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 HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
 Court House, Cincinnati, O.
 April 1, 1916.

General Orders No. 4,
 Series of 1916.

Memorial Day.

"Cover them over with beautiful flowers,
 Deck them with garlands, those brothers
 of ours,
 Lying so silent by night and by day,
 Sleeping the years of their manhood
 away.
 Give them the honors their future fore-
 cast;
 Give them the chaplets they won in the
 strife;
 Give them the laurels they lost with
 their life."

May 30, Officers and Brothers: To
 your posts; to your duty, all.

"That we here highly resolve that
 these dead shall not have died in
 vain."

TO ALL CAMPS AND MEMBERS: THEIR
 DUTY.

"To honor the memories of the hero-
 ic dead through historical exercises
 and the proper observance of Memori-
 al Day."

It is hoped that not one member
 will fail in his duty or disregard his
 obligation as a Son of a Veteran. Let
 not one be missing from the ranks
 that day; let none have an excuse for
 absence.

At this time with conditions con-
 fronting the Nation, let us show how
 we as Sons of Veterans stand for loy-
 alty and devotion to our Country, our
 Flag, our institutions and the sacri-
 fices and purposes for which our
 Fathers, fought, bled and died to save
 the Union.

The "proper observance" can only
 be by participation—taking a part.
 Every member of the Order should
 and is expected to do his part and
 help in the "proper observance" of the
 day. This Memorial Day should be
 more sacredly and generally observed
 than any in the past. Every Son of
 a Veteran knows his duty. It is
 urged that he perform it. Let that
 day be set aside by members of the
 Order for their tributes of love and
 reverence to our illustrious dead, who
 by their patriotism, services and sacri-
 fices preserved the Nation.

ATTENTION.

Camps will attend in a body divine
 services on Sunday, May 28th, and ar-

range for exercises thereat appropriate
 to Memorial Day.

Memorial Day—May 30th—is here-
 by ordered to be "properly observed"
 —in accordance with the Constitution,
 Rules and Regulations, and the Ritual.

Every Camp is expected to turn
 out Memorial Day in a body, the
 members wearing the badges and in-
 signias of the Order on left breast as

much to the performance of his duties
 and obligation to patriotism, its les-
 sons and the work of the Order, as
 may be required by the arrangements
 of the Camps.

No reminder is necessary as to how
 the ranks of the G. A. R. are becom-
 ing less and the great number of
 that Organization that are constant-
 ly passing away. Their feebleness,

and whenever requested. Camps hav-
 ing charge of and conducting the ex-
 ercises and ceremonies, will, it is
 hoped, be in strict harmony and ac-
 cord with the teachings, honor and
 credit of our Order.

Memorial Day Reports.

Immediately after the ceremonies of
 Memorial Day, Camp Commanders
 will have their Chaplains forward
 their reports to Division Chaplains.
 Division Chaplains will promptly con-
 solidate the Camp Chaplains' reports
 and forward same as soon as possible
 to the National Chaplain, Rev. Paul
 Hickok, No. 17 Fifth St., S. E. Wash-
 ington, D. C.

Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

II. The Commander-in-Chief is not
 unmindful nor unappreciative of the
 services and influence of the various
 ladies' societies rendering assistance
 to Camps. But attention is directed
 to the fact that the Commandery-in-
 Chief in Annual Encampment at
 Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1885, official-
 ly recognized and recommended to
 Camps the formation of Sons of Vet-
 erans Auxiliaries.

Therefore, it is urged and recom-
 mended that Camps organize and as-
 sist in the formation of Sons of Vet-
 erans Auxiliaries. It is the duty of
 the Order to give preference and con-
 sideration to the Sons of Veterans
 Auxiliary. The Commander-in-Chief
 requests that Camps which have no
 Auxiliaries give this subject con-
 sideration and arouse a new interest
 in the Camp by organizing an Auxil-
 iary. If every Camp had an Auxiliary,
 the Camp would be more prosperous,
 stronger and more interest would be
 aroused and the weaker Camps would
 be greatly encouraged by the assist-
 ance an Auxiliary would give.

Full particulars for the organization,
 and all necessary documents and
 blanks will be furnished on applica-
 tion to the National Secretary, Mrs. Katie
 Carr, No. 927 North Fifth St., Camden,
 New Jersey.

It is said that a Camp having an
 Auxiliary attached to it has never
 been 'Disbanded.' Surely that fact
 is sufficient reason in many localities
 as to why every camp should at
 once organize an Auxiliary. It is
 hoped that this will be sufficient
 to result in the formation of many
 new Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries.

Death Benefit Association.

III. The National convention of
 the Death Benefit Association was re-
 cently held at Wilmington, Delaware,

ADOPT RESOLUTIONS.

This is the time of year when the divisions and camps should be
 "on the boom." It is also a period in affairs of the Nation when in-
 terest in our Order is easily aroused.

May your Division gain in strength and numbers and in its use-
 fulness in the great cause of patriotism, is the earnest wish of your
 Commander-in-Chief.

That this may be accomplished, it is necessary that the Order at
 large should make its influence felt, and that every camp and division
 should keep in the public eye.

At Washington the Commandery-in-Chief adopted the following
 resolution:

Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. in and
 through the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of its Com-
 mandery-in-Chief, in regular session assembled at Washing-
 ton this 29th day of September, 1915, heartily concur in and
 approve the adoption by the Congress and the constituted au-
 thorities of the United States of such a wise policy of prepar-
 edness as shall fully and adequately provide for the effective
 defense of our country."

The policy of the Order is thus declared; but that action is no avail
 if kept "hidden under a bushel,"—locked within the printed pages of
 our "proceedings."

It is, therefore, the desire of your Commander-in-Chief that this
 matter be brought to the attention of every division and camp in the
 Order, to the end that each camp may adopt at once a resolution sim-
 ilar to the foregoing, and when adopted, shall transmit copies thereof
 to the senators of the state and the congressman of the district in
 which the camp is located; and also shall publish in the local news-
 papers their action in the matter.

All answers received from senators and congressmen should be
 immediately forwarded to the Chairman of the Legislative Committee,
 W. M. Coffin, 1012 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Won't you please bring this matter at once to the attention of the
 Commander of every camp in your Division, instructing them to take
 immediate action in accordance with the foregoing. If our Order is
 to be benefited, *Quick Action* is necessary. *Do It Now.*

Fraternally yours,

A. E. B. STEPHENS,

Commander-in-Chief.

prescribed. Camp Commanders will
 be governed according to the Ritual in
 the formation of the line and in the
 conduct of the ceremonies.

Every member should be notified to
 appear for parade and the duties in-
 cident to the day, by the proper Camp
 officers. Each member is expected to
 do his part and devote himself as

and in many instances, inability to
 perform the work incident to Mem-
 orial Day is apparent.

Camps are directed to tender their
 services to the G. A. R. and wherever
 possible and desired, unite with Posts
 for the ceremonies of the day. Camps
 will relieve the Comrades of their
 arduous duties as much as possible

and was quite a successful affair. Reports indicated a prosperous condition and show the Association to be flourishing. Eligibility is open to members of the Sons of Veterans and Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Information relative to becoming attached to the association, both individuals and Camps, will be furnished by Secretary William R. McGirr, No. 2628 West Somerset St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Women's Societies Cannot Be Admitted to Camps.

IV. The following is explanatory, and this is official promulgation for all Division Officers and Camp officers to be governed accordingly and to observe:

March 3, 1916

Hon. A. E. B. Stephens,

Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Commander:

I desire to submit for your decision a question which I have been called upon to consider, and which also I should personally like to have decided so that the results may be included in the digest of Sons of Veterans' Laws which I am preparing.

At the Washington Encampment, as you will remember, it was proposed to amend the Constitution and the Ritual by adding to Chapter 6, Article 21, a new section as follows:

"Section 2. Members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Army Nurses, when in good standing in their respective organizations, may be admitted to the sessions of the Camp."

The Constitution (Chapter 7) provides that the Constitution, Laws and Ritual shall be altered or amended only "by a majority vote of the members reported present and entitled to a vote at a stated annual meeting."

Note that it does not say members present and voting; but "members reported present and entitled to a vote." And the law has been thus since the early days of the Order.

The proposition in question was brought to a vote at the Thursday morning session (Proceedings, pp. 143-144) and received 78 favorable votes. At the beginning of this session, the Credential Committee presented its report showing 191 accredited delegates present and entitled to vote. Therefore, to adopt, on vote and division (as is the case) any constitutional amendment, required at least 96 affirmative votes, this being a majority of 191. Hence, the proposition failed of passage.

The question is: "Was this proposed amendment lawfully adopted so as to become and be now the law of the Order?"

After much thought, I am personally convinced of the legal correctness of the view that the proposition failed of adoption, for the reasons above set out. I might add that, in cases coming before the courts, it has uniformly been held that constitutional organizations, such as ours, could only be amended in the method prescribed therefor in the constitutions; particularly so as to a requirement of a majority vote of those entitled to vote.

I am therefore constrained to suggest that published statements to the effect that this amendment was adopted should be revoked as soon as possible, and a decision in accordance with the law entered in General Or-

ders, to the end that those interested may be guided accordingly.

Fraternally yours,
(Signed) W. M. COFFIN.

The question as submitted and set forth for official action, was referred to National Counselor H. H. Hale, who, under date of March 21, 1916, rendered opinion as follows:

"From the facts submitted as to the passage of this amendment, it does not seem to me that the record of the vote shows a majority of those entitled to vote, which was 191. The amendment received less than 96 votes, and therefore, failed of passage. The above conclusion is practically irresistible as you, no doubt, are aware."

Decision: That the foregoing opinion is hereby concurred in and approved, and that the amendment failed of legal passage in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and accordingly is, therefore, null and void.

Ordered: That all reference to admission of the above designated associations, organizations, and societies, either as a body or bodies, or as members of said bodies, or as such societies or organizations, in General Orders heretofore promulgated, be and are hereby rescinded and revoked, and are declared of no effect and will not be construed as so indicated therein and all reference and action relating thereto, will be guided and governed according to this General Order and this particular feature pertaining thereto.

Section 2, of Article 21, Rules and Regulations, Chapter 6, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, is hereby ordered to be considered null and void and as of no effect and as stricken out of the said Constitution.

Further, that in paragraph 8 of the Ritual Opening Ceremonies, page 8, these words will be stricken out and not considered, viz:—

"Members in good standing of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans, Army Nurses."

The Junior Sons of Veterans.

V. Few Divisions have secured supplies for the organization of Camps of the Junior Order. All Divisions have been supplied with the necessary pamphlets, blanks, etc., for the organization of these Camps. This is a feature of the Order that should not be neglected and every Division is expected to keep a stock of supplies of this organization on hand, so that Camps can be furnished with the necessary material to organize Camps of the Junior Order when they desire without delay.

Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment.

VI. The Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at the same time and place as the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Kansas City, Mo., August 29-September 1, 1916.

This marks the "Golden Jubilee," or Fiftieth Anniversary of the G. A. R. and the Fiftieth National Encampment of that organization. Preparations for the Encampment are under way. Details will be announced from time to time. It is hoped that arrangements will now be made so that a large delegation from every Division will be present.

Certificates of Election; Bonds.

VII. Form 49, Certificates of Election, will be supplied by requisition

on the National Secretary on Form 1 1/2, and must be forwarded to the National Secretary in duplicate immediately after the installation of Division Officers at a Division Encampment. These must not be delayed. Each Division Commander, thirty days after installation must furnish a bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to "A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio." This bond must be a surety company bond, in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. There must be no delay in furnishing this bond.

Reports and Per Capita Tax.

VIII. Reports and Per Capita Tax for quarter ending March 31st, 1916, are due May 20th. Division Commanders will give it their personal attention to see that same are in the hands of the National Secretary by that date. The books will be promptly closed May 20th and tax and reports must not be delayed after that date.

There can be no Suspension of members. Referring to this feature Secretaries of Camps and Divisions will be governed according to General Orders No. 3, The Banner, March, 1916.

Division Encampments.

IX. Division Encampments reported to Headquarters are as follows: California & Pacific, Bakersfield, California, May 9.

Connecticut, New Haven, April 12-13.
Illinois, Decatur, May 23-24.
Indiana, Evansville, May 9-10.
Kansas, Dodge City, May 16-18.
Kentucky, Lexington, April 27-28.
Maryland, Baltimore, May 23-24.
Massachusetts, Boston, April 4-5.
Michigan, Bay City, June 6-7.
Minnesota, Minneapolis, May 25-26.
Missouri, Kirksville, May 17-18.
New Hampshire, Concord, April 6-7.
New Jersey, Atlantic City, June 15-16.
Ohio, Marion, June 13-16.
Pennsylvania, Indiana, June 20-21.
Rhode Island, Providence, April 18.
Vermont, Burlington, April 18-19.
Wisconsin, Ripon, June 16-17.

Arms for Sons of Veterans Reserve.

X. Joint Resolution, (S. J.) No. 99, has been introduced in the United States Senate by U. S. Senator Harding of Ohio, "Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to grant the free use, for military drill, of any discarded rifles to any duly accredited Companies of the Sons of Veterans Reserve." The words "small bore cannon" will be added to the resolution, which is now before the Committee on Military Affairs of the Senate.

It is suggested that companies of the Reserve communicate with the Senators and Representatives in their States and Districts relative to the said resolution and secure their support for the same.

Matters pertaining thereto and all subjects applying to the Reserve and the Military Department, should be taken up with Chief of Staff, Edwin M. Amies, Altoona, Pa.

World Court Congress.

XI. Delegates to the World Court Congress, to meet in Carnegie Hall, New York City, May 2-4, 1916, have been appointed to represent the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., as follows:

Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Division Commander Franz Sigel, New York, N. Y.

Past Commander-in-Chief Barstow S. Weeks, New York, N. Y.

Past Grand Division Commander Raphael Tobias, New York, N. Y.

Aide, Arthur I. Vescellus, Paterson, N. J.

This Congress is to represent all societies which desire peace and not war, an International Court instead of international conflict. An international court of justice was endorsed by the Institute of International Law (1912) and since 1907 has received the hearty support of all the leading powers, including Great Britain and Germany. It has been exhaustively studied at four annual conferences of the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes and by foreign governments and publicists. The suggestion has also met with the approval of State Legislatures, leading Chambers of Commerce and of representative religious bodies.

Aides.

XII. Following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

S. C. Bird, Mansfield, Ohio.
Joseph A. Trevor, Boston, Mass.
Fred W. Butler, Saugus, Mass.
C. H. E. Moran, Holyoke, Mass.
William J. Ricker, Cambridge, Mass.
H. A. Walker, North Adams, Mass.
Ernest C. Ross, Hudson, Mass.
Walton Christie, Dexter, New York.
M. M. Donehoo, Waynesville, Ohio.
Charles Montry, Escorse, Mich.

New Camps.

XIII. Since last announcement new Camps have been instituted as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Mem.
Jan. 12	7	Buchannon, W. Va.	15
		Maryland.	
Feb. 21	72	Sutherland, Ia.	18
Jan. 6	19	Dimondale, Mich.	19
Jan. 15	89	Middletown Springs, Vt.	19
Jan. 31	8	East Boston, Mass.	56
Feb. 14	38	Williamstown, N. Y.	67
Mar. 2	2	Billings, Mont.	15
		Montana and Idaho.	
Mar. 21	8	Moundsville, W. Va.	33
		Maryland.	
Mar. 7	128	Curwensville, Penn.	17
Mar. 8	156	Clearfield, Penn.	16
Feb. 12	50	Hartford, Conn.	42
Mar. 22	9	Wheeling, W. Va.	15
		Maryland.	

Applications for Charter.

Applications for charters for new Camps have been approved as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Ap.
Mar. 10	4*	Brockton, N. Y.	28
Mar. 13	6	Cheney, Wash.	44
Mar. 14	5	Tillamook, Ore.	29
		Washington.	
Mar. 15	51	Biddeford, Maine.	44
Mar. 17		Montpelier, Vt.	18
Mar. 21	119	Topfield, Mass.	18
Mar. 22	166	Franklin, Penn.	15
Mar. 30		Hesperia, Mich.	18
Mar. 31	10	Sisterville, W. Va.	15
		Maryland.	

* Approval transferred from Fee for Perry, revoked.

STATEMENT No. 6.

XIV. Report of the National Secretary for Month of March, 1916:

RECEIPTS.	
Feb. 29, 1916, to balance.....	\$2601.25
Received for per capita tax	\$ 78.78
Charter fees	32.50
Supplies	795.17
Junior Order, supplies	12.00
Total Receipts	\$ 918.45

\$2619.70

EXPENDITURES.	
By General Expense	\$1817.22
Office Expenses	31.50
Commander-in-Chief's expenses	37.40

Junior Order, supplies	49.78
Total expenditures..	\$1935.90
Bal. March 31, 1916...	\$1583.80
ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.	
GENERAL EXPENSES.	
Stock and supplies ...	\$ 392.20
The Banner, March, 1916, subscription ..	\$02.83
Printing	3.20
Reserve	18.48
Shipping supplies	25.51
Salaries	575.00
	\$1817.22
OFFICE EXPENSES.	
For postage, express, telegrams, stationery	\$ 31.50
	\$ 31.50
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S EXPENSES.	
For postage, office, travelling, stenographer	\$ 37.40
	\$ 37.40
JUNIOR ORDER EXPENSES	
Stock and supplies ...	\$ 49.78
	\$ 49.78
Total expenditures ..	\$1935.90
Bal. March 31, 1916...	\$1583.80

By order of
A. E. B. STEPHENS,
 Attest: *Commander-in-Chief.*
H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

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 * **S. V. RESERVE** *
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- Bridadier-General Edwin M. Amies, Commanding, Central Trust Bldg., Altoona, Pa.
- Pennsylvania Brigade.**
- Col. Henry Stewart, Commanding, Gettysburg, Pa.
- Major E. G. Ritter, Assistant Adjutant-General, Easton, Pa.
- Major John Miller, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Easton, Pa.
- Major Henry Beyerle, Chief of Cavalry, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Department of Ohio.**
- Lieutenant-Colonel Park F. Yengling, Commanding, 1581 Dexter Place, Suite 5, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Department of New York.**
- Lieut. Col. F. J. Marshall, 228 Pine St., East Aurora.
- Department of New Jersey.**
- Captain John L. Reeger, Commanding, 1427 S. Broad St., Trenton, N. J.
- Department of California.**
- Captain George O. Lockwood, Commanding, Los Angeles Military Academy, Huntington Road, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Department of Rhode Island.**
- Captain Geo. V. Nichols, Commanding, 697 Park Ave., Auburn, R. I.

General Orders No. 4.
 Adjutant General's Office,
 Gettysburg, Pa., April 1, 1916.

I. Semi-annual reports are due from all Commandants on the first day of May, in accordance with the Regulations of the Reserves, and instructions printed on the forms, which have been promulgated through regular channels from this office.

II. Owing to heavy advances in cost of stock, 25 per cent will be added to all requisitions for supplies, until further notice.

III. Lieut. Col. Yengling, Commanding the Department of Ohio, has secured the introduction of a Joint resolution authorizing and directing the

issuance of arms to the Sons of Veterans Reserve. All who can command any influence should bring it to bear to secure the passage of this resolution.

IV. The following officers have been re-commissioned: February 6, 1916, 1st Lieut. W. H. Byerly; 2nd Lieut. J. Howard Frick, F. Co., 4th Pa. Inf., with rank from February 6, 1913.

V. The following changes in the commissioned personnel of the Reserve have occurred since last General Orders:

New Commissions.
 Mar. 27, 1916, Abram Lee, Johnstown, to be Captain, J. Co., 8th Pa. Inf.
 March 10, 1916, Serg't. Ira B. Laferty, H. Co., 8th Pa. Inf., Altoona.

Mar. 7, 1916, Edw. C. Irons, West Chester, to be Second Lieutenant, E. Co., 5th Pa. Inf.

Resignation.
 Mar. 22, 1916, Captain W. C. Myers, M. Co., 2nd Pa. Inf.

Retired.
 Mar. 26, 1916, Lieutenant Colonel W. S. Harvey, 4th Pa. Inf.

Command Disbanded.
 Camp 156, Pa. Div., Montgomery, having been published as disbanded in G. O. No. 3, Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., N. Co., 3rd Pa. Inf., located in that camp is declared disbanded and the officers and men discharged from the service; 2 officers, 44 men; Captain Jno. P. Jamison, Lieut. John Vertz.

By Command of
BRIG. GEN. AMIES,
 Henry Stewart,
 Col. and Acting Adj. Gen.

Camp No. 28, Bristol, has entered upon an era of prosperity having recently entered the Reserves with a company of 40 recruits and an up-to-date Drum Corps. Booster Ray Smith and Chas. Warwick are guardians of the finance. With an increasing membership there is no reason why Big 28 should not continue to be in Class A. Brothers, take hold of our fathers' and grandfathers' motto, shoulder to shoulder for our Beloved Order.—Sec. of 28.

A SERMON ON NOAH

Ma text dis mornin' Breddern, an took from do Holy Writ, where in we read how Noah made de Ark an' fashioned it; he built de Ark ob grapher wood, an' used a cubit rule, while all de knockers sat eroun' an' cussed him fo' a fool; de local anvil chorus, dey jes' sat eroun' an' spat terbaccer juice upon his wood, an' mocked him jes' lark dat, an' sez "Whafoah yo' makin' dis hyah boat on dry lan? Yo'all athinkin' maybe, that yo'all's a sailah man?"

