no dues to the Camp of their membership, and no per capita tax from the Camp to the Department, or from the Department to the Commandery-in-Chief, would be payable by, or on, such class of membership."

Your committee recommends non-concurrence.

From the Department of Oregon the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS, Our Order does not supply or authorize any badge or insignia to designate holders of offices of Camp Commander and Department Commander, and

WHEREAS, Such an official badge would add dignity to the offices in question, and we believe could be easily and economically authorized and furnished, be it

RESOLVED, That the Commandery-in-Chief be asked to adopt such official badge for Camp Commanders and another for Department Commanders, that these Officers may show their rank, and that all members of the Order who hold these offices may have the same badge, and all Brothers may recognize their rating, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Commandery-in-Chief for action at the coming Encampment."

Your committee recommends non-concurrence.

From the New England Regional Association:

"Chapter III, Commandery-in-Chief, Article IV, Officers, Section 2, add the following sentence, 'To be eligible for election as Commandery-in-Chief, the nominee must first have served as a Department Commander'."

"Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Officers, Section 2. Add the following sentence, 'To be eligible for election as Department Commander, the nominee must first have served as a Camp Commander'."

"Chapter I, Camps, Article IV, Officers, Section 2. Add the following sentence, 'To be eligible for election as a Camp Commander, the nominee must first have served in an elective office'."

"Chapter I, Camps, Article IV, Officers, Section 1. After the words '(or Secretary-Treasurer)' add the words 'Publicity Director'."

"Chapter II, Departments, Article IV, Officers, Section 1. After the words 'Department Organizer,' add the words 'Department Publicity Director'."

"Chapter III, Commandery-in-Chief, Article IV, Officers, Section 1. After the words, 'and National Counselor,' add the words 'National Publicity Director'."

"Chapter I, Camps, Article V, Duties of Officers, Section to be added. 'Section 7. The Publicity Director shall give publicity to the activities of the Camp and Order, in the press and such ways as the Camp may direct.'"

"Chapter II, Departments, Article V, Duties of Officers. Section to be added. 'Section 11. The Department Publicity Director shall give publicity to the activities of the Department, the Order, and Camps in the press and such ways as the Department Commander may direct.'"

"Chapter III, Commandery-in-Chief. Article V, Duties of Officers. New Section to be inserted between the present No. 8 and No. 9. 'Section 9. The National Publicity Director shall give publicity to the activities of the Order, the Departments and Camps, in the press, the official organ of the Order, and such ways as the Commander-in-Chief may direct.'"

Your committee reports non-concurrence in all these recommendations.

From the Department of New Jersey, resolution adopted at the Department Encampment, reading:

"Resolved, 'That Section 2, Article VI, of the present law provides a tax of \$1.00 on new members initiated into Camps, 50c of which shall be paid to the Commandery-in-Chief and the balance retained by the Department.

'That we believe this tax is a penalty paid Camps for endeavoring to increase its membership.

'Be it further Resolved. That we request that this provision in the C. & R. be rescinded insofar as it pertains to paying the tax of \$1.00 on new members.'"

Your committee recommends non-concurrence.

From Henry F. Weiler, Past Department Commander of New York. His recommendations provide for the abolishment of the office of Outer Guard and the abolishment of the countersign, in direct language, providing for one officer with the title of Guard and for a password only. Your committee recommends such changes in the present regulations as it refers to the Camps, Departments and Commandery-in-Chief to carry these recommendations into effect as follows:

Regulations—Chapter I, Camps. Article IV, Officers, Section 1, page 13. Strike out the word "guards" and insert the word "guard."

Article V, Duties of Officers, Section 6, page 17, strike out the word "guards" and insert "guard."

Chapter V, General Regulations. Article IV, Section 1, page 52. "Password and Countersign," strike out the words "and Countersign." On line 4, strike out the words "and Countersign." On line 11, strike out the words "and Countersign." Line 19, strike out the words "and Countersign."

Article IV, Section 2, strike out the entire paragraph and insert a new paragraph reading as follows: "The password shall be the name of a Union Veteran of the War of the Rebellion." The committee recommends the adoption.

The committee recommends that the Constitution and Regulations as heretofore amended and as amended by this Encampment, be printed for general circulation throughout the Order, a proof of the same to be submitted to the chairman of your committee for review before



the same be printed, and that the National Secretary shall be authorized to add thereto a suitable index.

JOHN E. SAUTTER, Chairman,  
WILLIAM T. CHURCH,  
JULIUS ISAACS,  
MICHAEL HEINTZ,  
RALPH M. GRANT,

Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are no objections, the committee's recommendation will be approved as presented. There being no objections, it is so approved.

### DISCUSSION ON SECOND RECOMMENDATION OF DES MOINES CONVENTION

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: The Second Recommendation referred to the Committee at the Des Moines Encampment was to formulate rules for the government of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Your committee had hoped to make a report at this time, or at least before the adjournment of the Encampment, at least a supplemental report. We have given careful consideration to this subject. We have had the assistance of Brother Prittie and others, but we find that the subject is very complicated, and we have not yet and fear we will not be able to present a satisfactory report to this Encampment. We therefore recommend that this matter be laid on the table to be referred to the next Annual Encampment, and that your committee be continued for the purpose of formulating rules for the government of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Past Department Commander Leslie, Connecticut: Brothers, for years we have been coming to these Encampments to better this organization, and for years we have been listening to arguments concerning refugee children from other countries, and nothing for the benefit of our own organization. We have listened to the older members of this organization, and every year it comes before this organization, the Sons of Veterans Reserve. Now, who acted and assisted in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic yesterday? Was it the old fellows? It was the young fellows. We are not of the elite, but we do spend our time and money and we do carry on the work that the Grand Army of the Republic is turning over to us slowly. When they are gone, there will have to be somebody that will march in the parade, there will have to be somebody that will put on a uniform. Are the older members going to do that? You are talking about getting in the sons and grandsons. This is the only chance. We go to a meeting and maybe a few fellows want to play cards or checkers. It happens in every Department—you can't get away from it—and it's us young fellows that are going to carry on. It's time this year that we did something about the Sons of Veterans Reserve. I Colonel Prittie has presented an outline to start this thing going. I talked to him last night and went over it. I was on the committee last year, and we recommended a committee be appointed. It was turned over to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Commander, I move now that a committee be appointed to look over this Reserve question alone, and report back before the close of this Encampment. (The motion was seconded).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: A motion has been made and seconded that a committee be appointed at this Encampment to look over the advisability of this Reserve question, and report back before



the close of this Encampment. Are you ready for the question? (The motion was carried).

