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PRE-ENCAMPMENT ACTIVITIES

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICES

At the opening of the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic on Sunday, August 28, at 2:30 p. m., their colors were brought into the beautiful Indiana Ballroom and placed on the rostrum by Past Commanders-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert, C. LeRoy Stoudt and Neil Cranmer. These colors remained there during the entire Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic until the Campfire on Wednesday evening at the close of which, while the United States Marine Band played "Taps," they were retired for the last time by Brothers Lambert, Stoudt and Cranmer. This was a beautiful and touching ceremony which was attended by an overflow crowd in the spacious auditorium. Brother Cranmer carried the National Colors; while Brother Lambert carried the Grand Army Flag and Brother Stoudt carried the Commander-in-Chief's Flag. It was announced by Miss Cora Gillis, Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, that this set of three colors will now be presented to the Smithsonian Institute for permanent display there.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Joint Memorial Services of the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary was held Sunday, August 28, at 9:00 p. m. on the Roof Garden of the Hotel Severin. National Chaplain Cleon E. Heald of the Sons, and National Chaplain Mrs. Marie Luedders of the Auxiliary were in charge.

Program

- Piano Prelude.....Mrs. Bertha Didway
Processional Hymn Assembly
Invocation Mrs. Marie Luedders
National Chaplain, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans
Vocal Selection, "Beyond the Sunlight".....Mrs. Fannie Comley
Tribute to Deceased Members of the Grand Army of the Republic—
Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston.
Tribute to Deceased Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War—
Past Commander-in-Chief Neil D. Cranmer.
Tribute to the late Past National Secretary of the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War, Horace H. Hammer—
Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sautter.
Vocal Selection.....Mrs. Fannie Comley
Tribute to Deceased Members of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union
Veterans of the Civil War—
Past National President Edith Nile.
Tribute to the late National President of the Sons of Union Veterans
Auxiliary, Anna Keene—
Past National President Clara Gallagher.
Floral Tributes placed by Department Commanders and Department
Presidents.

Hymn	Assembly
Benediction	Cleon E. Heald
National Chaplain, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	

TRIBUTE TO HORACE H. HAMMER, GIVEN BY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOHN E. SAUTTER

IN MEMORIAM — HORACE H. HAMMER

Cherishing the memory of friends with whom we have been associated, and with whom we have labored in behalf of our Organization, and who have Crossed Over is to be commended.

It is with this beautiful impulse of the heart that we, at the beginning of our annual encampment, pay tribute to one whom we all esteemed most highly because of his long membership and exceptional service to our Order.

By a most unusual coincidence it becomes my sad duty, for the fourth time in the same city and in the same structure in that city, to express sorrow at the passing of one whom we loved. In this city and in this room in 1920, I paid our tribute to James Lewis Rake; in 1921 to Edwin M. Amies; in 1942 to Samuel S. Horn—all from Pennsylvania, all had served as Commander-in-Chief, all were devoted members of our Order. Now, for the fourth time, I pay this tribute of love to one with whom I was closely associated for more than half a century, and whose friendship I valued above all others.

On the day we commemorate as the birth of the Christ child, Horace H. Hammer passed to the Beyond. Knowing him so long and intimately as I was privileged, I know he would not desire words of eulogy at his passing. Praise from friends with whom he had been associated was not strange to him. He had had the unusual experience of having lived to have words of appreciation and commendation from many with whom he had labored in an official capacity, and each of whom had, at the expiration of his term of office expressed words of high esteem they held of him and their indebtedness to him for his assistance—for he had been loyal, faithful and devoted to all.

Even in the days of his suffering, for his passing was after long and intense pain, I believe, if he could have expressed his thoughts they would have been in the words of that beautiful poem—

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark—
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

Our Order never had a more devoted member, and we have had many devoted members. He held membership in other fraternities, among the largest and by human measurement, the great of our country—but he prized membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War above all others. Not strange to me because I knew his pride in the service of his Father to his Country, for he was among the first who answered the call of Abraham Lincoln in 1861, as a member of the Regiment known as the First Defenders, whose deeds are commemorated by a beautiful monument in the park of the city in which he lived practically all his life—Reading, Pennsylvania.

In the passing of Horace Hammer we have lost the one with possibly the longest membership in our Order, for he became a member in 1881 of General George G. Meade Camp No. 16. Active and interested from the beginning, he served his Camp and early becoming active in

Department affairs, he was Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania in 1886-1887.

But it is as a member of the Commandery-in-Chief that we know him best. Records show his attendance at sixty sessions of this body. In 1905 when the office of National Secretary was created, he was unanimously selected to fill that office; and re-elected at the end of each five year term, serving continuously for forty-three years until his forced resignation because of his physical condition, last year. Prior to 1905, he had filled the office of Adjutant General to two Commanders-in-Chief. From 1920, following the death of his close friend and associate James Lewis Rake, who had filled the office of National Treasurer from 1905, Horace also served as National Treasurer.

I question if his years of service in an official capacity has ever been surpassed in the history of any fraternity. He served forty-four Commanders-in-Chief, twenty-two of whom have preceded him to the Other Shore; and of the living Past Commanders-in-Chief, he was part of the administration of all save one.

His long membership and service are inseparably associated with the history of our Order, and it is in the hearts of the membership that his best epitaph is written.

But he was equally a friend of the Auxiliary, ever at their command and bearing testimony of their worth to our Order.

The great sorrow in the life of our departed Brother was the loss of his devoted wife, who in life had been a faithful, devoted, loyal member of the Auxiliary, twice honored to election as National President. Our beloved Molly was called to her reward six years ago. Since then life to Horace was a lonely one; and while perhaps not expressed in words, a sad one.

It falls to the lot of few to cross to the Other Shore amidst so warm a gratitude flowing from the hearts of those with whom he had been associated and labored. It is not always by words that the living pay the dead the sincerest tribute. The heart is not necessarily the fountain of words, but it is always the source of tears, whether of joy, gratitude or grief.

We cannot think of Horace Hammer as dead—he has just left us for awhile, another added to the many who have "Crossed the Bar," and another to meet in the hereafter.

They never quite leave us, the friends who have passed
To the shadow of death, to the sunlight above.
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.

JOINT OPENING — SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint opening exercises of the Sons and Auxiliary were held at 2:30 p. m., Monday, August 29, 1949, on the roof garden of the Hotel Severin.

The National Officers of the Sons and Auxiliary were escorted in and introduced, the officers of the Auxiliary assuming their stations.

Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch and National President Lena Barrett were presented, and each made a short address.

It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony, well planned and carried out efficiently.

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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

HOTEL SEVERIN — INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
AUGUST 28-31, 1949

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 29, 1949 — 4:00 P. M.

Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch: The Officers and members of the Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will please come to order.

I appoint as Guide, Department Commander Homer L. Young, Iowa; Color Bearer, Past Department Commander Birt S. Hammond, Michigan; and Guard, Delegate Chester S. Hubbard, Wisconsin.

The Encampment was opened in ritualistic form.

Roll call of Officers showed all present except National Counselor Cecil J. Randall.

COMMITTEES

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I wish to appoint the following Committees at this time:

Credentials

Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary, Chairman.
Earl F. Riggs, Past Department Commander, California & Pacific.
William F. Nemitz, Department Commander, Connecticut.
Russell H. Bogert, Department Commander, New Jersey.
James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

Resolutions

Richard F. Locke, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania.
Frederick K. Davis, Past Department Commander, Oregon.
Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
Albert B. DeHaven, Past Department Commander, Maine.

Officers' Reports

Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California & Pacific,
Chairman.
Charles C. Webster, Past Department Commander, Maine.

C. Edward Wetzel, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Arthur D. Rhinesmith, Past Department Commander, Illinois.

Constitution and Regulations

Urien W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan, Chairman.
 Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.
 Julius Isaacs, Department Secretary, New York.
 Frank M. Heacock, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

Ritual and Ceremonies

W. F. Hathaway, Past Department Commander, Iowa, Chairman.
 A. LeRoy Reynolds, Department Commander, Illinois.
 A. R. McKinney, Department Commander, California & Pacific.
 Theo. H. Mohr, Past Department Commander, Missouri.

Press

Allan S. Holbrook, Past Commander-in-Chief, Illinois, Chairman.
 C. M. Barksdale, Past Department Commander, Indiana.
 Hugh I. Snider, Past Department Commander, Indiana.

GREETINGS COMMITTEES

Grand Army of the Republic

John E. Sautter, Past Commander-in-Chief and all Past Commanders-in-Chief.

Woman's Relief Corps

Charles H. E. Moran, Past Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts, Chairman.
 Michael G. Heintz, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Carlton N. Edie, Past Department Commander, Ohio.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Hugh I. Snider, Past Department Commander, Indiana, Chairman.
 Louis G. Blair, Past Department Commander, Ohio.
 Theo. H. Mohr, Past Department Commander, Missouri.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

C. LeRoy Stoudt, Past Commander-in-Chief, Pennsylvania, Chairman.
 James M. Blackman, Past Department Commander, Illinois.
 Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary

Ralph R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief, California, Chairman.
 Urien W. Mackey, Past Commander-in-Chief, Michigan.
 Dewey B. Mead, Past Department Commander, Minnesota,
 and the California Delegation.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bennett, please advance to this station so that I may read my report.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To the Officers and Members of the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief—Greetings:

On Wednesday, September 29, 1948, at the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, by reason of your profound faith in me, you unanimously

lected me Commander-in-Chief, the highest office in the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

In accepting the office I fully realized what lay before me in my official duties, and your expectations of what I should do and accomplish for the Order during my year; this I have tried to do to the best of my strength and ability.

Membership

Inactivity in enlarging our membership is still with us. We of necessity by our determination must overcome this. Our FATHERS met all obstacles, and came out victorious, and so can we if we go at it in the right spirit. By my articles in *The Banner*, I have tried to awaken a spirit in the membership of our Order, to go forward to success in the securing of new members. I know many of the Brothers have worked hard and done their bit in this respect, and by their efforts have met success. Our Organization has plenty to sell, all we need is the right salesman.

Brothers having secured five or more members for our Order are as follows:

C. Edward Wetzel, Past Department Commander of Ohio, 803 Haynes, Dayton 10, Ohio.

James O. Smith, Past Department Commander of Wisconsin, 919 East Johnson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Joseph G. Gilliland, of 610 Court Drive, Fostoria, Ohio, who secured 26 names for a Charter List for a new Camp at Fostoria, Ohio. Therefore they are placed on the Honor Roll.

Homer L. Young, 1129 Bertch Ave., Camp 33, Waterloo, Iowa, secured 12 members.

If there are others they have not been reported to me.

Visitations

It was impossible for me to visit all the Department Encampments, some meeting on the same dates, others on dates not so far apart, but so many miles apart that they could not be reached. They should be held, if possible, in adjoining states about three a week and then not have more than three in any one week, and not on the same dates, so the Commander-in-Chief could get to them all, or most of them.

However, holding one in the East and one in the West, at the same or near dates and more than a thousand miles apart, it would be impossible to be there. I have visited all the Department Encampments that I could get to, and in each one I visited I found the finest spirit among the Brothers and a patriotic ambition to build up and make our Order strong.

Finances

Finances were low when I took the office and they are still low. We have been compelled to cut our former expenses to make ends meet and pay absolute necessities. I agree with my predecessor in office, either something must be done to lower our expenses or to increase our income. I have cut out what I could to make ends meet.

Officers

The officers that you selected to be my associates during the year, as well as my appointees, have reached my highest expectations and have performed their duties to the letter; much praise to each and every one of them. I am indeed indebted to our National Secretary-

Treasurer, Albert C. Lambert, for his faithfulness to the Order, to me, and his competency in the performance of his many duties.

Junior Order

I have during my year given this subject much study, and while we should do something in the way of increasing our membership, still with our finances where they are, any step in this direction should be taken with caution and with the full picture before us.

Possibly this subject can be taken care of in the Departments for a time.

The Banner

I find that The Banner is the hub of the wheel of our Order and practically the whole means we have to get anything across to our membership, and with its ever faithful Editor enlisted in our cause we are sure of its dependability and future efforts toward our objects and interests. I am fully appreciative of the faithfulness, willingness and determination of Allan S. Holbrook, to make us a successful growing concern.

The Reserve

To Colonel LeRoy Stoudt, we all shout our enthusiasm and praise, and the same to his associates, for the full performance of their duties, for their extra efforts and tedious hours, in making the Reserve a profound success for our Order.

The Grand Army of the Republic

A Membership of men who had laid their all on the altar of freedom for their country's cause; the bloom of youth upon their cheeks had not faded ere they learned to meet the responsibilities of mature manhood, and at the very post of duty to obey the injunction "Acquit Yourselves Like Men." Out from the precincts of home they marched with light hearts and un-disciplined minds; they left school with lessons just begun, and ere manhood years were theirs returned, having been taught what their Country was worth, and better fitted to preserve its unity and maintain its honor than half a life time would otherwise have taught.

They had been taught discipline, had learned the necessity of rank and authority, they had learned what Liberty had cost and the value of the blessings and the greatness and power of Government. Every star in that Flag was theirs, every stripe had been crimsoned with their own precious blood and they had graduated with the highest honors from the school of Loyalty. They have firmly stood through all the years since they laid aside the sword and the gun for financial integrity and National Honor, and we proclaim today that the roll of the Grand Army of the Republic was the greatest honor roll the world has ever known.

However, let us not forget. That roll was made and completed in the days of old, it was written in the red blood from human hearts, its letters more bright and more precious than those of purest gold were ineffaceably burned in the pages of history by the scorching breath of rifles and the hissing flames from batteries' mouth.

Despite what may be done in official and unofficial sources, those pages in the coming years, and by this and future generations, will be turned to as embodying the truest record of loyalty and devotion, the deepest incentive to patriotism, and the most undying love of country this World has ever known.

They are nearly gone, but their heroic deeds, their patriotism, acts of valor, love of Country, and their memory shall never die.

Allied Orders

My associations with the National Presidents of the Allied Orders have been exceedingly pleasant. Edna M. Ray, of the Ladies of the Grand Army; Eleanor S. Stabels, of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Bernice Hecht of the Daughters of Union Veterans, have been most gracious and kind to me.

Our Auxiliary

In Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President of the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, I have had a co-worker that has been untiring, everlastingly working for the good of her Order, accomplishing much, and her wonderful ability, energy, and perseverance has been outstanding.

Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic

To say I appreciated or extended my appreciation to Miss Cora E. Gillis, Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, would be too mild; she has been very faithful in handling the load that was hers.

The Grand Army of the Republic Highway

Captain J. Clark Mansfield and his fellow members and associates have accomplished much toward the completion of this Highway, having secured legislative approval in the last year from the state of Utah, leaving but one single State to secure legislative approval of the same. When this is accomplished this will complete this highway from Coast to Coast.

Legislative Committee

This Committee has in all things done its work in a highly satisfactory manner, been alert to every situation that confronted them and is entitled to much praise.

Necrology

Those of the Commandery-in-Chief members that have passed to the Great Beyond during the last year and been reported to me are:

Horace H. Hammer, Past Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer.

Frederick J. McMurtrie, Michigan, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Walter L. Raynes, Michigan, Past Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Jonas P. Shrieve, Ohio, Past National Council Member.

John L. Reeger, New Jersey, Past National Council Member.

The need of our Organization today is a general awakening to our objects and interest, a matter of waking up and securing success by hard work and a determination that knows no failure in securing new members, in teaching Patriotism, and improving American Citizenship.

I believe it would be to the benefit of our Order in the future to now commence to get and keep as far as possible a record of the Sons of Union Veterans, who are not members of the Organization, and their progeny. This could be secured through the Camp members, securing the names of all eligibles and from time to time their offspring, so that our members would have a record that they could turn to and know who to approach in securing new members for all time. The

Camp Secretary could make a report to the Department Secretary once in each year, and the Department Secretary to the National Secretary, who could keep a record thereof by States, and at the same time get the Company and Regiment that the Soldier served in and the duration of his service, in securing this record for the future. I heartily recommend the same.

The dangers that confront the United States of America today are well known to us. We are fully aware that there is danger from the outside World, but this is not all, there are dangers from within our corporal lines. We must take a decided stand against each and every one of these dangers, both collectively and individually.

My tenure of office is nearly over. I have tried to serve you well and faithfully. I hereby again pledge my fealty anew to the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Fraternally submitted,

PERLE L. FOUCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bennett: You have heard the report of the Commander-in-Chief. What is your pleasure?

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie: I move that this report be received and referred to the proper committee; and that a rising vote of thanks be extended the Commander-in-Chief for this splendid report.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania; and carried. Rising vote of thanks and applause given the Commander-in-Chief by the Encampment for his report).

Past Commander-in-Chief John A. Sautter: Commander-in-Chief, I move you that we remain in session until 5:30 p. m. and that until 5:15 p. m. we have as many of the Officers Reports as can be read. If there are any which cannot be read this afternoon, they are to be referred to the proper committee so that Committee action can be taken; and the report will be read at the time the Committee presents its report.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook; and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief C. Leroy Stoudt: On behalf of the Past Department Commander's National Association and the Pennsylvania Brigade, Sons of Veterans Reserve, I extend an invitation to each and everyone of you to attend the Military Ball on the Roof Garden this evening.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bennett:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Des Moines, Iowa, July 31, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

My year as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief has been filled with many surprises as I traveled through our Middle West, Eastern and New England States. While I find that our Organization continues to show a loss of membership, there is such a spirit in all the hearts of our Brothers that the time must not be far distant when we will strike "Pay Load," and we will see the dawn of a new era for our Order.

When I had the honor of being elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I promised to do all I could to benefit the Order and that is

what I have tried to carry out. In October, I attended the Regional at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They had a fine attendance. I have visited each Camp in my State at least twice this year—encouraging and helping to obtain new members.

On November 10, I was present at the Birthday celebration of our last remaining Comrade of the Grand Army—James P. Martin, 101 years years old. As a National Officer I, with the other Allied Orders represented, presented a gift of money as coming from the National Organization. Also, in November, the Camps and Auxiliaries of Des Moines honored me with a Reception and Banquet, and presented me with a beautiful gift.

On February 12, I attended the Tri-City Banquet held at Rock Island, Ill. On February 14, I re-instated Iowa Falls Camp and had the pleasure of mustering in five new members. Two trips to Waterloo, Iowa, gave me the honor of helping to initiate eighteen new members in their Camp. This same Camp has five members for Cedar Rapids.

March was my lucky month—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, of Des Moines, presented me with a Junior Great-Grandsons Camp—a class of nineteen which is now in the late twenties—as to membership. The Camp is called the "Roy J. Bennett No. 1 of Iowa." They all have direct eligibility and are a proud group. Many letters have come to me from the East and the West regarding this movement. It is our future life line.

June 5-6-7 I attended our Iowa Encampment and met our Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch, Mrs. Fouch, our National Auxiliary President Mrs. Lena Barrett and Past Commander-in-Chief Dr. Barrett.

June 19 I had the pleasure of representing my Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch at the Encampment at Syracuse, N. Y. It was a fine Encampment and every honor was accorded me.

June 24 I visited the Vermont Encampment also as a representative of our Commander-in-Chief and as in New York, every one was on their toes to make you welcome. Brother DeWitt is to be praised for the success of the program and parade. Allen F. Spink, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of Connecticut, and Cleon E. Heald, National Chaplain, of New Hampshire, also were visitors at the Vermont Department Encampment. I had the high honor accorded me of presenting a fifty year membership badge to Brother Monroe.

I visited the Pennsylvania Encampment at Philadelphia, where I met the Commander-in-Chief, Perle L. Fouch. I could only stay for one business session and wish to thank all the Brothers for their courtesy to me.

July 31 I attended the State Picnic at Iowa Falls and find more new members are coming up for initiation at Cedar Rapids—nine to date, and our Department Secretary tells me that the two Camps we thought lost in March have been fully re-instated, and that means our gain in membership will show a fine increase.

It has been a pleasure to work under you, my Commander-in-Chief, Perle L. Fouch, and I truly hope that by the close of your year that your Officers have lived up to your expectations and that you have a very successful Encampment.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ROY J. BENNETT,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports).
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Spink:

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Hartford, Conn., August 10, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Almost one year has passed since we met at the 67th Annual Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and the time has arrived when I must report to you as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. No one, unless he too has been an incumbent of the high office I am about to surrender, can really understand with what mingled feelings I approach the presentation of this report.

At the very beginning of this report, may I say that words are inadequate for me to express my gratitude to the Brothers who conferred on the Connecticut Department and me personally, the honor of the unanimous ballot of the 67th Annual Encampment electing me to the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The responsibilities that rested upon my shoulders were keenly felt and now I pause to ask myself, "Have you done all that you could?" However, wherever I have traveled or come in contact with groups of people, I have endeavored to do what I could to spread the Objects and Principles of our beloved Order, to assure the eligibles whom I have met of the heritage of a Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, and of the reasons why they should identify themselves as such with our Order.

Besides attending every meeting of my local Camp and Auxiliary in Meriden, I have attended all meetings of Camp 50 of Hartford, my own District meetings and many other meetings, social gatherings and receptions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, their Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps—Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc., in and about Connecticut—too many to mention.

In addition, it has been a distinct pleasure for me to represent the Commander-in-Chief on several occasions; namely: October 9, 1948, at a reception to Allan Howland, Department Commander of Massachusetts in Rockland, Mass.

October 30-31 at the New England Regional Association meeting in New Haven, Conn. On October 30 it was my privilege to broadcast the story of General Nathaniel Lyon, a Connecticut General of the Civil War, over Station WAVZ; again on October 31 to Broadcast over Station WNHG. Both stations are located in New Haven.

November 6 at a joint reception to Daniel Oblinger, Department Commander, and Ella Reeger, Department President of New Jersey, in Trenton, N. J.

January 29, 1949, at a Dinner and Dance of the Past Auxiliary Presidents of Greater New York City in New York City.

April 23-24, 1949, at my own Department Encampment in New Haven, Conn.

April 30, May 1, 1949, at the New Hampshire Department Encampment at Concord, N. H. It was my pleasure to install the officers of the Department with National Chaplain, Cleon Heald; Allan Howland, Department Commander of Massachusetts; and William Nemitz, Department Commander of Connecticut, assisting.

May 6-8, 1949, at the Massachusetts Department Encampment in Swampscott, Mass.