But Noah paid no 'tenshun, ner allowed he heard dem croaks, but jes' minded his own business, lak all good and proper folks; when dey read de weddah fo'cast—"Mild; containered warm an' fair," ole Noah went on buildin', an' allowed he didn't care.

But one day the weddah shifted; de barometer done fall, an' de rain came down in torrents—rained fo' fo'ty days—dat's all; an' de knockers an' de croakers drowned jes' lak so many rats, which was jes' what dey had commin'—nothin' lef' excep' dey hats.

An' de moral ob dis story, Breddern, hit am writ quite plain, dat whenever knockers tell yo' dey ain't gwine ter be no rain, jes' go ahead lak Noah, an' don't let 'em get yo' goat, an' some day yo'll have lak Noah, de bigges' show afloat.

STATUE ON LINCOLN HIGHWAY.

Wilkinsburg means to recognize the value of the Lincoln Highway to the community by placing a fitting memorial in the form of a life size bronze statue of the immortal Lincoln on the famous Highway at its eastern entrance to the city. It is to cost about \$600 and the school children will raise the funds.

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 * **PROMINENT S. OF V.** *
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By H. V. SPEELMAN,
 National Press Correspondent.
DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Thomas E. Long, Commander Ohio Division.



Commander Thomas E. Long of the Ohio Division is the son of James Leslie Long, who enlisted August 23rd, 1862, in Co. B, 94, O. V. I., and served thirty-three and one-half months. He died March 21st, 1867. The son did not know very much about his father's service in the war as he was not old enough to remember. He heard his mother tell many times of his father's experience in the battle of Chickamauga, where his saddle mule was shot from under him, and he did see and have the overcoat worn by him, with the bullet holes in the cape and skirts, and his cap with a bullet hole through the letter B. He was a teamster.

Commander Long was born August 18th, 1860, at Casstown, Miami county, Ohio, and is 56 years old. He was mustered into Earnshaw Camp No. 89, at Dayton, Ohio, September 19th, 1887. In 1888 he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, and after being there a few months found out that there was a camp of Sons of Veterans there. He made inquiry as to when they met and found some of the members who told him that the camp had gone out of existence and was suspended for non-payment of percapita tax. He was acquainted with a very prominent Grand Army man and his wife, who was a member of the Relief Corps. They got after him to reorganize the camp. He had no experience in organization, so he wrote back to Dayton to Brother A. W. Hudson, who was captain at that time, asking him how he should proceed to the reorganization of the camp. He gave him the name of the Colonel of the Kansas Division, who was Leland J. Webb of Topeka. He wrote him asking him what was required to put the camp back in good standing. He received a reply telling him the amount of the indebtedness. In the mean time the Woman's Relief Corps had arranged for a reception for his wife and himself. One of the members of the Relief Corps was a very prominent factor in the reorganization of the camp and that was Mrs. John Q. Adams. The reception was held and all the old members of the camp were invit-

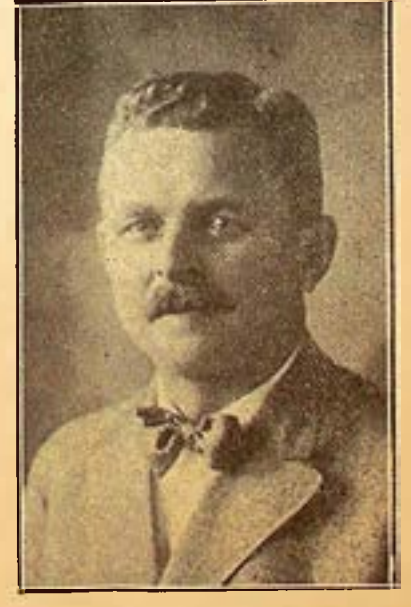
ed. So the camp was started again. He settled the indebtedness and then was asked to be the commander, or as the title was then, captain. Not being a member of that camp he could not act. They insisted that he ask for a transfer. He did so and it was sent to him, and on the night of the first meeting he presented it, and it was accepted, and he was commissioned by Col. Leland J. Webb to fill out the unexpired term of Prof. Day, of the Kansas University. The camp prospered. He was reelected to the office of captain and served until he moved back to Ohio, taking his transfer with him, and upon his return placed it in Earnshaw Camp, where he has been a member for 29 years.

He passed through the chairs of the camp, having filled the several offices, including that of commander, and has always taken a keen interest in the duties of the order.

In 1904 he was made secretary of the Ohio Division. That was under W. S. Reeder's administration. The following year he was elected Chairman of the Division Council. Out of 33 division encampments he has attended 27. He attended the National encampments at Cincinnati, Washington in 1902 and in 1916, at Gettysburg in 1905, at P.oria, Ill., as a delegate in 1906, and presented the name of Dayton for the encampment, in 1907 and Dayton got the Encampment, elected delegate to the National encampment at Atlantic City in 1910, but was unable to attend on account of sickness. In 1890, at Mansfield, Ohio, he cast his first vote as a member of the Ohio Division for Chas. J. Deckman for colonel, and he takes a great deal of pride in the fact that after twenty-five years he was elected to the office of Division Commander in the same city of Mansfield in June 1915.

Franz Sigel, Commander New York Division.

Commander Franz Sigel, Commander of the Division of New York, is



the son of General Franz Sigel, who rendered much great service to the Union cause during the War of the Rebellion.

No one was ever a more sincere and zealous patriot in the cause of liberty and freedom, the cause of democracy against autocracy, than General Franz Sigel. For it he sacrificed home, country, and family. A young man of less than 24, he joined



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The national encampment will be held in Kansas City, August 29-Sept. 1. This includes the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, W. R. C., S. of V. Auxiliary, L. of G. A. R., D. of V. and other patriotic orders. The national encampment has not been held in Kansas City for years, if ever, and there is sure to be a large attendance.

Miss Lucile Berzine of Williamson, N. Y. and Dr. Ralph Sheldon of Lyons, N. Y., were married at the home of the bride Wednesday, March 8th. The doctor is Past Commander-in-Chief of the S. of V. and well known to thousands in our Order, and we believe they will join us in extending congratulations and best wishes for their prosperity and happiness.

MICHIGAN'S OPPORTUNITY.

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The Monfort letter should be in the hands of every eligible in this country. Comrade Monfort is Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Among other things he says: "I cannot understand how any Son of a Veteran who loves his Home and Country and has a spark of filial affection can fail to enlist under your banner if he cares to preserve the memory of his father's deeds and sacrifices." The Banner will furnish the letter to division or camp commanders at the following prices: \$2.50 for 1,000; \$1.75 for 500; \$1.40 for 300; \$1.20 for 200; \$1 for 100, prepaid.

struggle between the people of one nation. More than fifty years have passed since they again became one people and one Nation, brought about only after the sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of lives and untold suffering. In this gigantic strife, more than two millions of the best young manhood of the North fought to defend the flag they loved, and after a struggle of more than four years, they saved the nation.

April sixth of this year we will observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the greatest patriotic fraternity the world has even seen, or ever will see—the Grand Army of the Republic—and which has back of it fifty years of efforts productive of victories in peace of equal if not more value than the victories of war. This lapse of time lends much interest to the statement in the February issue of The Banner that Washington Gardner, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1913-14, is a candidate for the office of Governor of Michigan, and the many thousands of Veterans and Veterans' sons who have the honor of his acquaintance all over the nation are watching with more than ordinary interest the outcome of his candidacy.

Washington Gardner is one of the younger veterans, enlisting as a private soldier when only sixteen years of age. He has lived a busy and useful life, both private and public, having served the Commonwealth of Michigan as Secretary of State for five years and six terms as a member of Congress. Time was—and not long since—when the veterans were prominent in public life and wielded a wide influence in legislation. Today there are but two Union veterans in the House of Representatives at Washington and but five Union veterans serving as United States Senators. Not a single state now has a Union veteran as its governor. Of the nine men who, since Lincoln's time, have been elected by the people to serve them as President of our Nation, five were Union veterans.

The people of the State of Michigan have an opportunity of paying tribute to the Veterans that may possibly not be granted the people of any other Commonwealth—that of showing honor to one who as a boy served his country, and who as a man has served his state faithfully and well, by placing him in the highest position in the state, that of Governor, and which his past service indicates he is so eminently qualified to fill.

Washington Gardner has been a consistent friend of the Veterans and has labored much in their behalf. As Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic he proved himself to be a firm friend of the Sons of Veterans. To know him is to respect him; to know him intimately is to love him.

May he achieve in his closing days, after living a life worth while, his ambition, and may the people of Michigan avail themselves of this unique opportunity of paying—more than fifty years after the close of that great conflict—this tribute. This sentiment will find a ready response in the heart of every Veteran and Veteran's son.

JOHN E. SAUTTER,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

On to Kansas City! Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Plan now to attend this encampment.

PROMINENT SONS OF VETERANS.
(Continued from page 3).

the Revolutionary movement in the Grand Duchy of Baden. In the spring of 1848, an outburst of liberalism there similar to that which spread over Europe when a Republic was declared in France early in 1848, inspired and enlisted leaders of liberalism in Germany, Austro-Hungary, and Italy, men like Kossuth in Hungary, Mazzini and Garibaldi in Italy, and Franz Sigel and Carl Schurz in Germany. Gen. Sigel was born in Sinsheim, Grand Duchy of Baden, on November 18th, 1824, had been educated a soldier, had graduated from the military college at Karlsruhe in 1843 and had served as an officer of infantry in the Grand Ducal army, which he left for political reasons in 1847, and after a sabre duel with a superior officer in behalf of and to protect a comrade. He became Minister of War in the Revolutionary Government at Baden, Adjutant to Louis Mieroslawski, a Polish leader called to command the Revolutionary Army and succeeded the latter as commander-in-chief. Under the lead of Prussia, an army of 75,000 commanded by Prince William, afterwards the first German Emperor as William I, and grandfather of the present Kaiser, in a campaign of about six months defeated the revolutionary army and compelled Sigel in July, 1849, to retreat across the Rhine with the remnant of the army of about 10,000 into Switzerland where they found refuge. General Sigel, after a stay in Switzerland with a price on his head, was ordered by the Swiss government to leave, reached England, and finally arrived in New York on May 14th, 1852. Many Germans emigrated in those days and became citizens; they were men who had fought for liberty and prized the institutions of their adopted land, because in them they found the liberty they sought. Carl Schurz was one of these. They were men who recognized when the South rose in rebellion, that the side of the North was the side of liberty and justice for all, for which they had fought in the Fatherland. And they were ready to follow this side of the Atlantic, the leader whom they had followed on the other. This spirit is exemplified in the war poem "I fights mit Sigel". Gen. Sigel was living in St. Louis in 1861 when Sumter was fired on; he had become a naturalized citizen in April, 1860, and in response to Lincoln's first call for volunteers raised a regiment, the "3rd Missouri," and entered the service as its colonel. Many of the regiment had fought under him in 1848-1849. As its colonel he led his fellow Germans in opposition to secession in Missouri, which was a "slave" state and its governor who was a "secessionist". He fought at Carthage in July, 1861, and was made brigadier general; fought with Lyon at Wilson Creek in August, 1861, when Lyon was killed, and led the decisive attack at Pea Ridge, Arkansas, in the battle of March 6th, 7th and 8th, 1862, which resulted in saving Missouri to the Union. And it was the patriotic stand of Sigel and his Germans that was the determining factor in saving Missouri. On March 21st, 1862, he was commissioned major general and transferred to the east, commanded the I Corps, Army of Virginia; at Second Bull Run under Pope, the XI Corps of the Army of the Potomac, under McClellan and Hooker; the reserve grand division under

Burnside, and the department of West Virginia. His last active service was in the defense of Maryland Heights at Harpers Ferry against General Early on his raid against Washington, in July, 1864. He resigned his commission May 4th, 1865, after Lee's surrender, and entered civil life. In 1867 he came to Morrisiana now The Bronx, New York City and lived there, except for the two years, 1871 and 1872, until he died. In 1869 he was a candidate for secretary of the state on the state Republican ticket which was defeated in January, 1871, on Gen. Grant's invitation, he accompanied the Domingo Commission as military expert to San Domingo and on his return was appointed Internal Revenue Collector for the 9th district, New York. In the fall of 1871, he was elected register of the city of New York and held the office until 1875. In 1885 he was appointed U. S. Pension Agent at New York by President Cleveland, and held the office until 1889. He afterwards lived in retirement until his death, on August 21st, 1902.

An equestrian statue in New York City on Riverside Drive at 106th street and another in Forest Park, St. Louis, were erected by popular subscription to honor his memory. A St. Louis public school also bears his name. A city park just north of where he lived on Mott Avenue for many years, and where he would walk and rest on fine days when too feeble to do more, now bears the name "Franz Sigel Park."

Division Commander Franz Sigel was born September 23rd, 1872; educated in the public schools of the city of New York and at the college of the city of New York from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1892. He taught at his Alma Mater for four years and during this period studied law at the New York University, graduated with the degree of L. L. B. in June, 1896 and was admitted to the bar of the state of New York. He then went to Chicago and was admitted to practice in the state of Illinois and remained there six years. When his father died in 1902, he returned to New York City. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. In 1903 he became a member of Lafayette Camp No. 140 S. of V. and served as its secretary, junior and senior vice commander and commander. At Glens Falls in 1914 he was elected Senior V. D. Commander, New York Division, and was elected Division Commander at Albany the following year. He has tried to be a good S. of V. 365 days of the year and has always been particularly interested in the work of developing a closer relation between posts and camps in the belief that it would result in great benefit to the order. As a result of efforts begun in 1910 and 1911 when he was camp commander, a joint committee of Lafayette Post and Camp was created for the purpose of fostering fraternal relations of which committee he is and always has been a member. This joint committee has made the comrades of the post feel a real personal interest in the Sons, and the Post is now actively engaged in recruiting among the descendants of its members for new members for the camp. Commander Sigel is endeavoring to foster the same spirit generally between Posts and Camps throughout his division with gratifying results.

Thus far Department Commander Zan L. Tidball has been most cordial in his cooperation, as have all the department officers of the G. A. R., and at a recent public installation of a G. A. R. Post he stated that he considered the Sons the "legitimate heirs" of the G. A. R. Many other comrades of the G. A. R. have voiced the same sentiment.

In camp and division, Commander Sigel has tried to the best of his ability to arouse a real spirit of patriotism, not only among eligible sons who are not members of the order, but also among people generally. He is called upon frequently to represent our order at patriotic celebrations. He has frequently been called upon to install, and makes frequent visits to Camps, Auxiliaries, Posts and W. R. C. meetings. In addition to his duties as Division Commander, he is actively engaged at present as a member of a committee of three of the United Military Order of America, in organizing a "Training Field Battery" to be attached to the "First Training Regiment" for the next Plattsburg camp. This battery has already begun weekly drills at the armory of the Second Field Artillery, N. G., N. Y., under direction of the officers of Battery D., commanded by Capt. W. O. Richardson, a S. of V. of Lafayette Camp, No. 140. The work of organizing such a training battery is a practical beginning in the work of preparedness.

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Olin P. Ayer, Commander Maine Division.

Division Commander Olin P. Ayer, of Maine, is the son of Erastus W. Ayer who enlisted May 1, 1861, in Capt. Bells' Co. A. 1st New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged therefrom August 9, 1861. His regiment was located at Harper's Ferry and at Rollinsville, where he contracted diphtheria, and later a shell bursting near by, broke an ear drum. Owing to this trouble, he was unable to pass the medical examination for



re-enlistment which concluded his service.

Commander Olin P. Ayer joined A. C. Pray Camp No. 2, Division of Maine, April 26, 1886. He was elected Captain of this Camp in 1896. He was elected J. V. Division Commander 1902, a member of the Division Council 1909-10-11-12; elected S. V. Division Commander 1914-15. He was elected Division Commander at Bangor in June, 1915. Brother Ayer is one of the old school of Sons of Vet-

erans, who always think first of the Sons of Veterans, regardless of the other fraternal orders to which they may belong. It is the substantial men of this caliber who have gradually built up our Order and placed it upon its sound basis. Big, genial, warm-hearted and generous, he is one of the best liked men in the Maine Division today and is commonly called "O. P."

The Maine Division under his leadership has already made a substantial increase and a still larger one is predicted before the expiration of his term of office.

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Joseph W. Whritenour, Commander Montana-Idaho Division.

The youngest Division Commander, Joseph W. Whritenour, of the Division of Montana-Idaho, is the grandson of



of a veteran of the War of the Rebellion. His grandfather served in Co. C. Twenty-second Regiment New Jersey Volunteers.

Commander Whritenour is twenty-two years of age. He joined Dan McCook Camp No. 3, located at Twin Falls, Idaho, in May, 1912. This camp was then in the California-Pacific Division, but is now under the command of the Montana-Idaho Division.

The great question confronting Commander Whritenour is that of organization, which is made difficult by the long distances to be traveled, and the heavy expense incurred thereby. The next nearest camp to the one at his home at Helena, is two hundred miles away, while the farthest is located at Payette, Idaho, a distance of six hundred and forty-five miles. The railroad fare alone to Payette is \$19.35 one way.

Eastern members of the Order can readily see from this condition of affairs how difficult it is to build up the Order in the more sparsely settled portions of the country. But in the face of these obstacles, Commander Whritenour is putting forth his best efforts to increase the membership of the Division of Montana-Idaho.

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J. W. Cook, Commander California and Pacific Division.

Commander J. W. Cook of the California and Pacific Division is the son of Major Wesley Cook of the 22nd Kentucky Volunteers, U. S. A.

In the year 1861, Wesley Cook recruited at his own expense five companies of volunteers in Carter, Morgan and Greenup counties, Kentucky, and by crooked trickery was defeated

for Lieutenant Colonel, and elected Major; he served about a year and a half. His first service was with Gen. Jas. A. Garfield in driving the rebels out of northeastern Kentucky; he was then transferred with his regiment to Louisville, Kentucky, where the Army of the Ohio, was organized, with Maj. Gen. Geo. W. Morgan in command. This army marched to the Cumberland Mountains where they found Cumberland Gap occupied by the rebels. They constructed a passage over the range of mountains at Rogers Gap into Powell's Valley, East Tennessee. The enemy knowing their line of supplies would be cut off, evacuated the Gap, which was strongly fortified, leaving large quantities of supplies and arms and cannon. Morgan's army occupied this position for several months, when they were fore-

Phil Sheridan Camp for several years. May 13th, 1915, he was unanimously elected Division Commander of the Division of California and Pacific. His term will expire in April, 1916. His long continuous membership with our Order proves his love and loyalty.

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Lyman B. Whittemore, Commander New Hampshire Division.

The following sketch of the retiring Commander of the New Hampshire Division is taken from the Sons of Veterans Advocate:

Division Commander Lyman B. Whittemore is a native of Hollis, where he was born Sept. 1, 1866. He is the son of Charles O. Whittemore, who enlisted Dec. 20, 1861, in Company E, of the Eighth Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers, the regiment that the late Col. Dana W. King so aptly termed the "pious Eighth." Mr. Whittemore served until Jan. 18, 1865, a part of the time being under the command of Capt. J. Q. A. Warren, for whom the Nashua Camp was named. After the war, he resided a short time in Hollis, removing from there to Nashua, where he died July 21, 1883.

Bro. Whittemore remained in Hollis till 1887, when he moved to Nashua, obtaining employment with the late George H. Parker, who conducted a laundry on the site of the present public library, remaining with him thirteen years. He continued in the same business in Nashua and vicinity till recently when he was elected janitor of one of the public schools.

He joined Warren Camp Sept. 1, 1887, and has been an active worker in the order ever since. He has served the Camp as commander and was secretary last year and holds the same office this year. In the Division he served on the Division Council one year and as Senior Vice-Commander two years, previous to being elected Division Commander last April.

Bro. Whittemore is a past noble

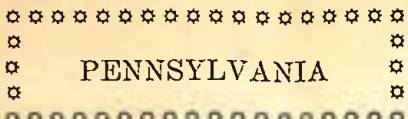


commander of Nashua commandery, U. O. G. C. He was twice married, his first wife, Abbie E. Wheeler, of Hollis, died June 12, 1907. He married his second wife, Thirza J. Ham, Oct. 9, 1913, and they reside at 52 Lowell street, Nashua.

Bro. Whittemore is a genial man, tireless in his activities for the Sons of Veterans and respected by all the citizens of Nashua for his sterling qualities. He is a good talker and a credit to the order.

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W. D. McBryar, Commander, Elizabeth. Division Order No. 10.

To The Members of The Pennsylvania Division:

Since last order, three applications for charters for new camps have been received, at Franklin, Curwensville and Clearfield.

Bucktail Camp No. 128, Curwensville, was mustered by Division Organizer, Walter E. Smith on March 7th. Commander, Percy Smith; Secy., Fred R. Robinson. Meets the first and third Fridays of each month in K. of P. hall, Curwensville.

Col. John Irwin Camp No. 156, Clearfield, was mustered by Division Organizer Walter E. Smith on March 8th. Commander, F. G. Chorpning; Secy., Scott W. McKelvey. Meets each Wednesday G. A. R. hall.

Changes in Staff.

The following District Aldes have been appointed, succeeding those whose resignations have been presented and accepted, and will be obeyed accordingly.