I refer it back to the original committee for consideration.

### DISCUSSION ON DUTIES OF INSTALLING OFFICERS

Delegate Herrlein, Pennsylvania: Brother Grant, may I ask a question? Aren't you really making an auditor out of the Installing Officer? Am I right or wrong?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: It imposes on the Installing Officer the necessity of seeing that everything is regular.

Delegate Herrlein: When he gets a report from the Camp Council of the particular Camp where he goes to install, why should he go over the books when the Camp has already appointed a Camp Council for that particular duty?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: As represented to the committee and recommended by the National Secretary, it was felt advisable that a careful check should be made by the Installing Officer to see that the books and papers and all having to do with the conduct of the Camp was in proper and effective form. It may not require a complete audit in the sense of C. P. A. work, but it does at least call upon the Installing Officer and impose upon him the duty of reviewing and improving the work of the Camp when he installs officers.

Delegate Herrlein: The only thought I had was in connection with the other auxiliaries, you are going to have to arrange a meeting to follow out that particular regulation. Why not give the Installing Officer those books before hand and let it be presented as the audit report of the Camp Council to him?

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: It is to be assumed that before installation, of course the books shall have been properly audited, and if that audit is presented to the Installing Officer, he will accept that.

### DISCUSSION REGARDING MINIATURE INSIGNIA

Department Commander Bauer, Massachusetts: On behalf of the Department of Massachusetts, Commander-in-Chief, I should like to say a word on this proposed amendment. Every other military and hereditary society in the country has miniature insignia. In the military service you are privileged to wear on the mess jacket, or the special evening dress, full size insignia. You can wear miniature, but it is customary, in civilian life, on a dinner coat to wear not the full size insignia, but the miniature insignia, and this is adhered to by all other hereditary societies.

At a recent meeting, nearly a year ago, at one of our Camps in Massachusetts, a Past Camp Commander who is a Brigadier-General and is a veteran of two wars, said: "When I go to a function and wear my special evening dress, I want to tell everybody there that my father served in the Civil War. I can't do it because there is no insignia that I can wear on my special full dress uniform." And he was correct, there is none. Every other organization has its miniature insignia. There are miniatures of all the government campaign medals, so that any one who is entitled to them can wear them with civilian evening dress or special full dress uniform. I have seen members of our Order attend functions in dinner coats of hereditary societies and other public functions. They would wear a whole string of insignia relating that their ancestors had fought in the War of the Revolution or the War of 1812, but not the Civil War. They can wear insignia that will show that they served in the Mexican War, but one

thing that they cannot show is that their ancestors served in the Civil War.

Is our Order, which is the largest hereditary organization in the country—substantially larger than the next in numerical order, the Sons of the Revolution—going to fall behind them in this respect? Then why shouldn't we have the miniature insignia? Furthermore, it is going to cost our organization nothing, because they will be sold; those who want them will pay for them. I paid for my miniature insignia of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The only expense will be the original cost of the dies, and those will gradually be abolished and paid for by the sale of the miniature insignia. One thing that I think has hurt the publicity of our Order and has hurt our members, is the fact that we don't go out and stand with the Sons of the Revolution, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Society of Patriots. I move, sir, the adoption of the proposed amendment in place of the adverse report. (The motion was seconded).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Casey: Commander-in-Chief, I take great pleasure in seconding what has been stated. I happen to be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Past Commander, also the Veterans of the World War and the American Legion, and what do we find there? I have those small miniature badges, and I take pleasure in wearing them and honor in wearing them, but you can't wear the miniature badge of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, because we haven't got them. I am glad the motion came up, and I hope it will be carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Brothers, your committee, of which I happen to be a member, has given very serious and earnest consideration to the recommendation from the Department of Massachusetts, and the committee appreciates the spirit in which that recommendation is made and the patriotic motive behind it, but your committee is also impressed with this fact, that this Commandery-in-Chief is operating upon a small income, that its expenses must be carefully measured and budgeted in advance, and it recognizes the fact that notwithstanding the desirability of having these miniature badges, such as for instance, a few of the other Orders have—not many in my opinion—the cost to this Order would be excessive and would impose upon the Order a burden which its treasury cannot afford. There would have to be made a special die for each one of the three proposed badges. There would also have to be made a contract for the purchase of smaller ribbons, with the manufacturer of the same, and this investment would have to be made by the National Treasury before a single badge of either type could be issued to any member, and the investment would have to be of such an amount as would produce a requisite number of those badges to supply the Order for years to come—you can't go out and buy one badge; you can't buy a dozen, please understand that.

It is a serious proposition, it means the expenditure of a large sum of money, more than we have for that purpose, and more than we can get. You may tell us that it is a self-liquidating thing, that these badges will be bought and paid for by the members. Yes, but when? The Department of Massachusetts may take a dozen, it might take one hundred or more, but one hundred of them won't pay for one die. Brothers, we cannot afford it. Now, there is the answer to the argument.

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, I never had any real military service outside of National Guard work. However, I come from a family of military men and I have been closely associated with military activities all my life. I am not going into their

records, but I will say I disagree with my colleague in regard to the expenditures that must be laid out for this miniature medal. We will relieve the Budget Committee or the Council, or whoever it is that has charge of this particular issue, of any anxiety that they may have in their mind regarding enormous cost of dies, ribbons, and so forth, and if the Department or the Encampment, before leaving here, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, will endorse and give their sanction and permission to the members of our organization who desire to wear the miniature insignia on their mess jackets, and on any occasion which they wish, I have a firm in New York City that will make any amount of those badges, from one to one million. All we need is the sanction and permission of this Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to wear on their coats—or on their pants, if they want to—and we can furnish the distinguished brother from Massachusetts with one or any amount of miniature medals.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, it is not a question of number, it is a question of price, and that you have not quoted.

Delegate Nemetz: It won't cost the organization anything. This will be outside of the organization. All we want is permission to wear that badge of the organization. We will buy them individually from a firm in New York.

Commander-in-Chief: I am going to ask Department Commander Bauer to please repeat his motion.