May 14-15, 1949, at the New England Regional Association meeting in Providence, R. I.

June 3-4, 1949, at the New Jersey Department Encampment in Trenton, N. J. Again, I installed the Officers of the Department with William Nemitz, Department Commander of Connecticut, and Jack Yocum, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania, assisting.

July 16-17, 1949, at the New England Regional Association meeting at the Wiers, N. H. Again on July 16 I had the privilege to broadcast over Station WLNH, Laconia, N. H., telling the Purpose and Objects of our Order.

On June 23-24, 1949, I visited the Department Encampment of Vermont as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. It was a pleasure to meet Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Roy Bennett. I enjoyed acting as Guide when the Department Officers were installed by Past Department Commander Laduke of Vermont.

I regret I did not avail myself of the opportunity of visiting the Maine Department but have met and talked to several of the Maine Brothers on various occasions.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation for the many notes of encouragement from my Brothers and to the many Department Secretaries who have sent me General Orders. They have been most interesting. To you all, "Thank You." May this, our 68th Annual Encampment promote new ideas and be the Encampment of Encampments from which we can all go home enthused, enriched and with a definite plan in mind that will benefit the Organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, that you and I have worked for; and I, for one, still pledge my every effort.

Very respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALLEN F. SPINK,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: At this time, I would like to appoint the following Committee on Junior Order:

Henry Towle, Past Commander-in-Chief, Maine, Chairman.
Fred H. Combs, Sr., Past Department Commander, New Jersey.
John H. Runkle, Past Department Commander, Pennsylvania.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Bailey: The Council-in-Chief presents a partial report from the bank, which we find correct. We have also audited the books of the National Treasurer and find them correct.

THE FIRST MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK
Trenton, N. J.

August 24, 1949.

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

At the request of Mr. Albert C. Lambert, National Treasurer, Trenton, New Jersey, we hereby advise that the balance in the account of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at the close of business August 24, 1949, was \$2,291.97.

Yours very truly,

GEO. E. BAILEY,
R. W. GENTHNER,
JOHN A. RUGGLES,
Council-in-Chief.

ROY M. CROCKETT,
Assistant Manager.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I move that the partial report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted, and become a part of the proceedings.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

National Patriotic Instructor Hubbard:

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Kenosha, Wis., August 26, 1949

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

At this time, I wish to submit my report to you and to the officers and members of the Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Commander-in-Chief, for consideration and approval.

I wish to thank you, Brother Fouch, for permitting me to serve in this, my first National office, and hope you will feel that your confidence has not been misplaced.

Through the medium of The Banner we have endeavored to call attention to the proper observance of Patriotic Days, and also to create a desire for knowledge of our Country's history.

Much of the space allotted to me in this publication, was used for appeals for donations to the National G. A. R. Fund, and for information and explanation of the progress of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

The grand total of the National G. A. R. Fund is \$616.00.

Many of the Brothers seem unwilling to donate to this fund this year. This attitude is probably attributable to the balance already in our National Treasury. However, I have heard no such thought expressed by the members of my own Camp. Governor Harvey Camp No. 34, of Kenosha, with 19 members has contributed in excess of 50% of contributions received from the entire Department. The contributions from this Camp have been augmented by a donation of \$10.00 from Post No. 21 of the American Legion of Kenosha. This latter donation, I believe to be without parallel in the history of this fund. With this fine support from my own home town, I feel amply repaid for the many hours spent in acting as your National Patriotic Instructor.

I wish to thank the Department and Camp Patriotic Instructors and Brothers, the members of our Auxiliary as well as members of other allied Orders and friends who have co-operated in raising this fund.

The first donation sent to me was by a member of our Auxiliary, Ellinore Konrad, Past Department President of Milwaukee, Wis., who is now serving as Secretary of the Central Region. The first Department was that of New Hampshire, and the largest contribution by any Department, to date, is my own Department of Wisconsin.

Four Departments have contributed \$100.00 or more. They are: Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

Three Departments have not yet reported on Form No. 61. They are Connecticut, Maryland and Nebraska.

Some Departments have sent their report on old Form No. 51; therefore, I recommend that all Department Secretaries and Department Patriotic Instructors be advised by our incoming Commander-in-Chief to destroy all Forms No. 51 that they may have in their possession.

It has been a pleasure to serve our organization with you and your Staff and I especially appreciate the many courtesies extended to me by our National Secretary and Treasurer, Past Commander-in-Chief Albert C. Lambert; and Past Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, editor of The Banner.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

FRANKLIN S. HUBBARD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORTED ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENTS

California & Pacific—J. Elmer Wohlgenuth. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Appomattox Day, Veterans' Night, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Armistice Day.

Colorado & Wyoming—W. R. Coffey. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Dedication Day, McKinley's Birthday.

Connecticut—Benjamin R. Rose. Days observed: Memorial Day, Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Armistice Day, Flag Day.

Illinois—Oscar Arnold. Days observed: Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Armistice Day, Dedication Day.

Indiana—Parker E. Thornburg. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Armistice Day, Flag Day, Appomattox Day, Union Defenders Day. Speakers: Judge H. B. Pike, C. M. Barksdale.

Iowa—W. T. Alstrand. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Flag Day, Dedication Day, Memorial Day, Armistice Day. Comment: Feel that it is a discourtesy for a Patriotic Organization to use the American Flag on the altar. The Flag Code of Public Law 829 of the 77th Congress will explain—J. M. Tuttle Camp No. 77, Department of Iowa, located at Des Moines, Iowa. Emancipation Day was celebrated with appropriate program and a very fine address by Attorney M. F. Field of Waterloo. At our Memorial Services at Waterloo Cemetery the Firing Squad and Color Guard was furnished from the Colored Legion. They did a fine job in their part—Waterloo Camp No. 33, Waterloo, Iowa. Suggestions: A pre-arranged and well organized plan of campaign with all angles understood before hand, then carefully worked, will secure the results that have been attained here in Waterloo Camp No. 33 where sixteen members have been obligated and five applications remain to be obligated.

Kansas—William E. Bowler. Days observed: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: Walter H. Fairchild, Albert Lozier, Wm. Bowler. Suggestions: That Camps be instructed to observe Memorial Day more instead of working so hard and taking so much part in Armistice Day, as we are Sons of Union Veterans.

Maine—Earl R. Legard. Days observed: Memorial Day, Grant, Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Patriots and Dedication Days. Speakers: Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle, Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Arthur Soule. Past Department Commander Clarence P. Renell, P. C. C. A. L. Calderwood, P. C. C. R. J. Calderwood, Portland; Past Department Commander Charles C. Webster, Sanford; Past Department Commander Frank Downs, Belfast, William H. Cressey, Cumberland Mills; Ernest Purington, Russell Hooper, Brunswick. Suggestions: The Sons can, by paying more attention to their obligation, make Memorial Day a very important one in their community. We are letting other Orders do the job we are supposed to do, if we are to keep faith with the Grand Army. Until we lead the way, the school children never know what is expected of them in the way of patriotic duties. We must have a closer tie with them in order that their services may be

of help to us. Give a new member a job to do or an office to hold and you will hold their interest. This especially applies to younger members. I know from my own Camp's experience that this is true. The failure of The Banner to give proper coverage to Camp news equally and impartially, is one of the reasons it fails to materially help the member who cannot attend meetings of his Camp. Many times items of particular interest to a Camp or Department are sent to the editor, only to have the important part deleted. When this happens and yet some other Department has triple the space given to very minor news, naturally questions are asked. The best solution I have for making The Banner a better paper for all is to have a special column for criticism. Invite comment for and against the policies, and then endeavor to give the best ideas a try. The Banner is our paper and our voice should be heard very plainly in its columns. There is, of course, much to be said for the failure of the Department Press Correspondents to send in enough news to make a good paper. This is not true of all States, but is bad enough everywhere.

Massachusetts—Carter A. Perkins. Days observed: Veterans' Night, Memorial Day, Dedication Day. Speakers: Frank Johnson, Com. Camp 56; Arthur Pray, Charles Little. Col. J. W. H. Myricks Camp 115, Rex Allen, Southbridge; William A. Evans, Theddesa S. Paul, William W. Tillson, Taunton; Charles R. Clason, Lawrence R. E. Johnson, Russell A. Perter, Edwin W. Partenheimer, George A. Adams, Jacob W. Wentzel, Springfield; Dexter Mitchell, Carl E. E. Welcome, Westfield; Allen B. Howland, Abington; Earl W. Harrington, Rockland; John W. Emery, Easthampton; George W. Kimball, Addison A. Quinn, Chelsea; James G. Wolf, Allston; Edward M. Richardson, Brighton; William Allen, Ephriam White, Fiskdale; John Kenfield, Sturbridge; Otis A. Clark, East Brimfield; Kenneth Shapard, Southbridge; John L. Day, Roxbury.

Maryland—Charles S. Davis. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day.

Michigan—Ray Sanders. Days observed: Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Flag Day. Speakers: Lynn Tiffany, John Tiffany, Art Reed, Vern Walters, James Davey, Charles Dexter, Charles Wright, Ray Sanders.

Minnesota—Dewey B. Mead. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Dedication Day, Monitor and Merrimac Day, Constitution Day. Information: Placing flags and holders on graves and the marking of graves are taken care of by the Minneapolis Memorial Day Association, of which Minneapolis Camp No. 8 is a unit member. The Department and three Camps are unit members of the National Flag Day Association at the Minnesota Soldiers Home. The Minnesota Department Patriotic Instructor is President of the Association this year. Speakers: John M. Aretz, George E. Bailey, B. H. Bowler, Earl W. Boyes, Chester L. Charter, Dewey B. Mead.

Missouri—Perry A. Brubaker. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Independence Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Memorial Day. Information: Maj. Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4, St. Louis, Mo., presented Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in bronze and picture to the Boys Department of the North Side Branch, Y. M. C. A. Speakers: Rev. Frank G. Beardsley, Zumbrota, Minn.; D. C. H. C. Balsinger, Kansas City.

Nebraska—Elmer E. Cram. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veterans Night, Dedication Day.

New Hampshire—Howard M. Wheeler. Days observed: Lincoln

and Washington's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armistice Day, Patriot's Day, Independence Day. Comment: In five large cemeteries in New Hampshire, one large flag represented all veterans of all wars.

New Jersey—Wm. G. Simpson. Days observed: Lincoln's Birthday, Memorial Day, Appomattox Day, Dedication Day, Armistice Day. Speakers: Fred Williams, Hoboken; Herman Schroeder, P. D. C., Union City; Henry Lowe, Jersey City; Fred Hansen, P. D. C., Weehawken; Frank A. Daubert, L. Beaumont Reed, Russell Black, P. C. in-C. Albert C. Lambert, Wm. T. Severns, P. D. C. Vincent Hayden, P. D. C. Edwin R. Shaw, Trenton. Suggestions: More newspaper publicity should be received prior to Memorial Day, so that the public knows when we are at the various cemeteries.

New York—Edward A. Van Voast. Days observed: Union Defenders Day, Memorial Day, Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Dedication Day.

Ohio—Chester O. Bigley. Days observed: Washington, Lincoln, Wm. McKinley and U. S. Grant's Birthdays, Dedication Day, Armistice Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Night. Speakers: Rev. Chas. W. Stoneburner, Rev. John E. Gensel, Mansfield; Arthur Everett, Lancaster; Rev. Cummings, Hartzel Evans, Gorden Ryan, Geo. Carroll, J. W. Thatcher, Friendship; Geo. C. Waller, P. D. C., Alliance; Hon. Homer A. Ramsey, Toledo; W. W. Dorsey, H. A. Bishop, St. Vernon.

Oregon—F. E. Melvin. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Armistice Day. Speakers: Tom West and E. W. Madison. Comment: Have a very active Anti-subversive Activities Committee.

Pennsylvania—Robert M. F. Smyser. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Columbus, Memorial, Appomattox, Union Defenders, Army and Navy, Armistice and Dedication Day. Comment: More visitations to other Camps should be made. It brings the members closer and helps to create interest where Camps are not too active. Plan events for special days and use as many members as possible in these programs. Use the radio and local papers to advertise your Camp. Have membership drives to increase the membership. Remember, this is one organization you can't buy your way into; so let us all work to keep the organization active. Speakers: Davis Star Camp—Carl Ruhe, Swissvale; Wm. C. Elliot, Wilkinsburg; Chas. E. Locke, Esq., Harry W. McClure, George H. Reutzel, Willis Reutzel, Hon. A. L. Wolk, Hon. W. Heber Dithrich, Wm. J. Blakeley, Esq., Pittsburgh. Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1—Jacob P. Steiger, Herman Poehler, Sr., Herman Poehler, Jr., Coleman Weinstock, Francis A. McWilliams, Philadelphia. Capt. P. R. Schuyler Camp No. 2—Fred Edelman, Lewis C. Riebel, Sr. Edward Kerner. Hartranft Camp No. 15—Congressman John C. Kunkel, Maj. John H. Runkle, Charles Crossley, John P. Hallman, Cameron J. Forney, Harrisburg; Lt. Col. Coleman B. Mark, Arlington, Va.; Charles Honich, West Fairview. Col. J. Moore Camp No. 27—Francis E. Larkin, Very Rev. P. Bowynge, Philadelphia; John E. Larkin, Sharon Hill; Commander W. Adkins. Ruhl Camp No. 33—Elwood E. Shultz, Robert M. F. Smyser, Harvey A. Gross, Esq., H. A. Nickel, York. Gen. Jas. A. Garfield Camp No. 34—Robert Delcamp, Com. Wm. Benning, P. C. Carl M. Ruths, Mt. Carmel. Capt. J. B. Brindle Camp No. 50—Hon. C. D. MacGregor, Hon. Merrill P. Hunnel, Dr. Wm. R. Shearer, Commander Lester A. Kern, P. C. Kermit L. Wilson, P. D. C. John A. Ruggles. Col. F. H. Collier Camp No. 139—Donald Thomas, Aspenwall. Bradbury Camp No. 149—Don Griffithy, P. D. C. Frank M. Heacock, Conyngmam Post No. 169—A. M. Bredbenner, Wilkes-Barre. Philadelphia Camp No. 200—Rev. Elmer H. Finger, P. C. G. Walter C. Mabie, Rev. Richard O. Partington, Edwin J. Prittie, John H. Liesee, Philadelphia. Gen. Judson

Killpatrick Camp No. 233—Rev. Robert A. Allen, Rev. Hugh E. Kemper, E. St. Clair Faust, Rev. George A. Creitz, Dr. Ralph C. Hutchinson. Theo. F. Cocker Camp No. 236—G. W. Johnson, Lt. F. Wilhe, E. C. Clyer, Geo. Lutz, Jr., Albert Vogel, Philadelphia.

Suggestions: Appoint your Memorial Day Committee a year in advance so they can make their plans early. Make personal contacts in schools, urging them to take part in Patriotic programs. Give talks in school assemblies, conduct essay contests in the upper grades. Send outlines of your special programs to The Banner, and urge the members to read each issue. Have items of special interest in The Banner read in your Camp meetings.

Rhode Island—Harry J. Geer. Days observed: Washington and Lincoln's Birthdays, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Dedication Day, "I Am an American" Day. Comment: I would suggest a patriotic campaign with the motto, "An American Flag in Every American Home." There are too many empty flagpoles on patriotic days when the flag should be displayed. More patriotic publicity in the local papers, more reading of The Banner at our Department meetings. Stop the use of the flag as an altar cover at our meetings. Speakers: Walter Macomber, Johnson; P. D. C. Enoch A. Hoyt, P. D. C. Joseph Bridge, P. D. C. Frank S. Reavy, P. D. C. Charles W. Senior, P. D. C. Albert Fowler, P. D. C. Harry J. Geer, Providence; Rev. D. B. Lothrop, Cranston; William E. Perry, East Providence.

Vermont—Elmer E. Monroe. Days observed: Lincoln and Washington's Birthdays, Veterans Night, April 19, July 4, October 12, November 11.

Wisconsin—Roy R. Lewis. Days observed: Washington, Lincoln, McKinley Birthdays, Dedication Day. Information: A flag pole was donated by C. K. Pier Badger Camp No. 1 of Milwaukee. Speakers: C. C. Clarence Hoth, P. D. C. Roy R. Lewis, Milwaukee; P. D. C. James O. Smith, Carl Babb, Leslie Wheeler, Madison; National Patriotic Instructor Franklin S. Hubbard, Chester S. Hubbard, Kenosha. Suggestions: Secure a few extra copies of The Banner and hand to prospective members. Use argument that each Union Veteran should have a representative in some Camp of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

(Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports).

(The complete and itemized report of money collected for G. A. R. Fund is listed in subsequent pages, given as a Supplementary Report of the National Patriotic Instructor).

National Secretary Lambert:

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

Columbus, Ohio, August 20, 1949.

Honorable Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I herewith submit to you my report as National Counselor to which office you appointed me when you assumed your duties as Commander-in-Chief. During this administration I have received no requests from the Commander-in-Chief for advice or opinions; either because of the well known legal ability of our eminent Commander-in-Chief which enabled him to answer his own questions, or the serenity and concord of his administration which has obviated controversial legal entanglements—so the duties of my office have not been arduous.

It was my pleasure to answer a few requests made by individual

members of the ordinary—the details of which it is not necessary to embody in this report.

Be assured that I appreciate the high honor conferred in selecting me as your Counselor. John Milton once said: "They also serve who only stand and wait."

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CECIL J. RANDALL,
National Counselor.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports).
National Chaplain Cleon E. Heald:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

Keene, N. H., July 28, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

As your National Chaplain, I have the honor to submit the following report of the activities of this office during the past year.

I accepted this high and sacred office in our beloved Order with hesitancy, believing that a Minister of the Gospel should be appointed, as such a person would add dignity and prestige to this office. During the years I have always served our Order in any capacity requested and it is my hope that I have fulfilled this position in a manner which shall have been a credit to the organization.

During the year, I have visited each of the New England States at least once. Connecticut and Rhode Island at Regional Meetings; and all other States at Department Encampments. On all of these occasions I have attempted to bring to our membership the seriousness of our situation due to declining membership and its related problems.

I attended several receptions including those given in honor of the Department Commander of Massachusetts and the Department Commander and Department President of New Hampshire.

Memorial Day duties included delivering addresses in two New Hampshire towns and reading General Logan's Order at the exercises in my home city of Keene.

The local and state newspapers have been very co-operative and have carried stories of my visitations and other activities which has aided in keeping our Order before the public. The Keene paper featured its Memorial Day story with a picture of your National Chaplain placing flowers on the grave of the last veteran in Keene, Past Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Frank E. Amadon.

The several articles which I had in The Banner, drew comments from all parts of the country and one letter from Canada. It is certainly encouraging to realize that so many of our members are concerned with the present state of the Order. I do not know the solution to our problems but feel we should all take courage in the realization that we still have the type and caliber of members competent to lead us into a future which holds unlimited opportunities, if we face the facts and act wisely.

I shall offer no recommendations, but would suggest that consideration should be given to a reorganization committee to draw up a plan for modernizing our organizational set-up, and plotting a definite program for our activities. Possibly a five year plan might be in order.

I appreciate the honor you bestowed upon me and the opportunity afforded me to again serve our Beloved Order.

Yours in F. C. & L.

CLEON E. HEALD,
National Chaplain.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports).
National Chief-of-Staff C. LeRoy Stoudt:

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHIEF-OF-STAFF

Reading, Pa., July 15, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Honored Sir:

Pursuant to my appointment to the above office, I have during the past year endeavored to promote the interest of the military branch of our order, by promptly answering all requests for information relative thereto.

This being the final Encampment of The Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans Reserve are putting forth every effort to have a large attendance at Indianapolis to provide a suitable escort for the last parade of that grand organization.

The sincere appreciation of the writer is extended to the Commander-in-Chief for the honor of the appointment.

Fraternally,

C. LEROY STOUTD,
National Chief-of-Staff.

(Referred to Committee on Officers Reports).

National Secretary Lambert:

(Reads report, as printed in Officers' Reports—and referred to Committee on Officers Reports).

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Trenton, N. J., August 8, 1949.

Mr. Perle L. Fouch,
Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

I have the honor to present the following report of the office of National Secretary-Treasurer. I now fully appreciate the services of my illustrious predecessor, Brother H. H. Hammer, as this office requires a great amount of time and thought. A compensation for this is the fact that it has furnished me with a much closer knowledge of the fiscal affairs of our Order, and I shall report conditions as I find them. Various statistical reports are a part hereof. I would like to be optimistic and encouraging, particularly as this is my first report in this capacity. In truth, however, I am greatly alarmed.

It has been only with very careful planning that we are able to show a small balance in the General Account. This is due to the fact that the Commander-in-Chief did not draw anywhere near his appropriation for the year. This combined with careful ordering of supplies has kept us out of the red. However, there are Membership Badges, Fifty Year Badges, and Past Department Commander's Badges on order

that will call for an outlay of over \$500.00. During the coming year our supply of rituals must be replenished. It may be necessary for the Council-in-Chief to recommend transferring funds from the Bond Account to the General Fund to balance the budget for the coming year.

The condition of the finances of the National Organization, together with our numerical losses calls upon us for mature deliberation in planning for the immediate future. This same problem is besetting the various Departments. Both the National Organization and the Departments must find ways of reducing expenses and of increasing their income.

The following schedule illustrates forcibly the seriousness of this problem:

	Net Loss	
	Camps	Members
1937	2	497
1938	2	1,095
1939	14	966
1940	21	1,160
1941	26	1,158
1942	15	627
1943	31	1,372
1944	15	456
1945	12	595
1946	23	675
1947	19	1,185
1948	18	762
1949	32	1,047
	230	11,595

While our finances at the present time do not warrant it, there is a need for new advertising literature about our Order. Also, our Organization might well sponsor and prepare a condensed History of the Civil War for the guidance of our members, and for distribution in our communities.

Everyone is familiar with the decreased purchasing power of the dollar. Yet your National Organization receives the same per capita tax (40c per member) now that it received several years ago, on a much larger membership.

While our income has been drastically reduced, all costs have greatly increased.