- O. L. Smiley, Camp 75, District 27.
William Bradley, Camp 15, District 6.

Corrections in Roster.

We regret to call attention to typographical and other errors in the new Roster just issued and the following corrections will be noted:

Division Organizer, Walter E. Smith, Camp 6, Allentown, Pa., instead of T. M. Morgan.

Add as Personal Aide C. T. Russell, Camp 37, Elizabeth.

Camp 61, New Oxford should be No. 60.

Camp 67, Mauch Chunk, should be No. 61.

Camp 165, Willwood City should be No. 165, Ellwood City.

Commander of Camp 2 should be Angstadt instead of Augstadt.

Address of Secretary Camp 277 should be 2644 North 17 street, Philadelphia.

Address of Secretary of Camp 11 should be 4327 North 10th street, Philadelphia.

Camp 224 meets Monday nights Liebegott Hall.

Division Encampment.

The local committee selected by camp 177 at Indiana have secured and authorized the publication of the following information relative to accommodations during Encampment week in that city.

All hotels named below are conducted on the American plan.

New Indiana House (Headquarters) rooms with bath, \$2.50.

New Indiana House (Headquarters) rooms without bath, \$2.00.

The Moore, with bath, \$2.50.

The Moore, without bath, \$2.00.

Clawson House, without bath, \$2.00.

Central Hotel, without bath, \$1.50.

West Indiana House, without bath, \$1.50.

Barr House, without bath, \$1.50.

National Hotel, without bath, \$1.00.

Farmers Hotel, without bath, \$1.00.

Lodging in private homes may be secured for fifty cents per night and lodging and boarding in private homes may be secured at \$1.25 per day. For reservations in private homes, address all communications to Brother George T. McHenry, Chairman Accomodation Committee, Indiana. For any other general information you will address Brother Richard W. Watson, Chairman of the General Committee.

It is urged that reservations be made as early as possible inasmuch as the Borough of Indiana will be holding its Centennial celebration from June 19th to June 25th inclusive, covering the period of Division Encampment, June 20 and 21st.

New Division By-Laws.

The committee appointed under authority of the last Division Encampment submitted its report for the revision of by-laws of the Pennsylvania Division and as that report is of some length, the same will be promulgated by mail to the several camps, so as not to congest the columns of The Banner.

Reports.

Inasmuch as each of the camps in the Division has received proper blanks for the reports of all officers, you are required and expected to have the same in the hands of the proper Division officers not later than the 20th of the month of April. Blanks have been sent to all camps and should any camp fail to receive the proper blanks, the Division Secretary should be notified immediately. Your Division Commander wishes to call attention of the officers and members of the camps of Pennsylvania Division that the provisions of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations providing for penalties in regard to failure to report will be adhered to strictly as he feels that sufficient leniency has been shown without additional demands being made upon his patience, and that the laws will hereafter be STRICTLY ENFORCED AGAINST ALL PARTIES.

The Future.

With one quarter of the term of your new camp officers gone, and with three quarters of the time allotted to this division administration having passed, it behooves you and your Division Commander to take a retrospective view of the past, to consider our failures and profit by them, weigh our successes that we may not become vainglorious and in so considering, can we say jointly and severally that we have all grasped every opportunity afforded to advance the works of our noble predecessors to increase our membership and our efficiency, and to lay the tribute of personal devotion along side of the supreme sacrifices of our noble ancestors? And can we look upon those tributes in peace (ours) and in war (theirs) without feeling that ours look poor, brassy, tarnished, along side of theirs, bright, pure and true? My good brothers, we have none of us done to the full measure what our faculties and capabilities would indicate we should be able to do. Let us, all, therefore, put a little more real action into the work which lies before us, so that we may "BE, rather than SEEM, Sons of Veterans." Fraternaly yours, W. D. McBryar, Div. Com.; Attest, W. E. McNulty, Div. Sec.

Seen and Heard.

Division still booming. Don't forget the Encampment dates, June 20th and 21st. Town, Indiana.

Division Organizer Walter E. Smith, is doing splendid work in the western part of the state. He has just organized new Camps at Clearfield, Curwensville, and Franklin, and is now working on a number of other western towns.

One of the live camps of the Order is No. 139 Sharpsburg. On March 10th, they had an "Every Member" Night. On March 24th they had a lecture on "Good Citizenship" by P. Division Commander Alf G. Loyd. They were both red letter nights.

Regret to announce the death of Capt. Jos. Seeley of Camp No. 4, Reynolds. Captain Seeley was an active worker for the Order for over 35 years, being one of the original Cadet Corps. His funeral was one of the largest held in many years in South Philadelphia. Post No. 71 G. A. R. attended in a body. Capt. John Lelise had charge of the military feature and was assisted by Major Magrady of the Philadelphia Battalion which also had a large turnout. Bro. Seeley was a good citizen and an ideal Brother Son of a Veteran. He leaves a widow, a sister of Brother DeWinton of Camp No. 4, Reynolds.

Among the new members who have been admitted may be mentioned Mr. Larry E. Lyre, one of the best known and influential men in Chester county. Also Brother Messer, who is Sheriff of Chester county. Both joined Camp No. 90, West Chester.

Camp No. 13 presented the 50th Baptist Church with a silk American flag. The presentation speech was made by Capt. Francis Callahan and was received by

the Rev. Mr. Behrens who is a member of Camp 223, Pottsville.

Everything points to a substantial gain for the term and this is very flattering to our splendid Division Commander, Brother McBryar, who has spared neither time nor comfort to make the organization grow during his administration. There is still a chance up to June 30th to add to the membership and give this worthy Brother, our Commander, a splendid present by greatly adding to the membership.

Brother, the Hon. C. M. Beales, Congressman from the Adams County District has charge of the bill before Congress to erect a monument to Lincoln in Centre Square at Gettysburg. Every Brother and every Camp should get busy in urging upon their representatives, the importance of carrying out this patriotic proposition.

As was noted in the last issue of The Banner, death has taken from us our good loyal friend, Col. M. A. Gherst, P. Dept. Commander of Pennsylvania. Col. Gherst after whom Camp No. 51, Darby, is named, was one of the best known men in Pennsylvania, and one of the most eloquent orators in the nation. He had a splendid war record, serving through the rebellion in the 14th Pa. Cavalry, and for many years was one of the officers of the National Guard of the state. His son is Past Commander Emmett Gherst of Camp No. 42, Lebanon. Camp No. 51 attended the funeral in a body and had charge of the services. The sympathy of the entire Division is extended to the widow and children of our late friend.

The three camps in Washington D. C., had a great patriotic dinner in honor of Lincoln at the "New Ebbitt." P. C. In C. H. V. Speelman was toastmaster. Eloquent addresses were made by Congressman S. D. Fess of Ohio, Brother Hon. Jas. P. Glynn from Connecticut, Brother Hon. F. C. McMillan, formerly Chief Postmaster and Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. It was one of the finest affairs of this character ever held by an organization in Washington.

Division Councilman Shavelly reports Camp No. 14 making every effort to secure 500 members by the June Encampment and they are going to accomplish this without a doubt.

The 35th anniversary of Allen Camp No. 6 was one of its usual red letter events, and the most successful given by this great organization. Toastmaster was P. C. Elmer E. Edinger, prayer by Rev. W. E. Brooks. Splendid addresses were delivered by Brother A. E. B. Stephens, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., W. D. McBryar, Commander of Pennsylvania Division, Col. E. M. Young of the Governor's staff, Brother Dallis Dillinger, Esq., P. D. C., C. C. Fulton and Hon. Brother Warren K. Miller, Dist. Attorney of Lehigh county. Division Organizer Walter E. Smith was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

The Lincoln Banquet of the Lehigh Valley Association was a red letter event and the most largely attended of any given so far. Toastmaster was Col. S. S. Horn, prayer by Brother Rev. Charles G. White, Chaplain of the Division. Stirring and patriotic addresses were delivered by Division Commander W. D. McBryar and Brother Hon. Wm. M. McKeen of Camp No. 233, Judge of the Northampton County Courts. Among the features of the occasion was the patriotic singing, the decorations and the very pretty menu card.

The great interest shown in the essay contest is exemplified by the receipt of nearly one thousand essays from the school children of the state.

Memorial services under the auspices of Major M. A. Gherst Camp No. 51 were held February 26th. Commander Wm. H. Lutton presided. Prayer by Comrade Charles E. Marshall. Splendid eulogies were delivered upon the life and characters of the late Major Gherst, Past Department Commander of the G. A. R. of Pennsylvania, by Dept. Com. C. F. Gramlich, Asst. Adj. Gen. Samuel P. Town, Comrade McEwan and Capt Francis Callahan, Comrades Marshall, Brown, Cooper, Edwards, Past Commander Hays of Camp No. 51, and Capt John A. Barcus. A large delegation from Post No. 21, G. A. R., was present in addition to many

other Veterans. The ceremonies were of a most impressive nature.

Inspection of Camp No. 27 was made March 3rd and District Aide Obdyke reports this camp as one of the best in his district. Their attendance is exceedingly high. The business of the meeting was conducted in a competent manner. Brother Obdyke was admirably supported by Senior Vice Division Commander Morton, Assistant Division Secretary McGirr, Past Commander Mable of Camp No. 10 and Secretary Alfred W. Benson of Camp No. 4, Reynolds. They each gave instructive talks for the Good of the Order and were given a rising vote of thanks by the Camp.

The Brothers proved the love they have for Brother John W. Kephart, Justice of the Superior Court, by the splendid reception he was accorded when his presence was announced at the banquet. Brother Kephart took a keen interest in the success of the affair and rendered much valuable assistance to the committee, especially to Secretary McNulty in preparing the arrangements and the brothers are deeply grateful to him for assistance rendered in making this and the banquet of last year the success they turned out to be.

Another member of the Club who received a tremendous ovation upon being introduced and who was kept bowing for some moments while the members stood up, cheered, applauded and waved flags, handkerchiefs and napkins, was the Hon. Charles L. Brown, President Judge of the Municipal Court, who is winning golden encomiums of praise from the people for the patriotic work that he is doing in the preservation of the American home and in the caring for the juveniles who come under his jurisdiction, in endeavoring to inculcate into their hearts respect for the laws and the importance of good behavior. This is work that means much for the patriotism and good citizenship of these young people. In the office of this patriotic judge there hangs a picture of Lincoln as a young man, sitting before the fire-place studying by the light gleaming from the burning logs. He is a great admirer of Lincoln and of the Union Defenders who served under him and in his remarks made upon the life of Lincoln, he says that Lincoln recognized all men under the protection of our flag to be equal. Judge Brown maintains that in the mind and heart of Lincoln, there was no such thing as common people, but every man who was a citizen was a sovereign in his own right. This attitude upon the part of this patriotic, charitable American, won for him the great reception that he received and has endeared him to all patriotic men and women and his words and acts meet with the approval of our great Organization.

Brother Joseph Smith of Camp No. 277, brother of His Honor the Mayor, was also given a splendid reception and it was an inspiration to all present when he was introduced and when Sec. McNulty announced that the three brothers, the Hon. Thomas B. Smith, Joseph Smith and Frederick Smith, who had been members of the Order for many years, were all present to do honor to Lincoln and the Union Defenders; as patriotic sons of a gallant sire their example should be emulated by every worthy eligible in the land. When our three good Brothers stood up, it was one of the most enthusiastic moments of a night of patriotism. We are happy to say that Brother Joseph Smith is making many friends for the Mayor as well as himself by his diplomatic handling of all who come in contact with the Mayor's office.

We were honored with the presence of Mr. Jas. Herron, President of the great Philopatrian Club. Our good friend is one of the most patriotic men in the nation and is a great admirer of Lincoln and the principles and objects of the G. A. R. and S. V.

Another patriotic friend who was warmly welcomed was Mr. M. A. Bruder, one of the best known business men in South Philadelphia and whose name has been honored by the great and well known M. A. Bruder New Year Association. Mr. Bruder is an admirer of Lincoln and the Union Defenders and all that they fought for.

Brother Judge Eugene C. Bonniwell received a splendid reception. He is

very proud of his father's patriotism and valor and comes of good fighting blood, having been lately honored by being elected vice president of the Philadelphia Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and has just been elected president of the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania.

Another distinguished gentleman who again honored us with his presence was the Hon. Wm. Gray Knowles, Judge of the Municipal Court who was warmly greeted. Judge Knowles is a great admirer of the Union Veteran and his Sons and has great reverence for Abraham Lincoln. He is always willing to assist in every way in the cause of patriotic love of country.

Splendid letters of regret at inability to be present at the banquet were received from His Honor, Judge Wm. T. Wheeler, Judge Utley E. Crane, who has attended the Club banquets for many years, Hon. Raymond MacNeille and Judge H. Gilbert Cassidy, son of the famous lawyer and former Atty. Gen. of the State, Lewis C. Cassidy.

Another member of the Club who received a great ovation when he arose was P. C.-in-C. Wm. G. Dustin, editor of The Banner, who has come on from the state of Illinois year after year to be present with his brothers in honoring the memory of Lincoln and the Union Defenders, one of whom was his gallant father, the late Gen. Dustin. Brother Dustin stated it was the finest affair the Club has ever given or that he has ever had the honor of attending anywhere. This was a splendid tribute from this distinguished brother whose father saw service in the war of the Union.

The boys were highly pleased at the splendid tribute paid by the President of the Club, Mayor Thos. E. Smith. He stated that in all the many years he has attended affairs of this character, he never saw better order preserved, greater enthusiasm displayed or more fraternity exhibited. This was a splendid tribute from this patriotic public man. He felt proud of his brothers, as they felt proud of him. He won warm encomiums of praise for the efficient manner in which he handled the big event and was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the members of the Club.

Another patriotic friend who was warmly greeted was Joseph P. Gaffney, Esq., Chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils. It was Mr. Gaffney who won national reputation by the eloquent address he delivered on "Pennsylvania Day" at the California exposition, being selected as the orator of the occasion. He is one of the leading lawyers of Philadelphia, one of the most eloquent men in the nation and a warm admirer of Lincoln, the G. A. R. and the S. V.

Brother Collins of Camp No. 4, Reynolds was warm in his praise over the success of the banquet. He is the head of the Great Collins Physical Institute in the Bellevue-Stratford Annex and is accomplishing great work, building up the health and strength of well known Philadelphians.

Two men who received a great ovation as they arose to their feet were Mr. Michael Wogan who served forty years as an officer of the navy and is now retired, but ready to respond to the call of duty and Comrade Richard Baxter, President of the G. A. R. Assn., who was one of the gallant men who went down in Hampton Roads on the deck of the Cumberland which was sunk by the "Merrimac." Both men are splendid types of the American seaman.

The greatest ovation of the evening was tendered to our good friend, the Hon. Boise Penrose. The members took occasion to show him and others gathered, what a warm place he held in their affection. The Senator is the best loved public man in the country, so far at least, as the Sons of Veterans are concerned. He has been attending the banquets of the Club of which he is a Life Member, for the past 18 years. He has served year after year as chairman of the Committee on speakers, and to him, as much as any one, is due the great success of these yearly events. It was through his special effort this year that we were honored with the presence of Senator Wesley Jones of Washington.

The members of the Club and Brothers in general were highly pleased with the attendance of Comrade Saunders, Washington, D. C., and Personal Aide to C-in-C. Monfort. Comrade Saunders was a gallant soldier and a man whose heart is wrapped up in patriotic love of country. He was unstinted in his praise of the patriotism displayed by the Sons of Veterans Club and Association.

Again the thanks of the Club and Association are due our good brother, Louis M. Wagner. In fact, we do not know what we would do without his help and assistance. He acted as chairman of the committee on reception to Senator Jones, Captain Monfort and Comrade Saunders and in company with P. C.-in-C. R. M. J. Reed and Captain Francis Callahan, received them at the depot, escorted them to the hotel and on Sunday escorted them to the beautiful Union League whose doors had been thrown open and courtesies extended to our visitors through the influence of Bro. Wagner. He also saw Senator Jones safely on his way to Washington. Not only did Brother Wagner give his advice and time, but has rendered splendid financial assistance year after year in making these events a success. The visitors were much impressed and greatly enjoyed their visit to the Union League building and the thanks of the Club and Association are due this patriotic body of gentlemen who formed this, greatest est of all American Clubs, during the dark days of '61-65 and who rendered great aid to Lincoln and the nation in the organization of regiments and in the giving of moral and financial assistance.

R. M. J. Reed, ranking past officer of the Order, who is also a member of the G. A. R., the personal Aide on the staff of Capt. Elias R. Monfort, rendered much valuable assistance on the reception committee.

The undersigned had the privilege of meeting with Camp No. 34 at Mt. Carmel, on March 3rd, when one of the most unique and wholesome meetings ever held anywhere was witnessed by a large body of the most prominent citizens of that live coal town, and elsewhere, all being either Sons of Veterans or honored members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Commander Raymond B. Tobias, Esq., conceived the idea of having all the living Past Commanders of the Camp present that evening, and they were almost all there. Out of 21 Past Commanders on the active rolls, 20 attended the session, some having traveled many miles to answer to roll call. Commander Tobias presided with dignity and effectiveness, and the love and good fellowship emanating from his chair permeated the whole camp room, and it would have been well if every camp in the United States could have been represented there, for they would have carried to their home camps much to make them better and more useful members of the Sons of Veterans. The ranking Past Captain was Brother John J. Lewis, who served in 1888, whose mildness of manner and gentleness of spirit commended him to all present. Commander Tobias has under his administration thus far mustered in 35 members; he presented each Past Commander with a beautiful flag and made an address, filled with love and gentle advice and Christian heroism which touched the hearts of all present. The members of the G. A. R. who were present added much to the impressiveness and inspiration of the meeting; they were erect and in uniform, and it was a touching scene to witness these veterans as they stood at attention and saw their sons who have sworn to defend the flag that they saved for them to defend. Seven sons and one grandson from one family are members of this prosperous camp which numbers about 250 bright, intelligent, ardent men from the business ranks of every description from this grand little town among the mountains of coal. Among those present were Past Division Commander Will H. Pensyl, Division Treasurer John E. Wightman and Division Aide James N. Smith. Past Commanders in order of their terms present were as follows: John J. Lewis, John A. Carl, Elmer John, Esq., E.

Harbold, W. H. Pensyl, Alex Smith, John E. Wightman, W. B. Kelmphel, W. B. Scott, Jerro Rubright, Jos. Smith, H. H. Tobias, Charles Raudenbush, Thos. Tobias, Charles Raudenbush, Thomas Smith, Jr., W. B. Fisher, Harry S. Osman and James E. Harbold. A letter of regret was read from Brother Ambrose Delcamp who could not be present on account of sickness, as was also a letter read from Past Division Commander Charles L. John who likewise could not be present.—Arthur L. Swartz.

Camp 39, Philadelphia—An unusually interesting and inspiring spectacle was presented at McMunn's hall, January 15th, the occasion being the joint open installation of officers of Post 77, G. A. R., Abraham Lincoln Camp 39, Sons of Veterans, and Sons of Veterans Aux. No. 39. The fact that the three affiliated organizations combined their installation ceremonies was in itself significant of the splendid harmony which prevails among them and the further circumstance that Commander C. F. Gramlich, of the Dept. of Pennsylvania G. A. R. consented to act as Installing Officer for the Camp is an indication that the Order of Sons of Veterans is winning the respect and confidence of the G. A. R. in greater degree than in former years. The officers of Camp 39 were delighted with the honor thus bestowed upon them. The meeting was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock by the Chairman of the Installation Committee, P. C. Wm. L. Hascher of Camp 39 who announced the purpose of the meeting and turned over the gavel to Post Commander Daniel Hain. Commander Hain announced the presence of Dept. Com. Gramlich and staff, and Com. Gramlich proceeded at once to install the newly elected Commander Kayon and officers of Post 77, the impressive ceremonies of installation being witnessed for the first time by many of those present. Installation of the newly elected President, Margaret Richard, and officers of the Auxillary followed, with Nat. Pres., Sister Libbie Meis, as installing officer, after which Dept. Com. Gramlich installed the newly elected Commander, George Richard and officers of the camp. A number of those present were called on for remarks appropriate to the occasion. They responded entertainingly and feelingly, the keynote of all the speeches being the honor due the Union Veterans and the near approach of the time when the duty of keeping alive the memory of their sacrifices will rest upon the shoulders of the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxillary. The meeting then adjourned to the banquet hall where a substantial and appetizing luncheon was served by the Sisters of the Auxillary.

Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 39 celebrated its first anniversary by attending in large numbers, the banquet of the Sons of Veterans Club of Pennsylvania, held at the Hotel Adelphia, Philadelphia, on Feb. 12th and the Lincoln Celebration at the Forrest Theatre the next day. The members of the camp occupied a large section of one of the tables at the banquet, and late comers were scattered throughout the banquet room. P. C. Wm. L. Hascher loaned to the camp for the occasion a life size bronze bas-relief of the martyred Lincoln. The banquet committee of the camp had this decorated with a large floral horseshoe and placed it on the table where it attracted a great deal of attention and admiration. Camp 39 was just one year old on Lincoln's birthday, being instituted on Lincoln's birthday, 1915. The camp is making every effort to be worthy of the name it bears, and intends to do its share towards raising the Order of Sons of Veterans to the position which rightfully belongs to it, viz: "Right of the Line" among patriotic organizations.