Department Commander Bauer: Commander-in-Chief, my motion is that the proposed amendment to the regulation which has been read, providing for miniature insignia, be adopted in place of the adverse report of the committee. The chairman of the committee can read the proposed regulation. Now, the matter of expense has already been taken care of. He said that his firm will, and it won't cost the organization anything. There is a way we can get out of making a miniature of Past Commanders' badges, by providing for having something added to the present badge; for instance, a bronze palm for Past Camp Commander, a silver palm for Past Department Commander, and a gold palm for Past Commander-in-Chief, and those are already made. You can provide for that. I am perfectly willing to make such an amendment, if it is acceptable. The main point is that we should have miniature insignia that could be worn with these clothes.

In order to bring the matter before the Encampment, I would make a motion that we strike out the words "Iron Cross and Silver Cross" so that we simply have the membership badge—I will put this in writing for the record—and that their use be authorized for wearing of such miniature insignia. That means I have only one, just a ribbon and the medallion at the bottom, a bronze palm for a Past Camp Commander, a silver palm for a Past Department Commander, and a gold palm for Past Commander-in-Chief, and a silver star for war service. That does away with everything but the one badge, and yet you have the distinctive insignia to denote a special service put upon it, and as the brother says, that can be done without any expense to the organization.

I will make that motion merely for the purpose of bringing it before the Encampment, that that amendment be made to the proposed change as before the house. I don't care whether it is voted up or down. I simply make it in order that we may consider all phases of this question.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: You have heard the amendment as made by Department Commander Bauer. Will you kindly repeat your original motion again?

Department Commander Bauer: Commander-in-Chief, that we

strike out of the original proposed motion the "Iron Cross and the Silver Cross," so that we simply have the membership badge, and that we add the following words, "and shall provide for sale to those entitled, a bronze palm be worn to denote a Past Camp Commander, a silver palm to denote a Past Department Commander, and a gold palm to denote a Past Commander-in-Chief, and a silver star to denote war service."

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, just one word, Brother Bauer has been advocating his proposition and there is merit in it if we had plenty of money to spend, but we haven't got the money. Now, this cannot be made a self-liquidating proposition, neither can this Commandery-in-Chief hand out to any commercial firm the making and distribution of its badges. That must be done by the National Officers, as provided for in our Constitution and Laws, and not otherwise, and in order to get those badges, they have got to spend money for them in order to have them made and in order to have the ribbons made. You have got to have three new ribbons. you have got to buy them by the thousands of yards in order to get them. No manufacturer will make them for you otherwise. You have got to pay for the dies, and you have got to pay for the ribbons. Now, do you want to spend the money?

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers, I arise simply to bring something out of this, if it is possible. I appreciate all sides, and it seems to me it is something of making a mountain out of a mole hill. I may be mistaken. It concerns a relatively few of us, it seems to me. It concerns perhaps only those who have a position in the military service. I happen to be one of those. It concerns only us, because I happen to have a commission and attend military functions in full dress uniform or evening dress uniform. it is only on such occasions that miniature badges are in order. Furthermore, I do possess those miniature badges and have procured them through sources. I even hold a miniature of a decoration issued to me by the Italian government for certain service to Italy. I happen to have several badges. I see no objection, if a brother wants, to possess himself of a miniature in any way that he can—that is one thing. It is another to have a resolution here which would require the Commandery-in-Chief to go into production of the manufacture of these miniatures.

In the nature of things, too, under military regulations, I might say that badges of societies such as ours cannot be worn with the uniform except when you are in attendance of the functions of that particular society whose badges you wear. Therefore, I say again this concerns a very limited number of us and on a very limited number of occasions, under army regulations, which we are talking about. But I have sympathy with the desire of any brother or anybody else who wishes to deck himself out—that's human nature. Therefore, Commander-in-Chief, in amendment to the resolution before the house I offer this as a substitute: That the Commandery-in-Chief authorize any brother to wear any miniature of any existing badge if he can procure it himself, without going to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Why not the motion before the house as to whether or not we want this badge? if you want it, you will vote yes, and if you don't want it you will vote no. All in favor will say "Aye," and all opposed will say "No." Question called for. All those in favor of having these miniature badges will say "Aye." All opposed will say "No." I shall have to rule that the vote is carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, I object



to the way the question is put. The way the question was put presupposes that the Commandery-in-Chief shall prepare them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, we didn't understand your ruling.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I rule that the motion carried and that we authorize them.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, I call for a rising vote on that proposition.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Understand what we are doing, brothers; a rising vote has been called for. If you desire to carry out the motion as presented to have miniature badges, you will rise.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, I ask to have the motion stated so that the members may understand upon what they are voting.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I cannot get all this from memory. I will ask the stenographer. The present motion as put by Commander Bauer. I understand, brothers, that there is no obligation on the part of the Commandery-in-Chief in securing these. That is understood. The way it was put before you, there was no obligation on the part of our organization, and don't forget also that there are members here who are not delegates, and they are not entitled to vote. Let that be understood.

Delegate: I meant that vote for a roll call.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: All right, if there is a roll call asked for, let's have it. I am going to ask the National Secretary to please call the roll call of the Departments.

Past Department Commander Barrett, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, has the motion been put in writing so that we know what we are voting on?

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: That has been suggested by the maker of the motion.

Past Department Commander Barrett: I suggest that he do that so that we know.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The motion before the house is that the National Secretary call the roll of the Departments.

Delegate Fuller, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, we are voting, as I understand it, on the substitute motion. Colonel Bauer is not in at the present time with his motion. It is a substitute motion.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin to state his motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, the substitute motion was simply that the Commandery-in-Chief authorize any brother to wear a miniature of an existing badge of the Order, provided he procures it without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: That is very definite. Are you ready for the question? (The motion was carried).

Past Department Commander Blakeley: Commander-in-Chief, there is in waiting the official quartet for the G. A. R., Department of Ohio, who want to favor us with a number.

Delegate Fuller: Commander-in-Chief, may I have a moment? I have a greeting card in my pocket that I would like to send back to Dr. Ernest Homan, and I would like to have every member here who knows him, or cares, to sign this paper and attach it to the greeting card, and we will send it to the doctor. Pass it right around.

Commander-in-Chief: All right.



### REPORT OF G. A. R. GREETINGS COMMITTEE

Department Commander Bauer: Commander-in-Chief, on behalf of the committee to extend greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the pleasure of reporting that we performed our duty and were very cordially received, and one of the Past Commanders-in-Chief, who was sitting on the platform, said that the Grand Army should have done years ago what the Veterans of 1812 did, that is admit hereditary members. You know, the Department of Massachusetts of the Grand Army sent in to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army an amendment to their regulations calling for that. Perhaps if we follow that up with our respective states, we may put that across. The Veterans of the War of 1812 admit hereditary members.