Financial Statement September 31, 1948, to June 30, 1949

	General Checking Account	G. A. R. Fund	W. L. Jacques Fund	U. S. Govt. Bonds
Receipts:				
September 30, 1948—To Balance...	\$1,527.14	\$1,405.19		\$6,700.00
From Departments	\$4,912.24			
National Auxiliary—Gift	500.00			
National P. D. C. Association.....	150.00			
Interest on Bonds	167.50			
Overpayment on Charter—Ohio....	20.00			
Insurance Rebate	8.07			
Nat. Pat. Inst. Linsley.....		712.10		
Jacques Trust Fund for Lafayette Camp			243.66	
	\$7,284.95	\$2,117.29	\$243.66.	\$6,700.00

Disbursements:

1947-1948 Vouchers 47 to 72:				
General Expense	\$1,089.42			
Grave Marking Com....	25.00			
Supplies	142.04			
Commander-in-Chief Exp.	341.42			
Encampment Expense ...	517.75	2,115.63		
Gift to G. A. R.....	500.00			
G. A. R. Highway Com...	185.50		735.50	
Gift to Arlington Hall...	50.00			
		<u>\$5,169.32</u>	<u>\$1,381.79</u>	<u>\$243.66</u>
				<u>\$6,700.00</u>
1948-1949 Vouchers 1 to 42:				
General Expense	\$3,996.22			
Supplies	492.09			
Encampment Exp. (1948)	100.00			
Commander-in-Chief Exp.	222.71	4,811.02		
Lafayette Camp, Dept. New York				124.50
Balance June 30, 1949.....	\$ 358.30	\$1,381.79	\$119.16	\$6,700.00

Stock and Supplies Account

Cost of Supplies on hand September 30, 1948.....	\$1,935.27
Supplies purchased	492.09
	<u>\$2,427.36</u>
Cost of Supplies on hand June 30, 1949.....	1,744.46
Cost of Supplies Sold	\$ 682.90
Received for Supplies	\$890.69
Cost of Supplies Sold	682.90
	<u>\$207.79</u>
Profit on Supplies	\$207.79

Itemized Receipts from Departments

Department:	Per				Prem. Bonds	Total
	Membership Fees	Capita Tax	Charter Fee	Supplies		
At-Large	\$	\$ 6.20	\$	\$ 1.56		\$ 7.76
California & Pacific..	16.50	144.20		75.85		236.55
Colorado & Wyoming.	1.50	23.30		11.10		35.90
Connecticut	2.00	219.10		55.55		276.65
Illinois	1.50	91.40		12.05		104.95
Indiana	2.50	78.70		4.65		85.85
Iowa	6.00	60.20		23.92	6.25	96.37
Kansas	1.50	61.50		15.17	2.50	80.67
Maine	4.00	208.60		52.30		264.90
Maryland	2.00	89.30		12.70	2.50	106.50
Massachusetts ...	10.00	643.50		125.77		779.27
Michigan	7.00	111.40		31.95	6.25	156.60
Minnesota	1.00	30.10		8.24		39.34
Missouri	1.00	23.40		8.75	6.25	39.40
Nebraska		18.60		38.70	6.25	63.55
New Hampshire	2.50	102.40		5.41		110.31
Carried forward	\$ 59.00	\$1,881.90		\$483.67	\$30.00	\$2,484.47

Department:	Membership Fees	Per		Charter Fee	Supplies	Prem. Bonds	Total
		Capita Tax	Charter				
Brought forward	\$59.00	\$1,881.90			\$485.67	\$30.00	\$2,484.47
New Jersey	3.00	154.90			10.90	2.50	171.30
New York	18.00	367.60			118.30		503.90
Ohio	5.50	323.10	5.00		70.38	6.25	410.23
Oregon	12.00	61.40			30.10		103.50
Pennsylvania	20.50	749.50			95.86		865.86
Rhode Island	2.50	67.60			28.55		98.65
Vermont	4.00	119.50			31.83	2.50	157.83
Wisconsin	4.50	90.80			21.10		116.40
	\$129.00	\$3,846.30	\$5.00		\$890.69	\$41.25	\$4,912.24

New Camps

One new Camp was instituted at Fostoria, Ohio, with 25 Charter Members.

Reinstated Camps

Two Camps reported by the Iowa Department as disbanded during the March Quarter were reinstated during the June Quarter.

Fifty-year Badges Issued

Illinois, 2; Pennsylvania, 8; Massachusetts, 3; New York, 2—Total 15. These badges have been temporarily out of stock, but are on order, and will be available by September 1st.

War Medals Issued

Connecticut, 4; Massachusetts, 3; Pennsylvania, 3; New York, 1; Rhode Island, 1—Total, 12.

Vouchers—1948-1949

1. Annamae Berhalter, Reading, Pa., Bal. stenographic service.	\$ 100.00
2. W. M. Dickinson Co., Trenton, N. J., Fire Insurance—three years	14.85
3. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., November Subs., 13,189 copies.....	331.97
4. The Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass., Supplies—Badges.....	22.10
5. H. H. Hammer, Reading, Pa., Salary July to Sept., 1948 ..	480.13
6. Collector of Int. Revenue, Hammer July to September, 1948, (Withholding Tax)	69.87
7. Collector of Int. Revenue, Hammer July to September, 1948, (Social Security)	11.00
8. W. C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Printing Stationery	100.00
9. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling Expense, October to December	28.38
10. The Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass., Supplies—Badges	21.63
11. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Salary, October-December	350.00
12. Collector of Int. Revenue, Withholding Tax—Lambert.....	50.00
13. The Robbins Co., Attleboro, Mass., Supplies—Badges.....	7.56
14. Clark the Florist, Trenton, N. J., Flowers—H. H. Hammer..	26.00
15. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies—Badges....	87.88
16. Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies and Stationery	45.90
17. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., January subscription, 13,022 copies	390.66
400 Rosters	40.18
One-half of Memorial Service Programs.....	2.38
18. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—January.....	20.44
19. Edward S. Baldwin, Trenton, N. J., Supplies.....	33.00

20. Secretary of State, Springfield, Ill., Filing Annual Report...	1.00
21. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—February.....	83.45
22. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., 1000 copies C. R. & R.....	139.68
23. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., March Subscription—12,704 copies	381.12
24. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Salary—January—March.	340.00
25. Collector of Int. Revenue, Withholding Tax—Lambert.....	53.20
26. Collector of Int. Revenue, Social Security—Lambert.....	6.80
27. Tongue, Brooks & Co., Baltimore, Md., Premium on Depart- ment Commander Bonds	6.25
28. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—March.....	5.87
29. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., 850 copies 1948 Proceedings.....	490.44
30. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Shipping—Requisitions 1 to 50	15.12
31. Aug. C. Frank Co., Philadelphia, Pa., Supplies—Badges.....	148.19
32. Walter C. Mabie, Philadelphia, Pa., Printing	2.25
33. Clark the Florist, Trenton, N. J., Flowers W. R. C. Nat. Pres.	11.00
34. The Banner, Dwight, Ill., May Subscription—12,429 copies.	372.87
35. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—April.....	22.29
36. Tongue, Brooks & Co., Baltimore, Md., Premium on Bonds, Department Commander	21.25
37. The Metal Marker Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Camp Seal—Ohio..	9.28
38. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan, Mich., Traveling—May.....	62.28
39. Geo. E. Hunt, Dept. of Mass., Overpayment on Supplies....	3.50
40. Lafayette Camp 140, Dept. of New York, W. L. Jacques Trust Fund	124.50
41. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Salary—March—June....	340.00
42. Collector of Int. Revenue, Withholding Tax—Lambert.....	60.00

I greatly fear that an increase in per capita tax will result in losing many Camps, and for that reason I shall make recommendations designed to improve our financial condition without increasing per capita tax.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1—That a registration fee of \$2.00 be charged at the National Encampment starting with the 1950 Encampment.

This is more than justified by the fact that each member attending the Encampment receives a copy of the Proceedings, a copy of the Officers Reports, etc., the cost of which exceeds \$1.50 each.

Grand Army of the Republic Fund

Through the medium of the Grand Army of the Republic Fund, we have been able to accomplish much during the past few years that would have been impossible to do from our General Fund. In spite of the fact that this is to be the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that the G. A. R. Memorial Highway is just about completed, I would offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 2—That the practice of soliciting contributions by the National Patriotic Instructor for the G. A. R. Fund be continued, and that such extra expenditures as Highway Committee Expenses, Grave Marking Committee Expenses, the Lincoln Memorial University, Arlington Hall, etc., be drawn from this fund, and given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Supplies

A revision of the price-list of supplies was made in accordance with action taken at Grand Rapids last year. This price-list has been published in *The Banner*, and now that definite prices can be assured, a new price list will soon be printed for distribution.

All items are in stock with the exception of Fifty-year Badges which are on order, with delivery promised for September 1st.

The Banner

The experience and devotion to our Organization on the part of the Editor of The Banner, Brother Holbrook and his staff has been a tremendous help in arranging for and efficiently distributing General Orders, Department Items, and items of general interest. They have rendered a very important and beneficial service, and are alert to the best interests of the Order.

I deeply regret the necessity, due to the aforementioned financial limitations and continued decreased membership to be forced to call your attention to the following:

Membership	Per Capita		Banner Cost	Balance for
July 1, 1937	Tax	Income	Six Issues	General Use
23,864	.40	\$9,545.60	10½c—\$2,505.72	\$7,039.88
July 1, 1949				
12,294	.40	4,917.60	18c— 2,159.74	2,817.46

Under the circumstances, I cannot see how we can possibly continue to authorize these expenditures, therefore, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 3—That the contract with The Banner be renewed on the basis of four issues yearly, to be issued in January, April, July and October.

W. L. Jacques Fund

At the request of the Surrogate's Court of the County of Westchester, State of New York, the Commandery-in-Chief accepted \$243.66 in trust for Lafayette Camp No. 140 of New York City from the estate of Washington Lee Jacques. This money to be used for "the continuance of the custom of placing flags and markers on the graves of former members of Lafayette Post No. 140, Grand Army of the Republic." This fund will be drawn upon each Memorial Day until exhausted upon presentation of receipted bills, etc., from Lafayette Camp No. 140.

Grand Army of the Republic

The love and affection of the members of this Organization for the Grand Army of the Republic have grown from year to year, and our members have lost no opportunity to serve the Grand Army of the Republic. At this, their last Encampment, the Reserve under command of Chief-of-Staff, C. Leroy Stouidt, P. C.-in-C., will have the privilege of serving as a guard of honor in their last parade.

With their passing, this Encampment is truly historic, and at the same time, is one of great importance for our Organization. We must now assert and maintain our rightful place of leadership, and show that the heir apparent is a worthy successor and demands due recognition.

The incoming administration is charged with the responsibility of immediately preparing for our next National Encampment, and every effort should be made to induce the allied organizations to accept our leadership, and co-operate with us to the end that we shall continue to function in harmony and mutual benefit.

With the closing of the books of the Grand Army of the Republic, they will call upon Congress to cancel their Charter, and the time is now opportune for us as their Sons and the only male organization in existence to carry on their principles and objects, to seek the same recognition. Therefore, I offer:

RECOMMENDATION No. 4—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief immediately appoint a committee to present a petition to the Congress of the United States to grant a Congressional Charter to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with all the privilege and right pertaining thereto.

Miss Cora E. Gillis, National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic has continued to give us valuable assistance. For this and for her responsibility in arranging for this Encampment, appreciation is expressed.

Our Auxiliary

Under the leadership of Mrs. Lena G. Barrett, National President, the Auxiliary has been a mountain of strength to us. She and her Organization are to be congratulated. They have left nothing undone to serve us, and their devotion has proven them to be an Auxiliary in every sense of the word. We are indebted to them for their constant service to us.

Allied Organizations

Correspondence and relationships with the various allied organizations has been cordial and co-operative.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the National Woman's Relief Corps whose National President, Mrs. Jeanne Sanders, died in office during the past year.

Conclusion

As you come to the end of your year as Commander-in-Chief, you are to be congratulated on your constant interest and co-operation with the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, the Departments, and the general membership. Your devotion to that end and your personal visits to numerous Departments has inspired them. You and the Organization are enriched by your devotion to the duties of your office. You will have the good wishes and appreciation of the membership for your earnest and conscientious efforts to serve this order.

I am deeply appreciative of your genuinely fraternal interests, and for your courtesies and co-operation.

To you, Commander Fouch, and my colleagues—the National Officers—I am indebted for courtesies and co-operation, and express my appreciation.

An organization like ours can only lose by default. It can only lose if our members deny through indifference and neglect their personal responsibilities for its security and growth. We must not be one hundred per cent in our protestations of loyalty and ten per cent in our daily routine.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1949, to August 31, 1949

	General Checking Account	G. A. R. Fund	W. L. Jacques Fund	U. S. Govt. Bonds
June 30, 1941—Balance	\$ 358.30	\$1,381.79	\$119.16	\$6,700.00
Receipts:				
Per Capita Tax	\$1,216.60			
Membership Fees	56.50			
Supplies	113.51			
Department Commanders Bonds...	11.25			
Gift from Auxiliary	500.00			
Donation at Encampment	306.20			
F. S. Hubbard, Nat. Pat. Instructor		750.00		
	<u>\$2,562.36</u>	<u>\$2,131.79</u>	<u>\$119.16</u>	<u>\$6,700.00</u>
Expenditures:				
General Expense	\$ 612.10			
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses ...	184.20			
Encampment Expense	589.12			
Department Commanders Bonds...	50.00			
	<u>\$1,435.42</u>			
Gift to G. A. R.....		\$ 500.00		
Grave Marking Committee Expense		25.00		
G. A. R. Highway Com. Expense...		144.92		
		<u>\$ 669.92</u>		
Balance, August 31, 1949.....	\$1,126.94	\$1,461.87	\$119.16	\$6,700.00

Vouchers

43. Perle L. Fouch, July travel expense.....	\$ 157.09
44. The Banner, Binding 10 Years Proceedings....	7.50
45. The Banner, July Subscription, 12,216 members.....	366.48
46. Geo. C. Wiegner, Moving supplies and equipment, Reading to Trenton	50.00
47. Albert C. Lambert, Shipping, telephone and telegrams.....	38.37
48. Tongue, Books Co., Department Commanders' Bonds.....	25.00
49. B. O. DeForest, Grave Marking Committee Expenses.....	25.00
50. Edw. S. Baldwin, Printing	11.75
51. Perle L. Fouch, Travel Expenses	4.33
52. C. R. Schlechter, Commander-in-Chief's Badge.....	138.00
53. J. C. Mansfield, G. A. R. Highway Committee Expense.....	126.29
54. Grand Army of the Republic, Love Gift.....	500.00
55. Marie D. Luedders, Flowers for Memorial Service	4.13
56. F. S. Hubbard, Kenosha, Wis., Encampment Expense.	21.12
57. C. LeRoy Stoudt, Encampment Expense (Reading, Pa.)....	38.00
58. Cleon E. Heald, Keene, N. H., Encampment Expense.....	54.18
59. John A. Ruggles, Carlisle, Pa., Encampment Expense.....	46.67
60. Geo. E. Bailey, Minneapolis, Minn., Encampment Expense..	47.00
61. Rudolph M. Genthner, Rochester, N. Y., Encampment Exp.	44.23
62. Allen F. Sprink, Hartford, Conn., Encampment Expense...	49.58
63. Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief, Encampment Expense	100.00
64. Annamae Berhalter, Part Payment, Stenographic Expense..	25.00
65. Tongue, Brooks & Co., Bond, National Secretary-Treasurer	
66. Albert C. Lambert, Trenton, N. J., Encampment Expense,	88.32
Express, Telegrams, Travel, etc.....	

67. The Banner, Officers' Reports and Memorial Programs....	95.89
68. John G. Spielman, G. A. R. Highway Committee Expense..	18.63

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Can the Credential Committee give us a preliminary report at this time?

Past Department Commander James M. Blackman, Illinois: The Credential Committee reports 164 registered at this time.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Brother Blackman. That certainly sounds very encouraging for the first day.

COMMUNICATIONS — GREETINGS

Communications, greetings and best wishes for a successful Encampment were received from:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, New York.

Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., Massachusetts.

Past Department Commander Arthur M. Soule, Maine.

Past Department Commander Charles B. Martin, Kansas.

Past Department Commander L. E. Manoly, Maryland.

W. H. Russell, Esq., Kansas.

W. H. Klotz, Col. John Craig Camp No. 47, Pennsylvania.

Flowers which were placed on the rostrum, and remained there during the entire Encampment, were sent by Mrs. Ray Hatch and Mrs. Martha Masho, of Springfield, Delaware County, Pa.—“In loving memory of their grandfather, William George, 72nd Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.”

RESOLUTIONS

National Secretary Lambert called the roll of Departments for Resolutions. The following were presented and referred to Committees:

From the Department of Connecticut—“Relative to change of name of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and change of eligibility for membership in this organization.” (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

From the Department of Kansas—“Requesting the Encampment to adopt as its official song ‘Keep the Flag Upon the Pole.’” (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Minnesota—“Relative to deletion of the American's Creed from the Ritual of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.” (Referred to Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies).

From the Department of Maine—“Relative to 50 year badge.” (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and later withdrawn by Department of Maine).

From the Department of Massachusetts—“Relative to transfer or disposal of any property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax.” (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

From the Massachusetts delegation—“Relative to establishment of a Memorial Trust Fund.” (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Minnesota—“Asking the Commandery-in-Chief to abolish the Central Region.” (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Minnesota—“Relative to urging Congress to designate November 19th as a day to be dignified by honorable mention and commemorated by a proper program.” (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of Minnesota—"Relative to taking action to secure erection of a suitable chapel at Fort Snelling National Cemetery." (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle, Maine—"Presenting a plea for support of financial character for Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee." (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

From the Department of New York—"Relative to addition to regulations to provide that a Department Secretary or Treasurer serving for 25 consecutive years be given the rank of Past Department Commander." (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

From the Department of Ohio—"Relative to addition to regulations that the Department Commander be empowered to give the Department Senior and Junior Vice Commanders any duty that he sees fit for them to perform during his term of office." (Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations).

From the Department of Oregon—"Relative to a request to the Grand Army of the Republic to enact legislation designating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as its successors." (Referred to Committee on Resolutions).

From Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt, Pennsylvania—"Asking that the National Legislative Committee endeavor to secure the continued presence of the United States Marine Band at our future Encampments." (Referred to the Committee on Resolutions).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Is there any other business to come before this body at this time? If not, shall we recess until tomorrow morning?

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Inasmuch as the reports of the Officers have been given, I move that we recess until tomorrow morning at 9 a. m.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York, and carried).

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 30, 1949 — 9:30 A. M.

The session opened in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Are any Committees ready to report at this time?

Past Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I am ready to report for the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee at this time.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 11, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

The National Committee, Grand Army of the Republic Highway, has the honor to submit the following report:

It is most gratifying to be able to advise the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic that the great transcontinental highway, named in honor of that noble organization, has been given legislative sanction by all States through which the highway passes, with the single exception of Nevada.

Utah—During the current year the State of Utah enacted legislation establishing U. S. Route 6 in that state as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. Standard markers approved by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War have been erected along the right of way.

Connecticut—The law passed by Connecticut in 1937 provided for the erection of two markers only—one at the Rhode Island state line and the other at the New York state line. New legislation passed and approved this year, provides for the placement of Grand Army of the Republic Highway markers along U. S. Route 6 in Connecticut "between termini," at the expense of the state.

Nevada—In 1947 the Nevada legislature adopted a joint resolution requesting the United States Congress to designate Route 6, the U. S. Veterans' Memorial Highway. Owing to this disturbing condition, it was thought best to defer activity this year and wait until Nevada became the only resisting State. The action of Utah has now placed Nevada in that category as the sole opposing State.

Iowa—Considerable historical data has been compiled in Iowa by Roy J. Bennett, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—material that will be of value when the story of the G. A. R. Highway is written. For example, the highway passes through the site of a Civil War military camp in Davenport—a site now occupied in part by the Soldiers' Orphans Home.

Pennsylvania—The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is extremely proud of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway and has erected

ten large "conspicuous" signs 8 feet by 6 feet in diameter—more are to follow. The naming of this facility was greeted with popular acclaim, to the delight of the State authorities who for a time had been led to believe otherwise. Pennsylvania is the only State showing the full name "Grand Army of the Republic Highway" on road maps issued to the public. One other State, Rhode Island, merely shows "Grand Army Highway."

Aluminum Markers—The G. A. R. markers now in use are far from satisfactory: they are usually made of iron plates with a tendency to rust and flake off the printed inscriptions. The markers should be made of aluminum with the name of the highway "baked in" with black letters. Aluminum markers manufactured in this manner should last for many years and not require painting every year or two as at present, to the disgust of the highway authorities. This constant refurbishing of the markers is an irritation that will be eliminated by the use of aluminum. The automobile license plates used by Connecticut are made of aluminum and have been in use for ten years, and will last many more years to come.

Blue and Gray Highway—It would seem desirable at some convenient and future time, to advocate the establishment of a Blue and Gray Highway, to traverse from North to South the battlefield areas of the Civil War.

The Grand Army of the Republic naturally should have a feeling of pride that a great transcontinental highway has been given the name of that organization. No other veteran fraternity has been so signally honored—it is really an accomplishment for the ages.

To the youth of America the Grand Army of the Republic is a strange name indeed, but will never pass from the vocabulary so long as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway is given due publicity—a publicity that should promote traffic over the highway and attract the enrollment of thousands of new members to the Allied Orders.

And to you, Commander-in-Chief, admiration and appreciation is expressed for the inspiring encouragement rendered to the Committee throughout a busy year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK MANSFIELD,
Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: What is your pleasure on this report?

Past Department Commander George E. Waller, Ohio: I move the adoption of this report, as read.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Birt S. Hammond, Michigan, and carried).

Department Commander Wm. F. Nemitz, Connecticut: In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee on Marking Graves and, with your permission, I will present that report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Derby, Conn., July 21, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Applied effort brings as its reward true satisfaction in the realization of actual accomplishment. It is with the certain knowledge of steady progress in a task of vast proportions that I am honored to sub-

mit to you this report of the activities of the Committee on Marking Graves during the past administration.

Indication of the progress of the work of grave marking throughout the Order, is provided by the many occasions that the services of this committee are used by Department chairmen, Camp chairmen and members individually. It has been my pleasure to receive these requests and to comply thereto without delay. Regular routine business of providing information regarding methods, requirements with respect to obtaining headstones, furnishing blank applications and other data for such markers, and many other questions concerning the various phases of this work, have been given attention throughout the year. That these services have proven helpful is definitely established in the reports received from many sources in various sections of the Commandery-in-Chief.