NEW YORK
Frans Sigel, Commander, 897 Crotona Park North, Bronx Co., N. Y.; C. H. Kelmphel, Press Correspondent.
Dept. N. Y. Sons of Veterans Reserves.
There are good camps without Reserve companies, but most of them

would be better camps if they had companies. The Reserve is not the Universal panacea for the ills of our Order, but is more than any other feature, a potent instrument for the up-building of the camp. Why? It attracts the younger element of eligibles; it enables you to render the last honors to Veterans properly; it keeps the Order before the eyes of the public. Therefore, it justifies in the highest degree the only really valid reason we can offer for our existence: "To keep alive the memory of the services and sacrifices of our fathers." These are proven facts, not theories. Try it. Every camp needs, at least a firing squad. Why not have that squad enlisted as a Reserve Company? The Company attracts a young man to the camp, for every American boy is interested in anything military. Every Son of a Union soldier owes it to his father to help preserve the things that they gave the best years of their lives for. All necessary blanks and other information will be cheerfully furnished by Lieut. Col. F. J. Marshall, commanding N. Y. Dept., 228 Pine St., East Aurora, N. Y. Long Branch, N. Y. has been selected as a camp site for the Reserves and the Companies of the several battalions in the N. Y. Dept. will be concentrated there during the week of August 6-13 for instruction. A new Company has been organized at Endicott and assigned to Major Bentley's battalion. Another company will soon be organized at Syracuse. There is under advisement a plan for reorganizing the Department into three regiments equipped as infantry which would enable the Commander to organize the regiments into a brigade.

Bronx County Sons of Veterans, in the presence of many prominent Grand Army Veterans and representatives of Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 and Reno Camp No. 102, a large American flag was presented to the Naturalization Bureau of the Bronx County Clerk's office on Friday morning, March 17th. The flag was the gift of the two camps. The presentation speech was made by Div. Com. Franz Sigel who said: "This court will pass upon the qualifications of applicants of alien nationalities for admission to American citizenship. Let us hope that they approach the occasion with a consciousness alive as to what this citizenship means. The French Revolution ended in the Empire of Napoleon; the American Revolution ended in the vindication of rights as set forth in our Declaration of Independence. George Washington and his Continental armies, often crushed and defeated, despairing at Valley Forge, rose to final victory at Yorktown, and George Washington became the Father of his country. Then there was in the words of Abraham Lincoln, 'brought upon the continent a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.' Men of foreign blood, Steuben, DeKalb, Lafayette, Pulaski, Kosciusko, fought and many of them died to create this nation, and when 86 years after the Declaration of Independence, during the dreadful years of '61-65, the question whether a nation 'so conceived and so dedicated' could endure was fought on the battlefields, we again found thousands of foreign birth standing side by side with the native born, giving all, sacrificing all in equal measure that this government 'of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish from the earth,' and who shall say in the light of history that those whom we welcomed have not served it well? In every war, in every industry, in every profession, they have added their due proportion in producing the unexampled progress that has made this nation a land of unlimited opportunity. These camps believe it is peculiarly fitting for them in whose veins flows the blood of those Boys in Blue to present to you the flag of our country which symbolizes the principles which the new citizen promises to uphold, so on their behalf I present this flag to you. May we all in the presence of this flag renew our allegiance to the country of your birth or of your adoption. Let the watch word be, 'America first, last and all

the time. Well may we in conclusion say,
 'Columbia, my country, thy stars are unfurled,
 Mild beaming with peace o'er a jarring world;
 And well may be joy that Atlantic's broad ocean
 Doth roll between thee and old Europe's commotion;
 Thy broad-spreading empire, oh, long may it be
 The home of the patriot, the land of the free.'

Supreme Court Justices Tierney and Mullen and Surrogate Schulz were present. Thirty-four applicants received citizenship and Justice Tierney urged them to be mindful of the obligation they assumed. He also referred to the distinguished record of the late Gen. Franz Sigel and emphasized his record as one worthy of emulation by all seeking American citizenship. County Clerk Ganley accepted the colors.

The Central Memorial Committee Sons of Veterans of Brooklyn and L. I. held their election of officers on Feb. 15th. The following were elected: Pres, Wm. A. Stubner; vice Pres., W. J. A. Rooney; Sec., John W. Kaiser; Treas., A. Mackie; Trustees, W. Morris, H. Raemer and W. H. Davis; Chap., W. C. Halpin; Sergeant-at-Arms, H. Bennett; Marshall, Thos. Travers; Asst. Secy., Thos. S. Gillispie. The various committee reports were read showing the work done during the year 1915. Fifteen hundred graves were decorated last Memorial Day for the various G. A. R. Posts and a helping hand was extended to the Comrades in various undertakings. An invitation is extended to all G. A. R. Posts to allow the Sons of Veterans to perform this duty which becomes more and more arduous each year. On March 21st, Pres. Stubner appointed the following committees for the year and he advised them to start at once on the work planned for this year: The Public Ceremonies committee who have the arrangement of the Memorial service to the unknown Sailor Dead at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, on Sunday, June 4, 1916; the Fraternal Relations committee who are planning to visit all G. A. R. Posts and S. of V. Camps and to place the S. of V. in the foremost ranks of patriotic societies. A campaign of membership has also been started. The committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 2, Borough Hall, Brooklyn.

13, David Getman, Gloversville—The camp and their auxiliary, Captain Anson Denison Post G. A. R., and the W. R. C. held fitting exercises in honor of Washington and Lincoln in their headquarters in February. Rev. Colbrook, a son-in-law of the late Chaplain Burton who held the rank of Major, in a stirring address on "Patriotism" demonstrated how thoroughly it had been instilled through the ancestry that the first thing the granddaughter of Major Burton recognized was Old Glory. She is now two years old and sends her greetings to the G. A. R. and the other patriotic organizations, and expects all to respect and love the flag. An address was also delivered by the Rev. Dr. Stevens of the M. E. Church. The prize winners of the High Schools gave recitations, readings, solos and duets. The meeting closed at a late hour by all singing America.

56, A. W. Holden, Glens Falls—On Feb. 23 the camp presented to the high school of the city of Glens Falls the bronze Lincoln tablet which was presented to the camp by the New York Division in 1914, in recognition of exceptional work. The exercises were held in the Auditorium of the high school at 2:45 p. m. Col. G. F. Bryant, Com. of Wing Post 147 G. A. R. presided. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was delivered by James Cheney, a senior in the high school. The presentation of the tablet was made by Com. A. C. Taylor of Holden Camp and was accepted on behalf of the Board of Education by J. Ward Russell. Appropriate remarks were made by Com. Bryant, also Div. Vice Pres, Mrs. Close and Div. Treas. Miss McOmber of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. Singing was furnished by the school and by a double quartette of young men. The exercises closed with all present giving the pledge of allegiance. The tablet will hang on the wall facing the front en-

trance of the school, the most prominent place in the building.
 64, Chas. J. Nordquist, Mt. Vernon—The regular monthly meeting of the camp was held on Thursday, March 10th at the G. A. R. hall. It was without exception the best and most interesting meeting the camp has experienced in years, over 40 members being present. Seven new candidates were mustered. P. C.-in-C. Chas. F. Sherman and Past National Aide W. W. Anderson took part in the initiatory work. We expect to double our membership of the camp this year. A class of 25 is expected to join at the April meeting. The camp held a benefit at the West Chester Theatre Tuesday evening and made \$90 clear profit.

71, Fenner, Fredonia—The New Year was celebrated by our removal into the new Grange hall, the finest Grange building in the state and the home of the first subordinate Grange ever organized in Fredonia, No. 1. At the first meeting the 1916 officers were installed by Div. Counselor M. L. Clopp of Jamestown. The following are now in charge of the camp: Com., Howard M. Putnam; Sr. Vice, Fred Asper; Jr. Vice, W. H. Wheelock; Council, W. A. Clark, A. D. Crosby and A. E. Brown; Sec., E. M. Eddy; Treas., Wm. D. Putnam; Chap., Hiram C. Reynolds; Guide, W. A. Clark; C. B., H. G. Huntley; Pat. Ins., Rev. E. R. Larrabee; Inn r Guard, Albert Seeker; Outer Guard, John Crain. At the Albany encampment last June H. M. Putnam was awarded the "Klein" gold badge for securing the second largest number of new members during the year. This badge, a beautiful affair, was presented during the evening to Com. Putnam on behalf of P. D. C. Klein by P. C. H. G. Huntley. The camp took charge of the funeral of Comrade James Reed of E. D. Hold Post G. A. R. and who was deeply interested in the camp, both G. A. R. and S. V. services were read. A delegation from the camp consisting of Com. Putnam, P. C. Huntley and Pat. Ins. Larrabee went to Laono March 3rd and conducted patriotic exercises for the adult league of that village. A new camp is being formed at Brocton, 7 miles west of here, and the camp expects to be called upon to help muster the boys when the application for a charter is approved. Appomattox Day will be observed with a warm sugar party on Friday evening, April 14th.

77, Diven, Elmira—A joint birthday anniversary celebration in honor of Abraham Lincoln and Gen. A. S. Diven, after whom the camp was named, was held on Feb. 14th. There were nearly 100 present despite the inclement weather, including 14 Veterans. Geo. M. Diven, a descendant of Gen. Diven, was an honorary guest. Those represented were the G. A. R. Posts, The Daughters of Veterans, The Diven W. R. C., and others. A. E. Cornell of Fitch Post and a life member of the camp presided in an able manner. Bro. Clay W. Holmes brought home to his audience a fine word picture of the martyred President. Sr. Vice Com. Neil D. Cranmer gave an interesting sketch on the life and public services of Gen. Diven. Chas. Sharp paid a memorial tribute to Lincoln and the G. A. R. Com. W. W. Hathaway of McDowell Post gave a short talk on preparedness. Sr. Vice Com. Dr. G. V. R. Merrill of Baldwin Post paid a personal tribute to Lincoln and Diven. Miss Gertrude Klynyn, Pres. of Diven Tent D. of V., brought greetings from her organization and Mrs. Mamie McDermott spoke for the Diven W. R. C. Com. Ulysses B. Schoonover of the camp formally welcomed the various organizations. A letter was read from Div. Com. Franz Sigel by Jack Brooks. Mrs. A. B. Cornell gave a recitation which was much enjoyed. Henry Johnson and Jesse Schafer rendered several selections on the drum and fife. Mrs. Darrow and daughter gave a pleasing vocal duet. W. F. Dinger gave a violin solo, Miss C. Atwater accompanist. Henry Johnson sang, "Marching Through Georgia." All joined in the chorus which closed the program. The camp expects to bring to Elmira for an entertainment in the near future Major Hendershot, the drummer boy of the Rappahannock, and his son, a well known fifer. Other musical numbers will be added to the program. The various G. A. R. Posts

and other patriotic societies have pledged their co-operation.

79, Eiseman, Brooklyn—Never before has the Highland Casino, Hale & Jamaica avenues, held so large a crowd as that which attended the grand exhibition drill and Military Ball of the L. M. Hamilton Post No. 152, G. A. R., W. R. C., the Camp and the Liberty Guards Auxiliary of Eiseman Camp on Feb. 21st. It was largely attended. The feature of the affair was the drill by the Liberty Guard and the Eiseman camp Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps. This was enthusiastically received and will not be forgotten for some time to come. Those present will well remember the decorations. The manner in which the American flags were arranged would awaken the patriotism in the most indifferent. It was a true patriotic event. There was patriotic singing, music, and old dances that made many an evening pleasant in the days before the Civil War. Souvenir programs were presented to all which contained the picture of the "Father of his Country," surrounded by American flags, on the left was the Liberty Bell and in the lower corner was a picture of "Washington Crossing the Delaware." Advertisements and the dance program made up the balance. A footnote from the W. R. C. extended an invitation to all women to join the Corps. Wm. Eagleston was floor manager; L. Eyring and C. Horstman, floor committee; J. W. Maguire, F. Taubenspeck, W. H. F. Murphy, Chas. Wilhelm, Arrangement Committee; W. H. Davis, Chairman, A. Mackie, Asst. Chairman; Mrs. M. Rau, G. Wilhelm, E. Bogart, E. Eagleston, L. Walker, E. W. Steinman, Mrs. L. Thompson, A. Davis, W. Earil; A. J. Gilchrist, Drill Master; W. Horn, Miss C. Krauss, Secy.; Mrs. A. Busch, Treas.; Reception Committee, Mrs. A. Hotz, chairman, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. S. McCulloch, Mrs. C. Hudson, Mrs. Nager, Mrs. M. Hanlow, Mrs. M. Davis, Mrs. W. Von Herbert, Mrs. M. Steiner, Mrs. A. Whystal, Mrs. E. Carey, Mrs. C. Eagleston, Mrs. A. Herlich, Mrs. E. White, Mrs. E. Davis, Mrs. C. Thalger, Mrs. A. Hudson, Mrs. M. Beresford, Miss M. Krauss, Miss M. Sauer, Miss M. Eyring, Miss L. Noe, Mrs. T. Knoll.

120, Murray, Goshen—At a regular meeting of the camp held March 8th, the following resolution was adopted: "Be it Resolved, That we promulgate through the medium of The Banner, the following suggestions for incorporation in our ritual: (1) That the Gettysburg address of the immortal Lincoln be either recited or read at all funerals of Civil War veterans; (2) That Old Glory when it becomes useless, torn or faded, instead of being relegated to the hideous ash barrel be destroyed by fire. (What is more beautiful than fire?) (3) To do away with the obsolete badge and substitute the new and appropriate bronze button accompanied by a suitable lecture or charge or presentation."

126, J. R. Stewart, Oneida—On the evening of March 14th the camp initiated a class of 24 recruits. The work was done by a detail from Sniper camp of Syracuse in approved form. A banquet followed the muster and several impromptu toasts were given. Sr. Vice Div. Com. Bert H. Bentley of Ilion, Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Allis of Syracuse and Auxiliary Div. Pres. Winnie F. Durst of Syracuse were guests of the camp and made inspiring remarks. The camp has a class of ten recruits to be mustered in April. An Auxiliary to the Camp was recently instituted by Div. Pres. Winnie Durst with 38 charter members and they have been busy ever since, so the camp will have to watch out for its laurels. The auxiliary will visit the Sniper auxiliary on March 24, and the camp will visit Sniper camp on April 7th.

127, Howland, Beacon—A reception was tendered Howland Post No. 48 G. A. R. on Feb. 15th by the camp. It was called "Veterans Night" and will long be remembered by all who attended. Com. Frank G. Wolf in his address informed those present that it gave him great pleasure as Commander to welcome the G. A. R. Veterans, and to extend to them a cordial greeting in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. The program which had been arranged in commemoration of Washington and Lincoln opened by all singing America, after which several G. A. R. veterans

were called upon for a few remarks. Bro. Kiernan announced that supper would be served. This was taken care of by the White Uniformed chefs of the S. V. and enjoyed by all. A short musical program had also been arranged as follows: solo, Dr. Chas. Kittredge; violin solo, Leslie Cherry; piano solo, Harvey Budd and Raymond Whitefield who also played a duet. At the next regular meeting four applications will be acted upon. Rev. Chas. P. Holbrook, Jas. Sullivan, Ray Woodfield and Geo. Decker are the names to be added to the roster. The camp took part in the banquet given to Howland Post 48 G. A. R. by the W. R. C. on Feb. 17, at the I. O. O. F. lodge rooms.

135, Libbey, Brooklyn—Feb. 28, our camp held its regular meeting. Com. Walter Thalen presided. Bros. H. Raemer and Thos. Gray read a report of the D. B. A. convention which they attended. The Central Memorial Com. delegates announced the election of Bro. Thos. F. Travers, Jr. as Marshall. The camp, in conjunction with the Jas. Brush Drum and Fife Corps will hold a ball at Somers hall located at Rockaway Ave. and Somers St., March 25th. All are cordially invited. An interesting feature will be an exhibition drill and contest.

168, Dupont, Brooklyn—At the regular meeting of the camp March 2nd, with Com. Wm. Fin Kelmeler in the chair. The reports of the various committees were read. These were very interesting, especially the report of the delegates who attended the Wilmington, Del., convention Feb. 22. On March 16, the first quarterly meeting of 1916 was held and was well attended. Business and camp matters were disposed of in their usual manner. Delegates to the state encampment to be held in Utica, next June were elected. The following were chosen to represent the camp: Emil Deiker, Chas. J. Vogel and Chester W. Riker. Refreshments were served after the meeting and were enjoyed by all.

 * MASSACHUSETTS *

Guy Richardson, Commander, Room 38, 15 Beacon St., Boston; O. J. Sebolt, Press Correspondent, 68 Winslow Ave., Somerville.

New Division Officers.
 Commander, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon.
 S. V. Com., C. M. Boody.
 J. V. Com., E. W. Howland.
 Council: W. J. Ricker, G. E. Hunt, F. W. Butler.

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With the Commander. A Parting Word.

If the Massachusetts Division has met, during the past year, any success worth talking about, that success is due to the magnificent co-operation of all the Division Officers, elective and appointive; of the numerous and hard-working District Aides, of the fine spirit and willingness of Past Commanders-in-Chief, Past Division Commanders, Special Aides and the rank and file of the Brothers in the various camps, regardless of any "honors" that they may or may not have received. At the beginning of this year, I expected something of this sort, but the ready responses and willingness to attempt any service requested, no matter how difficult or perhaps personally distasteful, indicate that one motive is supreme in the minds of all—the good of the Order.

Having accomplished something worth while, the advantage of giving publicity to our efforts should not be underestimated. The interchange of ideas set forth in the monthly reports in The Banner is inspiring to each one of the thousands of Brothers who read our official organ. Publicity should be an important feature of each camp as well as for the Division itself, and many camps make a mistake in not giving more attention to it.

For convenience, the 153 camps in the Division were divided into 17 districts, each under the direct supervision of an Aide, usually from one of the camps in his own district. What looked theoretically at the beginning of the year, now looks practically, at the end of the year, to be true—the dis-

tricts generally are too large, and in some cases, should be split almost in halves. I strongly recommend a very careful re-distribution of camps into at least 25 districts, as an average of six camps, each meeting twice a month, is enough to assign to one man. That I was fortunate in the choice of aides, and that the aides selected made good, will be evident from a careful comparison of a list of them with the names on the election ballot this year.

The magnificent co-operation of the Sons of Veterans Club and of the Past Commanders' Association, the generous platform services and the ready response of scores whose names are worthy of mention; the thousand and one personal favors received from members of the Order in every part of the Division; for all such I am devoutly thankful and only regret that the long roll of the names of all these helpers may not be called here.

To have had the honor of being your Commander during this past year; to have been privileged to look in upon you at work and at play, in all parts of the Division; to have received the cordial hand-clasps and warm words of welcome from so many hundreds of you; to have stood with you at the bier of the departed and to have sat with you at the bedside of the sick; to have been privileged so often to try to tell you of my conception of what a Son of a Veteran should be; to have come to know so many of you and to find so many of you well worth knowing; in short, to have lived so much with you and to have enjoyed your confidence and good-will—all this experience is mine, and for it I humbly and sincerely thank you.

GUY RICHARDSON.

Headquarters Notes.

Reports thus far indicate a substantial gain, possibly reaching a net gain of 150 members for the March quarter.

Consolidated reports show that Massachusetts, with its steady growth, has passed New York and now takes second place in membership.

Three Camps of the Junior Order have been organized recently in connection with camps at Framingham, Natick and Wakefield.

When this reaches our readers the new Division officers will have taken up the active work of the Division and the battle cry of "8,000 or more," will have been sounded. Make up your mind, Brother, that you will have a share in the forward movement of the Old Bay State. The Comrades need your help and the help of all the eligibles that you can induce to join our Order.

Memorial Day is near at hand and this year more than ever the Sons will take the lead in caring for the Veterans and the work of decorating the graves of their comrades. Don't neglect your part in the observance.

The Division Press Correspondent wishes at this time to thank all the Brothers who have so kindly assisted in making this part of the work such a success. I trust you will give my successor the same support you have given me and then the publicity that our Order deserves will be an accomplished fact.

Many Camps have members who served honorably in the Spanish-American War, and who are thus entitled to the Special Service badge issued by our order. Camps often present such decorations publicly and with each one goes an engrossed certificate of service. If your Camp has any Spanish War Veterans, take up this matter with Headquarters.

Sons of Veterans' Club.

The Annual Ladies Night of the Club at G. A. R. hall, Somerville, March 31, was a decided success with an attendance of about 200 members and lady friends. There was a reception to the various Department Heads of the Allied Organizations, a program of musical and literary nature, feature dancing and Virola concert under direction of Vice President Cox. Refreshments and a general social time was enjoyed. At the business session, the executive committee was given full power to conduct a Moonlight Excursion in June and plans for a summer outing are under way. Bro. Waugh's orchestra furnished

music for dancing after the entertainment.

Camp 14, Cambridgeport, initiated seven candidates March 23rd.

Camp 11, Whitman—The Division loses another of its "wheel horses" in the death of Chas. F. Cook on March 25th. Brother Cook was a charter member of Camp 11, joining it in July, 1884, served as its Commander in 1889, and has at all times been active even almost to the date of his death. In the Division, he has been on the Division Council and served as Chief Aide and as Senior Vice Division Commander. Quiet and unassuming, but with a deep interest in the affairs of the Order, and a power for good, Bro. Cook will be sadly missed by a large number of Brothers and friends.