Commander-in-Chief: The report of the Committee on Greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic is received and the committee discharged.

(At this point the Ladies Quartet of the G. A. R., Department of Ohio, were introduced and presented a song).

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant (Concluding report of Committee on Constitution and Regulations): This concludes, Commander-in-Chief, the report of your committee, and we recommend its adoption as a whole.

Past Commander-in-Chief Church: Commander-in-Chief, I second the motion. (The motion was carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief, in view of the fact that the Regulations provide for the elimination of one guard, I suggest that similar changes be made in the Constitution.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: It is so ordered. Are there any other committees to report?

### COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF—ORGANIZATION PROVISION

Council-in-Chief Heald: Commander-in-Chief, in view of the fact that our budget was accepted without comment, we are somewhat disturbed over the fact that there was no discussion relative to the recommendation which was offered by this Council in its report. There are representatives here of each and every Department, and we wish you to go back to your Department knowing exactly what this recommendation is.

The recommendation itself is the brain child of the National Secretary-Treasurer, with certain changes made by the Council, which he accepted. Brother Hammer has spent a great deal of time and thought in preparing this recommendation. The thought behind the recommendation is the fact that many Departments and many Camps and a great many individuals complained that funds are not available for organization work, and by your adoption of this recommendation in the Council-in-Chief's report you have provided funds for organization work.

Now, if there are any questions relative to this recommendation, if you would like to hear it again, we are at your service. We want to be sure that you know exactly what we have attempted to do for you. The Commander-in-Chief suggests that this recommendation be printed in The Banner so that each and every one will have the opportunity of reading it and realizing what its provisions are. If there are any questions, I am sure Brother Hammer will be glad to answer.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Under the heading of New Business, since there are no other committees to report, we are under Election of Officers.

### LINCOLN MEDAL

Delegate Nemetz, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief, may I propose on your good nature a moment? Now, brothers, there have been many inquiries during the past few days regarding the Lincoln Medal that is supplied by the United States government to the next of kin of Civil War Veterans who are deceased. There have been many, many comments and questions on this subject, and I took it on myself to go down to Washington and get in touch with the authorities, so I could have a clear and concise understanding of the situation. It is very simple, but it requires a little thought and clear mindedness on the part of those applying for this medal, so that the heads of the various Departments in Washington will not be pestered with applications and their eventual consigning to the waste basket.

Under Army Regulation 665, a service medal earned by a deceased former soldier may be issued to his next of kin. By next of kin means those living, a widow if not remarried, the oldest son, oldest daughter, father, mother, oldest brother, oldest sister, oldest grandchild, in that order, application to be made by the person who is the next of kin in that order; the following form to be completed by such individual and the application to be accompanied by the form. What that means is that no two applications can be sent for from one family. There is only one medal to be issued, and if it has not been issued to the deceased or his widow, then it can be issued. If your mother is alive and is a widow of a Civil War Veteran, she is entitled to it herself. She can, by her grace, give that to you to wear as a representative of the Sons of Veterans, or as the next of kin.

I have a few applications here—I haven't enough to go around, but if there are any brothers in the room that desire this Lincoln Medal, I shall be glad to give them any information I can. In applying for a medal it must be made out in duplicate and another form, and a certificate must accompany the application.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: We thank you, brother, for this most valuable information. I know there has been a lot of information asked of me.

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The order of business before the Encampment at this time is the nomination and election of officers. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are now in order. We will have the roll call of Departments.

National Secretary called the roll. California—

Department Commander Collins, California & Pacific: Commander-in-Chief, I come from the Department of California & Pacific. I know we are a long way from you here in the East, but if you will just consider the Pacific Ocean separating us from Asia, and the Atlantic separating us from Europe, it isn't so far away, because it only took me three and a half days to get from Los Angeles here. Therefore, in taking up the matter of election of your officers, let us not take into consideration the distance, as though we were living in the past.

The name of the man I wish to present to you is known to all of you. He is not a native son of my state. He came from the great state of Ohio, which is the home of many presidents; also in our organization, the home of many Commanders-in-Chief. He was adopted as a citizen of California, and it has been his privilege and his pleasure during his residence there to make California a better place for native Californians to be born in.

I also am a citizen of California, having come from the great state of Iowa. Commander-in-Chief, my candidate is a busy man, he has made many enemies; he has made those enemies because it has been his privilege and his duty to insist that there can be but one system in this country of allegiance, and that is an allegiance constituting 100 per cent. There can be no deterioration in that respect. Because of that, as I say, he has made many enemies of that type that we wish we were free of in this country. I don't believe in long speeches of nomination or otherwise. It is my business to practice law before the Courts, and I believe it is their desire usually to get the meat of the proposition before them; therefore, in order that you may have the meat of my proposal, I give you as a candidate for your Commander-in-Chief, our good friend and brother, Doctor Ralph R. Barrett of California. (Applause).

National Secretary continued calling the Departments, with responses seconded by Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin, Washington, Kansas, Iowa.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Are there any further nominations? I declare the nominations closed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ireland: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for Doctor Barrett. (Motion was seconded and carried).

National Secretary Hammer: Commander-in-Chief, I cast 246 votes for Past Department Commander Barrett for Commander-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Two hundred forty-six votes have been cast for Doctor Barrett. Department Commander Collins of California & Pacific, Delegate Howard Cooper of Maryland, and Department Commander Huber of Pennsylvania acting tellers.

(The roll was announced as 250—members of the Encampment. Final report showed 217 members—three (3) credentials for Brothers not present, having been accredited as members.—Credential Committee).

Department Commander Collins: Commander-in-Chief, it is the pleasure of the tellers to cast 245 votes. Doctor Barrett was too modest to vote for himself. With your permission, however, I will act as his proxy and cast that vote. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Nominations for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief are in order.

Past Department Commander Reeger, New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, I place in nomination for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, a grandson of a Veteran. I have been familiar with the brother's family for years, knowing his grandfather as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic of the Post in the town that I came from. The nominee was mustered in the Order in 1921, was Department Commander in the Department of New Jersey in 1933. He has the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans at heart and is willing and ready to give of his time and substance in order to further the interests of our organization, and without any further comment, I nominate Past Department Commander Albert C. Lambert. (Nomination seconded by Alabama & Tennessee and Pennsylvania).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: If there are no further nominations, I declare nominations closed for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, there being only one candidate nominated, I move that the Secretary cast the vote. (Motion seconded and carried).