As has been stated in previous reports of this Committee, the task of marking veterans' graves is still far from completed. It is a project of such magnitude that it will require much more time and effort until every last grave has been properly marked. The process of arranging for even one headstone to be applied for, ordered and erected, oftentimes consumes many weeks, and one entire cemetery coverage may require months of concerted efforts on the part of the small group usually comprising an individual Camp's Committee on Grave Marking. But patience is a virtue, and progress is certain, and reports from all quarters are encouraging. If we keep at this job we will someday complete it, and every single stone we erect heralds the service of some hero for the edification of generations yet unborn. This is truly a most positive manner by which we may be privileged to actually carry out the objects of our Order, to preserve and to perpetuate the memory of the Union Veterans of the great Civil War.

Correspondence received from some sources gives rise to the belief that perhaps some of our Camp Committees have misinterpreted "grave marking" to mean the placing of the metal grave marker, usually star-shaped, on veterans' graves. Metal markers with flag receptacle are known as "Temporary Markers" and as such are much desired and should certainly adorn the grave of every Union Veterans of the Civil War. But when we speak of "grave marking," we are primarily interested in the erection of a headstone on which is chiseled the veteran's name and service, a marker which will defy removal or misplacement, and stands as a permanent memorial to our heroic dead. Statements received therefore, indicating that all veterans' graves within the jurisdiction of the reporting unit have been properly marked, may possibly be somewhat misleading.

Some localities have been forced by cemetery authorities to dispense with the upright metal markers, and have had to resort to the substitution of a metal marker designed flatwise so as to be placed flush with the ground. Camps in some Rhode Island communities are to be commended upon their stand with respect to forced removal of veterans' marker from cemeteries. This Committee believes, and has so recommended to these Camps, that co-operation with cemetery officials in substituting flat markers placed flush with the ground will bring about a satisfactory solution to this problem.

Your Committee has used the columns of "THE BANNER" for the purpose of furnishing our membership with detailed information regarding the various phases of the grave marking work, and is deeply grateful to its editor and publisher for the space which has cheerfully been allotted to it for this purpose. It is urged that availability of this medium for imparting suggestions along the lines of this work be continued.

During the year your chairman has been busy compiling a card file showing the location of the graves of general officers of the Union Army as well as admirals of the Union Navy. These cards also show dates of birth and death, full rank and command, and the service of each such officer both in the war and after it. Also shown is a detailed description of the monument or other marker at the grave. This file is far from complete, but your chairman believes it will prove to be a valuable asset to our records as a national body in future years. For the progress of the file and the data thus far collected, the Committee is indebted to those ever alert brothers who so kindly answered the request for this information, contained in the pages of "THE BANNER." The continued co-operation of all brothers is necessary to the successful completion of this project.

A number of the Departments are presently engaged in the project of marking and recording veterans' graves, directing and assisting Camp units and individual members in the work. Outstanding among these, according to reports during the past term, are the Departments of Maine, Ohio, Vermont and Connecticut. Especially commendable is the progress being made in the Maine and Ohio Departments, and your National Committee takes this opportunity to make official recognition of the services rendered by Past Department Commander Charles T. Webster, Department Chairman of Maine; and Department Chairman Campbell M. Voorhees of Ohio in this all important project.

Brother Webster has conducted a vigorous campaign among Camp Committees for coverage of Maine cemeteries and many headstones have been set up at the graves of Civil War veterans throughout the state this past year, as a result of his efforts, with applications even now being processed for more.

Brother Voorhees, together with his efficient committee, has put much time and effort into compiling and propagating a veritable textbook covering all phases of grave marking, for the use of all Ohio Camp committees as well as individual members engaged in this work. Special citation is hereby given of Brother Voorhees' report to the Ohio Department Encampment in June. It is one of the most comprehensive and concise reports that your national chairman has ever been privileged to read. So valuable is it considered that the Ohio Department has voted to have it published and made available to every Camp in the state for their guidance in planning and executing their work of marking veterans' graves.

There are many other brothers in our Order who are likewise doing a valuable work along these lines, whose modest efforts are unheralded and unsung and are never openly brought to our attention. Your chairman appreciates this fact and takes this opportunity to commend their services. To their humble efforts we owe our ability to render such report of actual progress in this endeavor.

If your chairman may be permitted to conclude this report in a personal vein; it was my high privilege during the fall and winter months and again in the spring, to direct a volunteer force of Deiby citizens, among whom were included members of our own organization and veterans of World Wars I and II, in the work of restoration of an old settlers' burying ground which was found neglected and overgrown and where were buried a number of veterans of the early Colonial wars, the Revolution, War of 1812, and five Union veterans of the great Civil War. It was a tremendous task, requiring the sacrifice of weeks of time and hours of much hard labor, planning and the solicitation of volunteer assistance. That it was successfully completed and so splendidly restored to its one time well ordered attractiveness, was our only reward. But I experience not only the thrill of seeing the wonderful transfor-

mation take place, but more, a keen sense of genuine satisfaction in having participated in compensating, even in a small measure, the debt of gratitude which we all owe those heroes, who by their sacrifices gave us this great and glorious nation. Since I was old enough to trudge along by the side of my honored grandfather, who was in charge of grave registration for the local Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have been occupied in this work of recording and marking veterans' graves, until it has become a hobby and a very pleasant duty. For this reason, I have felt extremely honored in having been appointed to direct this work across the nation during the past several administrations. I wish to thank you for your confidence in me in re-appointing me to serve in this capacity during your term of office and trust that my efforts have met with your approval as well as that of our membership. It has been a pleasure to have been of service to our Order, and I am deeply grateful, because of my interest in this work, that the Encampment last year voted to make the National Committee on Marking Graves a permanent committee in the Commandery-in-Chief organization.

Expenditure of \$25.00 has been necessary for the management of the affairs of this office and has been used for postage, copying and typing.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

BERTRAND O. DeFOREST, P. D. C., Conn.,
National Chairman.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: You have heard this splendid report. Do I hear a motion for its acceptance?

Past Department Commander Wm. Schneider, Missouri: I move that it be accepted, as read.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander James O. Smith, Wisconsin, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I understand that we have present here today fifteen Past Commanders-in-Chief. That certainly is a splendid representation.

AMERICAN LEGION RESOLUTION

Linn H. Cannon, a Past Department Commander of the American Legion from Castle Williams Post No. 105 of Decatur, Illinois, was escorted in, introduced, and presented a resolution from the Post asking that Congress erect in Decatur, Illinois, the city in which the Grand Army of the Republic was founded, a suitable memorial honoring the founding of the G. A. R. in 1866.

Past Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa, responded; and the resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: In the absence of the Chairman of the Americanization Committee, I will read his report:

REPORT OF THE AMERICANIZATION COMMITTEE

Huntington Park, Cal., August 12, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

My Dear Commander-in-Chief:

Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch, and members of the 68th National Encampment, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 28-31, 1949.

We the members of the Americanization Committee submit the following report: Sir, we are mindful of the importance of this Com-

mittee, but one thing that makes it difficult is the distance the members are from each other and to have a personal contact on the question of these days; but I find that the members have been busy in their Departments along these lines; which is encouraging and what it should be for we, the Sons of men who have fought to make this land not only a free one but a United group, should always do their best to show their appreciation for what the Founding Fathers of Revolutionary Days accomplished.

And now, in these days of UnAmerican activities, we are facing problems in so many ways in our daily doings that we must be fully prepared to face emergencies. We are all agreed that there is too much Communistic doings, and wonder why; and it seems that much of this originates in foreign countries. Because of this, we wonder if our Immigration officers are careful as to their entry into our Country.

It was my privilege to hear, while in Washington, D. C., the first of the year, some very outstanding speakers on the work of the Communists, and of their influence upon many important affairs effecting the needs of our own native families.

It would seem that our Government is strong enough to stop such influences; therefore, we should let our Congressmen know how we feel about it and get some action from them on control before it is too late. That is one of our big problems of today.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

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

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: What is your pleasure on this report?

Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York: I move that it be received, and placed on file subject to any additions that Dr. Barrett may have.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I should like to bring to your attention at this time that Department Commander Homer L. Young of Iowa personally got twelve new members, and is entitled to his honors. Thank you, Brother Young, for a good job. Are there any other Committees ready to report at this time?

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, I am ready with the report of my Committee.

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chester, Pa., August 29, 1949.

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

Greetings:

Having served the Commandery-in-Chief as the National Legislative Committee during the past year, it becomes our duty and privilege to submit a report of our stewardship:

Immediately following our appointment, your Chairman wrote each member of the Committee listing four (4) matters which he believed should be sponsored and followed through to a successful conclusion.

Through the efforts of General U. S. Grant, 3rd, the matter of the existing conditions of the Gettysburg Battlefield was investigated in the Department of the Interior. The Chairman also contacted Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Gettysburg, Pa., and in both instances, the replies were

almost identical. That is, the conditions were not as bad as when the original complaint was made. However, the Department of the Interior did advise the Committee, through General Grant, that the lack of sufficient funds hampered the Department considerably; and if more funds were made available, the Department would be glad to increase the allotment for the Gettysburg Battlefield National Park. The Department further stated they would appreciate our support in the increasing of their appropriation and would advise us further at a later date when we may appear before the proper committee to support such an increase. Your Chairman has heard no more in this matter.

It is, therefore, recommended that the incoming National Legislative Committee delve fully into this matter and be empowered to support any legislative matters or measures that may be necessary to correct any existing conditions that would be detrimental to the Gettysburg Battlefield and Cemetery.

The fact that Emancipation Day is not generally observed on January 1st each year in each and every State and Commonwealth, the Chairman recommended to the Commander-in-Chief that legislation should be proposed to cover this particular matter. This recommendation was approved, but when it was learned that so many resolutions were being offered to designate as many days for special events, our efforts were placed behind H. J. Res. 23, designating November 19th as Dedication Day. Since no definite or formal action has been taken as to the proper and unified observance of Emancipation Day, it is recommended that the incoming National Legislative Committee be directed to present the matter and follow it through to what is hoped to be a successful conclusion at the next regular session of Congress.

On November 9th, the Hon. Kenneth B. Keating, Member of the House from the 40th New York District, was contacted relative to his intention in the forthcoming Congress as to Dedication Day.

While a great deal could be reported as to this one item, we are happy to report that on August 23rd, the House Judiciary Committee favorably reported H. J. Res. 23, but limited it to 1949 only.

H. J. Res. 35 introduced by Congressman Martin of Iowa, was not so successful. Authorizing the issuance of a special commemorative three-cent postage stamp in honor of the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, it was bitterly opposed by the Postoffice Department, particularly the Postmaster General. After the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service rejected the matter, it is possible that the Stamp was issued by and through the efforts of Congressman John McCormack of Massachusetts, House Majority Leader, whose position was sufficient to have the Postmaster General issue the stamp in question.

It would be unfair not to mention the fact that Miss Cora Gillis, National Secretary, Grand Army of the Republic, and a Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, played a mighty important part in securing the issuance of this Memorial Stamp. She is to be commended for her untiring efforts in this project.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Commandery-in-Chief as members of this Committee and we sincerely trust that our duties and obligations have been fulfilled to the desire and expectations of all.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. HEACOCK, Chairman.
RICHARD F. LOCKE, P. C.-in-C.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: What is the action of the Encampment on this report?

Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts: I move that it be accepted, as presented.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana, and carried).

Chairman Heacock: In connection with the report of this Committee, I would like to read a portion of one of the letters I received from one of the Assistant Postmaster Generals.

"At the present time, Departmental approval cannot be accorded the provision of any special issues not required to meet some specific postal emergency. We have not as yet recovered from the burdensome commemorative program made necessary by legislation of the 80th Congress and Bills introduced since the first of January provide for no less than 50 additional varieties.

We are sorry that a more favorable reply cannot be made under the circumstances."

You can readily see the problem the Committee had on that commemorative stamp; and it was after the matter had been "killed" that the House Majority Leader "went to bat"—and with the co-operation of Miss Cora Gillis succeeded in this project.

At this time, Commander-in-Chief, I would like to offer a motion that since Dedication Day has been approved for 1949 only, that a wire be sent to the House majority leader, from this Encampment, urging passage of H. J. Res. 23 in its original form be approved for every year. Since it is necessary for the Senate to concur, I would also like to include Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who should also receive that telegram.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

Chairman Heacock: I talked to Brother Locke about another matter and we were hesitant about bringing it in as a portion of that report.

It was a surprise to learn when I was in Washington, relative to the issuance of the commemorative stamp, that so few people knew of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and I wondered if it might be that we were not on the Congressional mailing list. Prior to serving this year as your Chairman I served with Brother Michael Heintz and, then as now, there were lots of things the Legislative Committee could have done had we known some of the measures which were before the House and Senate. I realize, and fully appreciate, the financial condition in which this organization is at present; but irregardless of the financial structure of any organization keeping up to the minute on the bills being introduced, and keeping the name of the organization before the law-makers would be a tremendous asset. I don't think there would be any better way for us than to have our name on that mailing list, despite the cost. It would be a big help to the Legislative Committee, and to the organization itself, because we would know what is going on; and it would give us an opportunity, on measures in which we are concerned, to stand with the other Patriotic organizations and, if necessary, to appear before Senate and House Committee—to carry on our true work of Patriotism and Americanism.

The cost of this service is \$150.00 per year, and we would get a copy of every House and Senate bill offered, by whom, its date and name, and all amendments attached to it throughout each session of Congress.

So that we may get this matter before the Encampment, I will move that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War subscribe, in

the name of the National Legislative Chairman, to the Government printing house for this service.

(Seconded by Delegate W. W. Dorsey, Ohio).

Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri: I believe it would be better if we designate the National Secretary-Treasurer to receive it, as his is a permanent office. He could then forward it to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee. I would make that as an amendment to the original motion.

Chairman Heacock: With the approval of my second, I will be glad to charge my original motion to that effect. (Approved by Delegate Dorsey).

Past Department Commander Louis G. Blair, Ohio: I realize the importance of all that Brother Heacock has said about this matter, but there is a question in my mind as to how many bills of the Congress and Senate would be of particular interest to us—and if it would be worth-while spending that amount of money for the few things in which we would be interested. I agree that every organization needs a means of advertising but I believe it could be secured some other way than by subscribing to everything Congress puts out. I think that should be taken into consideration before we finally pass on this motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: I realize, too, how inadequate our funds are for anything of this nature. I also realize the necessity of our organization having knowledge of what is going on.

I remember last year how, through a Department in the Federal Government, the War Department was ordered to dispose of Forts Sumter and Moultrie as war surplus. We knew nothing of it until the Sons of the Confederacy brought it to our attention. We were vitally interested, yet knew nothing of the attempt to dispose of them; and had it not been for the Sons of the Confederacy we would not have known about it at all. I think we should have a method by which we can be informed of any legislation that would be of interest to us, and to the memory of our fathers.

Delegates James G. Wolff, Massachusetts: I think we are all in sympathy with the intent of the motion made by Brother Heacock. However, if you spend \$150.00 for this service, you will get an avalanche of bills and it will be difficult to pick out those in which we are particularly interested. It would be more practical to subscribe to one of the Washington magazines that publish such information, and you could pick out what you particularly want. You would have thousands of bills presented to Congress and to the House, whereas in one of these magazines you would have condensed information which would enable you to find that which is of most interest.

Past Department Commander Charles N. Messner, New York: I think that if each of us would contribute \$1.00, we would very soon have the \$150.00 and would not have to adopt this motion.

Past Department Commander William Schneider, Missouri: The organization, as I see it, is not at present in a position to subscribe to this service. Therefore, Commander-in-Chief, I am willing to write out a check personally to defray the expense incurred by this motion. If you have a blank check, I will fill it out now—if not, I will mail it later.

(Applause and the motion carried by the Encampment).

VISIT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

James Diehl of Butler, Indiana, and R. G. Landis, of Butler, Pennsylvania, President and Secretary of the National Association of Fife and Drum Corps were escorted in, and extended their greetings; and

stated they were willing and anxious to render the same service to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in future years as they had rendered to the Grand Army of the Republic in years past.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon responded.

Past Department Commander Fred E. Colwell, New York: If the report of the Committee on Legislation is complete, I have a letter here from Congressman Keating relative to the Dedication Day Legislation. Reads letter from Congressman Keating with special emphasis on the following post script: "Any assistance you can render by contacting your Congressmen will be much appreciated and will assist in obtaining favorable action if, and after the House have acted.")

My interpretation of this post script is that we are to go back home and bombard the Senators with the action taken by the House. I think we all should go home and write our respective Senators, so that when it comes to the floor of the Senate, it will have a chance.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: That would be a splendid idea. This act for the observance of Dedication Day should not only be passed, but should be made permanent.

Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph Sheldon: Brother Colwell has told you what he suggests you do when you go home.

I have been on a State Legislative Committee for twenty-five years. Letters have gone out time and time again to people to get in touch with their representatives, and they all promise to do it. Promises to a man in his eightieth year mean nothing—I do not give a "hurrah" what a man promises any more. They are perfectly willing to promise anything, and then go home and deliberately forget it.

Don't promise Brother Colwell you will do it, and then forget all about it. Go home and write your Congressman. The chances are that, in some cases, your Congressman will just pass it off, but go back at him until you get a reply. When he finds you really mean it, he will do something about it. Twenty-five years in the State Legislature have proved to me that letters will do a good deal to your Congressman and Senator. Please go home and do what he suggests, and then you will accomplish something.

Past Department Commander Louis Winchell, Massachusetts: When we listened to the Report of the Legislative Committee, we were informed that Congressman John McCormack of Massachusetts was responsible for the legislation for the issuance of the G. A. R. commemorative stamp. I, therefore, move that special appreciation emanate from this Encampment to Hon. John McCormack of Massachusetts for this action.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I have in my hand a check for \$150.00 from Brother William Schneider of Missouri to defray the cost of subscription to the Government Printing House for copies of all legislation proposed in the House and Senate. I accept it in behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, and now turn it over to Brother Lambert. (Applause, and rising vote of thanks given Brother Schneider by the Encampment).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Are any Committees ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we have one item from the Depart-

ment of Massachusetts about which the Committee is rather dubious, and Brother Moran wanted to speak on it; so we are making a partial report and holding that item until this afternoon's session.

(1) From the Department of New York—That a paragraph be added to the Regulations of Article No. 2, Section No. 1, on Page 31 to provide that a Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for twenty-five (25) consecutive years be given service recognition by the bestowal on him of the rank of Past Department Commander.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

National Secretary Lambert: I move that where there are no objections, the report of the Committee be adopted.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

(Committee report adopted).

(2) From the Department of Ohio—

(A) That there be added to Article V, Section No. 2, Page 26, a paragraph assigning definite duties to read: "The Department Commander is empowered to give the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders any duty that he sees fit for them to perform during his term of office."

(B) That under General Regulations, Chapter No. 5, Article II, Badges and Decorations, the Commandery-in-Chief adopt "a suitable badge or ribbon, in suitable colors, to be presented by their respective Camp, to those entitled thereto. Eligible to receive this decoration shall be those members who were initiated in the year of 1898 or previously, and were out of the Order in the meantime through no fault of their own."

The Committee is of the opinion that our laws provide for the Department Commander to designate such duties upon the Senior and Junior Vice Department Commanders. (Committee sustained). The Committee does not concur in the second section. (Committee report adopted).

(3) From the Department of Maine—That the Constitution and Regulations be changed by striking out in Chapter 5, Article 2, Section 5, the word "continuous" between the words "years" and "membership" and insert in brackets (never having been dropped) between the words "membership" and "may." The Committee believes this would defeat the original purpose of the 50 year badge, and recommend non-concurrence.

(After discussion, Department of Maine withdrew the Resolution).

COMMITTEE FROM AUXILIARY, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

A Committee from the Michigan Department of the Auxiliary was presented consisting of:

Mrs. Florence Brown, Department President, Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Frances Fouch, wife of Commander-in-Chief Fouch, Allegan.

Mrs. Helen Pierce, Department Patriotic Instructor, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. C. Bennett, Iowa.

Mrs. Elsie Sprague, Past Department President, Detroit.

Mrs. Ethel Rumanler, Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Lora Villaneuve, Flint.

Mrs. Marie Luedders, Past Department President, Marshall.

They extended greetings, and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift.

Past Commander-in-Chief Richard F. Locke responded.

VISIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PENLAND

Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon, escorted into the Encampment Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Penland of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Greetings Committees from the Woman's Relief Corps and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were also escorted in at this time.

Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: Brother Commander-in-Chief, Officers of this Encampment, Brothers and Sisters; it gives me one of the greatest pleasures of my life to introduce to you a member of the Grand Army of the Republic who has been active for a long time out in Oregon; one who can tell you the old story of the surrender at Appomattox, one who can tell you that he trekked 2,300 miles back to California and that he trekked over that great expanse of wild waste out there. He comes to us today, a representative of those people who gave their lives that we might live, that we might live in a free republic and enjoy life in our American way.

And now, I take great pleasure in introducing to you Theodore A. Penland, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who has a few words he would like to say to you.

Commander-in-Chief Penland: Comrades and friends, I do not know what to say, but I am thankful that I am able to be here with you today. Very few of us are able to get around any more, but I want to tell you that I am feeling fine. We are having a fine Encampment and I am enjoying it to the utmost. We are busy talking about old times, and relating our various experiences in the Civil War.

There is one thing about the Civil War which stands out in my mind more than anything else, and I would like to tell you about it. I enlisted in Company A, 152nd Indiana Infantry; and I received notification that, within ten days, I was to report to Washington to get further orders with my regiment. While on the train, going to Washington, I was told that Abraham Lincoln was also on the train. When we arrived in Washington, I lost no time in getting off and it was only a short time until Mr. Lincoln got off the train. He stepped down to the platform three or four feet away from me, and I have always been grateful that I had the privilege of seeing Abraham Lincoln. I shall never forget that.

I am very happy that I could come to you today; to bring you the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic, together with my own personal greetings, and wish you well.