Camp 51, Roslindale, will report a net gain of seventeen for the March quarter.

District No. 2 closed its series of District meetings with a social night and Pop Concert at Camp 56 headquarters, Cambridge March 29. About 200 were present and enjoyed a fine entertainment by the Sterling entertainers and Bro. Waugh's orchestra, with songs by Bro. Leroy Ricker. Ice cream and Tonic were served. District Aide Ricker was given a rousing reception and much deserved praise for the splendid consummation of his active work for the District. Bros. Mitchell and Kirchgassner were able assistants in carrying out the details of the evening. Members of Tent 30 acted as waitresses. The District organization plans to continue the fraternal visits and much good will undoubtedly result.

Camp News.

Camp 64, Ashland, is adding new members every meeting and expects to pass the 75 mark in a short time.

Camp 85, Webster, initiated a class of 12 March 22. Past Div. Com. Tucker, District Aide Staples and officers of Shrewsbury and Worcester Camps acted as a Degree staff. Another class was initiated early in April.

Camp 115, Duxbury, held the annual military ball, March 3.

Camp 66, Woburn and its Auxillary joined in a ball March 1st which was a success financially and socially.

Camp 119, Topfield, was organized March 25th.

Camp 78, Lowell, held a Ladies Night March 30 and a class initiation March 31st.

Camp 137, Great Barrington held a class initiation March 28th. Dist. Aide Bronsdon, Past Div. Com. Sisson and P. Com. White of No. Adams were the guests.

Camp 37, Gardner—Initiated eleven candidates at their meeting March 16, the degree staff of Camp 124, East Templeton, performing the work. Past Div. Com. Bolton, Div. Com. Richardson and Dist. Aide Stevens were the guests.

Camp 8, East Boston, closed its charter March 24 when 8 candidates were initiated, making a total of 56 charter members. There was a fine attendance of members and many comrades from the two local Posts. The work was given by a picked staff, very nearly representing the old S. V. club staff, in charge of Past Div. Com. Tucker. Much interest was manifested by all and the new camp has bright prospects.

Camp 63, Holliston, has reorganized with a new Commander and has prospects of life and renewed activity.

Camp 52, Leominster.—Eight members attended the class initiation at Gardner and had an adventurous trip, owing to a heavy snowstorm. The walking was good and the brothers arrived in time to enjoy the initiation and collation. The return trip was accomplished without accident. The Camp participated with other patriotic societies in an entertainment at City Hall. Two Granges, the Mayor and the City Council were especial guests. Refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed.

Camp 106, Charlestown—Made a good showing at their inspection and show signs of renewed activities in getting new members.

Camp 45, Arlington is planning a class initiation in April and with its Auxillary are to hold a Costume party.

Camp 54, Medford—March 9 one new member was initiated into the Camp and Brother Paul Miles Dove was in-

stalled secretary. Inspection occurred March 23 by Dist. Aide Leon H. Palmer, P. C. of Melrose. The initiatory work was exemplified by a degree staff composed of the officers of the Camp, Past Commander Stone in charge. A goodly number of Brothers and a delegation from Post 66, headed by Comd. Hall were in attendance. Refreshments followed at the close of the meeting. Preston Brainard Rowe, the new commander is one of the youngest commanders in the Massachusetts Division. He has served as chaplain, junior vice, and the past two years as senior vice commander. Three of his ancestors were in the American Revolution and his grandfather, Capt. William Preston, served in Co. K, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery in the Civil War.

Camp 73, North Brookfield, had a very enjoyable meeting at their annual inspection March 6. Two candidates were initiated by the degree staff with Past Commander M. C. Conover acting as commander. Members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. were present and a social time was held and collation was served after the business meeting. Another candidate was initiated at the meeting of March 20th.

Camp 101, Westminster makes a good start. Beginning the year with a joint installation with Tent 51 D. of V., Camp 101 promises well for 1916. Our camp, as you all remember, is a camp with many past commanders and in connection with this the following facts may be interesting: To begin with, all our new officers, including the Camp Council, are either grandsons of veterans or past camp commanders and three of them are both. Our chaplain is a comrade of the G. A. R., a Son of Veteran and a past commander. Our latest recruit, Winfield H. Scott, is also a comrade and was initiated at the recent Camp Fire at Fitchburg. Of our officers, five are Millers and three are Hurds, while the three senior officers are only twenty-one years of age or under. On the evening of March 6th, District Aide Geo. E. Stevens of Camp 28, inspected the camp with several ladies of Tent 51 and Relief Corps 113 and a few Comrades of Post 69 in attendance. During the meeting, Past Commander A. E. Hurd was re-initiated in the regular long form the detail doing good work, the younger officers having their ritual charges well committed and delivering them impressively. While Camp 101 is not large (membership sixty-nine) and about half of its members live out of town the interest is usually good and the attendance is about 50 per cent of its resident membership. The reason we are not growing so fast as some camps is because there are but few desirable eligibles left in town, although if the recruiting age should be lowered to sixteen in a couple of more years, we could round up another set of grandsons.

Camp 34, Wakefield—A Junior camp has been organized largely through the efforts of past senior vice-commander I. R. Phipps, with Master Eben Draper as Captain. The boys are showing unusual interest and have started a relief fund. Auxillary 13 of Camp 34 have given an altar flag, also a parade flag to the youngsters. They were duly installed by Division Organizer Ernest W. Homan, one new candidate being initiated at that time. It is understood that this camp has the honor to be the first Junior Camp officially organized in Massachusetts. The bowling team of Camp 34 was entertained by E. W. Homan at a Chinese supper held at the King Toy restaurant in Lynn. After the supper, there was a heated contest at the Waldorf alleys between the married and the "very much" married men. The latter won. Everybody is looking forward to the good ship "Polly Ann" which is expected to arrive at the mouth of the Saugus river, provided the high water and floating ice do not prevent, sometime the last of April.

Camp 11, Whitman, held its annual inspection March 17, Past Div. Com. Warren of Abington being inspecting officer. He was accompanied by a large delegation from his camp and a general good time was enjoyed. The camp, assisted by the W. R. C. and Ladies Auxillary held a four night fair commencing March 1, for the purpose of purchasing a piano for the G. A. R. hall. The sum of \$611.00 was netted—Goin's some!

The fair was opened by Div. Com. Richardson, assisted by Dept. Pres. of the W. R. C., Miss Burton and Div. Counselor Mrs. Charlotte Stoddard. Com. Leslie deserves credit for the amount of work put in to make this fair a success; also Sen. Vice-Commander Randall for the excellent showing made by his table, his receipts being far in excess of all others. It is proposed that the balance be taken to build a cupola on our hall to be fitted up as an office and will be in charge of Past Coms. Reed and Phinney, our publicity committee. The Ancient Order of Butons, a side degree connected with our camp held its regular meeting March 24. We are to hold a class initiation April 14.

Camp 60, Holyoke—With delegates present from Camps 15, 44, 48, 57, 76 and 120, the 30th anniversary of Gen. G. B. McClellan Camp 60 was fittingly observed with a roll call and initiation on Friday evening, March 10. Division Commander Guy Richardson and Prof. W. E. Judd, the first Captain of the camp were the guests of honor. Senior Vice D. Com. A. A. Gooe was unable to attend on account of sickness. Com. Richardson gave one of his usual fine addresses which was greatly enjoyed. Brother Judd spoke of the early days of the camp and also spoke on "Preparedness." Past Div. Com. E. H. Lynds and Past Div. Chaplain Rev. E. B. Dolan also spoke. The initiation work was performed by the Past Commanders degree staff of the camp in charge of District Aide Moran.

Camp 80, Malden, was host to a District meeting on February 28 when representatives of the camps in District No. 2 listened to Com. E. W. Pike of Post 30 G. A. R., P. I. Rev. G. S. Mossman, P. D. C. Donahue and Com. Richardson.

Camp 3, Somerville entertained the camps of District No. 2 on March 2nd with a good attendance. P. D. C. G. A. Hasley of the G. A. R., Hon. Guy Ham, Camp 30, and the Div. Com. were the speakers.

Camp 58, Attleboro, was the rallying point in District No. 10 March 6th when Div. P. I. Mossman and D. C. Richardson addressed members of several camps and the local allied orders.

Camp 9, Boston, was the center of attraction for District No. 1, March 7th, when most of the camps were represented to listen to D. C. Alfred H. Knowles of the G. A. R., National Counselor Hale, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon and Div. Counselor W. L. Anderson.

A district meeting was held with Camp 144, Bridgewater, March 7, with a fine entertainment and addresses by Past C-in-C Bolton and D. C. Richardson. There were delegations present from nearly every camp in district No. 7.

Div. Com. Richardson, P. D. C. Sisson, Nat. Counselor Hale and Nat. Aide Fred W. Butler represented the Division at the Rhode Island class initiation in Providence March 10 and returned with glowing reports of the work done and the hospitality received.

Camp 83, Plainville, was inspected by Dist. Aide Bell March 13. A real initiation was creditably performed. The Division Commander was present as a guest, also the G. A. R. and a very large number of the W. R. C.

Camp 146, Brookfield, with numerous Brothers from Camp 73 and visitors from G. A. R. and W. R. C. listened to the Division Commander and the Division Pat. Ins. on March 14th when much enthusiasm was manifested.

Despite the severe storm of March 15th, Camp 152, Revere, had six brothers out for inspection and as visitor Division Commander. This young camp is doing well and has a large field to cultivate.

Camp 147, Shrewsbury, had nearly 150 at its second anniversary March 20. Several prominent G. A. R. Comrades and Past Div. P. I. McCarthy and the Division Commander were guests. All were served with a bountiful supper.

Camp 46, Roxbury, which has lost several members of late by death, transfer, and discharge, took in a new member March 21st, on the occasion of inspection.

Camp 87, Peabody, held an open meeting March 23, following the supper of the Essex County Auxillary As-

sociations. Div. Com. Richardson gave the principal address, and there were several entertaining features.

Div. Com. and Mrs. Richardson were guests at the anniversary of Camp 143, Norwell, March 25. A supper was served to a large company of Brothers, members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. and citizens, followed by an entertainment of a very high order.

The Division Commander and Mrs. Richardson were among the guests at the anniversary of the East Weymouth Auxillary March 27th.

Camp 107, Merrimac, and its Auxillary held an open meeting in the town hall March 28. Addresses were made by Mrs. B. W. Ham for the Auxillary and by the Division Commander, Div. Chaplain Rust and Special Aide Eaton for the Sons.

Div. Com. Richardson assisted in the opening exercises of the four day's Fair, held under the auspices of Camp 11 and allied orders at Whitman, February 29th.

MICHIGAN

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Camp 1, Detroit, had a pleasant surprise at our last meeting when Past C.-in-C. Washington Gardner of the G. A. R. favored us with a visit, scattering beautiful jewels of thought, and instilling in our hearts lessons of patriotism and good citizenship. As usual, we mustered in a candidate. Later Comrade Gardner took it as his subject and going through the ritual, brought out many valuable and inspiring lessons in a way never before presented to us. "Did you ever realize," he said, "the number of real heroes you touch elbows with every day in your various walks of life, and never know it? Heroes whose deeds will never be known, unless told by some comrade. Detroit lost a noble hero a short time ago when Comrade Thomas S. McGraw was laid away. I believe him to have been one of the most heroic men I have ever met. He was only a boy, perhaps younger than this young man, our brother, who has just been mustered in this grand and noble organization, when he enlisted. He was left for dead on the battlefield and his death reported home. Although his life was saved, it was one of continuous suffering. He never saw an hour until the Great Commander summoned him home that he did not suffer pain. Yet Comrade McGraw was one of the most cheerful and pleasant men I have ever met. He was always jolly and always ready to help others. He was a brave and fearless soldier, and an upright, useful American citizen. Boys, if you only knew what some of the men who wear the "little bronze button" went through, and what some of them are suffering today, you would bow in reverence to them as they passed." Comrade Washington Gardner is a candidate for the nomination of Governor of Michigan. Just pause and think for a moment of the honor the state would have bestowed upon her, to have again one of "Lincoln's boys" as governor. Whatever Comrade Gardner has done has been done right. He has filled with honor and dignity every office which has been bestowed upon him in the Legislature, Congress or the G. A. R. We most earnestly wish him the greatest success in that which may be the crowning event of his life. The camp has recently lost two close friends. The first was both a comrade and a brother. H. R. Strong served his country faithfully as a soldier and was one of the workers in Fairbanks Post No. 17, having held many offices of trust. As a member of State Camp No. 1, he always took special interest in the work as long as he was able to attend. In fact, when the camp was first organized, he was a strong support, and his counsels and advice were invaluable. Comrade Samuel W. Burroughs was the second to pass away. His address on "Lincoln as a Lawyer" was a classic, and the brothers who heard it on Lincoln Night 1913, will never forget it or the orator.

As a boy of 15, he was with the 7th Mich. Cavalry and the 15th Mich. Infantry. He was with Sherman on his famous march to the sea. While not a Son of a Veteran, yet he was always interested in the camp and the boys, and kept himself as young as the rest.

Camp 2, South Haven is moving long finely. P. C. J. W. Shoop was presented with an Iron Cross by the camp. Com. C. A. Lowe made the presentation. We would like to hear from all the camps in the division as to the name and age of their oldest members, as we think we have the oldest S. of V. in the person of Bro. Spencer Van Ostrand. Kindly send answers to Secy. F. J. Bradley, 282 Main St., So. Haven. We are making preparations for Memorial Day.

Camp 4, Lansing, is advancing rapidly. Com. Sparling has the support of the whole camp and we are all working together for a "better and bigger" camp. We have a list of 340 eligibles to draw from. Our friend, Washington Gardner, Past C.-in-C. of the G. A. R. has promised to be with us April 19th. All the eligibles are invited to come. It is indeed a great privilege that we should celebrate such a day—the 141st anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord by having a veteran of his ability and record address us. It was at Concord where they "fired the shot, heard around the world." We must not forget that Comrade Gardner was one of the "boys in blue" who helped to back up that shot in '61, when the sacrifices of the "fathers" were imperilled by traitors. We are looking for the time when we will have one of the strongest camps in the division.

Camp 14, Grand Rapids is growing stronger every day. We have been working on "camp extension" and find it very satisfactory. Some of the boys have been busy at Hesperia where we have organized Camp 11. Nothing succeeds like success.

Camp 55, Battle Creek—Your correspondent had the pleasure of visiting Camp 22, Marshall, a fortnight ago. He was pleased with the personnel of the members and the interest in the work of the Order. Already their committees are working on the Decoration Day program. Every man reads The Banner. Our camp is taking active steps toward recruiting and three new applications were received at our last meeting. A meeting will be held in April when a class will be mustered in and outside camps will be invited to attend. P. D. C. Walter Itaynes has come into possession of a copper plate taken from the bottom of Mobile Bay. This is supposed to have come from a Yankee gun boat sunk there during the Civil War. He has added it to his large collection of Civil War relics. P. D. C. F. C. Stillson and wife are spending a few weeks in Florida.

Camp 180, Ypsilanti—On the 22nd we gave a light lunch and smoker to eligibles and members of the G. A. R. We had a good time and everyone enjoyed themselves. Judge Stadtmiller gave some negro recitations while Com. Keylon nearly broke up a meeting with some of his stories. At this meeting arrangements were made to celebrate Appomattox Day. All the patriotic societies will meet at the G. A. R. hall, and march in a body to the Congregational church where Rev. Morris will deliver a patriotic sermon, assisted by the pastors of the other churches. There will be special music. We are having a good attendance at our meetings and are adding to our membership.

Camp 191, Adrian, is still keeping up the work of getting new members, two having been mustered in at the last meeting. L. K. Moffett and Geo. Tums were elected delegates, N. W. Symonds and James Miller were elected alternates for the next Division Encampment.

Division Headquarters Notes. To The Camps of Michigan, Greeting: Brothers, now that the winter season with its many diverting moods has nearly passed and the spring time is advancing, there also comes to us that recollection of the nearness of that day of days to us, Memorial Day, and we are also reminded that between this time and the 30th of May is the very best season of the entire year to secure recruits to organized camps and especially to organize new camps. Brother McMurtre is pleased to report the starting of a new Camp

at Hesperia, Mich., together with the completion of the Diamondale camp.

Blanks for the quarterly reports have been sent to each camp. Now, Brothers, last quarter there was some complaint of the non-receipt of blanks for this purpose, and this was used as an excuse for the late making of reports. This quarter, the Secretary-Treasurer, not only personally put these up, but personally mailed them and in consequence, each and every camp was sent blanks in ample time to make these reports and no excuse of non-receipt will be accepted as these either would be delivered or returned to this office.

We regret the delay in filling of requisitions, but this is no fault of the Secy.-Treas. as his requisitions upon the National Secretary were delayed there on account of the absence of that officer at the bedside and funeral of a relative. This explanation is made so all may understand that delivery of requisitioned supplies from the Sec.-Treas. is frequently dependent upon the receipt of them by himself and he cannot send them to you until he gets them himself, as this division does not carry a very large stock of anything.

Delegates and Alternates to the Division Encampment at Bay City in June were supposed to be elected at your last meeting in the month of March. Camps are entitled to them as follows: A camp having less than 26 members has one delegate-at-large, only. For a membership of 26 to 75 inclusive, we delegates; 76 to 125 inclusive, three delegates; 126 to 175 inclusive four delegates; 176 to 225 inclusive, five delegates. An equal number of alternates should also be elected. In addition to this, do not forget, P. C. Coms. in good standing and the Sitting Camp Commander are also entitled to votes in the Division Encampment, so we want them all present, as well as your full camp delegation of voters. This year is to have the Banner Encampment, so all should be present.

Another thing, and that is, each camp is expected to send in to the Div. Secy.-Treas. the names of all Delegates and Alternates elected for this Encampment, under certificate of the Commander and Secretary of the camp as official and use the camp seal if you have one. Do not forget this. Send at once.

At the Commandery Encampment at Washington last year, it was decided to submit to the various divisions at their encampments for their vote, the project of reducing the age of admission to our Order from 18 years of age to 16 years. In consequence, it is desirable that the delegates to the coming Division Encampment come to that convention with instructions from their respective camps in this regard. Let each camp vote upon the proposition and instruct its delegates regarding the same. The Secretary-Treasurer who was at the Commandery Encampment reports a strong feeling against making this change, particularly in view of the fact that the Junior Order now being authorized allows the taking into that body of members from 12 to 18, consequently why reduce our age limit? Personally he thinks 18 low enough and urges camps to retain that as the lowest age admitted to our Order.

Camp 55, Battle Creek, had a very elaborate program for Defenders' Day. Out of town guests were from Marshall and Kalamazoo. The visitors were met at the station by Commander Chinis and Past Com. Chas. Stephens and escorted to the headquarters at G. A. R. hall, where the exercises were held. Past Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Walter L. Raynes acted as toastmaster. Assembly was sounded at 8:15, Parade of Colors by Color Guard, Flag Salute by all, invocation by Chaplain J. O. Barden, roll call by the Secretary, reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address by P. C. F. A. Kulp, address "The Colored Man's Offering to Patriotism," by John L. Evans, the colored orator of South Michigan; piano solo by Frederick Carr; toast, "Our Country," Bro. Forbes, Commander of Camp 10, Kalamazoo; vocal solo, "Swanee River," M. Brillstrive; recitations and impersonations by Hudson W. Cady, Michigan's talented young impersonator; toast, "Our Division," by Jr. Vice Div. Com. Harrington of Kalamazoo; piano solo, Prof. Carl Warner; address of the evening, "Lincoln," by

Rev. Dr. Robert L. Webb, pastor of the First Baptist church and Past Div. Chaplain Mass. Div.; "America," by all. At the close of the program the Comrades and Sons (for this was a stag affair) adjourned to the dining room on the second floor where covers were provided by the committee. Here remarks were made by Past Div. Com. F. D. Eddy, Bro. Harry Marian of Kalamazoo, Com. A. S. Parker of Farragut Post G. A. R. and others. Letters of regret were read from Dr. E. J. Marshall, Commander of Camp 22 Marshall, and Past Div. Com. Stillman. Much enthusiasm was manifested and our guests assured us that in the near future Camp 55 would be the guests of their camp. We believe this is a step in the right direction; promote the social end, meet the other camps and exchange ideas that we may live for that noble and glorious purpose of Good Citizenship to Our Country by aiding and assisting our Order, the Sons of Veterans.

MARYLAND

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Reports from various sources indicate that there has been considerable activity during the winter season in the various camps of the Maryland Division. Interesting meetings have been held, new camps have been formed, and a number of the camps have added new members to their rolls.

The first camp in the Division to announce that "Appomattox Day" would be appropriately celebrated was Appomattox No. 2, of Wilmington, Delaware. This camp which was mustered on April 9, 1898, has annually for several years carried out a program in commemoration of the epochal event of the great struggle, and this year it is proposed as an added feature of the occasion to have a "class muster," Past Division Commander Frank P. Gentieu having been appointed chairman of a committee of the whole camp to secure candidates with the view of increasing the membership of the camp by at least 50 per cent. A committee, consisting of members of the camp, which was appointed for the purpose, at a recent meeting, to revise the by-laws, embodying several important changes, has reported the result of its labors to the camp; the report was accepted with a few minor changes, and the by-laws as revised have been adopted. The Commander of the camp is Elmer P. Corrie who is also a Past Commander. Past Commander Oscar F. E. Gentieu, a son of Past Division Commander Fred Gentieu of New Jersey Division, has been elected secretary of the camp vice Past Division Commander Joseph F. Peeney, who found it necessary to resign owing to a pressure of business.