Department Commander Collins: Commander-in-Chief, we have received the unanimous ballot of this body for Brother Lambert as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and cast 245 votes, and by virtue of my proxy, the additional vote.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brothers, by unanimous vote you have elected Past Department Commander Albert C. Lambert as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. I believe at this time it would be proper to have the report of the Credential Committee so that we know just who has a vote.

National Secretary Hammer: (Reads delegate representation).

Past Department Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that this be accepted nunc pro tunc prior to the election as the final report of the Credential Committee, and that the committee be discharged. (The motion was seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief: Now we will have nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: Commander-in-Chief, we consider the custom of recognizing the local members in electing either the Senior or Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. This year in particular, with the Encampment in Pittsburgh, and with the activity of the committee in charge of this wonderful Encampment, the members of Pennsylvania assembled together and decided as a body to present to this Encampment the name of one who has been active in the work of this committee in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, and without further ado I place in nomination the name of W. R. Herrlein.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Herrlein has been nominated Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Motion seconded and carried that nominations close).

Department Commander Collins: Commander-in-Chief, in order to hasten matters, I repeat what we have said heretofore and apply it to Brother Herrlein as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, the unanimous vote of 245 plus my proxy vote.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Herrlein has been duly nominated and elected as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Now, nominations for members of the Council-in-Chief, three to elect.

National Secretary called the roll—Alabama & Tennessee gives way to Minnesota.

Delegate Mead, Minnesota: Commander-in-Chief, if you want to increase membership and power in this organization, you must do it from your local Camps of the smaller Departments. To get the co-operation and the encouragement from the smaller Departments, we need the co-operation and the encouragement of the National body, and that encouragement is only gained through recognition. Out in Minnesota we are battling against tremendous odds to keep our Order going. We need the encouragement that you brothers can give us, to our Camp Officers and Department Officers. We have a man that we think a whole lot of; he has served our country in the Spanish-American War and the World War. For years he has served as Commandant at the Minnesota Soldiers' Home, where he won the friendship of every Grand Army man and his widow at that institution, and won the friendship of the members of the allied Orders. It is a pleasure and an honor to present in nomination for this post Colonel W. R. Boyce.

Past Commander-in-Chief Grant: Commander-in-Chief, Connecticut gives way to Rhode Island.



Past Department Commander Reavey, Rhode Island: Commander-in-Chief and my brother delegates, I can assure you that it is an honest pleasure to stand here and present to you for your consideration the name of a young man for the office of Council-in-Chief, a young man who was born in the atmosphere of patriotism, his father being one of the oldest members in our Department, and I can say without any fear of contradiction, is one of the most active at the present time. This young man, from his early teens, became interested in our organization, and when he reached the proper age he immediately joined the Camp that he now belongs to. He has not missed a meeting of the Department, to my knowledge, for the past twenty years. He has had a fine education, is an accountant, and occupies today a very responsible position in one of our large business houses in Providence. He is a young man, small of stature, but he has a lot of ability. He is one of the most active members in our organization, giving freely of his time and money, and is a young man of that age where you and I have stood on the floor of our Camp rooms, our Departments, and National Encampments, and have advocated the advancement and recognition of these young men, the sons and grandsons and the great-grandsons. This young man whom I am about to nominate is a great-great-grandson. I present him for your kind consideration, and I ask for your approval upon the election of this young man. It is my pleasure at this time to present to you the name of Past Department Commander Arnold for your kind consideration. (Kansas and Michigan seconded the nomination).

Department Commander Rockwood, New Hampshire: Commander-in-Chief, my nomination will be made in a very few words. I present for your consideration, brothers, one whom you all know, Brother Cleon E. Heald, of New Hampshire.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Cleon E. Heald, of New Hampshire, has been nominated.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, as a member of this organization for fifty-two years, and having attended most of the Encampments for forty of them, I am placed in a very unique position and a very happy one, for I am asked to nominate a man at the request—not of his own Department, but of some ten or twelve other Departments—and I can assure you his own Department are mighty glad to nominate him, as well. Julius Isaacs—you probably most of you know of the very efficient task which he has performed over there on the Credential Committee. He has had large experience in the work of the organization, as a member of the Council, Council-in-Chief, and has been Secretary of his Department for fifteen or twenty years—I don't know just how long. I place before you for your consideration, with the complete endorsement of his own Department since coming here, and by the wish of many other Departments, the name of Julius Isaacs for the position of one member of the Council-in-Chief. (Applause).

Department Commander Maples, New York: Commander-in-Chief, as Department Commander of the Department of New York, I rise with great pleasure to second that nomination. Brother Isaacs has been and is today a bulwark of strength to the Department of New York, and I voice the sentiment of every member of the Department of New York in seconding the nomination. I say "Amen" to the remarks of our distinguished Past Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander Sweet, Massachusetts: Commander-in-Chief, for Massachusetts I second the nomination of Brother Isaacs.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hora: Pennsylvania seconds the nomination.



Past Department Commander Heintz, Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and delegates, it gives me great pleasure to nominate in this Encampment an incumbent in the office of Council-in-Chief. His record during the past year merits his retention, and I therefore take great pleasure in presenting to you the name of Past Department Commander and present member of the Council-in-Chief, Jonas P. Shrieve, of Ohio.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I second the nomination of Brother Shrieve of Ohio. (Further seconds for the nomination of Brother Shrieve and Brother Isaacs and Brother Heald).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Are there any other nominations? If not, I declare the nominations closed. Recess for five minutes.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Brother Elliott has an announcement to make.

### PITTSBURGH'S ENTERTAINMENT

Delegate Elliott, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and delegates, your local committee would like to make an announcement at this time of a meeting in the English Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel, an informal dance, no tickets necessary; it is an informal dance open to all of you, whether you are delegates or not, and whether you are from the Sons of Union Veterans or one of the affiliated organizations, you are welcome. In addition, the local committee wanted to see that you would contribute to the title of the city, which is known as the Smoky City, so we purchased for your consumption 3,000 Pittsburgh Stogies, and I know you have enjoyed them. In reference to the history, Davis Star Camp has published the history of the organization as endorsed and okayed and accepted by your National Encampment in Detroit, Michigan, in 1914. We haven't written any of this information; it is all compiled from authentic records. There is nothing in it but what is accepted by the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans and of the Auxiliary. The committee, when they were publishing this history, wondered to what extent they would issue it. We felt if we made a free issue of it to every one, that it would possibly be wasted, so we have limited the free issue to the delegates only. Additional copies may be purchased from Davis Star Camp at about half the cost of the printing of the history.