I guess I will not talk any more just now because I am a little short of breath. I thank you, boys.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: The Commander-in-Chief wants to rest for a moment, and then he will sing for us. At this time, I will ask Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter to respond to Comrade Penland.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: My dear Commander-in-Chief, and Comrade of my father; in the sixty-eight years of the history of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we have been signally honored, at times, by the presence of the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

To my mind, the greatest honor that has ever come to this organization comes to us at this time—when this dear man, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic comes to us, talks to us, and sings to us. Personally, I can't find words to express to him the deep appreciation of every man in this room, and every man in the

Order of Sons of Union Veterans to the signal honor that he has given us at this time.

I shall not speak concerning the Grand Army of the Republic; because nothing that I might say would add to the words which have been said concerning the most illustrious of all organizations which ever graced this country, or will ever grace it in the days to come.

Our Commander-in-Chief Abraham Lincoln, at Gettysburg in 1863, used these words. "The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." May I simply use these words for a purpose. What I may say here will soon be forgotten, but in the mind of every man in this room will be the memory of this occasion. Every man in this room will always remember that he was privileged to be present when the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic came to us, during what is possibly the last meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization.

Commander Perland, on behalf of everyone here, I want to express to you again our personal greetings and thank you that you have seen fit to take time to come to us at this time. It is an inspiration to every member of our organization and surely, Brothers, it should cause us to make a firm decision that this organization, composed of sons of the men who wore the Blue, will ever be true to the principles of our organization, that through us, the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic will live on down through the ages.

I can't help but feel we should be grateful to Almighty God that he has permitted these dear men to be with us so long; and that he has permitted this man, living beyond the one hundred year mark, to come to us as the representative of the few of his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic to give us a word of greeting and inspiration. May God, in all his infinite goodness, continue to bless you dear Comrades until the last of you has been called to the Other Shore to join your thousands of Comrades there.

(Commander-in-Chief Penland then sang, "My Grandfather's Clock," after which he was escorted out, with all Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons as his escort.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The Greetings Committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was presented consisting of:

Mrs. Alma Cheeseman, Past Department President and Secretary of G. A. R., Wisconsin.

Mrs. Bess Lord, Jacksonville, Fla.

They extended greetings from their National President, Mrs. Eleanor Stables, of Detroit, Mich., and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift.

National Patriotic Instructor Franklin S. Hubbard responded.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

The Greetings Committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was introduced:

Mrs. Alma Blixt, Past Department President, Minnesota.

Mrs. Mary Schect, Past Department President, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Lula Maloney, New York.

Greetings were extended from their National President, Mrs. Edna

Marion Ray and their organization, and a gift was presented to Commander-in-Chief Fouch.

Past Department Commander Chester Charter, Minnesota, responded.

Past Department Commander Chester Charter, Minnesota: We were in touch with Comrade Woolson, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic from Minnesota; and we are happy to advise you that you will have a Grand Army man, in the person of Albert Woolson, at our banquet tonight.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Brother Charter. We will be honored and delighted to have him with us.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

The Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans was escorted in and presented:

Mrs. Dorothy Houghton, Past National President, Kansas.

Mrs. Flossie Brown, Department Chief-of-Staff, California.

They brought the greetings of their National President, Mrs. Bernice Hecht, and the National Organization and presented the Commander-in-Chief with a gift.

Past Department Commander Michael Heintz, Ohio, responded.

COMMITTEE FROM MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

A Committee from the Michigan Department, Daughters of Union Veterans, was presented, consisting of:

Mrs. Margaret Palmer, Department President.

Mrs. Leah Vigen.

Greetings were extended to Commander-in-Chief Fouch, and the national body of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Past Commander-in-Chief Frank C. Huston responded.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: I have a request from Miss Cora Gillis, Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, that we adopt a resolution providing for next year's Encampment; and that invitations be issued each of the surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic to be present at our Encampment.

I also want to tell you that we have arranged for two broadcasts on the CBS and NBC networks here. We always put forth every effort to have interviews with members of the Grand Army of the Republic on the air during the Encampment because, by radio, they can reach many people. The Comrades tell of their experiences and memories of the Civil War and it is always a very interesting program. I understand that the NBC program will be a "Voice of America" type program.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Brother Hale. This radio work is a splendid medium of getting our story to the American people.

We will now recess until 3:00 p. m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 30, 1949 — 3:10 P. M.

The session opened in regular form.

GREETINGS COMMITTEE FROM THE AUXILIARY

The National President Lena Barrett, and the Greetings Committee from the Auxiliary consisting of the following were escorted in:

Mrs. Emma Finch, Past National President, Indiana.

Mrs. Florence Brown, Department President, Michigan.

Mrs. Perle Fouch, Delegate, Michigan.

Mrs. Urion Mackey, Delegate, Michigan.

Miss Ilsa Dow, Past Department President, Michigan, and the Michigan delegation.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I want to introduce to you one that you know very well, one who is a conscientious and ardent worker for the Auxiliary and the Sons as well—the National President of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sister Lena Barrett.

National President Lena Barrett: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, this is indeed a pleasure for me. I didn't know that I was going to have the privilege of coming in to greet you, but I saw the Committee outside and so I came along with them to bring the greetings of the National Organization, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I am thrilled that you have such a large representation at this Encampment, and I am happy to see so many of you here.

We have just been up to the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is such an inspiration to see those dear old Comrades; but it saddens our hearts to know that this is their last Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch, I wish for you and your National Organization a happy and successful Encampment; and I want to sincerely thank this delegation for allowing me to come in with them.

Greetings were extended by the Committee, a gift was presented to the Commander-in-Chief from National President Barrett; and a beautiful traveling bag was presented by the Sons and Auxiliary of the Department of Michigan.

Past Commander-in-Chief Walter C. Mabie responded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

Chairman Heacock: I wish to resume the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. I understand that during the few moments of my absence this morning, the resolution submitted by the Department of Maine relative to the 50 year badge has been withdrawn. We, therefore, continue our report:

(4) From the Department of Connecticut—That the name, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, be changed to Sons of Union Veterans

of the Civil War and Succeeding Wars of the United States of America; and that the eligibility be a male descendant of an honorably discharged veteran (soldier, sailor or marine) of the United States of America, or any succeeding war of the United States of America.

Since this requires a change in Constitution, and must be published prior to the Encampment, no action can be taken at this time. (Committee sustained).

(5) From the Department of Massachusetts—That section 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 1 of the Regulations be amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Any transfer or disposal of any of its property by a Camp in arrears for its per capita tax shall be fraudulent and void, and any such transfer or disposal by a Camp of its property in contemplation of disbandment or surrender of its charter shall also be fraudulent and void. All property of a Camp is held by it as a charitable trust that is to be held and used for the purpose for which the Order exists, and any such transfer or disposal within six months of disbandment or surrender of its charter without consent of the Department shall be conclusively presumed to be in contemplation of such disbandment or surrender. No Camp shall divide its property among its members."

The Committee is not familiar with the desire of the Department of Massachusetts in this particular matter; therefore, we report no action, and submit it to the floor for consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Moran: This proposed amendment in the Regulations was brought about by a condition existing in the Massachusetts Department, and perhaps it exists elsewhere. We have had a condition of a Camp with considerable property who voted to disband and dispose of their property. To be within present regulations, they voted to dispose of their property and then to disband. It is our contention that a Camp doing that is acting in a fraudulent manner—doing it in a manner permitting them to get around the regulations of the Order. We have been informed, by legal authorities, that if we had regulations similar to that presented in this resolution, the Camp could not legally dispose of property and then vote to disband later. I, therefore, move adoption of the proposed change in the Constitution as presented by the Massachusetts Department. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts).

National Patriotic Instructor Hubbard: May we have that Resolution read again? (Heacock reads Resolution).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: May I ask, would it not be better to strike out the word "implied," because it is a charitable trust. I do not want to see anything like that "implied" in there—it might destroy the value of the trust. It is a charitable trust, so strike out that word and you will make your change better. (Heacock reads, with correction).

Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts: I listened to the reading of that Resolution with the correction suggested by Past Commander-in-Chief Locke. I think it reads better with the word "implied." I think the Resolution in its original form is better.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Any more remarks on this matter now under consideration.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I have no objection to the Resolution, but the time element should be more. I think it should be at least a year, instead of six months. I just offer the suggestion that we change it to a year.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: You have a motion for adoption be-

fore the house. What is your pleasure? (Adopted by the Encampment).

Respectfully submitted,

URION W. MACKEY, Michigan, Chairman,
CHARLES H. E. MORAN, Massachusetts,
FRANK M. HEACOCK, Pennsylvania,
JULIUS ISAACS, New York,
Committee on Constitution and Regulations.

Chairman Heacock: That constitutes the report of the Committee on Constitution and Regulations. I move the acceptance of the report, and the Committee be discharged. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried; and Committee discharged).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Are there any other Committee reports at this time?

Past Commander-in-Chief Towle: Commander-in-Chief, I have a report to submit at this time on Junior Camps.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR ORDER

To the Officers and Members of the 68th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Camps of the Junior Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War would report as follows:

Article 1. The organization shall be known and designated as the Junior Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Article 2. Eligibility shall be the same as that of Camps of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War except the age limit shall be from ten to sixteen years.

Article 3. Junior Camps may be formed by authority of a Department Commander with the approval of the Senior Camp to which it is to be attached.

Article 4. Junior Camp Officers shall be the same as those of a Senior Camp and business meetings shall be conducted in a similar manner.

Article 5. The Junior Camp shall be under supervision and control of a committee of three members of the Senior Camp, appointed by the Commander, two of which shall be members of the Camp Council. This said committee to examine all the books of record and accounts of the Junior Camp attached to them, to report in full to the Senior and Junior Camps at least quarterly.

Article 6. Senior Camps shall make a quarterly report in detail to the Department Commander of membership and receipts and expenses of the previous quarter.

Article 7. Department Commanders shall report to the Commander-in-Chief semi-annually the number of Junior Camps in their Department and the total membership of the same.

Article 8. Junior Camps shall be subject to the Constitution and Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to the By-Laws of the Department of which it is a part.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY TOWLE, Maine, Chairman,
FRED H. COMBS, Sr., New Jersey,
JOHN H. RUNKLE, Pennsylvania.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: If there are no objections, the report of the Committee will be adopted as read. (Adopted).

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana: I wish to report for your Greetings Committee to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We were warmly received, and enjoyed our visit. They have a wonderful group of women over there, many more than they generally have. The National President sends back her best wishes for you and your national organization.

REPORT OF GREETINGS COMMITTEE TO DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Your Greetings Committee to the Daughters of Union Veterans performed their duty, and bring back to you all the love and good wishes of their organization.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Brothers. Those Committees are now discharged, with thanks.

PARADE DETAILS

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: As to the parade, I would like to give you the details. (Gives line of march and line-up). May I ask for action as to whether the civilian branch will participate in that parade.

Delegate W. W. Dorsey, Ohio: I would suggest that this organization march with the civilian body.

Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts: I concur with the views expressed by the previous speaker. I have a vivid memory of those parades in Cleveland and Grand Rapids and I certainly think we should turn out.

Past Department Commander Allen S. Howland, Massachusetts: I move that the civilian body be allowed to march in the parade, and that a member of the Reserve be assigned to line them up. (Seconded by several, and carried).

Past Department Commander John G. Spielman, California: At this time, I should like to present my report on the Highway project.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY

Report of J. G. Spielman, Chief Engineer

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.
Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, Chairman,
G. A. R. Highway Committee.

My Dear Commanders:

It is incumbent on me to render account of my stewardship as Chief Engineer of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway project for the year.

Authority

My appointment was received from Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran and affirmed again by Commander-in-Chief Perle L. Fouch. For this confidence and opportunity to serve I am grateful. It was felt that my long record as a Civil Engineer and life membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers would assure me a sympathetic hearing before the various state personnel and the Chief Engineer of the State Highway Commissions. The hope was justified.

Battlefield

Of the fourteen states traversed by the highway two years ago, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Utah and Nevada were still not fully committed. It seemed that special effort should be concentrated on Iowa and Utah, the situation in Nevada was not promising. It seemed that this State might be more easily secured if Utah could be carried.

Accordingly our Chairman directed that my efforts should be on Utah as I had developed some good support there. The success in Pennsylvania by our Chairman, Capt. J. Clark Mansfield, is recorded by him. We had a resolution introduced and it was unanimously passed by both houses of the Utah legislature. Our thanks to Governor J. Bracken Lee, and members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Complete

All states but Nevada now have authorized the G. A. R. markers and they are up or in process of being erected. A portion of U. S. No. 6 in western Utah is unimproved but the last legislature voted funds to improve this road and the markers will be taken care of as far as funds will permit.

Mileage

A re-check of the miles in each state was made. Changes due to improvements and re-location are reflected in this table of statistics:

Statistics

State	Place and Date of Dedication	Miles
Massachusetts	New Bedford, February 14, 1940	120
Rhode Island		28
Connecticut		122
New York		81
Pennsylvania		406
Ohio		242
Indiana	Highland, May 20, 1946, Gov. R. Gates	143
Illinois	LaSalle, Sunday, April 20, 1947	189
Iowa	Des Moines, Jan. 25, 1948, Gov. R. Blue	319
Nebraska	Lincoln, Oct. 26, 1947, Gov. V. Peterson	374
Colorado	Denver, May 18, 1947	483
Utah		384
Nevada	Not	311
California	May 1, 1944, J. G. Spielman	348
Total distance from Cape Cod to Long Beach.....		3550

Standard Markers

With the appointment of Dr. R. R. Barrett, Past Commander-in-Chief in 1944 as Chairman, I was appointed secretary. He instructed me to prepare official Highway data, route and marker. I obtained a print of the marker used by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts, made a tracing and distributed about 100 prints of same; also made a skeleton route map of the United States. Prints of these two drawings were used before state officials, legislature and our various members.

From prints received I noted that some were not interpreting the small print of the marker correctly, and have made full size drawing of the marker prints of which have been sent out and will be supplied to all Highway departments along the route. State Highway Engineers are asked to conform to this official drawing. I also made a large skele-

ton route map, prints of which have been furnished for display at Department Encampments and elsewhere. These will serve to educate our members about the design and location of the Highway.

Prospect

The Daughters of Long Beach installed a very active Tent in 1944 at Las Vegas, Nevada. At an Engineering Convention, I met some young engineers who are interested in highway improvement. I gave them some facts about the G. A. R. Highway and they volunteered to assist in Nevada. With these two centers of influence, I believe that Nevada can be won over in 1951. Preparation must be made in 1950. Newspapers, members of our allied orders and friends should be supplied with suitable propaganda and urged to contact members of the state legislature. A sympathetic Senator and assemblyman should be contacted and given a prepared Joint Resolution for introduction on the FIRST day of the session. They can obtain co-signers who will be furnished data. Our weakness in Utah and Nevada has been that we have no resident sponsors. Voters count.

Objective

Our order to survive must have positive and worthy objectives; with these we can obtain necessary publicity. We have a number of such objectives—they are of no value unless they are promoted and observed by all. Our "heritage," the welfare of the Comrades has been our major duty. Patriotism, Americanization, Memorial Day and most recent, the Highway. It should be the duty of each Department Commander of the fourteen states to see that the markers are maintained. Report to the State Highway Committee damaged or missing markers. Take snapshots of the markers and send prints to friends.

Our Order might organize a National Committee to popularize and install roadside parks or space to drive off the highway for rest or camping. State or county bodies have installed such in various places; we might work with these or local bodies to assist. This is worthy of thought.

The Highway Committee should prepare a Travel Folder and map covering the entire highway with suitable text, descriptive of veteran memorials and places of interest to tourists, especially Civil War monuments and items that will benefit our Order and desires. This Highway Committee has given some attention—however, our duty has been legislative, not promotion. The cost of a good map and folder will be considerable and special authority by this body should be given to a committee to make a study and report later.

Final

I have been interested in this Highway ever since Brother W. L. Anderson broke the story in 1936. I saw the marker in 1937 on the end of Cape Cod, where the Pilgrims landed in 1620, and we erected a marker on the bluff at Long Beach in 1944 where Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo first saw this coast in 1542. We have driven much of the road, seen the markers in many states, given away about 200 kodak prints and written hundreds of letters, had stories in newspapers and magazines. In all the years it has been a pleasure to work with your efficient Chairman, Capt. J. Clark Mansfield.

In this work we have been motivated by the thought that this would please our father and his co-patriots—than this, there can be no higher motive. Our inadequate memory recalls names of many who assisted: Miss Amy Noll, Des Moines; Miss Estelle Allen, Lincoln; Mrs. Mabel Y. Coffey and A. G. Myers, Colorado Springs; Mrs. E. E. Erick-

son, Salt Lake City; Senator Val Cowles, Utah; C. O. Boynton, Mrs. Bernice Harble, Long Beach. To these, and others, I am sincerely grateful, also to my Commander-in-Chief for inspiration.

Very truly,

JOHN G. SPIELMAN, C. E.,
Chief Engineer,
Grand Army of the Republic Highway.

(Adopted, as read).

(Past Department Commander Spielman also read a copy of a letter addressed to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic relative to the issuance of a commemorative stamp for the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. This letter was placed on file).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you very much, Brother Spielman. Your work certainly is an inspiration to all of us. Are there any other reports at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Department Commander C. Edward Wetzel, Ohio: Your Committee on Officers' Reports wishes to submit its report:

To the Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports submits the following:

On the report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Bennett, we highly compliment Brother Bennett on his many activities and interest in our organization during the year. The report contained no recommendations.

Report of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Allen F. Spink—We appreciate and commend Brother Spink on his report of activities and his faithfulness during the year. There were no recommendations in this report.

Report of National Patriotic Instructor Franklin S. Hubbard—We highly commend this report and the faithfulness of Brother Hubbard during his term. His report shows a total of \$616.00 to the G. A. R. Fund. Also, we appreciate the co-operation of the American Legion in their contribution to the above fund. We concur in his recommendation that the old blank form reports No. 51 be destroyed. (No objections).

Report of National Chaplain Cleon E. Heald—We compliment the fine report of Brother Heald and the deep interest taken in this work. No recommendations were submitted in this report.

Report of National Counselor Cecil J. Randall—Report received and contents noted, and we compliment his faithfulness to this office.

Report of Chief-of-Staff C. Leroy Stoudt—We appreciate the many activities that Brother Stoudt has made in promoting the work of the Sons of Veterans Reserve. This work should be supported by every Department. There were no recommendations in this report.

Commander-in-Chief's Report

We note the statement that the Commander-in-Chief cannot attend more Department Encampments owing to the fact that the dates conflict.

We recommend that the incoming Commander-in-Chief and Department Commanders confer to help this situation. (No objections).

We recommend that some plan be set up in compiling the records of Civil War Soldiers of the Union Army that may be referred to in future years. (No objections).

National Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The following recommendations are contained in the report of the National Secretary-Treasurer:

1.—That a registration fee of \$2.00 be charged at the National Encampment starting with the 1950 Encampment. We concur, and heartily approve in this recommendation. (Adopted)

2.—That the practice of soliciting contributions by the National Patriotic Instructor for the G. A. R. Fund be continued, and that such extra expenditures as Highway Committee expenses, Grave Marking Committee expenses, the Lincoln Memorial University, Arlington Hall, etc., be drawn from this fund, and given in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Your Committee concurs. (Adopted).

3.—That the contract with The Banner be renewed on the basis of four issues yearly, to be issued in January, April, July and October.

Your Committee does not concur.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: If we do not concur with four issues, does it mean six? From the report of the Committee, we can't tell what they mean.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, I imagine that in the proposed budget of the Council-in-Chief a recommendation will be made about The Banner, and it will be taken up at that time.

Past Department Commander Wetzel, Ohio: Our intent was that The Banner be issued six times.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: That matter will be taken care of in the report of the Council-in-Chief.

National Secretary Lambert: Commander-in-Chief, I am asking for the floor so that I may speak on this matter.

I sometimes feel that we are ruled by the heart rather than the mind; and if I were concerned only with my sentiment, it would be twelve and not six issues of The Banner per year.

In my position as your National Treasurer, I must give primary consideration to the financial condition of this organization and I feel obligated to point out to you that in the fiscal year ending July, 1949, we had a deficit of \$1,000.00. If we continue with six issues, where are we going to get the money to pay for it? Are you going to pass legislation to increase our expenses when we don't have the money to pay present expenses?

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I rise to a point of order. It occurs to me that the proper function of the Committee on Officers' Reports is not that which we are now trying to do. Here we are trying to take action on a very vital question which I think does not belong to this committee. I believe that this committee should have recommended that it be referred to the proper channels which, in this case, is the Council-in-Chief and it should be considered when they present their report. This matter involves the finances of the Order, which we should not lightly vote up or down—any financial matters should be given serious consideration.

National Secretary Lambert: I move you, Commander-in-Chief, that this matter be referred to the Council-in-Chief.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin, and carried; and referred to Council-in-Chief).

4.—That the incoming Commander-in-Chief immediately appoint a committee to present a petition to the Congress of the United States to grant a Congressional Charter to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with all the privilege and right pertaining thereto.

The Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Couldn't your Legislative Committee handle that rather than have a separate committee?

National Secretary Lambert: I think the incoming Commander-in-Chief should take care of that, using his own discretion. (Committee report adopted).

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH R. BARRETT, Chairman, California
CHARLES C. WEBSTER, Maine
C. EDWARD WETZEL, Ohio
ARTHUR D. RHINESMITH, Illinois
Committee on Officers' Reports.

Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: We have heard reports here of the officers of this national organization relative to our inability to do things because of lack of funds. It seems we are doing a million dollars worth of business on a postage stamp.

As in all Departments, Oregon has such problems too but we do something about it. Out of all the states in the union, only four showed an increase of membership during the last year. Oregon showed a gain of 19 members, over and above our natural loss of members by death, etc. You ask, how did we do it? For one thing, the Camps increased their fees and dues. We have two Camps in Oregon in which there is a \$10.00 fee to join, and the dues are \$5.00 annually; and eligible men are glad to pay them. In some cases, our low fees to join and dues per year, prevent eligible candidates from joining as they feel we certainly cannot have much to offer for such little money.