Several of the camps of the Division have adopted resolutions supporting the administration in its efforts to obtain a proper degree of preparedness for national defense along the lines laid down in the resolution adopted in the 34th National Encampment at Washington. The camps which are reported as having taken action are Appomattox No. 2, Wilmington, Jas. A. Garfield, No. 1, Baltimore, Geo. H. Thomas No. 11 and Wm. B. Cushing No. 30, Washington D. C., Reno Post Camp Hagerstown and Lincoln No 2, Washington, D. C., and, in pursuance of the request of Division Commander Richard F. Miller, the press has been notified of the action taken, with the view of giving it as much publicity as possible.

Past Division Commander Everett F. Warner has recently returned from a trip in West Virginia, where he instituted two camps, one at Moundsville, and another at Wheeling, W. Va., The Moundsville camp has taken the name of Major Hunter No. 8. Major Hunter, in his lifetime was one of the prominent business men of Moundsville. In June, 1861, he assisted in recruiting a

company of infantry and was mustered into the service as First Lieutenant of Company I, 3rd Regiment, West Va., Vol. Inf. He was promoted to captain of the company, and when the company was changed to the 6th West Va., he was advanced to the rank of major and served as such until mustered out. C. Hunter has been elected commander of the camp and Wylie M. Rogerson was selected as secretary. The camp starts off with excellent prospects. The camp at Wheeling will be known as Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 9.

Reno Post Camp, Hagerstown, was visited by Division Commander R. F. Miller at one of its recent meetings. A fine program, consisting of patriotic speeches by Captain Fisher and several comrades of Reno Post, G. A. R., and members of the camp and other interesting numbers, was prepared and carried out. Brother William B. King was chairman of the meeting. The camp has been accepted as an auxiliary to Reno Post.

Mansfield Camp No. 2, Hagerstown, is showing increased activity. The camp authorized Past Division Commander William A. Keefauver to procure a suitable number of guns for the use of the camp's "firing squad."

On the evening of March 20, James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 of Baltimore, held an important meeting. In addition to the adoption of the preparedness resolution, the camp listened to speeches by several of its members and visiting brothers. Those present from Washington consisted of Past Division Commanders F. T. F. Johnson and E. K. DePuy and Past Commanders Charles M. Overacker, A. B. Barringer and O. A. C. Cohlmer. The camp meets in one of the rooms occupied and leased by the Grand Army Club of Baltimore, which is made up of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans. Past Division Commander (and incidentally Past Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief) Harry L. Streib is a member of the board of directors of the club. The organization has fitted up meeting rooms, card rooms, etc., making an enjoyable place for the comrades and brothers to spend a pleasant evening.

At the meeting of Wm. E. Cushing Camp No. 30 which adopted the resolution relative to preparedness, Division Commander Richard F. Miller of Baltimore and member of the Division Council D. Ardin Carrick, also of Baltimore, were present. Commander E. A. Lang arranged an interesting program for the entertainment of those present.

General E. W. Whitaker who was chief of staff to General Custer during the war of 1861-65, and who carried the flag of truce at Appomattox at the time of the surrender, has accepted the invitation of Lincoln Camp No. 2 (W. H. McGonegal, Commander) to be present on the occasion of the celebration of "Appomattox Day," and to speak from personal experience of that memorable event.

Lincoln Camp No. 2 has unanimously endorsed one of its members, Past Commander Charles M. Overacker, for the office of Division Commander, to be elected at the Division Encampment which the Division Council has announced will be held at Baltimore, May 23 and 24, 1916. In addition to causing the resolution of preparedness to be published in the newspapers, the camp instructed its secretary, Past Commander James W. Lyons, to notify the President of the United States of the Camp's action in this regard.

At the annual meeting of the Death Benefit Association, held in Wilmington, Feb. 22, Bros. George Duffy, F. T. F. Johnson, Harry L. Streib, Joseph F. Peeney, E. K. DePuy, Charles H. Bowser were present. Many of the visiting brothers attended the meeting of Appomattox camp. This camp is arranging to celebrate its birthday April 10, "Appomattox Day." E. K. DePuy.

"I cannot understand how any Son of a Veteran who loves his home and country, and has a spark of filial affection can fail to enlist under your (Sons of Veterans) banner if he cares to preserve the memory of his father's deeds and sacrifices."—Elias H. Monfort, Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

WISCONSIN

L. W. McComb, Commander, Stoughton;
 C. H. Hudson, Secy.-Treas., Madison;
 H. S. Siggelko, Press Cor., Madison.

Condensed Report of Circular Letter, Issued by Div. Com. L. W. McComb, and sent to all camp Secretaries

Dear Brothers:
 The committee in charge of the Sons of Veterans Cottage to be erected on the grounds of the Waupaca Soldiers' Home have issued circular letters, urging the camps of the Division to forward their contributions as early as possible, and offering some excellent suggestions as to the manner of raising funds. A net balance of \$416.92, cash on hand and pledges is reported.

The Waupaca Soldiers Home is an institution of which every citizen of the State is proud. G. A. R. Posts, Veteran Soldier Associations, Regimental organizations, Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps have raised thousands of dollars that have been used in the erection of cottages and the improvement of the grounds. Why should not the Sons of Veterans raise a few hundred dollars and become interested in its welfare? Read carefully the circular sent by the committee and respond generously.

Organization Department.

Division Organizer Brother H. S. Siggelko made a condensed report of receipts and expenditures (Department of Organization) from June 18th, 1915, to March 8, 1916, inclusive.

It will be remembered that at our last encampment a resolution, similar to others theretofore passed, was unanimously adopted providing for a \$3.00 per capita muster fee in all cases where new camps were formed, a certain percentage of all above \$25.00 to be placed in the recruiting fund, and a certain percentage in the camp fund. It was understood, also, that at least \$15.00 of the \$25.00 might be used to help maintain organization headquarters and the like. It was also provided that such other additional expenditures as the Division could afford be made to meet postage, etc., necessarily used in organization work. Brother Siggelko's report shows that car fare, hotel bills, postage, allowance to a worker now and then, has actually reduced the cash on hand to \$19.73. All the time he has paid out money for stenographic and clerical work, used his own envelopes and stationary partly, answered letters, and put in considerable time away from his office, so that in effect he is out of pocket really.

It is, however, gratifying to learn that this department is, under all circumstances, practically self sustaining and better. Prospective new camps to be formed, will doubtless go a long way towards reimbursing our organizer who stands pledged to keep pounding away as hard as he can until encampment time.

Important Action.

The Washington Encampment adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in and through the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of its Commandery-in-Chief, in regular session assembled at Washington this 29th day of September, 1915, hereby concur in and approve the adoption by Congress, the constituted authorities of the United States of such wise policy of preparedness as shall fully and adequately provide for effective defence of our country."

This is the policy of our Order. Let each camp pass a similar resolution, then forward a copy of the same to representatives in Congress, Senate and House.

Division Encampment.

As announced in Division Order No. 4, the 33rd Annual Encampment of the Division of Wisconsin Sons of Veterans U. S. A., will be held in the city of Ripon June 14, 15, 16, 1916. A rousing and enthusiastic attendance is desired and expected, and we anticipate encouraging reports from those entrusted with the various duties pertaining to the welfare of the Division. The Encampment is an occasion when old friendships are renewed and new ones formed, when

You will become better acquainted with the members of your Order.

Flag Laws.

It is the law of Wisconsin, Chapter 436, Laws 1913, that the flag shall be raised over every voting place on election days. It is also the law of our state that the flag shall float over, or on the grounds of every school house, and it is the duty of every school board to provide for such display of our flag all the time when school is in session, except when the weather is unseasonable. Chapter 34, Laws of 1915.

Both these laws are mandatory, and every school board that does not provide for such display of our flag is violating the law. It should be the duty of every Son of Veteran, whether an appointed Patriotic Instructor or not, to use his influence to see that those laws are obeyed.

Appointments.

Brother C. D. Mayhew of Camp 11, Stoughton has been appointed Division Counsellor on the staff of the Division Commander and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The following appointments as additional Aides on the Staff of the Division Commander are also hereby announced:

- Charles F. Moulton, Camp No. 2.
 - Edward Severson, Camp No. 11.
 - H. Halverson, Camp No. 14.
 - H. W. Kline, Camp No. 16.
- They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Memorial Day.

Brothers of the Sons of Veterans: We are banded together by the sacred ties of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty to keep green the memory of those who so nobly fought for the preservation of this glorious nation. Memorial Day is fast approaching. On this day as at no other time we, the Sons of Veterans, can live the principles of our Order. We will be called upon. Opportunities will be afforded us to assist the Grand Army of the Republic in their labor of love. Let us always be ready and willing to do what we can, not for credit to ourselves, but because of the love of our fathers and their comrades. Each year makes new graves, and fewer are the hands to strew them with flowers. Let us as loyal sons of noble sires, take up more and more this labor of love and remembrance. Let every brother attend Divine service with the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Sunday, for in this manner, we stimulate the growth of patriotism.

Let us use every effort possible to make Memorial Day more a holy day and less a holiday. By our influence and example, we teach others to refrain from idle pleasures and amusements and encourage them to join with us in observing the day.

"It's lonesome—sort o' lonesome, A Sunday day to me;

'Pears more than any day I nearly ever see.

With the stars and stripes above us a-fluttering in the air

On every soldier's grave—I'd love to lay a lily there."

Yours in F. C. & L.,
 L. W. McComb,
 Division Commander.

Attest:
 C. H. Hudson, Secy.-Treas.
 Dated at Stoughton, Wis., March 23, '16.

The report, Organization Department, as given in full in the circular letter issued by the Division Commander and sent to camp secretaries will be misunderstood unless explained. Receipts and expenditures are duplicated necessarily and the actual amount received and expended is much less than the apparent amount.

The report as to expenditures deducted from receipts (Jones lectures) reported in the circular letter above referred to also needs explanation. Those expenditures include items not properly chargeable to the lectures. The fact is there were at the outset many incidental expenditures. The way has been paved now, cost will be lessened and heavy net receipts are likely to accompany one or more of these lectures.

The indirect effect of such an effort is even greater than the direct effect. Camps have been stimulated, interest has been fostered and many a substantial pledge has been secured, and the total pledge in cash and pledges of \$400.00 net sum, in cash and pledges of \$400.00 and more has been made possible, because

of the fact that we have put on the lecture, "The Lincoln Birthplace."

One, a "veteran" as well as a "son of a veteran" promised a personal pledge of \$100.00 at or about the time of the Wausau encampment. This we were forced to cancel some time since on account of financial reverses with which the contributor met.

Third Convention of the First District, at Madison, Wisconsin.

On March 28th, there was held at Madison, Wis., the third convention of the first district. There were several present from Stoughton, among them being Brother L. W. McComb, Div. Com., Val Stoddard, District President and also Brother Chas. Walker of Evansville, Wis., Dis. Secy., and others from out side camps were present.

The convention convened from five to six. The President and Secretary were duly installed. It was voted to meet at Brodhead sometime the latter part of May, the time to be fixed by the President of the District. A committee of three, consisting of Bros. Siggelko, Hudson and Vogel of Madison were appointed to draft by-laws, which would be suitable for the districts throughout the Division and submit a report at the encampment to be held at Ripon in June.

It was also suggested that when we meet at Brodhead we take up the Memorial Day plans as a special topic.

From 6 to 7 luncheon was served by the S. V. Auxiliary at the G. A. R. hall, from 7 to 8 a class of four were mustered into the local camp, the work being put on by a team consisting of the brethren from Stoughton and Madison.

At 8 o'clock, headed by the flag of the camp and the fife and drum corps, the Sons escorted the Veterans to the Assembly chamber in the State Capitol where an interesting program was given. All in all the numbers were very warmly received; all in all it was really a great convention, and epoch marking.

Crowded Out!

The item herewith given has been crowded out of former issues. It is somewhat belated, but is important.

Chetek camp No. 62, one of the baby camps, is of the "never die" quality. A Sampson-like growth is promised. The following is a condensed report from the local press:

"On January 14th, the following officers were installed by Past Div. Com. J. F. Smith of Bloomer Camp; Com. Jas. A. Smith; Sr. Vice. Grant Hunt; Jr. Vice, J. Cummings; Pat. Ins., Mell Winchester; Council, Chas. Winchester, Walter Lowell and Geo. Rathbun; Chap., Isaac Hewitt; Sec. Ozro Smith; Treas., Wm. Dunsmoor; C. B., Walter Harris; G., David Bentley; C. M., Milo Gordon; I. G., Geo. Rathbun; O. G., Ray Calkins. During the evening many popular and old-time airs were played by camp talent, consisting of six pieces, assisted by Major Booth who gave a bass drum solo.

"From all indications the evening was spent in an enjoyable manner by the G. A. R. boys who showed as much spirit and interest for our camp as they would for their own which is deeper, grander and broader than all of the others.

"When the last veteran of the Grand Army joins his comrades on the other shore, we their sons, will take their place in time of our country's need and perpetuate their memory and their valor in our actions and deeds to the best of our ability."

Officers of Milton Camp Installed by Division Commander.

On the 22nd of March, Division Commander McComb installed the officers of Milton camp. He reports growing interest, says the talks were good, and a fine time in general was had. Our Division Commander offered patriotic remarks which were warmly commended by all present. The meeting was largely attended by members of the G. A. R. Post and W. R. C.

Next Issue Encampment Number.

The next issue (May) of The Banner will be the last one received by the Brothers prior to the June State Encampment. An effort will be made to indicate the encampment program so far as same has been precast.

Awaken, Patriots!

Because of business cares and press of duties the Division Organizer has

not been and will not be able to devote quite so much time to organization work as he did last year. Anyway, he can not do it all alone. He offers good inducement and appeals to all "sons" with red, rich, patriotic blood in their veins to undertake not only recruiting locally, but shoulder the task of organizing one camp anyway. Write Organization Dept., S. of V., Suite 32, Tenney Block, Madison, Wis., for particulars. The harvest time is in April and May. Be a gleaner.

Another "Son" Honored.

Bro. M. B. Rosenberry of Wausau was recently appointed Supreme Court Justice to succeed Judge Barnes, retiring. Bro. Rosenberry was among the first two or three to join the S. V. camp at Wausau. He is an able lawyer, a distinguished citizen.



ILLINOIS

Wm. L. Barnum, Jr., Commander, Suite 715, 105 West Monroe St. Chicago; Alfred A. Boyer, Secy., Dwight.

Decatur, May 23-25.

Fiftieth anniversary of the G. A. R. at Decatur May 23-25. Every Son should be there and aid the veterans in doing honor to this grand occasion.

Every brother should do his full duty and get a new member. The officials cannot do anything unless we all help. Go to it.

Decatur and 3,000.

Be Prepared.

The following has been sent to each camp:

"Brothers: It is not the intention of your Commander to appear as a calamity howler or an alarmist, but in his opinion now is the time for every Son of a Veteran to make a special effort along the lines of national preparedness.

"Devote a few hours to the increasing of your camp membership—to think patriotism, speak patriotism, act patriotism. In case of international difficulty whom should the people of this great and wonderful nation look to for support and defense, if not to the descendants of that noble patriotic organization, to the "residuary legatees" of that grand army of men.

"That the S. of V. as an organization is in favor of preparedness is admitted, but let us each as individual members of the Order do our bit toward preparedness. Let us each of us make a special effort along this line. No camp can do its true patriotic duty with a mere handful of members. Our first aim should be an increase in membership for the reason that one hundred members can accomplish more than ten in spreading the doctrine of preparedness.

"At our last C.-in-C. Encampment, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in and through the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of its Commandery-in-Chief, in regular session assembled at Washington, this 29th day of September, 1915, heartily concur in and approve the adoption by the Congress and the constituted authorities of the United States of such a wise policy of preparedness as shall fully and adequately provide for the effective defense of our country."

"It is your Commander's desire that this matter be made a public record, that each camp pass this or a similar resolution, that a certified copy be sent to each Senator and congressman representing that district, and that letters received in reply thereto be forwarded to W. M. Coffin, 1012 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Chairman of Leg. Com.

"Illinois always in the lead in patriotic matters is peculiarly fortunate in being the birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic. We will celebrate in Decatur on May 23-25 next the fiftieth anniversary of its origin, and your Commander is very desirous of having as large an attendance at that encampment as possible. Let all the boys arrange to take their vacations at that time, make a special effort to meet with us there and show the "pacifists" and

"peace at any price" brethren that our motto is and will be "Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."

"Fraternally and Sincerely," "WILLIAM L. BARNUM, Commander."

Illinois Sons of Veterans Reserve.

Chicago, Ill., Co. A., 1st Illinois Inf. Sons of Veterans Reserve held a patriotic entertainment on Saturday evening, March 25th. The program in charge of Billy Guelzow was an enjoyable one and consisted of the following numbers: Introductory remarks by Capt. B. L. Turner; Flag raising exercises; Venetian Quartette in pleasing songs; reading by Miss Vinton; talk by Comrade Vinton; our Drum and Bugle corps in martial selections. The speaker of the evening, Commander Coen of Old Glory Post G. A. R., delivered a splendid address. The Venetian Quartette again favored with songs. An exhibition drill by our Company Reserves, singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," by all present and concluded with "Taps" sounded by our bugl rs.

Brothers! Attention! Salute! Company D 1st Ill. Inf. S. of V. Reserve, Lieut. J. H. Miller in command, of Naperville, organized March 27th. Although inclement weather prevailed, a detail of 15 men, our Drum and Bugle Corps included from Co. A 1st Ill. Inf. S. of Vet. Reserve under the command of Capt. B. L. Turner, accompanied our Brother Reserve member, Recruiting Officer, Fred J. Phillips, on a journey to a special meeting of Camp 216 of Naperville, Ill., on March 27th. On our arrival at Naperville we were greeted with the firing of a salute and after a cordial welcome by our No. 216 Brothers, together in a body we marched to the hall of Camp 216 under the guidance of Commander Gillhoover. This meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Company of Reserves. At a previous meeting in March, Recruiting Officer, Fred J. Phillips had secured 21 brothers to sign the muster roll and this evening enough names were added to allow the company to be formed and a Lieutenant to be elected, which was done in a spirited manner. Four nominations were made. A recess was granted during which time the Drum and Bugle Corps of Co. A. 1st Ill. Inf. of Chicago, rendered selections which livened things up a bit. The election then followed which resulted in the selection of John H. Miller as Co. D's. 1st First Lieutenant. Congratulations were then in order and when Lieut. J. H. Miller responded to a request for remarks he very modestly accepted the office and thanking the members for the honor, signified his willingness to do his utmost and asked the hearty co-operation of every member. Capt. Turner of Co. A. then took charge of the meeting and called upon Bro. Oscar Taylor, Sr., to favor the boys and he did so very excellently with a dandy patriotic talk. Brother Bellou had a short talk for the camp; also, Capt. E. L. Turner gave a hearty talk for the benefit of the newly organized Co. D. Refreshments were served after which Co. A. gave an exhibition drill which was followed by Co. D. being put through the manual of arms. Our Drum and Bugle Corps then played martial airs during which time Co. A. and Co. D. stood at attention facing each other. Brothers, you should have seen the expressions on the various faces! Why, it certainly was inspiring. These splendid brothers of the newly organized Co. D. It reminded us of how this same determined patriotic spirit manifested itself when their fathers shouldered the muskets in 1861-65 to do their duty, and it now devolves upon Co. D. to make the firm resolve to work for success which we feel sure will be theirs. We heartily extend our most sincere wishes for increased membership and a prosperous life. At a late hour we were escorted to the station; good bye given us etc., and we trust that on our next meeting with Co. D. it will be in a friendly competitive drill, for we feel sure they will prove to be quite proficient in their military duties.—L. A. Brown, Press Cor.

At the last meeting of March quarter, General Phil Sheridan camp No. 12, Austin, elected the following as dele-

gates to the Encampment at Decatur in May: Hon. William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, Rev. Austin Hunter, Chaplain of the camp, Edgar L. Tenney, Gulde, and Edwin C. Skinner, C. B. The alternates elected are Harry B. Miller, city Prosecutor of Chicago, Milton P. Schrock, Dr. E. B. Miller and Jos. E. Bidwell. All of these brothers have pledged themselves to be present at the Encampment, as have also the following Past Commanders of the camp: Wilbur A. Hardinger, Morton G. Slocum, Leo A. Brown, Louis W. McCall and Haynie R. Pearson, present and Past Commander.

Financial Statement.

For month of March, 1916: Receipts—Cash balance on hand March 1, \$875.67; received from Div. Secretary, A. A. Boyer, \$16.50; received for supplies, \$29.77; received from Div. Com., \$15.00; total, \$91.27. Total amount, \$966.94.

Expenditures—For postage, \$2.55; for supplies, \$18.16; expense J. Colby Beekman, \$7.28; expense W. L. Barnum, \$15.50; total, \$43.69.

Cash balance on hand April 1, 1916, \$923.25.—Wm. G. Dustin, Div. Treas.

Encampment.