We felt that you coming to Pittsburgh, that Davis Star Camp, the parent Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, chartered in 1881, should make some contribution, and at an expense of several hundred dollars, they have done so, and we know from the expression of the various members of the different Departments here assembled that this has been duly appreciated. I thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I thank you, Brother Elliott, on behalf of all the Brothers.

### COMMITTEE ON AMERICANIZATION AWARD

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander-in-Chief, in our report we did not make any awards, but we commended individuals. Inasmuch as the Commander-in-Chief has at his own expense secured these Americanism awards, thinking there would be a great demand for it, but inasmuch as we have not been doing much, not having had much to work on, I would suggest to these members that have been commended by the committee, that the Commander-in-Chief be given permission to issue awards, inasmuch as it is his own expense. Furthermore, as I look over the report, possibly the Commander-in-Chief may have some additions, and I suggest that we grant him some additions to the Americanization Committee report. I would so

move, that those who have been commended be issued awards by the Commander-in-Chief. (The motion was seconded and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I will see that that is done, brothers, because I will have to get the names of the Departments from the Americanization Committee. Due to the fact that the Americanization Committee has approved the report made by the Department of Massachusetts regarding the granting of the awards, I ask the Commander of the Department of Massachusetts to please present himself at my station. (Department Commander Bauer advanced to the rostrum).

Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner: Commander in Chief and members of this Encampment, I desire to present this award which the committee has deemed advisable to Massachusetts. I am very happy to do this through the Department Commander. May I say in addition that Colonel Bauer is also President of the Society of the War of 1812. This award is for that patriotic endeavor that stirs in the minds of all of us, and possibly it is to Colonel Bauer's credit that it was made to Massachusetts; due to his untiring efforts in stirring us up, and we hope that while we have these endeavors, that the results will be shown in Massachusetts.

Department Commander Bauer, it is my happy privilege, having served as chairman of the Americanization Committee, and with its unanimous support of the members present, to the National Patriotic Instructor, and I am sure that the Commander-in-Chief joins in that, we are happy that your Department has been successful, and we are awarding to our home state on behalf of the Americanization Committee and the Commander-in-Chief. We surely appreciate the award given by Colonel Grant, of our own organization, and we turn it over to you that you may hold it this year. I suppose you will go back and make your best efforts to hold it, and I suppose you other fellows will work hard to try to earn in competition this splendid trophy. Commander Bauer, I present to you this trophy on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Applause).

Department Commander Bauer: Commander-in-Chief and Past Commander-in-Chief Kirchgassner, it is certainly a very great honor to accept this plaque on behalf of the Department of Massachusetts. It could hardly have been presented to me under happier auspices than at present. You, sir, I have known since I became a member of the Order, and I have known the present Commander-in-Chief almost as long. It could hardly be presented at the hands of persons that it would be a greater pleasure to receive it from. All I can assure you is that Massachusetts will do its best to keep permanent possession of this trophy during the years to come, and we hope every one else will do their best to win it away from us. It will be displayed at our last meeting in December, and I can assure you that it will be displayed on all appropriate occasions during the year. I thank you (Applause).

#### ELECTION OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: The tellers' report shows the election of Brother Heald, 162 votes; Brother Shrieve, 148 votes; and Brother Isaacs, 138 votes. Brothers, you are Council-in-Chief for the incoming year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Horn: I move that the minutes of the Encampment as taken by the stenographer, and approved by the National Secretary be printed and the regular number distributed to the members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Departments, Camps, etc. (Motion carried).

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I discharge the tellers with

thanks. Dr. Barrett, do you accept the position to which you have been elected.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Barrett: I do, sir.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, do you accept the position to which you have been elected?

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lambert: I do.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, do you accept the position to which you have been elected?

Junior Vice Comander-in-Chief Herrlein: I do.

Commander-in-Chief Anderson: Members of the Council-in-Chief, do you accept the positions to which you have been elected? (Response in the affirmative by all three of the Council-in-Chief).

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief-elect Barrett selected Past Commander-in-Chief Dyer, New York, as Installing Officer, and the new officers were installed in ritualistic form.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, I appreciate the office to which you have called me at this time more than I can express to you. You will hear from me from time to time, and you can all count on that right now. My first public appearance in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic was some years ago in the little home town where I was born and raised; from where my father and his comrades went forth to answer the call of their great Commander-in-Chief, Lincoln. I was called back to this little town after having moved from it to a nearby city, to talk on Decoration Day. My first real public appearance on an occasion was Decoration Day. I want to assure you that my feelings at that time were such that I wondered if I could worthily do a task of that kind, but my heart was cheered when I made the trip across the country with a horse and buggy—it was in the horse and buggy days. It gave me time for reflection, over the rough country roads, but right up there in the front row of that little home town hall—and if you have made a talk in a home town hall, you will know something about it—there sat in that front row assembled members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Civil War Veterans, and many of them even in that early day were hard of hearing as they are today. I sat there and I thought I was getting a pretty good start with my Decoration Day oration, as we called it, because it was prepared as an oration. There was just a little lull somehow or other, I missed my cue, and I didn't know what happened, and I looked down in front and there sat my father, trying to talk to one of the neighbors next to him. He had his finger up like that,—“That's my boy.” I want to say to you, my friends, that that was the hour and moment when I received an inspiration such as I never had, to think that I was the son of a Civil War Veteran. And he sat there with a proud look upon his face, not just because he was my dad—and said, “That's my boy.” I said to myself then, “Whatever you can do through the years should be done devotedly for this country of ours and for our Flag.” And at this time when you have favored me with election to Commander-in-Chief of this splendid organization, my thought went back to the little home town—I couldn't help it—you will pardon me. I am proud of the fact, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

All I ask from you, and you, and each one of you is hearty cooperation in this endeavor, because if there ever was a time when every man and woman should be in an organization founded on the principles of patriotism—I don't care what it is—but in **this** one in

particular, we need to stand together because we who live in our large cities under the conditions prevailing today know what is going on. Sometimes we don't know what is going on, and for that reason I ask for your co-operation. I ask for an increase in the membership of this organization, which should be the largest organization in the United States today of those who have descended from War Veterans. And why not? I ask for it, and I pray for it. I ask for your co-operation in every respect, and I can absolutely feel—I have practiced general medicine, fellows, for about forty years, and I know something about human nature—and when a man takes my hand and looks me in the eye, I feel confident of the success of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I thank you at this time for this opportunity, and I want to say this, further, that I would like to meet before we leave this city—I know you fellows are hungry, and it's hard to work for a man when he is hungry—but we must have a conference here, and I want to meet with the Department Commanders, the Department Secretaries-Treasurers, and your Department Officers if they will meet me here right after the lunch hour. Make that lunch short; we don't want to stand around and talk and visit. I know it's easy to do it, but I must see you now. I expect to be in this part of the country, since you have elected me to this office, for two or three weeks, and I hope to contact some of you.