If you were to increase our dues to the National body \$1.00 per member, you would bring in an additional \$12,294.00; and that would certainly help to solve some of your financial problems.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I see from the recommendation of the National Secretary and the report of the Committee, that delegates to future National Encampments are to pay a \$2.00 registration fee. I am sure I am safe in saying that one-fourth or one-third of the men in this room at this moment are not official delegates. We always have quite a large number of men coming to National Encampments who are not official delegates and, therefore, do not come under this rule. I feel that such a member should pay a registration fee of one-half as much as the official delegates.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I move you that this recommendation as submitted by the National Secretary, and as reported by the Committee on Officers' Reports be accepted with the following amendment, "that the term 'delegate' be stricken out, and that the words, 'all those entitled to a seat in the Encampment' be inserted."

(Seconded by Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts).

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: What about those who are not delegates?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I do not want the member who

comes as a visitor to pay a fee. That isn't right, it's the fellow who has a vote who should pay a registration fee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: What does the recommendation say? Couldn't this be a registration fee, and anyone who registers pays?

(National Secretary reads recommendation in his report).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I withdraw my motion.

(Second agreed and motion withdrawn).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports as a whole.

(Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Does the Credential Committee have a report at this time?

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Past Department Commander James M. Blackman, Illinois: The Credential Committee reports a total of 211 members on the roll at this time.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move that we recess until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

August 31, 1949 — 9:30 A. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form, with prayer by Past Commander-in-Chief Rev. Frank Huston at the request of National Chaplain Heald.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Are there any reports to be presented at this time?

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

National Patriotic Instructor Hubbard: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to present a supplementary report:

August 31, 1949.

Perle L. Fouch, Commander-in-Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

My Dear Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:

I wish to make a supplementary report at this time.

All Departments filed Form No. 61, either on or before the opening session of the Encampment.

The original amount of \$616.00 in the National G. A. R. Fund, has now been increased to a total of \$800.00.

This, I believe, now ends my duties as your National Patriotic Instructor.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

FRANKLIN S. HUBBARD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Detailed Report of National G. A. R. Fund

		Total
Department of California & Pacific:		
A. R. McKinney, Santa Cruz.....	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Department of Connecticut:		
L. W. Steele Camp No. 34.....	5.00	
Chas. L. Upham Camp No. 7.....	15.00	
D.P.I. P. L. Chamberlin	1.00	
P.D.C. Ralph Hutchinson	1.00	22.00
Department of Illinois:		
Not itemized	100.00	100.00
Department of Indiana:		
Camp No. 20, Muncie	5.00	
Camp No. 44, Winchester	5.00	
Camp No. 82, Terre Haute	5.00	
Camp No. 86, Connersville	5.00	
Camp No. 116, Valparaiso	5.00	
Camp No. 356, Indianapolis	5.00	
Camp No. 651, Lafayette	5.00	
Frank Wilson	2.00	

W. W. Wingate	2.00	
P.D.C. Hugh I. Snider	1.00	
Peter Anthony	2.00	
Dept. of Indiana, Ladies of G. A. R.	25.00	
Harold Hobbs Co.	5.00	72.00
Department of Iowa:		
Not itemized—Department of Iowa.....	26.00	26.00
Department of Kansas:		
Charles H. Brannen, Camp 30, Newton.....	5.00	
Ernest Damoude, Camp No. 121, Gypsum.....	3.00	
C. B. Martin, Camp No. 23, Parsons.....	2.00	10.00
Department of Maine:		
Charles C. York, Norway	9.00	
A. Lincoln No. 30, Sherman Mills	5.00	
Melvin M. Stone	2.00	
K. F. Voter, Farmington	5.00	
F. P. O'Connel, Kennebunkport	1.00	
T. W. Hyde Camp, Bath	5.00	
Maurice Warner, Bath	1.00	
Charles Morton, Augusta	5.00	
H. G. Staples Camp, Augusta	5.00	
F. Downes	1.00	
C. DeHaven	1.00	
L. Calderwood, Portland	1.00	
N. N. Goodrow	1.00	
Charles Gidister	1.00	
Mel. Stone	1.00	
Shepley Camp, Portland	5.00	
Earle R. Legard, Bath	1.00	50.00
Department of Maryland:		
Appomattox Camp No. 2, Wilmington, Del.....	10.00	10.00
Department of Massachusetts:		
Massachusetts Department	\$100.00	
L. A. Tiffit, Camp No. 15.....	2.00	
Laurence R. E. Johnson, Camp No. 15.....	1.00	
Ira Buxton, Camp No. 21.....	2.00	105.00
Department of Michigan:		
Department of Michigan	\$ 5.00	
P.C.-in-C. Urion W. Mackey, Grand Rapids.....	5.00	
P.D.C. Chas. Dexter	2.00	12.00
Department of Minnesota:		
John M. Ruffcorn, Treasurer	\$ 10.00	
P.D.C. Dewey B. Mead	5.00	
Minneapolis Camp No. 8.....	5.00	
Geo. E. Bailey, Council-in-Chief	5.00	
P.D.C. Chester L. Charter	1.00	26.00
Department of Missouri:		
Not itemized	\$ 2.00	2.00
Department of New Hampshire:		
New Hampshire Department.....	\$ 15.00	15.00
Department of New Jersey:		
New Jersey Department	\$100.00	100.00
Department of New York:		
New York Department (Not itemized).....	\$ 34.00	
Marshall Hope	2.00	36.00

Department of Ohio:			
George S. Carroll, Camp 26, Portsmouth.....	\$	5.00	
Philip Triem Camp No. 43, Salem.....	\$	3.00	
Earnshaw Camp No. 89, Dayton		4.00	
Arthur C. Stolz, Camp No. 89, Dayton.....		4.00	
C. Edward Wetzel, Camp No. 89, Dayton.....		1.00	
James W. Bostwick, Camp No. 89, Dayton.....		2.00	
A. R. Reeder, Camp No. 89, Dayton.....		3.00	
Toledo Camp No. 133, Toledo.....		1.00	27.00
Joseph DeWees, Zanesville			
Department of Pennsylvania:			
Pennsylvania Department (not itemized).....	\$	50.00	
George F. Love, Camp No. 139, Sharpsburg.....		2.00	52.00
Department of Rhode Island:			
Rhode Island Department (not itemized).....	\$	10.00	10.00
Department of Vermont:			
Department of Vermont.....	\$	9.00	
M. Pierson, Reading		1.00	10.00
Department of Wisconsin:			
Ellinore Konrad, Secretary, Central Region.....	\$	10.00	
Gov. Harvey Camp No. 34, Kenosha.....		2.00	
Chester S. Hubbard, C. C., Kenosha		15.00	
N.P.I. Franklin S. Hubbard, Kenosha		5.00	
William A. Clay, Kenosha		1.00	
Dr. E. F. Andre, Kenosha		5.00	
Robert V. Baker, Jr., Kenosha.....		5.00	
E. L. Cady, Kenosha		1.00	
Frank M. Chrisler, Kenosha		1.00	
Edward H. Dayton, Kenosha		1.00	
Robert M. Guest, Kenosha		5.00	
Robert M. Holderness, Kenosha		2.00	
George P. Leet, Kenosha		2.00	
Sidney H. Leonard, Kenosha.....		5.00	
William P. Schmitt, Kenosha		1.00	
Fred E. Stemm, Kenosha		2.00	
D. Carl Travis, Kenosha		2.00	
Harry E. Helms, Kenosha		1.00	
Post No. 21, American Legion, Kenosha.....		10.00	
Dept. of Wisconsin, S. U. V. Auxiliary.....		10.00	
Helen McGowan Wilbur, National Treasurer.....		1.00	
Alma Cheesman, Dept. Sec., G. A. R.....		1.00	
Rose Newman		1.00	
Clymene Curtis		1.00	
The four Beaumonts		2.00	
T. and K. Voight		1.00	
P.D.P. Ellinore Konrad		5.00	
P.D.P. Hazel Brittan		1.00	
M. Hanlon		1.00	
Ed. Biering, Plymouth		1.00	
P.D.I. Roy R. Lewis, Milwaukee		5.00	
P.D.C. Henry A. Goldsmith, Milwaukee.....		1.00	
D. P. Mary Harrison, Milwaukee.....		2.00	
Henry Harnden Camp No. 2, Madison.....		5.00	114.00
TOTAL FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.....			\$800.00

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: If there are no objections, the supplementary report of the National Patriotic Instructor will be accepted. (Adopted).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: Commander-in-Chief, at Cleveland in 1947, the New Jersey Department presented a resolution which was acted upon and became a part of that Encampment and which, of course, binds us for future Encampments until rescinded or changed. It seems to me that we should re-affirm this resolution at this Encampment. So that you might know just what I am talking about, I will read you the resolution from the 1947 proceedings:

"NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That when such time arrives that the Grand Army of the Republic holds no National Encampment the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War along with the immediate Past Commander-in-Chief is hereby authorized to call a meeting of two representatives of each of the Allied Organizations for the purpose of arranging for each yearly National Encampment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if such a joint meeting of representatives of all Allied Organizations cannot agree on a time and place for the National Encampment, then the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is hereby authorized to arrange for the separate National Encampment of this Organization and its Auxiliary."

That was the resolution as presented at the 1947 Encampment but in order that we might bring it again before this body and make it a little more binding, I move that we, in this Encampment, re-affirm this resolution. It is quite possible that a question may arise as to finances in this connection, and that is why it is being brought up now.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and several).

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: I think there is one little word that might be added—that we make this arrangement "in co-operation" with our Auxiliary. We should be a little more specific there; their co-operation should be mentioned in connection with it.

Some of us were over to the Grand Army of the Republic headquarters yesterday and were told by a Past National President of the Woman's Relief Corps that they are going to call a meeting of the various heads of the organizations tomorrow night to discuss plans for subsequent National Encampments. I feel we should be thinking about the same type of thing they are thinking about, in this case. (Motion carried).

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR SANTELMANN—U. S. MARINE BAND

Department Commander Wm. F. Nemitz, Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, this year at the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Allied Orders have decided to honor Major Wm. F. Santelmann, the leader of the U. S. Marine Band, for his many courtesies extended to us during the various National Encampments in the past. A gift has been obtained and the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans have contributed \$20.00 each to the gift. However, we need only a contribution of \$10.00 from the Sons of Union Veterans.

I would like to submit that to you for action at this time; and will make a motion that \$10.00 be given toward the gift for Major Santelmann by the Sons.

(Seconded by Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts, and car-

ried. Personal contribution of \$5.00 given by Department Commander Roy C. Call, Massachusetts; and \$5.00 from the Department of Indiana, through Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Are there any committees ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: I assume that this report will be considered section by section; and that if no objections are raised, the report of the Committee will be adopted by the Encampment.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

(A) The Department of Minnesota presents a resolution asking the Commandery-in-Chief to abolish one of the regions established in 1935, while opposition has been expressed by members from other regions.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends no action upon the Minnesota resolution.

Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota: I oppose this action, and appeal to the common sense of the members of this Order. Time and again you will find there are members of the Order working diligently for the Order, but under such conditions where they can't operate efficiently. The Central Region takes in the Departments of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, Wisconsin and Minnesota; and due to the great size of this Region there is no chance of getting together and operating successfully. For example: With the Regional meeting at Decatur, Illinois, some of us who wish to attend would have to drive approximately twenty-one hours, a distance of six or seven hundred miles for a Saturday and Sunday meeting. It would cost \$40 or \$50, and we would have to dig down in our own pockets to pay it. Those Regions in the East are close together and can operate, but in the west we are far apart and it is impossible to work satisfactorily under these conditions. Let us have a little common sense and allow these Departments to determine their own means of working together, and I am sure you will find it more satisfactory to all.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: For the information of this Encampment, I beg to advise you that the Central Region, meeting in Milwaukee in 1948, had a similar problem before it with reference to the name and size of the Region; and at that meeting the members present voted to continue the Central Region in its present form. I, therefore, move the adoption of this section of the report. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook and carried).

(B) The Department of Minnesota also presents a Resolution in connection with the designation of November 19th as a day to be dignified by honorable mention.

Inasmuch as Congress has already passed an act in connection with this matter, there remains no action to be taken by this Encampment.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: The Minnesota delegation would ask Brother Locke to read that again.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: (Reads Committee Report again). Unfortunately, however, the action by Congress applies only to 1949 and 1950. We hope later on to have it apply to each succeeding year, but it has already been taken care of for 1949 and 1950.

Past Department Commander Charter: That was our idea—to try to make it permanent. When it was introduced the first time we intended to make it permanent, but there was a slip-up somewhere and

the next year we couldn't get it through. If it is approved now for 1949 and 1950 that is fine, but our interest is to continue until we get it through permanently.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I think there is a little misunderstanding on this proposition. The letter that I have from Congressman Keating refers to it for this year only, and it has only been approved by the Judiciary Committee of the House, The House or Senate itself has not approved it as yet.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Then your Committee was misinformed. Therefore, if the members of the Resolutions Committee agree, I move that this Encampment concur in the Resolution presented by the Department of Minnesota. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota, and carried).

(C) The Department of Minnesota also presents a resolution asking that action be taken to secure erection at Fort Snelling National Cemetery of a suitable chapel. Your Committee approves, and recommends that the matter be referred to the incoming Legislative Committee of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Adopted).

(D) The Department of Oregon presents a resolution asking this Encampment to request the Grand Army of the Republic to enact legislation designating the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as its successors.

Inasmuch as the Grand Army of the Republic has already expressed its opinion in this matter, we recommend no action. (Adopted).

(E) The Department of Kansas presents a request that the Encampment adopt as its official song "Keep the Flag Upon the Pole."

Never having heard the song sung, and none of the members of this Committee being competent to sing a song, we recommend that the matter be deferred until some future time when the members may have an opportunity of securing additional information on the matter. (Adopted).

(F) Past Commander-in-Chief Henry Towle has presented to your Committee a plea for support of financial character for Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee.

Your Committee is heartily in favor of giving support to such institutions as the University, if and when funds are available for that purpose. It is our opinion that we should be furnished with more detailed information as to the needs of the institution and of our own ability to support the same and, therefore, recommend that a Committee consisting of Past Commander-in-Chief Towle and the incoming Council-in-Chief be created, with instructions to the Committee to report to the next annual Encampment. (Adopted).

(G) Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt has presented a resolution asking that the National Legislative Committee endeavor to secure the continued presence of the U. S. Marine Band at our future Encampments and your Committee heartily concurs in this resolution; the matter to be placed in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief for such action as he may deem advisable. (Adopted).

(H) Your Committee is proud to concur in the approval of the matter presented to us in the form of a Resolution from the American Legion Post No. 105, Department of Illinois, located at Decatur, Illinois, asking that steps be taken to erect a suitable memorial at Decatur, the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic. The attitude of the American Legion is greatly appreciated by our organization and we pledge active co-operation in the consummation of the proposition advanced, but would suggest change of one word in the preamble of the

Resolution so that the same will read as follows: "WHEREAS, This national organization, born of blood and tears, (the G. A. R.) became the outstanding national patriotic organization in the United States and had a stabilizing effect on our form of representative government throughout the period of its existence."

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: May I ask the purpose of that change?

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: The United States of America is a Republic, governed by a representative government and not a democratic government. No democracy has ever survived—it's but one step from the democracy to dictatorship and despotism. Ours is a representative form of government; we have government by representatives who are elected by the people. It is not proper to term the United States of America as a democracy, as it is a representative form of government. (Committee report adopted).

(I) Your Committee, upon its own initiative proposes the following: "Whereas our friends of the South, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and we of the Sons of Union Veterans are of one race, and substantially of one political faith; the Constitution of the United States "the greatest document ever conceived by the mind of man" was framed by the ancestors of both the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans and the hope of the world lies in the maintenance and perpetuity of the principles expounded in our Constitution; within recent months some of the representatives of the South united with some of our representatives from the North, in Congress, in matters pertaining to the preservation of our form of Government and we suggest to our Brothers of the South that we express our hearty approval of this action upon the part of our representatives. (Applause by Encampment, and adopted).

(J) We express our sincere gratitude to Governor Schricker, to the Mayor and City Officials of Indianapolis, the citizens of the city, the United States Marine Band, and the newspapers of Indianapolis.

We express our grateful appreciation for the kindness and courtesies shown to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to its affiliated societies. Perhaps no one thing better expresses our feeling toward Indianapolis than our frequent visits here.

Respectfully in F. C. & L.,

RICHARD F. LOCKE, Chairman, Illinois,
 JOHN E. SAUTTER, Pennsylvania,
 FREDERICK K. DAVIS, Oregon,
 MICHAEL G. HEINTZ, Ohio,
 ALBERT B. DeHAVEN, Maine,
 Committee on Resolutions.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Very recently we have received letters from the Disabled American Veterans, signed by their Junior Vice Commander, telling us they would appreciate our help and assistance in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery project because they bring in to that cemetery a lot of veterans from out of the State. I presented these letters, and I know they will receive the co-operation of the Minnesota Department. We have any number of men in our Department who have stood out in any kind of weather at funerals or other gatherings in this cemetery, and are not opposed to doing so. This is the fourth ranking national cemetery in the United States and the need for a chapel is great, so we are hoping that the incoming Commander-in-Chief will be of some help in this matter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Past Department Commander Emery of Massachusetts presented a resolution relative to a Memorial Trust Fund. Any attorney will tell you that the proposition of a trust fund is a very delicate matter. However, it seems to me that we possibly have something here which would help to solve our financial problem; and the Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief and a special Committee, appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief to check into this matter further and report its findings at the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. (No objections).

Therefore, I move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Resolutions, as amended. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sherman, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Is the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies ready to report at this time?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri: I should like to present the report of the Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies:

The Department of Minnesota presents a resolution requesting the deletion of the American's Creed from the Ritual of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, as it is in direct contradiction with the Constitution of the United States and the various expressions made in our own Order, wherein it says, "a sovereign nation of many sovereign states," and the American's Creed is erroneous and should be stricken from our Ritual.

The Committee recommends concurrence in this Resolution.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: This is the second or third time this matter has come before us. If I correctly understand the resolution, the language is a little different but, basically, it is the same as before. It is now the proposition that the American's Creed be stricken from the Ritual; previously it was proposed that we change it. If the Sons of Union Veterans decide they do not want to have it in the Ritual, I have nothing to say—that is up to you to decide. However, I want to point out that on former occasions when it was presented, it was defeated.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I wonder how many Camps use it now?

Delegate Lester K. Sweeney, Massachusetts: As I understand it, this resolution requests that the American's Creed be stricken from the Ritual because it is in error. Personally, I do not think it is in error. I wish you could be present at our meetings in my own Camp to see how we go through the formality of the Ritual, and the American's Creed is used at every meeting of that Camp. To us, it is an important part of the Ritual and I am opposed to striking it out.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: This matter of state sovereignty we are now speaking about is closely related to "War between the states," and I want to say something about that. In that connection, I have made official use of the little leaflet prepared and put out by Brother Heintz on that subject. Early this year, there was an article in the National Geographic Magazine about a southern city, in which the term "war between the states" is used quite frequently. This was called to their attention, with fine results. I also called to the attention of the National Telephone and Telegraph Magazine a similar situation and got a very fine response. We continue to be on the alert for the use of this term and take every opportunity

to call it to the attention of speakers, newspapers and magazines who use it incorrectly.

Department Commander George A. Powers, Wisconsin: At Fond Du Lac recently, I challenged a speaker on that remark and he apologized. However, if we are going to continue to fight that term outside our organization let us not, in our own Camp room, encourage and continue something which will promote "war between the states." We, in Wisconsin, are joining with Brother Heintz to fight this thing.

Past Department Commander Michael G. Heintz, Ohio: The use of the term "war between the states" is indirectly linked with state sovereignty, so it is not necessary to determine this question. If you will refer to any number of books on international rules and policies, you will find that a sovereign state accepts no superior. If that is true and anyone of the forty-eight states are sovereign states, then the American's Creed as stated in this resolution, is incorrect; but I wonder whether we should concern ourselves about it because the American's Creed is so generally used. It is clearly a declaration of belief, composed by William Tyler Page and it is unfortunate that in that particular clause he is in error.

At the time of the sesqui-centennial celebration of the adoption of the Constitution in 1935, a Committee of Congressmen and Senators were in charge of this celebration, with Congressman Bloom of New York as its Chairman. This Committee put out a little booklet of questions and answers, entitled "The Story of the Constitution." One of the questions was, "When referring to various States in the Union, is the term 'sovereign states' correct?" The answer, "No. A sovereign is that person or State which recognizes no superior. The states of the United States have a superior—the Constitution of the United States, which is the supreme law of the land."

The Government said that ten years ago, and I think it expresses the real theory of our government. Our States cannot make alliances in war, or sign treaties with other states—if that were so, they would have no superior; but they have a superior—the Constitution of the United States. I feel that it is unfortunate that this phrase, which is in error, is a part of the American's Creed.

National Patriotic Instructor Hubbard: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, during Brother Cranmer's term as Commander-in-Chief I studied this subject thoroughly. Due to lack of training, I probably didn't get all the fine points; but I wrote him a ten page argument against the use of said portion of the American's Creed. In 1942, it came up at our National Encampment and almost disrupted the Encampment. I believe we should pass this resolution. This matter is very touchy among some of our members and if they want to eliminate it from the Ritual I believe we should concur with the resolution from the Department of Minnesota.

Delegate Judson W. Kappen: Maryland can never go along with this legislation. In 1942, we helped to defeat this resolution and we must again take the same stand. William Tyler Page is a native of Maryland. He is a very great American and we respect him for his work in Congress. The finest thing he ever did was the American's Creed, and it definitely is not in error. We fought this matter in 1942 because the American's Creed is truly a standard for patriotic instruction which we are to promote and, therefore, Maryland stands loyal to William Tyler Page on this subject.

Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota: I move that the report of the Committee be adopted. (Seconded by National Patriotic Instructor Franklin S. Hubbard).

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Whenever a motion is made, and seconded, for a previous question that settles and closes debate before the house. However, in this case I am against the usual parliamentary practice. I think it is proper to hear further debate on this matter before we definitely take action because this is a very important matter, and a very delicate matter which should be given careful consideration.

Department Commander John H. Starr, Oregon: The question before the house is one that would divide this great organization, and we certainly don't want to do that. I would like to have the Secretary read the previous motion. (National Secretary reads motion that re-Ritual). I want to tell you that we, in the Department of Oregon use the American's Creed in every meeting, and the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Auxiliary to the Sons and the Daughters of Union Veterans use it at every opening or closing—and we deeply respect that Creed. A matter of objection involving a word or two should not invalidate that American's Creed. Therefore, I am opposed to its elimination.