Date of encampment, May 23-25. The railway facilities are fine. The Illinois Traction Co. comes into Decatur from all directions and the Wabash and Illinois Central, also.

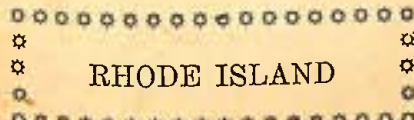
Decatur is one of the finest cities in the state and her patriotic citizens will see that all visitors have what they want.

The matter of accommodations is in good shape. The elegant new hotel the Orlando, is one of the finest in the country, only open a little over a month. Headquarters for all the patriotic orders will be established at the Orlando. There are other hotels and the people will open their homes to the visitors.

The editor was in Decatur on business March 15 and found the veterans, citizens, patriotic women of the W. R. C., L. of G. A. R., S. of V. Auxillary, Sons and others, all working to make the Encampment May 23-25, the anniversary of the organization of the G. A. R., the greatest meeting ever held in the state. Commander-in-Chief Monfort and Past Commander-in-Chief Palmer of the G. A. R., will be present, also Commander-in-Chief Stephens of the Sons and presidents of the other orders will assist in the success.

Sycamore Camp recently took charge of a veteran's funeral at the request of the deceased. The camp did the work well and hereafter they will have burials as an added duty.

Dr. C. B. Lyman, Patriotic Instructor of Camp 26, Rockford, has recently had returned to him a wonderful old sword which had been lost for 83 years to the descendants of the man for whom it was made, Col. Jos. Briggs Hill, a resident of Massachusetts, although born in Hag Harbor, N. J. in 1786. The sword was his as an officer of the Massachusetts militia. After his death the sword became lost, ever since that time his descendants endeavoring to locate it, during which time it had appeared in the hand of an officer of the Union army at the first battle of Bull Run, used as a poker in the hut of a Confederate veteran in West Virginia, and finally displayed as a relic in a Pennsylvania post of the G. A. R., where it was located by the rightful owner.



RHODE ISLAND

Louis H. Knox, Commander; George V. Nichols, Correspondent, 47 Washington St., Room 5, Providence, R. I.

Class Muster.

A class muster of the Rhode Island Division of the Sons of Veterans was held at the arsenal in Benefit street, Providence, Rhode Island. Ninety-seven candidates were presented for initiation out of an elected class of 126.

The plan of mustering candidates in classes was tried by the Order for the first time in this State, following the adoption of the plan by the Massachus-

etts Division last November, when 78 comrades were initiated. So successful were the ceremonies as performed that it is probable the method will be continued and hereafter all candidates will be grouped for one big State muster.

Division Commander Henry J. Pickersgill of the G. A. R. and staff were the guests of honor, together with Col. Guy Richardson, Division Commander of the Sons of Veterans of Massachusetts, National Counsellor H. Harding Hale and Col. Harry Sisson of Pittsfield. The G. A. R. veterans occupied the half of the hall facing the class.

The exercises commenced at 7:30 with a meeting of Burnside Camp under the direction of Capt. John H. Maguire. At 7:50, the chairman of the muster committee, Frank J. Clinton, took charge of the work and instructions were given to the members. At 8 o'clock the visitors were ushered to their places by Gulde Carlton F. Nicholas and his staff. An address of welcome was delivered by the chairman, after which the degree team was ushered on to the floor by the guides.

The candidates for membership were then initiated by a team made up of present and past commanders, under the direction of Col. George V. Nichols, the muster exercises being commanded by Col. Charles A. Davenport. Mrs. Nathaniel Hathaway, adopted daughter of Bucklin Post, G. A. R., sounded the color call during the initiatory program.

At the conclusion of the degree work, Mr. Clinton again took charge to introduce the speakers of the evening. In the course of his remarks as official representative of the G. A. R., Commander Pickersgill said that the time was fast drawing near when the Grand Army would have to give up its work and leave it in the hands of the Sons of Veterans.

"You have many duties to perform as a patriotic order," said the commander to the class. "One of those duties is to perpetuate Memorial Day exercises, and another is to see that American history is properly taught in our public schools, so that youth may have a proper conception of our place in the world, and a true understanding of the principles of Government for which we veterans fought."

Guy Richardson said that within the next five years the order would come into its own and that a great work was before the American people, which he believed the Sons of Veterans well fitted to carry out. Speaking for the class, William Arnold Spicer, Jr., said that the time had come when Americans must stand united in support of the President, that all party lines should be abandoned and that all America must assert its patriotism.

State Senator Ezra Dixon of Bristol presented a cup, donated by William E. Arnold, to A. K. Tilton Camp of Pawtucket for its services in past years. Other speakers were Col. Louis K. Knox, Mr. Hale and Gen. Elisha H. Rhodes.

The degree team was composed of Charles A. Davenport (commander), Claude V. Perry (vice commander), David Sisson, George W. Manning (chaplain). The assistant guides were Wm. E. Arnold, H. E. Goblelle and William F. Brayton.

The muster committee was made up of Frank J. Clinton (chairman), Claude V. Perry, David Sisson, Charles H. Young, Charles A. Davenport, George V. Nichols, Charles P. Hall and Carlton F. Nicholas.

From Division Orders No. 1.

Providence, R. I., March 31, 1916.

The 28th Annual Encampment of the Division of Rhode Island, Sons of Veterans, will be held at the Arsenal of the Providence Marine Corps, corner Benefit and Meeting Streets, Providence, April 18, 1916, the Encampment will be called to order at 9 a. m. sharp.

Division Inspector Ernest W. Jeffrey and Chief Aide Nathaniel G. Hathaway are hereby detailed as Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard respectively. They will report to the Division Secretary at the Arsenal on the above date at 8:45 a. m. The Division Inspector will make the necessary guard detail.

Sitting Camp Commanders, all Past Camp or Division Commanders and one delegate from each Camp with an ad-

ditional delegate for each fifty members or major fraction thereof, are entitled to a vote in the Encampment. Your Commander expects that every member entitled to a vote will be present if possible. He would also urge a large attendance on the part of the membership at large, particularly of the new members who were taken into the Order at the State Muster, March 9th.

The Past Commanders' Association has recently secured permanent quarters in the Aldrich Block, Room 4, 47 Washington Street. The Association has become one of the most valuable assets of the Division. It now has a membership of about forty. The executive Board with your help, hopes to increase that to seventy-five before Encampment Day, April 18, 1916. Your Division Commander asks your hearty support of this movement. Send in your name either as an active or associate member and show thereby your appreciation of the work being done by the Association.

Attention is called to the Order of the Commander-in-Chief as published in the March issue of The Banner. Camp Commanders will cause the Order to be read at the next meeting of their respective Camps and follow the instructions given therein.

We have the pleasure to announce the mustering in on March 2nd of Ellsha H. Rhodes Camp No. 11, Commander Wm. E. Arnold. The Camp will meet in Keith's Hall, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The camp starts under favorable auspices and we expect will come to the front rapidly. The thanks of your Division Commander are extended to all who assisted in the work of organization.

The Annual Banquet of the Past Commanders Association will be held at the Blackstone Hotel, April 18th at 7 P. M., and they extend a cordial invitation to all members of the Order to attend. Tickets for non-members of the Association can be procured of the Treasurer, Charles A. Davenport, 70 Blackstone Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I., at \$1.50 each. A very large attendance is looked for this year and tickets should be secured as soon as possible. It is unnecessary to say that a good time will be enjoyed as the increasing attendance each year speaks for itself.

Your Division Commander again calls your attention to the matter of Uniforms for Camp Members. Every member should have the Uniform Cap and Coat as prescribed by the Constitution and Laws. Information will be gladly furnished at Headquarters as to prices and styles.

As this is probably the last Division Order to be issued by the present administration, your Division Commander at this time wishes to express to all the members of the Rhode Island Division his heartfelt appreciation of the many courtesies extended and the loyal support that has been accorded him and to bespeak for his successor the same loyalty. By order of Louis H. Knox, Division Commander, attest: Charles H. Young, Division Secretary.

MISSOURI
Chas. A. Dorsey, Commander, Kansas City; W. L. Bobe, Secretary-Treasurer, St. Louis.

4. St. Louis—March 15th, there was a very interesting meeting of this camp which proved to be the biggest and most important meeting of the year, there being the election of a new Junior Vice Commander to which Brother Edw. Vossler was elected. Then came the last and final reading and adoption of a new set of By-Laws for this camp. The election of delegates and alternates to the Division Encampment at Kirksville, were as follows: Delegates, Brothers Harry Lauxmann, Wm. Koehm, Elmer C. Albrecht and Louis Ost; alternates, Brothers Albert Lynn, Fred Soehnlein, Oliver R. Albrecht and Wm. Cartwright. As most of the Brothers know, one of our members from this camp was endorsed by us for candidate to the Division Commander's chair, this being Brother A. L. Albrecht, a member of this camp for the

past 20 years and Brother A. J. Albrecht wishes to thank the brothers for the nomination bestowed upon him. There were also some very interesting talks by Brothers Fred K. W. Miller, Oscar R. Fries, E. E. Schoening, and several others, especially our Division Secretary-Treasurer, Walter L. Bobe, who gave us a visit on this evening and made a very good talk on the Good of the Order. The entertainment committee reported that they have arranged for a reception for the Past Commanders' Club at the Dewey hall, April 8.

36. Kansas City—Major Wm. Warren Camp will give some attention to the observance of Appomattox Day on the first meeting night in April. At the last meeting in March, Com. Cox appointed the following brothers as a committee to co-operate with the two G. A. R. Posts in arranging for the proper observance of Memorial and Decoration Day: Past Camp Commanders Stephenson, Frazer and Lawyer. Delegates to the annual Div. Encampment at Kirksville, May 17-18 were chosen, Brothers Herman Balsiger and C. E. Harriman being the fortunate ones. Several of our members were pleased to receive invitations to the banquet given Com.-in-Chief Monfort of the G. A. R. by the Kansas City Commercial Club on the occasion of his official visit here this month. The approaching National Encampment is creating much interest among eligibles to both our camp and Auxiliary.

50. St. Louis—An enthusiastic meeting of the camp was held March 21st, at the Army and Navy Club, where three recruits were mustered in. The new Brothers are Dr. Grant A. Robbins, pastor of the Union M. E. church of this city; Judge William D. Moore and J. B. Johnson. The initiation was conducted by the camp's newly organized degree team, assisted by Brother Walter A. Voss of Fremont Camp. That Brother Robbins is a Son of a Veteran in the fullest sense of the word is attested by the fact that his initials are G. A. R. At the conclusion of the initiation, all the newly elected Brothers made stirring and interesting talks, and the Camp may well feel proud to welcome them to the ranks. Among guests of other camps who attended the meeting and who addressed the camp were Past Division Commander E. E. Schoening of Rassieur Camp, Past Commanders Adams and Voss of Fremont Camp. We regret to announce that our Brother Judge Caulfield, who we had hoped, would favor the camp with an address, was called away on business and was unable to attend. We, however, look forward to a treat from him at the next meeting. The efforts of the Membership Committee are already bearing fruit of the choicest quality, and we hope that by the end of the current year, we will again have doubled our membership, as we did in the past year. The campaign for new members is gaining momentum daily, and the Committee has divided into districts that portion of the city from which the Camp may draw members without encroaching upon other camps. Each district is assigned to a member, and the Committee proposes to leave no stone unturned in its effort to obtain the best possible new material. Brothers William M. Heller and F. W. Schumacher were elected delegates to the Division Encampment to be held at Kirksville, May 16-17, with Brothers Sam. J. Russack and Dr. H. E. Markwort as alternates. The camp by resolution endorsed Brother Dr. W. A. Spies for Junior Vice Division Commander and urged him to permit his name to be placed before the next Division Encampment as a candidate for that office. Dr. Spies is an enthusiastic Son and a diligent worker, and we sincerely trust, not only that he will consent to become a candidate, but that our Brothers at the Encampment will see his qualifications for the office and honor both him and the Order by his election. A new degree team has been appointed for the camp for the ensuing year. The members are: Commander, T. A. Morey; Senior Vice Commander, H. F. Hecker; Junior Vice Commander, William M. Helle; Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Joseph L. Boehm; and Guide, Joseph A. Michael. The camp expects to have plenty of work for the team and the members have

promised to perfect themselves in the work that the initiation will be attractive and impressive. The Camp meets monthly at the Army and Navy Club, Grand and Washington avenues, on the third Tuesday of each month, and extends to all visiting Brothers and Brothers of neighboring camps a hearty invitation to attend its meetings.

Camps are again reminded that all news to be published in The Banner must reach the Division Secretary-Treasurer not later than the 25th of each month, and all Camps ought to have something from their camps in The Banner as we are entitled to 18 inches of space.

NEW JERSEY
John A. Corcoran, Commander, 429 Hunter St., Gloucester; H. L. Moyer Press Correspondent, 525 Park Ave., Hoboken.

Brothers, make it 2,000 before the administration of Division Commander Corcoran closes.

Brothers, now is the time to make arrangements for Atlantic City. The Division should be largely represented at the coming encampment. After business "Flirting on the Board Walk" will be in order.

Our popular Division Senior Vice Henry Bender, has announced his candidacy for Division Commander. He is well known as a hustler and will, no doubt, land the prize.

The new Division roster is out and is very neat in appearance, full of information and all cleverly arranged right up to date. A big improvement over the old form.

Now that the Junior Order has been officially adopted as an auxiliary of our Order, the camps should get to work at once and make the movement popular in this division. Let some camp take the lead and others will follow.

1. Hoboken—Our meeting on February 29th to celebrate Lincoln's Birthday was well attended by the brothers and many visitors. It was made notable by the presence of the few surviving members of Christian Woerner Post, No. 81, recently disbanded, who came to present the camp with a few sacred relics to hold as a remembrance of the dear old Post after which we were named. The brothers were proud to receive them and will give them the place of honor while the camp exists. Among the visitors were the Commander and Comrades from Wilson Post, Jersey City; Commander and Brothers from Ellsworth Camp; Commander and Comrades from E. G. Brown Post, and many others. All had something interesting to say, after which refreshments were enjoyed in the banquet hall to the strains of good music. Five new applicants for muster in the camp were reported. Keep up the good work, Brothers; This is a good field to work in. If the Reserves are going in the parade on Memorial Day, every member should begin preparation for making as fine appearance as they did in former years, to the admiration of everybody along the line of march. F. P. Hec of 806 Park Avenue and W. Bastgen of 400 Monroe Street, were mustered at the meeting before our last and received a hearty welcome. The new By-Laws are in the hands of the Treasurer and every brother should secure a copy at once to be posted in the changes that have been made. We are glad to note that Brother Bennett has recovered from his serious illness. The sisters who are in the D. B. A. will have to pay five cents more after April 1st, as the assessment has been raised at headquarters. Brother Charles Fehling is reported as slowly recovering from his serious illness. Sister Past President Mahooney and family removed to Bloomfield April 1st. We are sorry to lose them as residents, but glad to say our sister and her two sons will continue with us in the camp and will continue with us in the camp and auxiliary. They have secured a handsome home at 43 Llewellyn Avenue.

19. Jersey City—Gen. Wm. T. Sherman Camp held a dance on Wednesday evening, March 1, 1916 at Zibettis hall

for the benefit of our drum and fife corps. We realized a nice sum. We intend to equip them with uniforms for Memorial Day. Our president of the Auxiliary, Edna Gagor was married March 15th. We extend to her our best wishes. Com. O. L. Reuss is donating a prize of a \$5.00 gold piece for the brother who secures the most recruits for 1916. Now boys, get on the job.

32. Union Hill—The friends of Sr. Vice Div. Commander Henry Bender were all very much pleased to hear of his appointment as Clerk of the District Court of Hudson County which is located in Union Hill. Brother Bender was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the court when it was instituted March 21, 1910, and has held that position until March 1, 1916, when he was appointed Clerk. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Brother Bender. The Soldiers' Monument committee has reported that there is now \$695.78 in the fund and that the town of West Hoboken (in which the monument is to be erected) has appropriated \$500. It is expected that other municipalities in the vicinity will also make generous donations. The brothers who have their new recognition buttons are very much pleased with them and all express the opinion that it is just what has been needed for a long time. The sympathy of the camp is extended to Brothers Wm. and Nicholas Rosenberger who recently lost their father. The delegates and Past Commanders of the Camp are making great preparations to attend the Division Encampment in June. A delegation from Camp 32 and Auxiliary No. 2 attended the seventh anniversary celebration of the Orange auxiliary and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

CONNECTICUT
William H. Hart, Commander, Stratford; Edmond C. Booth, Correspondent, Bridgeport.

Franklin Bartlett Camp 11, Bridgeport on Tuesday evening, March 21, by initiating seven new members into the camp have brought the membership up to 252, making 100 new members since Div. Com. Hart took the reins in hand. Camp 11 does not pretend to stop; new candidates are being hunted up each week and during April and May, the camp expects to reach the 300 mark. After the initiation Tuesday evening, a most splendid evening was enjoyed by about 150 being present. The G. A. R. and Daughters of Veterans were present; Camp No. 17 from New Haven were present with their famous orchestra, rendering the music for the evening, a brother from camp 17 rendered a solo on an ocarino, seldom heard nowadays, who received great applause; several songs were sung by the local boys while ice cream and cake were being served by the Daughters of Veterans after which Brother Wright gave several stereopticon views of the Battle of Gettysburg, accompanied by a brief sketch by Comrade R. Glenn on each view as it was thrown on the screen. After the orchestra rendered several more selections, the meeting was closed by Commander Chapman. At midnight, all retired declaring the night's entertainment was the largest success Camp No. 11 ever had. Brother L. H. Woodward, Chas. G. Keller as Aids and W. C. Hall as National Aide journeyed to Stamford Tuesday evening, March 14, to witness Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 2 put on the initiatory work for one candidate, Bro. Hawthorne who was initiated into the Stamford camp. Com. Chapman appointed on the Encampment committee the following: F. Bartlett, E. L. Graves, Thos. McCool, L. H. Woodward, C. Munich, W. C. Hall and alternates G. Wright, Thos. Webb, H. Kost, E. Barnum, Wm. Keyes and Bro. Brower.

New Haven Admiral Foote Camp No. 17 celebrated Lincoln's Birthday at their last regular meeting and also Past Commanders' Night. There were four candidates initiated, Past Com. Chas. E. Swift acting as Commander for initiation, Past Com. R. J. Woodruff as Sr. Vice, Past Com. I. T. Jenks as Jr. Vice

Past Com. W. Alcorn as Patriotic Instructor, Past Com. L. Whiting as Chaplain and Past Com. Jo McCluskey as Guide, Commander Hine of the Admiral Foote Post G. A. R. read the Life of Lincoln; Past Com. Alcorn gave an address on Lincoln; Com. Myers called on P. C. R. J. Woodruff who responded by a talk on Sons of Veterans and giving great credit to the work being done by Camp 17. Visiting members were present from Bridgeport and Milford. Lunch was served and music by Camp 17 orchestra. At the March meeting there were three candidates initiated. The Division Encampment will be held in New Haven April 12-13, banquet at the Taft hotel on the evening of the 12th, and dinner on April 13 at noon, served by Auxiliary No. 2 Sons of Veterans. Commander Myers appointed on the Encampment committee: Chas. E. Swift, E. S. Howd, Joseph McCluskey, W. W. Vars, I. T. Jenks, R. J. Woodruff, Wm. Alcorn and W. J. Gogarn. This is hoped to be the largest encampment of the state. All Brothers of Connecticut out for business and a good time. The meeting was closed in due form by Com. Myers in the chair.

Admiral Foote camp 17 of New Haven held a class initiation Feb. 11 known as Past Com. night, the initiation being conducted by Past Commanders. The feature of the evening being the awarding of the prizes on Lincoln essay contest by the children of the public schools. Com. Myers of 17 is working hard to bring the membership up and deserves credit for diligent work.

Comrade Hiram C. Clintsman of Robert O. Tyler Post died Febr. 9, and was buried Febr. 12 in the Old North Cemetery. The casket was draped with a flag from Robert O. Tyler Post and the bearers were from Steelman Camp. Taps were sounded by a member of the Camp.

CAL. AND PACIFIC
 J. W. Cook, Commander, San Jose.

At a meeting of Camp 37 in Feb., the following program was rendered, after a short business meeting; song, "The Sons and Daughters Forever;" Lincoln Gettysbury Address, Lillian Worley; "Captain, My Captain," Vera Allender; Song, Lorletta Thing; address, "Personal Reminiscences," Comrade Capt. S. W. Bell; American Medley (piano) Bernice Beamer; after which light refreshments were served. About forty guests were present, representing the local G. A. R., W. R. C., L. of G. A. R. and D. of V.

VERMONT
 Arthur W. Robinson, Commander, Barre.

Brothers, this being the last time I shall speak to you officially through the columns of The Banner, I wish to thank you for your support and hearty co-operation through the year. Although, perhaps we have not accomplished all we planned, yet we have accomplished some and I think we stand better as a Division than we did one year ago. We have gained one new camp, and two reinstated with fair prospects of two more new ones before Encampment. Financially the Division never was in better condition than at the present time; camps have paid their accounts promptly at the end of each quarter, and for the year, nearly every camp has shown a steady increase in membership. Again I wish to thank you, and hope you will show the same hearty co-operation to my successor as you have shown me. Fraternaly yours, Arthur W. Robinson, Div. Commander.