I shall take the time. I have asked you to put me in this position, and I shall try to serve you in every degree I can. I want to turn your attention now to Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter.

#### BADGE PRESENTATION

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, during that part of my life spent in the Sons of Union Veterans, there has been a peculiarly touching and close tie with the Department of Massachusetts. First, in 1904 I attended as delegate from Pennsylvania my first Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Boston, Massachusetts. Second, in 1911, it was my extreme pleasure to serve as Department Commander of Pennsylvania when Fred E. Bolton, now a beloved memory, was your Commander-in-Chief. A few years later the Massachusetts delegation requested me to perform a service for one that I am now to perform for another, because it was my great pleasure to present to one who with Fred Bolton crossed over in this past year, my dearly beloved Commander-in-Chief Harry D. Sisson, his badge as Past Commander-in-Chief. A few years later again I was requested to perform this service for another beloved Past Commander-in-Chief from Massachusetts, prevented by illness from being with us this year. I refer to our dearly beloved Doctor E. W. Homan.

So, today, for the third time it is my very great pleasure, and it is a pleasure and a privilege to ask one who has served during the past year as your Commander-in-Chief to arise that I might present for the third time to one from Massachusetts the medallion of a Past Commander-in-Chief. Brother Anderson, I have known you for a long period of time. Last year it was my pleasure and my privilege to install you as Commander-in-Chief of this organization. I do not regret the choice that I made at Des Moines one year ago. You have served faithfully; you have given of your time unsparingly; and you have given to this organization all that anyone has a right to expect, the best that was in you. So that as one who has known you over a long period of years, as one privileged to serve as Department Commander with the Commander-in-Chief from Massachusetts, and one previously, as stated, privileged to present the badge of Past Commander-in-Chief to two others from Massachusetts, it now gives me the greatest of pleasure to present to you on behalf of the brothers



of this Encampment and on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, this badge, the emblem of a Past Commander-in-Chief.

I am sure that I am absolutely safe in making this statement, that your interest in this organization has only begun. That ought to be the position of every Past Commander-in-Chief, and the evidence of that is shown by the fact that practically every Past Commander-in-Chief was present at this Encampment with the exception of several prevented from being here.

Now, Brother Anderson. I present this badge. I trust that you will wear it, and I know you will, with pride, with credit, and with honor, and may God in his goodness permit you to wear it as a Past Commander-in-Chief through many years, and I welcome you to the ranks of Past Commanders-in-Chief. (Applause).

(The National Secretary then presented Commander-in-Chief Anderson with a gold miniature lapel recognition button).

Past Commander-in-Chief Anderson: I want to sincerely thank Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter for his very kind remarks.

My brothers and my sister, I have given a year of faithful service as your Commander-in-Chief, and I have had a very pleasant year. I appreciate all that has been done for me, not only during the past year but the years previous to this. My father has answered the great roll call of the Commander-in-Chief above, and I believe he is looking down on this Convention today and that he sees that his son is carrying on. I recall a message given by many comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic when they find that the time is short, when they will go beyond, when they say: "My son, don't forget me when I am gone." I have given thirty-three years of service to this organization, my brothers, faithfully and honestly, and if God permits, that I should live for thirty-three years more, and if health permits, I shall still be found working in the interests of this organization and in the memory of my father. Please accept my sincere thanks for all that you have done for Bill Anderson in the years gone by. I thank you. (Applause).

Now, I don't think I should leave this Encampment without saying a kind word again for our National Secretary, and I believe I would be very unjust if I didn't say a kind word for my wife, who has given so much of her time in helping me to carry on the duties of this office. I again thank you all.

#### AUXILIARY OFFICERS VISIT

Department Commander Collins, California & Pacific: May I have the privilege of escorting to your station some distinguished guests.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Welcome, girls.

Guide: Commander-in-Chief, it is my privilege to present to you a distinguished gathering from the Department of California & Pacific and Massachusetts. Sister Mamie Deems, will you introduce the visitors?

Past National President Mamie Deems, California: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I have the extreme pleasure of presenting to you for the first time the National President-elect of your Auxiliary, Mrs. Eva Blackman. (Applause). And, Commander-in-Chief, I am not introducing to you for the first time the lady on my left, the queen of your household, the queen of your heart, Mrs. Barrett. (Applause). Commander-in-Chief, it is my pleasure to present to you the wife of Billy Anderson. (Applause).

Mrs. Anderson: Commander-in-Chief, I think that is a very



lovely compliment, and thank you from the bottom of my heart. Perhaps no girl in this Encampment is any happier, outside of your own wife, than I am to see you elected Commander-in-Chief. When I was National President I went to California and I became acquainted with yourself and with the members of your Department, and I thought you were one of the finest kind of men I have ever met; you know, that I mean that; and when you were elected Commander-in-Chief I immediately had the thought, "I would love to go with these girls," as they were grand to me in California, just as you and your lovely wife have been, and I can assure you that no Commander-in-Chief can have a lovelier year than we wish you to have. We hope all the nice things of life will come to you and your wife during your term as Commander-in-Chief, and that we will love you even more than we do today.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Girls, you are all very, very welcome and I think that our two Presidents of the National Auxiliary should be escorted to this station and to make some remarks to us. Just a word from our new National President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Eva Blackman.