Past Department Commander Hugh I. Snider, Indiana: If you want to hurt our Auxiliary, this is the way to do it. In Indiana, I know our Auxiliary thinks a great deal of the Creed and I am sure that is true in other States also, and in the other affiliated organizations. Therefore, if you do not want to use the American's Creed in your Department, eliminate it. Those who want to use it, all right—those who don't can eliminate it.

Delegate A. Marvin Sawyer, Indiana: Brothers as a teacher in the public schools of Indiana and Illinois, I want to raise my voice against the elimination of this Creed. This American's Creed has become imbedded in the hearts and souls of the children in our schools. I concur with some of the Brothers that the word "sovereign" has been misconstrued in that Creed, yet that should not be sufficient reason to eliminate it from our Ritual—because one apple in a barrel is rotten there is no reason why we should throw the whole barrel of apples away. If we object to that particular phrase, we can eliminate that part; or each State do as they wish. I maintain that we should keep the American's Creed, and not throw it away because of our objection to one small part. I am opposed to its elimination.

Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I am opposed to any action. I would like to offer an amended motion that this resolution be referred to a Committee for study, to report back to us at our next National Encampment.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Might I state, for your information, that it was deferred the previous time on the theory that we have no right to change the American's Creed, or to take out any objectionable part. We were told we should come back with a resolution to eliminate it, and we followed those instructions. If you will refer back to that Encampment, you will find that we were told that we couldn't change the Creed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I move the previous question.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: The motion is that we expunge the American's Creed from the Ritual. What is your action? (Motion lost).

Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr (continuing report):

There were no other matters presented to the Committee for consideration, so we conclude our report.

W. F. HATHAWAY, Iowa, Chairman,
A. LEROY REYNOLDS, Illinois,
THEO. H. MOHR, Missouri,
A. R. MCKINNEY, California.

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: Just to prove to you that Minnesota can take a defeat one minute and be right back the next, I would like to call to your attention the fact that Captain Hathaway of Chicago, Illinois, is here. He has with him a snare drum that was carried, and used in the Civil War. He was twice champion at the National Convention of the American Legion and, at this time, he would like to give you several selections on the snare drum. (Captain Hathaway was escorted in, introduced, played several numbers and offered to furnish music for the civilian branch of the parade).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: At this time, I want to make an announcement for the record of this Encampment. Past Commander-in-Chief Cranmer, Past Commander-in-Chief Lambert and myself have been signally honored by the National Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic in being selected to carry on to the rostrum of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Memorial Services on Sunday afternoon the colors and standards of the Grand Army of the Republic. Tonight, at the close of the final Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Campfire, we three will retire those colors and they will then be presented to the Smithsonian Institute. I feel this is an honor to this organization, and that it should become a part of the record.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Brother Stoudt. We are proud that the Sons of Union Veterans were selected for this honor.

Are there any other reports to be presented at this time?

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: Several of the Brothers have requested that this Resolution on the Memorial Trust Fund be read to the Encampment, so that you might know just what it is. (Reads resolution). May I offer a few figures for your consideration on this matter. If twenty-five per cent of our membership, or approximately 3,000 members would subscribe to this Trust Fund, we would have \$30,000.00; the interest on which I am sure we would be able to use to good advantage. I believe that we must start this project here at National, and work on down through the Departments and Camps so that we have money to carry on as we should.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: It has been referred to a Committee for next year, so there can be no action at this time. Are there any other reports?

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF

Council-in-Chief Bailey: The Council-in-Chief submits the proposed budget, and our recommendations:

Proposed Budget for 1949-1950 Term

Receipts:

Balance on hand, August 31, 1949.....	\$ 198.76
Membership Fees, 400 Members at 50 cents.....	200.00
Per Capita Tax—12,000 Members at 48 cents (starting 4th Quarter, 1949).....	5,520.00
Charter Fees—3 New Camps at \$5.00.....	15.00

Premium on Bonds		
Supplies		15.00
Registration Fee		1,200.00
		300.00
Total Receipts		\$7,448.76
Disbursements:		
Supplies		
The Banner—12,000, 6 Issues at .035.....	\$1,200.00	
Encampment Expense	2,520.00	
Shipping Supplies	1,000.00	
Secretary-Treasurer's Salary (Incl. Rent)	30.00	
Premium on Bonds	1,600.00	
Miscellaneous, incl. P. C.-in-C. Badge.....	15.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	200.00	
Commander-in-Chief's Expenses	200.00	
Committee on Congressional Charter.....	1,000.00	
	100.00	
Total Disbursements		\$7,865.00
DEFICIT		\$ 416.24
Love Token from National Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War		500.00
BALANCE		\$ 83.76

Recommendations:

- (1) That the Per Capita Tax be increased to 48 cents per annum.
- (2) That The Banner be renewed at 21 cents per member per year—six issues, starting the First Quarter, January, 1950.
- (3) That the Encampment stenographer be paid \$200.00 for her services at this Encampment.
- (4) That 50.00 be appropriated to Arlington Hall from the G. A. R. Fund.
- (5) That \$100.00 be appropriated for the use of the Committee to be appointed to secure a Congressional Charter.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. BAILEY,
RUDOLPH M. GENTHNER,
JOHN A. RUGGLES,
Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Is there a motion to accept this report?

Past Department Commander Birt S. Hammond, Michigan: I move that the report of the Council-in-Chief, together with their recommendations be adopted. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, and carried).

Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota: I would like to move that the National Secretary be empowered to send a letter of appreciation to Comrade Albert Woolson of 215 E. Fifth Street, Duluth, Minnesota, for his attendance at our banquet. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, and carried).

National Chaplain Cleon E. Heald: Commander-in-Chief, I would like to move that a letter of appreciation be sent to the ladies who sent us the bouquet of flowers, in memory of their Grandfather who was a Civil War veteran.

National Secretary Lambert: I was about to ask if anyone knows

who these people are. We would be happy to send the letter, providing someone can tell us where to send it.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: I think that if it is addressed to Springfield, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, that will be sufficient. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Frank C. Connor, Maryland, and carried).

Past Department Commander James O. Smith, Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: during this last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic being held here in Indianapolis, we have attended the various activities and listened to the many honors bestowed upon the Grand Army of the Republic. They have been in existence eighty-three years, during which time they have been supreme in shaping the destiny of our Republic, and now as their work is about to be handed over to others, as their steps are growing weak and feeble, I believe it would be fitting and proper for us to stand in silent memory for the Grand Army of the Republic, as it meets for the last time. (Encampment rose, and observed a moment of silent prayer).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I desire to offer this motion—that from the G. A. R. Fund an appropriation of \$200.00 be made to the Grand Army of the Republic Highway Committee.

Last year, we appropriated \$500.00 to this Committee. I understand that \$140.00 was expended. This year, we are uncertain as to their requirements but the Chairman of the Committee advised me that Nevada has no session of the Legislature; and that preliminary work for the 1951 session will not require more than \$200.00 for this year. This still leaves a comfortable amount in the G. A. R. fund. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

INVITATION TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I don't believe that we have taken action on an invitation to be extended to the Grand Army of the Republic to attend our National Encampments, should there be any of their members alive and able to attend. I would, therefore, move that a letter be presented to the Grand Army of the Republic, at their final meeting, inviting any of those veterans who might be able to be present at any of our future Encampments, to meet with us and be welcomed as our guests. This might give rise to a lot of questions, but they are to be our guests and we will pay their expenses—the money to come from the G. A. R. fund; that is the intent of the motion. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts, and carried).

(Following is a copy of a letter sent by National Secretary Lambert):

Grand Army of the Republic,
Claypool Hotel,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Comrades:

By unanimous action of the 68th Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, at their meeting today I have been instructed to extend a cordial invitation to each and every member of your organization to attend, and be the guest, of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at each of their future National Encampments.

We would consider this to be a high privilege and honor; and sin-

cerely trust that you will avail yourselves of this standing invitation.
God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

Past Department Commander Frank M. Heacock, Pennsylvania: The National Convention of the American Legion is in session in Philadelphia at this time. I move you that a telegram be sent re-affirming our good wishes to that organization, advising them of the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic, and expressing our wish to co-operate at all times in the future, with their organization and all American veteran organizations. (Seconded by Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts).

Past Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania: My Brothers of this Encampment, the American Legion is in session in Philadelphia, but the eyes of America are focused on the Grand Army of the Republic in Indianapolis, Indiana. I could tell you a great deal about the origin of the American Legion, and give you great detail about the name of the American Legion but regardless of the organization, or whether it was mentioned in a speech made by the President; there is not a more distinctive name and we could not belong to a more distinctive organization than the Grand Army of the Republic, and the eyes of America are on that organization assembled here in Indianapolis this week. (Motion of Past Department Commander Heacock carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: I move you that the National Secretary be instructed to prepare a letter to the American Legion Post in Decatur, Illinois, expressing our commendation and thanks for their thoughtfulness in presenting a Resolution that a suitable memorial be erected at Decatur, the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic; and notify them of our action in regard to this Resolution. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri, and carried).

National Patriotic Instructor Hubbard: I would like to make a motion that the National Secretary be instructed to send a letter to Post 21, American Legion, Kenosha, Wisconsin, thanking them for their \$10.00 contribution to the National G. A. R. Fund. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Chester L. Charter, Minnesota, and carried).

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: The Council-in Chief was "in the red" with the budget until they added the donation from the Auxiliary which put us "in the black." I think this is a terrible situation—that we must depend upon our Auxiliary to keep us "out of the red."

The Brothers of this Encampment turned down a plan whereby we could eliminate this condition. If possible, I would like to have that matter brought back for consideration. Action was taken that the matter of the Trust Fund be referred to a Committee, to report back to us next year; but I now move you that it be brought back in and reconsidered. (Seconded by Delegate Julius Isaacs, New York, and carried).

SECOND VISIT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT LENA BARRETT OF THE AUXILIARY

Sister Lena Barrett, National President of the Auxiliary, was escorted in.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Brothers, may I again present to you, Sister Lena Barrett, the National President of the Auxiliary.

National President Lena Barrett: I am sorry to have come in at this time when it seems that you are about to be dismissed, but I have a little duty to perform at this time. With the many things to be done in our Convention, the check was delayed a little; but this morning we took care of it. Therefore, I am here to present to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the love gift from your Auxilliary—a check for \$500.00, with our best wishes. (Applause).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Sister Barrett, I accept this check in behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Many thanks to the Auxilliary for the check, and the splendid and steadfast co-operation they have given to us. May it continue in the future as in the past. Brother National Secretary, I deliver this check for \$500.00 from the Auxilliary into your hands.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: I understand that we have reached the point where our business is completed with the exception of nomination, election and installation of officers. I, therefore, move that we recess to return at 1 p. m. and remain in session until all of the business of this Encampment is completed. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Charles F. Dexter, Michigan, and carried).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

August 31, 1949 — 1:30 P. M.

The Encampment opened in regular form.

PENNSYLVANIA BRIGADE BAND INTRODUCED

The Pennsylvania Brigade Band of Allentown, Pa., under the direction of Capt. Chas. Knecht, was introduced and played several selections for the Encampment.

National Secretary Lambert: Up until now, this Encampment has heard rumors as to whether the Grand Army of the Republic will, or will not, have another National Encampment and, therefore, everything has been, more or less, held in abeyance because we did not know exactly what our obligation would be.

This morning, the Grand Army of the Republic held their final Encampment session. By virtue of legislation which we passed yesterday and today, this gives to our organization and to our incoming Commander-in-Chief a tremendous obligation. It means negotiating immediately to find out what is available in the way of convention cities; and endeavor, if possible, to have the Allied Organizations co-operate with us and, in any event, arrange for the National Encampment of this organization for next year.

You have also, this morning, passed legislation that a letter be sent to the Grand Army of the Republic asking those men to be our guests at our National Encampment next year. Every particular of that action was correct, and I approve of it; but we are going to need the help of some influential and aggressive men to accomplish this, and we will need money to take care of it.

Your general fund does not provide for sending your Commander-in-Chief to convention cities to arrange for Encampments, and it will be quite a problem to find an Encampment city and arrange a program for the next National Encampment of this organization. It makes us think seriously of the problem before us.

We have to do it, but I want you to realize that this is "history in the making," and the entire future of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will depend upon this problem and how we solve it. The part of arranging for a time and place for next year's meeting must be done within the next two months.

I wish you would join with me in doing a lot of thinking as to how we can accomplish this obligation. I don't want to offer any recommendations to raise money because we will find it, but please think seriously about this obligation and help make the job for the incoming Commander-in-Chief a little easier for the coming year.

Council-in-Chief Genthner: In connection with that, I think we overlooked something this morning that should be done now. I think we should advise our Auxillary of the action we took yesterday and today, so they will be fully informed. I feel they should have official notification from us as to our stand regarding future Encampments and

I believe a Committee should be sent to them to give them this information.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the matter of all arrangements, financial and otherwise, for the next annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War be placed in full charge of the incoming Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the Council-in-Chief; and that these Officers have full power to act to the same extent that we might do, if there. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and carried).

MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Brother Fuller, this morning you made a motion to reconsider the resolution about the Trust Fund and you, therefore, have the floor.

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: In view of the fact that we have just been informed that we are now fully "on our own," I feel we must definitely do something about money. The motion was carried this morning that we reconsider this matter of the Trust Fund, and I think we should start that going immediately. Even if we start it now, it will be one year before any revenue comes in. If we refer it to a committee, who will report back to us next year, it will be at least two years until we get any revenue; so let's get it rolling now.

Past Department Commander John W. Emery, Massachusetts: I have requested the Commander-in-Chief for permission to read the Resolution so you may know just what it is about. (Reads):

"BE IT RESOLVED: That a memorial trust fund be established to perpetuate the memory of our Fathers and their service to our Country, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That every member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be asked to establish a memorial in memory of a Grand Army man and shall contribute the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) for this purpose,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the National Treasurer shall be the custodian of this fund, and with the Council-in-Chief, shall invest the fund in a most profitable manner;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the interest shall annually be transferred to the General Fund and shall be used to carry out the principles of our beloved Order;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That each Department Treasurer shall receive the money and the name of the Grand Army man for whom the memorial is to be established and shall quarterly send all money and names to the National Treasurer;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the National Treasurer shall keep a complete record, by Departments, of each memorial thus established in a book to be obtained for this purpose."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. EMERY, P. D. C., Massachusetts.
CHARLES H. E. MORAN, P. C.-in-C., Mass.
ROY C. CALL, D. C., Massachusetts.
HAROLD P. SHEPARDSON, Massachusetts.
WILLIAM E. RULE, Massachusetts.
A. B. HOWLAND, P. D. C., Massachusetts.

Your Committee on Resolutions have recommended that this Resolution be turned over to a Committee, to report back to our next Encampment on it. I have been assured by several members of that Com-

mittee that they are heartily in accord with the establishment of such a Memorial Trust Fund. We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, and any such fund would have to be established under the laws of that State. Much thought and careful consideration must be given to this problem.

While I am anxious to have this fund started, I would like to see it started right. I would like to see it organized in such a way that there would be no further upset anywhere along the line. Maybe we could start it this year, and set the money aside for establishment of this trust fund after we check into it thoroughly. Personally, I don't really know what to say about it; but I believe this Committee has given it careful consideration, and I am ready to abide by the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Some time, and a great deal of careful thought and planning should be given in establishing a trust fund.

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: I move that the Committee go ahead with it immediately. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Wm. Schneider, Missouri.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: Brothers, although not of the legal profession, I think I am somewhat advised as to the requirements of the establishment of a trust fund. It requires trustees, and there are many legal technicalities which should be investigated thoroughly before such a fund is set up.

If I am advised properly, among those who are present here a start could be made which might result in some money coming into the treasury of the Commandery-in-Chief during the time in which arrangements are being made for the establishment of this Trust Fund.

As I look at it, I can see no objections to my giving, for instance, \$10.00 in memory of my Father, others doing likewise. That money could be placed in the hands of a savings bank, or invested in something which would result in a small amount of interest which could be used in our General Fund. If such a thing is possible, I would be glad to start the subscriptions immediately by turning my \$10.00 over, to be handled in that manner. This would bring a little money into the treasury in interest this year.

National Secretary Lambert: I do think, like Brother Holbrook, that we might start the fund now instead of waiting another year. After you have the Trust Fund established, it cannot be used for anything else except the purpose for which it was established. In other words, it cannot be spent—it must remain in trust for the purpose for which established. But, if we should succeed in getting 3,000 members to give \$10.00 each we would have \$30,000.00 on hand and you can appreciate the amount of interest which would be available, while the principal remained intact.

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: There are three other men here beside myself who are members of the legal profession, and I would like publicly, if permitted by Brothers Coffin, Fouch and Heintz, to give out one of the secrets of our profession. This is it—a goodly share of all legal business which comes to attorneys is the result of the failure of the client to secure competent legal advice before they take action on a matter. Perhaps there are some members of our profession who won't agree with us because it is a major part of their business. However, we want to give you some sound legal advice.

I am in thorough sympathy with Brother Emery's idea. I think it can be worked out eventually, but not in a short time because the factor of protection for all those who contributed must be taken into consideration. It is not presumed that any part of this principal may be

used for any purpose whatever—it is only the income from such an account which can be loaned out or used, and the proposition provides that the interest will be turned into the general fund.

All of the angles in this matter must be carefully considered and investigated and to go into this matter now, without the proper protection, is a mistake; and if not done properly now you may, at some later date, lose the entire trust fund. Therefore, your Committee on Resolutions referred it back and recommended that a Committee be appointed to go into it and submit a more complete plan.

The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois; and the law provides that any trust fund which might be created by an Illinois corporation is subject to the laws of trust in Illinois. This trust fund could not be invested in any security, other than that particularly specified in the trust. I am only giving you a "curb-stone" opinion, but it is a matter which deserves careful consideration and should be looked into thoroughly not only by us, but by those who are in charge of its operation. I respectfully insist that the action taken this morning is the proper action to be taken by this Encampment in this matter.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, I had asked you to take the floor under the heading of "good of the order," just before we convened.

My mind is running far ahead, and I am thinking about the future in connection with this Trust Fund. I fully agree with Brother Locke in what he has said regarding the establishment of the Trust Fund, our being incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois and its effect on this fund. We have also taken action at this Encampment to secure a Federal charter which would, legally, change our status; and that must be taken into consideration before establishing such a trust. These things are all a part of a complex situation and it will mean much to us, in the future, to take our time and do it properly.

I believe, Brothers, that all of you have come to this Encampment with the feeling, down inside of you, that you would witness the end of an era when the Grand Army of the Republic passed out of existence as an organization. I hope you realize the great need for leadership in the tremendous responsibility which has come to us.

Monday evening, at the meeting of the Past National Presidents of the Auxiliary and the Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Sons, the Auxiliary gave to us a challenge. We were called upon to make remarks, and most of us had very little to say because, I suppose, the spirit moved us slowly. The spirit began to move me when, later in the evening Sister Mayme Dwyer put into words the thought which I believe was going through all our minds. She said something like this, "We are met here to honor the Grand Army of the Republic at their last Encampment and from now on we are "on our own." We must re-consider our entire set-up and we must assume the responsibility that is ours."

I feel that this entire situation should be given utmost thought by a Committee, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief of perhaps Past Commanders-in-Chief, or other representative members of this body.

At the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin emerging from that Convention was asked by a fellow citizen, "What form of government have you given us?" The reply was, "A Republic, if you can keep it so." Our Fathers fought, under Abraham Lincoln, to keep it so. What will we, Sons of Union Veterans do in our times to keep it so? That is the question.

Our fundamental goal was brought to me personally yesterday when

we were returning from the Grand Army of the Republic by a bronze tablet in that hotel. To me, the words of Abraham Lincoln are the epitome of a philosophy of life and the life and writings of Lincoln might be considered the epitome of wisdom in this world. On February 11, 1861, Abraham Lincoln on his way to Washington to assume the Presidency in reply to an address of welcome here in Indianapolis, Indiana, said in part, "I appeal to you again to constantly bear in mind that not with politicians, not with Presidents, not with office-seekers, but with you, is the question: Shall the Union and shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generations?" That question is now applicable to the Sons of Union Veterans now. You are face to face with the end of an era in the history of this country; from here on out we are on our own. We can no longer rest on the laurels of our fathers. What are we, as Sons of Union Veterans, going to do to preserve this nation—what are we going to do to keep it a Republic, and carry on the traditions of our illustrious fathers? These are important and serious matters and we must give much thought to them.

These questions of money seem to be a small matter, but they present a problem we should think much about. Our real problem is for our national body to get funds for the present and future. We could devise a system of life membership funds. I know of one organization using this system, that was able to make a return to the local chapters and I believe it could be done in this organization also.

There are thousands of details which should be taken into consideration by a working committee. I would suggest the committee should also give a great deal of thought and research into our entire set up, so that all things may be taken into consideration and we may fully assume the responsibility that is ours. I think the immediate necessity should be met in the way that Brothers Holbrook and Lambert suggested. Let us take contributions for the immediate need of the Commandery-in-Chief, and then have a committee give earnest consideration to the entire problem during the coming year. Let us not take part action, let us have a complete program drawn up by a working committee and presented to us next year. In the meantime, let us meet the present emergency by the contributions as suggested.

Therefore, Commander-in-Chief, I move you that this Commandery-in-Chief authorize a committee, of Past Commanders-in-Chief or other representative members of the Order, to give earnest consideration to the entire future of the Order and its further usefulness, and report back to us at the next Encampment. I don't want to see this money tied up in any Trust Fund.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: This question presents a problem as I see it. We now have two propositions: a lot of people want to give money, and we are trying to consider turning the problem over to a committee. Now, a point arises—if we are granted a Federal Charter, where do we deposit the money and just where do we stand? It is just a point to be considered; and I believe, to simplify this whole thing, we should have a motion that we take up a contribution, and that we give as much as we can, but it will have nothing to do with this proposed Trust Fund. Then the Committee on the Trust Fund will look into the matter and come back to us with a report on it next year. If it is permissible, I will make that as a substitute motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I will accept that, and second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: That is exactly what I had in mind. Let us not say it in words, but with dollar bills. I think our first obligation now is to meet our bills and I feel this is the proper way to do it. So, how about matching my \$1.00 with another, or more of

yours? Being a Methodist, I love to take collections; and with your permission, Commander-in-Chief, I will be glad to take this contribution.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: You are loading up your incoming administration with many problems—very important ones to the Sons of Union Veterans. We have heard about the laws of the Nation and the State, and we must heed what we have heard. We are chartered as an organization in the State of Illinois and, therefore, anything we do, and any trust fund established by us is governed by the State of Illinois. Now we are asking for a Federal Charter and, if granted, our entire picture will change. That is a matter which must be taken into consideration, so let us not do anything without first looking into it. We do need money, but if you are going to establish a trust fund certain proceedings must be followed. Now, Brothers, what do you want to do about this matter?

Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts: In view of the previous discussion, and with the consent of my second, I will withdraw my motion that the Committee go ahead with this Trust Fund immediately. (Consent of second given—motion withdrawn).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Then the resolution stands as passed this morning, and will be referred to a Committee.

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I am very glad indeed that the procedure has gone in the way that it has. Perhaps I was hasty in my previous remarks, perhaps they came from the heart rather than the mind. I believe those who would have been willing to make a contribution to the Trust Fund will be just as willing to give it to the Order for the further use of the Commandery-in-Chief in its work for the coming year, in the name of the one for whom they might have contributed it to the Trust Fund. I would like to suggest that it be done that way. There will be no record of this contribution as to the donors, and it will go into the hands of the National Secretary-Treasurer for expenses incurred during the coming year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: My motion, or intent of the motion was that the resolution be turned back to the Committee which is to be named, and the entire matter of the Trust Fund be turned over to them. We then have a collection here today, with each one giving as much as he can, which is to be turned over to the general fund with no reference at all to the trust fund. (Motion carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: Commander-in-Chief, I renew my motion that the incoming Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of representative members, of at least seven and not more than eleven, to give consideration to the entire structure of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and report back to us next year. (Seconded by Past Department Commander Dewey B. Mead, Minnesota, and carried).

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: We are now taking up this offering and it will be a little while before we know the result; so I move that we now proceed to nomination, election and installation of officers. (Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Before we proceed to that order of business, I believe the Credential Committee has a final report.

CREENTIAL COMMITTEE—FINAL REPORT

Past Department Commander James M. Blackman, Illinois: Your Credential Committee presents its final report:

Number of members enrolled, 211, composed of:	
Past Commanders-in-Chief	16
Past Department Commanders	71
Department Commanders	15
Delegates	109
Total	211

Report adopted on motion of Brother Blackman. (Complete report, as per Encampment Roll).

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I am glad to report to you at this time that the collection totalled \$301.15.

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: If there is no other business to come before this Encampment, all Committees will be discharged, with thanks; and we will proceed to nomination and election of officers.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: National Secretary, you will call the roll for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Iowa.

Past Department Commander W. F. Hathaway, Iowa: Iowa appreciates the interest and good sportsmanship that has been in existence toward us during this Encampment. We desire to place no name in nomination, and pass to Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I first want to express my appreciation to our good brothers from Iowa for the action in giving way to Pennsylvania.

I don't intend to make what I would term a nomination speech; I simply want to make a statement of facts. To me, there is nothing more serious than nominating a man for the office of Commander-in-Chief of this organization. I say this because I honestly believe in my heart that the man who makes a nomination, and places the name of a brother to become the leader of this organization for the coming year, himself assumes a great responsibility. He assumes responsibility to the extent that the brother whom he names is thoroughly qualified and will, to the best of his ability, perform the duties of that office. That is my feeling at this moment. Forget Pennsylvania if you will, and think of this as a great organization from Maine to California. It makes no difference to me, particularly, where our leader comes from—the important thing is the brother himself. And the important question is this, "Does he meet the needs of the responsibilities that will be placed upon him?" With that in mind, I say that the young man whose name I wish to place in nomination does meet these qualifications.

I have known him personally, I believe, through all of his membership in the organization. For seventeen years, I have watched him with considerable interest. I have watched his advancement in this organization from the time he joined until his selection as Department Commander of Pennsylvania, and he met my expectations in that capacity. He has continued, in the ten or twelve years that intervened, to work always in the interest of the organization with this result—that he is a member of a Camp in the capital city of Pennsylvania with a membership of almost 200, many of which were gotten by him.

He is, as a citizen of that city, one of value to us and, might I say, a citizen of influence. From this you will understand, of course, that he is a citizen of Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, and he is a suc-

successful business man in that city. He is so conscientious, in this connection, that he has deferred our offering him to you for this office because of certain conditions as to whether or not he was in a position to meet all the responsibilities he would assume, and he is now in that position. He now has the time, money, experience and background to assume the leadership of this organization.

With that in mind, and further having in mind some slight knowledge of what is expected of a Commander-in-Chief, I proudly offer to you this member of our organization from Pennsylvania. He is a grandson, a great-grandson, and a great-great-grandson of a veteran of the Civil War. He has worked continuously for this organization, and I honestly believe that you will find that he will continue, after becoming a Past Commander-in-Chief, to be just as loyal to this organization as when he was Commander-in-Chief.

I am extremely happy to find young members of this organization coming along who, in my judgment, are capable of being Commander-in-Chief and, in them, a great hope is fulfilled to this organization because now is the time we need leaders. I feel that we need a man of this particular type because of conditions we are facing during this immediate year and I believe this Brother more closely meets the required qualifications, at this particular time, than the good Brother who was supposed to be his opponent.

With that in mind, it gives me extreme pleasure to present to you a Brother for the office of Commander-in-Chief in the person of Past Department Commander John H. Runkle, of the Department of Pennsylvania.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: When I arrived in this city on Monday morning, I came here with an entirely different thought. I expected that Pennsylvania would be the one to second the nomination for Commander-in-Chief. Now that is changed somewhat, so I am going to second the nomination, in behalf of the Department of New York, and we congratulate Pennsylvania for having selected such a good man.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: The roll having been called, and but one name submitted, I move that the National Secretary be authorized to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for this office, and others, where there is only one nominee. (Seconded by Past Department Commander William O. Fuller, Massachusetts, and carried).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I appoint as tellers Past Department Commander Theo. H. Mohr, Missouri, and Past Department Commander J. Clark Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

(National Secretary cast 211 votes for John H. Runkle for Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I declare Brother Runkle to be elected Commander-in-Chief of this organization. Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Runkle, Pennsylvania: I do.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Nominations are now open for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The National Secretary called the roll to Michigan, when Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey gave way to Wisconsin.

Department Commander George A. Powers, Wisconsin: Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Wisconsin has a member of this organization who has been outstanding for quite a number of years in his Department work. As a Camp Commander, he brought

a lot of honor to the Camp and he was Commander of that Camp ten times. He is an outstanding man in his community, and it is a privilege the time and finances to carry on the work as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. For two years, in 1947-1948, he was the Department Commander of Wisconsin and his record was outstanding, in that our Department had an increase in membership during that time. He is at present on the staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, and it is an honor and a pleasure to give you the name of Franklin S. Hubbard for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(National Secretary cast 211 votes for Franklin S. Hubbard for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Brother Hubbard, you have been elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Do you accept?

National Patriotic Instructor Hubbard: Commander-in-Chief, I do.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Nominations are now open for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Department Commander George A. Ruple, California: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we have in California a man who has been in our Camp for more than thirty years, and is a Past Department Commander of Colorado & Wyoming. He moved to California, and is now our Secretary-Treasurer. He is a hard worker and will be a credit to this organization in this office. I, therefore, wish to nominate Vernon Cheney for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Huston: I esteem it a great privilege to present the name of one of our brothers from Indiana who has been a very faithful son of a veteran, and his father was a great soldier. He is one of two brothers who have been very important in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Indiana. This man, for a good many years, has been a public servant, connected with Postal service but is now retired. He is a trustee in his township, and has also been honored by a State office in the Church, a leader of Methodists. I am delighted that I have been delegated by the Indiana Department to present to this Encampment the name of Parker Thornburg for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Coffin: I should like to second the nomination of Brother Cheney of California. I think it is well to spread our National Officers all over the country.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mable: Pennsylvania seconds the nomination of Brother Thornburg. (Three minute recess declared by Commander-in-Chief).

Past Department Commander Vernon E. Cheney, California: Commander-in-Chief, I wish to thank those who have seen fit to nominate me as a candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and I want to thank those who came to me and pledged their support. However, I feel that, under the circumstances, that I should withdraw from this race in favor of Brother Thornburg. Thank you.

(National Secretary gave the Encampment vote).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Do you accept?

Past Department Commander Parker Thornburg, Indiana: I do.

Council-in-Chief

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Nominations are now open for Council-in-Chief.

(The National Secretary called the roll to New Hampshire).

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, we have here in this National Encampment a dear brother who has served you in various ways, from time to time. He has served you this year as your National Chaplain, and I am happy to present to you as a candidate for the office of Council-in-Chief Cleon E. Heald of New Hampshire.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sheldon: Many unpleasant things come into the life of a medical doctor who has practiced medicine for fifty-six years, but today it is in just the reverse; because I am happy to have been asked to nominate one who has been a friend of mine for over fifty years. He is a man who has worked for the Order every day of his life. He is a good business man, because he doesn't work and still lives. I take great pleasure in bringing you one who has served you as Council-in-Chief this year, Rudolph M. Genthner of New York for the office of Council-in-Chief.

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: The man I wish to present is one who needs no more introduction than to say that he is now serving you in the capacity of Council-in-Chief. He is a credit to us, and our Department and, therefore, I am again happy to present for your consideration John A. Ruggles, of Pennsylvania.

(The Secretary cast the Encampment ballot).

Commander-in-Chief Fouch: I declare Brothers Heald, Genthner and Ruggles elected to serve as Council-in-Chief. Do you accept? (Each responded affirmatively).

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief elect Runkle was escorted to the station of Commander-in-Chief. He appointed Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter as Installing Officer and Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie as Installing Guide.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: Commander-in-Chief elect, do you have any appointments at this time?

Commander-in-Chief elect Runkle: Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, I am holding in reserve some of the appointments because I feel, that due to the legislation enacted at this Encampment and the important things that must be done this year, we must look carefully, throughout the nation, and find men who are, in our judgment, qualified to do a good job for the organization. Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter had been selected to serve as Counselor, but with the many things that will have to be done during this coming year, Brother Sautter suggested it advisable that we have the services of an attorney; and, therefore, Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke is appointed National Counselor. Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania, is appointed Chief-of-Staff.

Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter: The National Secretary will call the names of the newly elected officers (complied with and

Commander-in-Chief—John H. Runkle, Pennsylvania;

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Franklin S. Hubbard, Wisconsin;

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Parker E. Thornburg, Indiana;

Council-in-Chief—John A. Ruggles, Pennsylvania,

Rudolph M. Genthner, New York,

Cleon E. Heald, New Hampshire;

National Counselor—Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Locke, Illinois;

Chief-of-Staff—Past Commander-in-Chief C. LeRoy Stoudt, Pennsylvania;
 were installed in Ritualistic form).

The following National Officers were subsequently appointed and installed:

National Patriotic Instructor—William F. Nemitz, Connecticut.
 National Chaplain—Rev. Richard Partington, Pennsylvania.
 Personal Aide—Frank S. Copenhaver, Pennsylvania.

PRESENTATIONS

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, at this time I recognize Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mackey: I would like to call Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch to this station. Brother Fouch, I deem it an esteemed honor and privilege to present this Past Commander-in-Chief's badge to you. Brother Fouch was the Chaplain the night I was initiated into this Order. He gave me my obligation and now I can return that favor by giving him the greatest honor this organization can bestow upon an individual. I know he will wear this badge proudly, and with honor and, therefore, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Brother Fouch, the badge of a Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Brother Mackey, you and I have traveled down the road to enhance the interest of the Sons of Union Veterans. Since the day that I gave you the obligation of this organization, we both have always done our little bit to build up, and guard the interests of this Order; and at all times work for better American citizenship in this organization and outside. It is a great privilege to accept this Badge, and I shall wear it proudly and with honor.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: At this time, I will recognize Past Commander-in-Chief and National Secretary-Treasurer Lambert.

National Secretary Lambert: I would also like to speak to Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch for just a moment. There is a procedure, established and carried on for a number of years by Brother Horace Hammer, and I want to continue that procedure. It is my pleasure to present to you the lapel button of a Past Commander-in-Chief which is identical with the badge. The best of luck Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch, and I have enjoyed serving with you very much.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you very much, Brother Lambert. It has been a pleasure to work with you also, and I hope that similar relations between Commander-in-Chief National Secretary-Treasurer will always exist.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS PUBLICITY

Past Commander-in-Chief Hale: I wish to congratulate you for electing an administration of level headed, sincere and hard working brothers for we are suffering from a great lack of this type of men. My best wishes to this administration because we have important things to accomplish this coming year. So much for the new administration.

Now, as to our publicity, I do believe that there is today a much more definite interest in the use of the medium of radio than it was six or more years ago when we began; so we feel that we are making definite progress.

Here in Indiana, we struggled and actually hurdled some difficulties. I have been able, about half an hour ago, to have a station here get

recordings of the stories of three of our Grand Army of the Republic veterans. That recording is being made at NBC. It will be a unified program that will be heard, although three separate recordings will be put together as one; and the folks back home will be able to hear the voices of those men who were at the front, and in the fray telling what it meant to participate as a Union soldier in the Civil War. I can't give you the hour, but the program will be presented sometime this evening. From these voices there will also be made up a "Voice of America" program. One of those three comrades whose voice is recorded was a slave, and the Civil War brought to him his freedom; and he enjoyed tremendously his citizenship in the United States of America.

These are impressive stories, stories from each one's individual angle telling what he saw and did. These are the stories which bring to the American public more vividly than any other medium, just what the Civil War meant to all of us.

Now I hope that the interest in radio which has manifested itself so widely in New England will not be confined to that narrow area. I hope that other Departments will find more who are willing to rise to the cause of service over the air, to give publicity that we sorely need now in the coming year—so that the people of America today get the idea of what it meant to fight for the Union. We urge you to do something about this type of publicity. Let us not get full of enthusiasm and nothing else; let us put in hard work that it takes to make a good program, one that a program manager will receive without having the jitters as to whether he can hold the interest of the radio audience for the time the program is on. Go out and tell the Civil War story and take greater satisfaction in getting that story to the American people. Thank you.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, Brother Hale.

PRESENTATION OF HARRISBURG FIFE & DRUM CORPS

Past Commander-in-Chief Stoudt: Commander-in-Chief, "your boys" are very anxious to say "congratulations."

(The Harrisburg Fife and Drum Corps came into the Encampment, and presented several musical selections).

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: That is one of Brother Runkle's achievements. He organized, and directs that Drum Corps.

Past Commander-in-Chief Craig: Commander-in-Chief Runkle, Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch and Brothers, I was over to the Claypool Hotel today as a guest of the Lions Club of this city. However, just before I went into that meeting, I called at the office of the Grand Army of the Republic. I obtained from that office this badge which says—"First Encampment 11/20/1866, final Encampment 1949" and it has a picture of Commander-in-Chief Penland on it. I was authorized to present this beautiful badge to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans with the compliments of the Grand Army of the Republic. A replica of this badge can be gotten for \$1.00 if you Brothers are interested, and the names and addresses are to be given to the National Secretary so he can turn them over to the Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Therefore, Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch, it gives me great pleasure to present this beautiful badge to you and I am sure you will treasure it very highly.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fouch: Thank you, Brother Craig. At Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the last National Encampment of this organization, I received from my predecessor a badge to be worn during my term as Commander-in-Chief. It is assumed that you will do like-

wise, and I am very proud to place over your heart the badge of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I know you will wear it proudly, and be a credit to our organization, Brother Runkle.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Brothers, I have a few remarks to make at this time; no long speech, but I want to say a few things.

This coming year we will have, perhaps, one of the most crucial periods in the history of this organization. It is going to take the efforts of each and everyone of us, as well as the efforts of all those who are not present in this room to meet the problems and obligations which will be ours during this year. Many of you have said to me, "I will be glad to do anything that I can do." Now I say to you, "Go back home with the spirit you have had during this Encampment and keep that spirit during the next fifty two weeks." I am sure that quite a lot of you brothers attended this year because it was the last Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope that, even though the Grand Army of the Republic will not be with us as an organization next year, that you will all be back to give your loyal support to this organization because now it is needed more than ever.

I do want to say "thanks" to you, and I will do my best as your Commander-in-Chief; and I feel it an honor and a privilege to serve the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in this capacity. I have only one regret—that my son, who is in the U. S. Marine Reserve could not be here today—he will be home Sunday.

I will do my best, and I appeal to each and everyone of you for your co-operation in accomplishing the great tasks which lie before us this coming year.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I believe this is the final order of business. I move you that the minutes as taken by the Encampment stenographer be the official minutes of this Encampment. (Seconded by several).

Past Commander-in-Chief Locke: The ignorance of Brother Mabie is appalling. If he will include "if and when approved by the retiring Commander-in-Chief," I will be glad to second the motion.

Past Commander-in-Chief Mabie: I have made this same motion quite a number of times before. That is to be understood, but I will accept the correction. (Motion carried).

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hubbard: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers assembled, I wish to thank you for electing me to this office and I will pledge you the best of my services.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Thornburg: Commander-in-Chief, the life of a Son of a Veteran is not new to me. I have been in the service quite a number of years and have tried to serve the order well. I only hope and trust that providence will permit me to endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability.

Commander-in-Chief Runkle: Thank you, brothers. Is there any other business to come before this Encampment?

Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook: I move we adjourn.

(Seconded by Past Commander-in-Chief Sautter, and carried).

The Encampment closed in Ritualistic form.

Certified as a true and correct transcript of the proceedings of the
Sixty-eighth Annual Encampment.

PERLE L. FOUCH,
Commander-in-Chief.

Attest:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,
National Secretary.
MRS. A. BERHALTER,
Official Stenographer.

Representation

Chapter 3, Article 2, Section 1, Constitution and Regulations:
“* * * one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership,
and one additional delegate for every one hundred members or major
fraction thereof * * *”

Department:	Seniority Rank	Date Instituted	June 30, 1949 Membership. Delegates	
California & Pacific	19	July 1, 1886	477	6
Colorado & Wyoming	25	Mar. 22, 1929	76	2
Connecticut	5	May 15, 1883	715	8
Illinois	10	July 1883	290	4
Indiana	18	June 12, 1885	248	3
Iowa	6	June 2, 1883	239	3
Kansas	9	June 1883	202	3
Maine	4	Apr. 10, 1883	686	8
Maryland	20	June 15, 1887	171	3
Massachusetts	2	July 17, 1882	2011	21
Michigan	15	June 24, 1884	366	5
Minnesota	17	Jan. 1, 1885	98	2
Missouri	7	June 2, 1883	76	2
Nebraska	16	Sept. 2, 1884	64	2
New Hampshire	11	Aug. 1883	318	4
New Jersey	8	June 14, 1883	490	6
New York	13	Nov. 6, 1883	1211	13
Ohio	3	Aug. 1, 1882	1075	12
Oregon	24	June 8, 1923	163	3
Pennsylvania	1	July 4, 1882	2393	25
Rhode Island	14	Feb. 14, 1884	214	3
Vermont	12	Oct. 1883	391	5
Wisconsin	21	Sept. 1887	300	4

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1882	*Harry T. Rowley	Pennsylvania	
1883	*Frank P. Merrill	Maine	
1884	*Harry W. Arnold	Pennsylvania	
1885	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1886	*Walter S. Payne	Ohio	
1887	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1888	*George B. Abbott	Illinois	
1889	*Charles F. Griffin	Indiana	
1890	*Leland J. Webb	Kansas	
1891	*Bartow S. Weeks	New York	
1892	*Marvin E. Hall	Michigan	
1893	*Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	
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. Amies	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	*Edgar Allan, Jr.	Maryland	
1909	*George W. Pollitt	New Jersey	
1910	*Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	
1911	*Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	18 Asylum S., Hartford, Conn.
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1918	*Francis Callahan	Pennsylvania	
1919	*Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	
1920	*Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	
1921	*Clifford Ireland	Illinois	
1922	*Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	
1923	*Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	
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1933	Park F. Yengling	Ohio	21419 Kenwood Ave., Rocky River, Ohio
1934	*Frank L. Kirchgassner	Massachusetts	
1935	Richard F. Locke	Illinois	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
1936	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1937	*Wm. Allan Dyer	New York	
1938	Wm. L. Anderson, Sr.	Massachusetts	40 Robin St., West Roxbury, Mass.
1939	Ralph R. Barrett	Calif. & Pac.	7118 Rita Ave., Huntington Park, Calif.
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1947	Charles H. E. Moran	Massachusetts	72 Carlton St., Holyoke, Mass.
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1881	†*Alfred Cope	Pennsylvania
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1883	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
1884	†*Edwin Earp	Massachusetts
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
1939	*Horace H. Hammer	Pennsylvania
1899	*R. M. J. Reed	Pennsylvania

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER

E. Howard Gillkey Ohio

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*Deceased.

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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	Millwaukee	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

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		Aug. 26-28	Cincinnati	Ohio
49th	1930	Sept. 14-17	Des Moines	Iowa
50th	1931	Sept. 19-22	Springfield	Illinois
51st	1932	Sept. 19-21	St. Paul	Minnesota
52nd	1933	Aug. 14-16	Rochester	New York
53rd	1934	Sept. 9-12	Grand Rapids	Michigan
54th	1935	Sept. 22-24	Washington	D. C.
55th	1936	Sept. 6-9	Madison	Wisconsin
56th	1937	Sept. 5-8	Des Moines	Iowa
57th	1938	Aug. 29-31	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
58th	1939	Sept. 10-12	Springfield	Illinois
59th	1940	Sept. 15-18	Columbus	Ohio
60th	1941	Sept. 15-17	Indianapolis	Indiana
61st	1942	Sept. 20-23	Milwaukee	Wisconsin
62nd	1943	Sept. 12-14	Des Moines	Iowa
63rd	1944	Oct. 1-4	Columbus	Ohio
64th	1945	Aug. 25-29	Indianapolis	Indiana
65th	1946	Aug. 10-14	Cleveland	Ohio
66th	1947	Sept. 26-30	Grand Rapids	Michigan
67th	1948	Aug. 28-31	Indianapolis	Indiana
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