National President Mrs. Eva Blackman: Officers, members, and Commander-in-Chief, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I was brought here today, taken away from the middle of my lunch in order to come in and see your Commander-in-Chief installed. It is the first time in the history of my membership that I have seen this service done, and I am sorry that I was not here to see the entire installation. I want to offer and ask of you, Commander-in-Chief, and the other officers who have been installed, the assistance and co-operation of every Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. We are your Auxiliary, and we wish to carry out every duty that that word implies. You boys need only to ask us, to tell us, and to command us, and we are yours to command for the entire year. Brother Commander-in-Chief, I wish for you the most successful year that this organization has ever had, and if ever it might be necessary for you to call for assistance, I am only to glad to give it.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: There it is. (Extending right hand). We are with you. Now, meet my wife, everybody. (Applause).

Mrs. Barrett: Brothers, I don't need to say I am very happy for the California & Pacific Department, because I think that most of the members here are very happy. I am sure that anything your new Commander-in-Chief would like to have, he will have his full time to take care of this year. I, as a wife, will try to assist him in every way I can, so that his full time will be available and will be devoted to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Applause).

Guide: Commander-in-Chief, I have another distinguished guest that I would like to present to this assembly, Sister Lehman.

Mrs. Barrett: It is my happy privilege to present to you the President of the Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Department President Mrs. Lehman: Commander-in-Chief, and brothers, I would like to congratulate your Commander-in-Chief, and I would like to say that I will do all in my power to help in everything that he wants to do. I am so proud that we have a Commander-in-Chief from California.

National President Mrs. Blackman: Doctor Barrett, you know everybody has seen your wife, but I think you should see my husband.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Brother Blackman said that he would do everything that he could to assist you this year.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Brothers, at 2:15—I think that will give you time enough to get lunch and get back here—will the Department Commanders stand now, all Department Secretaries, too—we want a meeting, and I think it is essential that we should have this meeting together with our National Officers-elect and the members of the Past Officers. It is only through suggestions from you that I am calling you, to look you in the face and get better acquainted with you, because the future of this organization rests with all of you, each and every one, and so we are going to have that meeting.

Now, just before we close this Encampment, I am going to ask our newly-elected officers to say a few words.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Herrlein: Commander-in-Chief, before we proceed with that, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those present for electing me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, just a word; I think I can speak for the entire assembly in saying to you that we as a body will not only today do all we can, but we will take our influence and use our influence back home to make this a successful year for you.

Commander-in-Chief Barrett: Thank you, and I want to thank you Californians.

National Chaplain Craig: Commander-in-Chief, may I say, too, that I thank you for this signal honor conferred upon me, and I promise you the finest and best that I have in me.

National Chaplain Craig: May we bow our heads, brothers: "Our Father, God, we look up into Thy face this afternoon and thank Thee for these wonderful days that we have had together. We thank Thee for the wonderful leadership that Billy Anderson has given us in the past year. We thank Thee for this fine Christian physician who has heard the call of his brothers to service and is ready and willing to lead us on, to help us to carry on. And these others, also, who have been elected to their respective offices, upon all of us, our Father, we pray that Thou wilt give us a double portion of Thy spirit that we may do that which is pleasing in Thy sight.

Bless these men, our Father, who have served in the years gone by. We thank Thee for their goodly examples and for their loyalty and counsel.

And upon her whom our sisters have chosen, O God, give to her also strength that she may carry on and do the work whereunto she has been called. Take us all into closer relationship with Thee. Help us to keep in mind the service of our fathers and grandfathers; help us to love the old Flag and cherish it and protect it and uphold it. All these favors we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name of Christ, the Lord, the Lover of men, women, and little children. Amen."

The Encampment sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" and closed in Ritualistic form.

Certified to as correct:

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, SR.,  
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Attest:

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

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1939 Membership.	Delegates
Alabama & Tennessee	22	Mar. 12, 1889	49	1
California & Pacific...	19	July 1, 1886	632	7
Colorado & Wyoming..	25	Mar. 22, 1929	178	3
Connecticut .....	5	May 15, 1883	1359	15
Illinois .....	10	July 1883	605	7
Indiana .....	18	June 12, 1885	691	8
Iowa .....	6	June 2, 1883	360	5
Kansas .....	9	June 1883	324	4
Maine .....	4	April 10, 1883	940	10
Maryland .....	20	April 15, 1887	386	5
Massachusetts .....	2	July 17, 1882	3872	40
Michigan .....	15	June 24, 1884	495	6
Minnesota .....	17	Jan. 1, 1885	211	3
Missouri .....	7	June 2, 1883	325	4
Nebraska .....	16	Sept. 2, 1884	216	3
New Hampshire .....	11	Aug. 1883	654	8
New Jersey .....	8	June 14, 1883	827	9
New York .....	13	Nov. 6, 1883	2124	22
Ohio .....	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1526	16
Oregon .....	24	June 8, 1923	145	2
Pennsylvania .....	1	July 4, 1882	4400	45
Rhode Island .....	14	Feb. 14, 1884	374	5
Vermont .....	12	Oct. 1883	514	6
Washington .....	23	Jan. 1, 1890		
Wisconsin .....	21	Sept. 1887	476	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 B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
1894	*William E. Bundy	Ohio	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kan.
1896	*James Lewis Rake	Pennsylvania	
1897	*Charles K. Darling	Massachusetts	
1898	*Frank L. Shepard	Illinois	
1899	*A. W. Jones	Ohio	
1900	*Edgar W. Alexander	Pennsylvania	
1901	*Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	
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	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	650 Main St., Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 S. Fourth Ave., Mt. Vernon, New York.
1915	*A. E. B. Stephens	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	134 So. LaSalle St., Suite 1410, Chicago, Ill.
1917	*Fred T. F. Johnson	Maryland	
1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Slsson	Massachusetts	
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. Irelan	Maryland	4300 Roland Ave., Apt. 6-2, Baltimore, Md.



Elected.	Name.	Department.	Address.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mable	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Phila- delphia, Pa.
1928	Delevan Bates Bowley	Calif. & Pac.	2550 Pine Street, San Fran- cisco, Calif.
1929	*Theodore C. Cazeau	New York	
1930	Allan S. Holbrook	Illinois	Dwight, Illinois
1931	Frank C. Huston	Indiana	4001 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
1932	*Titus M. Ruch	Pennsylvania	
1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	548 Bassett Road, Bay Village, Ohio.
1934	Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	20 Burr St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	995 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.
1937			
1938	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.

#### 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	
1939	Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania	Reading, Pa.

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# 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
57th	1938	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
58th	1939	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania

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