Camp 25, Wallingford, presented the four act drama, "Hazel Kirke," to a capacity house on Feb. 18th. The play was one of the greatest successes that Wallingford has ever had. The receipts were over \$140.00, so Camp 25 will have a nice nest egg to start her relief fund with. They are still taking in new members, and are hustling for the Division Commander's prize. On Saturday, Feb. 26th, the members drove to East Wallingford to attend the fu-

neral of Comrade F. C. Stewart of that place. The S. of V. ritual was used, the work being conducted in the Baptist church owing to the heavy snow-storm.

Camp 14, held a very enjoyable time on Washington's birthday when the S. of V. Aux., the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the G. A. R. all met in the Auxiliary's hall where dinner was served by the Auxiliary and in the afternoon a literary program was given, consisting of songs and recitations, with an address by the Div. Commander and speeches by the old veterans. In the evening there was a dance which was well attended. Everybody went home well pleased, hoping that there would be another meeting in the near future.

MAINE
 Olin P. Ayer, Commander, Auburn;
 Harry S. Vose, Press Correspondent, Waterville, Maine.

Camp 93, Lisbon Falls—Bro. Webster N. Loring of Auburn, P. C. of Mass., installed the officers of Camp 93 and Aux. 22 Jan. 11, as follows: P. C., Alvah Beal; Com., Geo. O. Coolidge; S. V. C., Edgar Small; J. V. C., Harry Burke; Chap., Earl Davis; Council, Edgar Small, Harry Burke, Leoman Bard; Sec., Leroy Miles; Treas., John Small; C. B., Lynwood Small; I. G., Harry Toothaker; O. G., Percy Conroy; Pat. Ins., Edward Eaton; Guide, Schuyler Andrews.

Pittsfield, O. S. Haskell Camp No. 15 entertained the ladies of O. S. Haskell Auxiliary Wednesday evening, March 15th. The ladies took them by surprise but the boys were equal to the occasion. Refreshments were served and everyone had a good time.

Camp 63, Hallowell—Gen. C. W. Tilden Camp No. 63 entertained Div. Com. O. P. Ayer, S. V. D. C. John Howes and other prominent members of the order March 27th. An oyster stew supper was served from 7 to 8 p. m. Under the Good of the Order, we listened to remarks by Div. Com. Ayer, S. V. D. C. Howes, Past Div. Com. Cobb, Past Div. Com. Cram and others. A very enjoyable time was had and it is hoped that much good will result from the suggestions. Delegates were elected to the Division Encampment at Auburn, June 14 and 15.

Presque Isle—Probably one of the most flourishing Sons of Veterans camps in the department is George F. Whidden Camp No. 92. Meetings of much interest are held every Friday evening and new members are being received. The last meeting, held March 17th, was the most notable since the camp was organized, inasmuch as the meeting was thrown open to members of Wade Post 123, G. A. R., and Wade W. R. C. No. 85. 15 members of the Corps being present. Had it not been for adverse conditions, a large number would have attended. All were much interested in the work of the camp and considered it very impressive and exceedingly well conducted by the Commander, C. F. Merriam, and his staff of officers. Five candidates, comprising prominent men, were initiated into the Order and the ritualistic work was very creditably and impressively carried out. At the close a half hour was spent in speech making. Besides several of the new members who spoke, interesting remarks were made by Adjutant George F. Whidden for whom the camp was named, and Div. Com. Olin P. Ayer, of Auburn. Mr. Ayer is always heard with pleasure and profit. He gave a brief review of the standing of the Department and his words were well calculated to lead up to greater endeavor on the part of the local camp. Among the ladies who responded when called upon were Past Jr. Vice Pres. of the Dept. of Maine, Fannie A. Forbes, who has been president of Wade W. R. C. eleven years, Annie Grant, president of Wade W. R. C., Mrs. Cleaves, and a few words from others, all of whom spoke words of appreciation and encouragement. The Sons, assisted by some of the ladies, served delicious refreshments of coffee, doughnuts, cake, sandwiches and wafers, after which a group of familiar songs were sung with Prof. S. Cleaves at the piano. Com.

Merriam spoke and bore testimony of his pleasure in the presence of so many visitors. He is laboring untiringly for the success of the Camp and his officers cooperate earnestly. Mr. Ayer complimented them upon their good work.

OHIO
 T. E. Long, Commander, Dayton.

At a regular meeting of Akron Camp No. 27 in February resolutions were adopted unanimously endorsing Brother C. A. Whittlesey, Senior Vice Div. Com., for the office of Commander of the Ohio Div. S. of V. He has been a faithful and untiring worker in the Order, and has held various offices in his home camp and in the Division, which he has filled with credit to himself and to our Order.

McKinley Memorial Camp 96., organized a little over one year ago is now one of the live wire organizations of the city of Niles, Ohio, the birthplace of William McKinley, after whom the camp was named. There is now being erected almost on the site of his birthplace a splendid marble Memorial building, and the camp as well as the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans and W. R. C. are to have a room in the Memorial for their headquarters. Under the leadership of Commander Stephen McDermott, the Sons of Veterans are making splendid progress, new members coming in rapidly. The roster now shows about 70 members, and the meetings are well attended. The newly organized Daughters of Veterans with about 125 members is also in a flourishing condition, and working in complete harmony with the Sons. Following is an account of the social session, given by the Social Committee after the regular meeting, a similar entertainment being a feature at every meeting of Camp 96: "An interesting program presented by the members of Professor L. J. Taylor's class of the Niles high school, was among the entertaining features arranged on the program by the social committee of the Sons of Veterans when McKinley Camp entertained Nancy Allison Tent, Daughters of Veterans and Niles Post of the G. A. R. In the absence of Prof. Taylor, a glowing tribute was paid him by Supt. W. C. Campbell. The program took the form of a sketch of famous orators of by-gone day, as well as those of a more modern period and was given in such a manner that a comparison was drawn between those of the ancient and modern times. David Wick presided over the session. During the business hour, three candidates were initiated, one name was balloted upon and several applications for membership were received. A committee composed of W. C. Campbell, Senator John L. McLeermott, and E. A. Gilbert recently appointed, was directed to wait upon the building committee of the McKinley Memorial building, together with committees from the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Daughters of Veterans, to ascertain what plans are being made for a room for patriotic organizations in the building. About 25 members of Nancy Allison Tent, Daughters of Veterans and a number of veterans were present to enjoy the evening. Following the program, music was rendered by the Sons of Veterans' band, dancing was indulged in and refreshments were served.

INDIANA
 A. W. McDaniels, Commander, Valparaiso; L. A. Handley, Correspondent

This is the last Banner before the encampment at Evansville. So far as the writer knows, no effort has been made to advertise the fact that an encampment is to be held on May 9, 10 and 11. Nothing in the way of circular letters have been received; no information regarding hotel rates or program, and nothing urging or inviting the membership to attend, has been sent out up to this date, the last day of March. Even our own headquarters

in Indiana is as the grave. It does not seem like old times. However, it is up to your correspondent and The Banner to urge the attendance of every member. Matters of grave importance to the Division must come up at that meeting. Something in the nature of "ginger" must be injected into headquarters, or we might as well not continue our present method of having a permanent headquarters, but return to the old fashioned plan of having the secretary appointed by the Commander and from the same city. There will be two or more candidates for Commander, and it is up to the Division to choose the one who will do the most for the Division. Make your plans now to attend and help to settle these matters.

So long as we know nothing of the plans for the Encampment or the program, it might be well enough to suggest that our first session should be held on the morning of the 10th. It should be the aim of the membership to arrive at Evansville on the evening of the 9th so that we might be good and ready for the first session on the 10th. It is understood, by reading the state newspapers, that Evansville will celebrate the centennial on these dates, and accommodations may be hard to get. Another matter of importance to the Division is whether it is best for us to continue to meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic. There is a strong sentiment for a change. What does "old man lawmaker" George Ogden think about it?

Tom Allen don't want to be called "Colonel." That shows conclusively that he is not from Kentucky. Had a letter from John Miller, of Winchester, showing that he was away down in Texas. He says he was sent after Villa, but stopped before he arrived at the border. John will be at the Encampment laying plans to elect our good brother Focht for Commander one year hence. John is some politician and other aspirants for honors had better look out.

Commander McDaniels reports that the degree team of Porter camp visited LaPorte and mustered a class of 17. The Commander of LaPorte Camp, Bro. Whoewell, secured all these candidates himself. Now there is a commander who really is the goods. A man like that ought to be Division Commander. By their works shall you know them. Brother McDaniels states that the W. R. C. furnished a fine luncheon after the work, and that a goodly number of the G. A. R. was present.

The Commander also reports that Past Commander-in-Chief McGuire and Past Division Commander Shellehouse went to Evansville on March 18 and mustered a camp with 30 charter members. Mrs. Erther was also present and installed an auxiliary.

The Commander requests that our slogan be "On to Evansville for May 9, 10, and 11."

It is up to you whether the Encampment at Evansville is made a success. Come on in. The water's fine. Evansville, May 9, 10, and 11. Get busy.

Memorial Day is approaching. Start your plans now for a proper observance.

Your correspondent offers his best wishes with his last contribution, and requests that his successor be given better support by the membership next year.

A letter from Past Commander Charles Hartzell, Portland, states that his camp is going to surprise the boys with a large class for muster soon.

Jolly old Headington of Portland now weighs about 309 pounds and is gaining gradually, and will soon be back to normal.

DEFEAT.
 I played the game on the level
 And I lost—
 And only God and the devil
 Know the cost.
 Had I chosen to cheat, the priceless prize
 Was mine,
 And I, the victor in all men's eyes,
 Might shine
 With stolen splendor, as many a man
 Has shone;
 And now I finish as I began—
 Alone!
 —New York Sun

S. V. AUXILIARY

Mrs. Libbie Mels, Nat'l. Pres., Philadel-
phia, Pa.; Jennie Taole, Nat'l.
Press Cor., Dwight, Ill.
Illinois.

The Thirtieth Annual Encampment of Illinois Division Sons of Veterans Auxillary will be held in Decatur May 23-26. Headquarters will be established at the Orlando Hotel. Rates will be \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day, each extra one \$2.00 per day, European plan. Sisters desiring accommodations at the hotel are requested to communicate with the Division President as soon as possible. Those wanting rooms at private houses, please write to Division Secretary Mary Entwos and she will see you are located.

The following encampment committees have been appointed: Credentials, H. Pauline Creighton, chairman; Officers' Reports, Jennie Fuller; Resolution Committee, Lillian Holzback; Press Committee, Jennie Thole; Reception Committee, H. Pauline Creighton, Edna Williams, Mae E. Clothier, Rose Oren and Minnie Garrow.

We are pleased to announce that we have received charter application for a new auxillary at Columbia. This auxillary was secured through the efforts of Division President Allison Whalen of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Fred Brown of St. Louis, Mo. We are deeply grateful to them for the good work they have done for our Order. This auxillary was instituted on March 5, 1916, charter to be open till May 1, 1916.

Sisters, Memorial Day is approaching; the most sacred of National holidays. Let us put forth every effort to assist the Sons of Veterans and G. A. R. in honoring the memory of those who offered their lives that this nation might live.—From Division Orders, Leah Foster, Div. Pres.

Kansas.

In January, 1915, the auxillary at Topeka had eight members. In a year's active work the membership has increased to 32 members. The auxillary has proved a big help to the camp in the past year. It has taken part in the entertainment and has otherwise helped in many ways. It is a worthy addition to the camp. The Aux. served punch at an entertainment given at Memorial Hall, March 4, in honor of Com-in-Chief Monfort, of the G. A. R., the National Pres. of the W. R. C. and the public. Bro. E. L. Moon has offered a set of banners to the Aux. if it obtains 50 members by May 15. We are striving hard to obtain the banners. Under the Good of the Order, the Aux. and camp jointly give programs of vocal and instrumental music, readings and addresses. These programs are increasing the interest of both camp and Aux.

The rooms in the Court House used by the patriotic orders were crowded January 10th, the occasion being the joint installation of officers of the camp and Aux. of Lawrence. Mrs. Addie Brown, P. D. Chap., was the installing officer for the Aux. and put on the work very ably. Mrs. M. Krause was installed as Pres. Short talks were made by Mrs. Moon, Div. Pres., Miss E. Russell, Sec., and Judge Adv. Moon, all of Topeka. At the close, retiring Pres. Churchill was presented with a beautiful crystal candelabra, Mrs. Alta Derby making a fitting presentation speech. Sister Churchill responded most feelingly. A bountiful dinner was served to over 70 guests before the installation.

Jan. 23, the Aux. of Kansas City entertained the civil war veterans, W. R. C., S. of V., and friends in their hall. We were highly honored by the presence of Maj. Warner for whom our Aux. was named, and he was given a hearty reception when he was introduced. Maj. Warner and Comrade Kelley ably pounded the necessity of preparedness, not as a challenge for war, but to protect ourselves against any foreign foe. Pres. Emma Bolt presided most ably. Sister Evans presented a neat sketch of the children in memory of the dead by the children heroes. Our meetings are always profitable and entertaining and always a social club and meet We have formed an all-day session in once a month for the members. We also the homes of the

entertain the Sons some evening each month. Feb. 23 we celebrated Washington's birthday at the home of Brother L. Roberts and his wife who are royal entertainers. The decorations in the house was emblematic of the occasion. The entertainment was a great success.

Maryland.

The Division Encampment of Maryland will be held in Baltimore, May 23 and 24, and all Sisters will receive a cordial welcome from the Baltimore Girls. The Division President's General Order will give the exact program. Please notice the change of address of Div. Press Correspondent, E. R. Munson. New address, 15 E. Antietam St.—D. P. C. E. R. Munson.

Auxiliary No. 4, Washington, D. C.—On March 21th, the regular meeting of the Aux. was held at which time the Division Pres. Sis. Rose S. Rutledge, visited the Aux. officially. A number of the Division Officers, members of G. A. R., S. of V., and Past Nat. Pres. Davis and husband were present. Cushing Girls were more than glad to have Bro. and Sister Davis with them and were entertained very much by the talks given them about the good times they had in Kansas and how good the Sisters of Kansas Division were to them during their son's illness. Interesting talks were given on patriotic work by Sisters Davis and Rutledge, also by the visiting Commanders of all the camps in the district. Sister Rutledge was very much surprised when Past. Dept. Pres. W. R. C. Mamie P. Dorsey presented her in behalf of the Aux. a beautiful luncheon set to match the large centerpiece given her by the Wilmington Aux. Owing to the illness of Sister Almira Brown and Mable Gates, the set was not quite completed, but will be finished later. Sister Rutledge could only respond, "Thank you, Sisters," as the surprise was too much for her. Great sympathy was expressed for Sister Anna Kirkley, Div. Sec., whose husband is so very ill; and Sister Rutledge asks all Md. Div. girls to send her a card. Sister Kirkley herself is just recovering from an attack of blood poisoning. Sister Estelle Harbough is back again, after being absent on account of the death of her only brother. We take this opportunity to send love and best wishes to our dear Bro. Maj. E. R. Campbell and ask that he write us just a line. The social meeting of the Aux. will be held at the home of P. D. P. Brown, 64 R. St. N. W. A beautiful recognition pin was presented to our treasurer, and also one sent to Sister Kirkley, Div. Sec. The Aux. was invited to attend a reception given March 27 to the Dept. Com. of the G. A. R. and staff and Dept. Pres. of the W. R. C. and staff in the G. A. R. hall.

Aux. No. 10, Hagerstown—At the regular meeting of Aux. No. 10 on March 13th, we had the honor of obligating Brother R. F. Miller, Commander of Maryland Division. Brother Miller complimented the Aux. on its floor work and gave us a very encouraging talk. Bro. Miller is doing noble work for the Order and does not forget the Aux. and lends a helping hand wherever he can. Quite a number of our Brothers from Reno Post camp No. 3, were present and Brothers King and Mobley gave some very good words of commendation to the Aux. By a unanimous vote of the Aux., the name was changed from Aux. No. 10 of Mansfield Camp No. 2 to Aux. No. 10 of Reno Post Camp No. 3. The charter is now in the hands of Div. Pres. Rutledge for necessary changes. Four more applications for membership have been received. Our Aux. now numbers 55. The Aux., aided Reno Post Camp No. 3, at a two night's supper on March 17 and 18. Quite a large sum was realized with which the camp will uniform and equip the Guard connected with the camp.

Maine.

Auxiliary No. 24, Canaan, gave a Leap Year entertainment and dance February 29th. The entertainment consisted of music, tableaux, recitations and singing, an orchestra playing for the dancing. Ice cream, cake and fruit punch were served. There was the largest attendance seen in our little town for some time. March 8th, one candidate was initiated. More are coming but owing to bad weather and roads,

have been unable to get to town on meeting nights. The members are taking hold of the work nicely and we hope our first year may be a prosperous one.

Rhode Island.

One of the enjoyable events was the Leap Year concert and social held under the auspices of Camp No. 9, and Aux. No. 1, of Pawtucket. The attendance was good and the efforts of the committee were much appreciated. The first part of the entertainment was a program as follows: Cornet solo, "A Perfect Day," Nelson Taylor; vocal selection, "At De Vedding," William Noonan; reading, "The Jiner," Miss Hortense Caldwell; vocal selection, "My Mother's Rosary," Mrs. Annie Carley; violin selection, "Humoreske," Kenneth Matteson. The several numbers were encored. The committee for the evening consisted of the following: Mrs. Annie Carley, chairman; Mrs. Samuel W. Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Charles Copeland, Claude W. Perry, Charles Copeland, Clarence Matteson, Samuel W. Taylor, Herbert Kennedy, Eben Langley and Samuel Bird. The stage of Grand Army Hall was handsomely decked with the national colors, and flags were placed at intervals about the hall where they would show to the best advantage. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening.

Massachusetts.

The intensely interesting but tragic experience of Mrs. Annie D. Wright of Arlington, was related by her at the patriotic meeting Feb. 21 of Aux. 45; Mrs. Wright, whose husband John B. Wright was stage manager of Fords Theatre, Washington, witnessed all the tragic episodes of that memorable evening. Her guests were the surgeon who attended Lincoln after he was shot, and his wife. Seated in the orchestra near the presidential box, they were able to see at close range. Mrs. Wright heard the shot and saw the leap to the stage of Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth. She, with her husband and one of her guests were the last to leave the theatre, making their exit in complete darkness and by the same passage at the rear of theatre taken by the assassin shortly before. Mrs. Wright related the tragic events of that evening in a most interesting manner which deeply impressed her hearers by their intensely historical interest. Mrs. Hazel Smith rendered several vocal selections charmingly with Sister Evelyn Waugh of the Auxillary as accompanist. Misses Graco Gardner and Estelle Thompson in humorous recitations were delightful. Amazeens' orchestra gave several selections. There were guests from Post 36, W. R. C. 43. Camp 45 attended in a body. The auxillary and camp held their second annual Military ball Feb. 28. The Boys Brigade of Arlington gave a fine drill before the grand march. The Coast Artillery band furnished the music. The Ball was largely attended and a most pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

Aux. 25, Beverly, held joint installation with Camp 6, with a large attendance present. A turkey supper preceded the installation. Cora A. Hanners installed the officers. Sis. Annie G. Goldsmith was installed as president. Sis. Mary E. Swasey was presented with a Past Pres. badge by the installing officer. Short speeches were made by prominent guests and an enjoyable evening spent. The Aux. entertained the Essex Co. Assn. at its annual election of officers.

Aux. 1, New Bedford entertained the Boys' Brigade of Grace Church Feb. 2. The Pres. Sis. Minnie Taber, in behalf of the Aux. presented the Brigade with a Parade flag. Rev. Mr. Patrick responded, thanking the Aux. for the beautiful flag. Com. Cook of Post 1 gave a very interesting talk to the boys. Ice cream and cake were served. The boys of the Brigade enjoyed themselves about an hour playing games, the winner of each receiving a prize. Feb. 16, a chicken salad and oyster supper was held which was a financial success. At 8 o'clock an entertainment was held in honor of Lincoln and Washington's birthdays.

Aux. 79 Melrose held a Rummage sale Feb. 12. The bi-monthly whist party was held Feb. 23. These parties are popular and largely attended. Feb. 6, the Aux. celebrated Lincoln's birthday.

The program was in charge of the Pat. Ins. Sis. Marlon Treadwell. Refreshments were served from chafing dishes.

Aux. 26, Plymouth attended divine service Sunday, Feb. 6, with the allied organizations and listened to a very interesting address on Lincoln by Rev. Mr. Handy, a S. of V. Feb. 1, Lincoln's birthday was celebrated with readings and music. Feb. 23 the Aux. jointly with the Camp celebrated Washington's birthday with an entertainment. Feb. 16 the Aux. and Camp joined with the Plymouth Rock band and gave a concert. Feb. 9 a successful succotash supper was served.

Aux. 14, Amesbury has had a busy winter. The anniversary of Camp 33 was fittingly observed with a supper and entertainment. A very successful sale and public supper was held by the Margaret W. Carney Sewing Circle. A goodly sum was realized for the treasury. The Aux. had the pleasure of a visit from Mary L. Warren, Past Nat. Pres., who installed the officers of the Aux. On this occasion the new silk flags for floor officers and Pat. Ins. were used for the first time. On the same evening, the Aux. presented the Camp with \$25 in gold. Feb. 17 a patriotic meeting was held, the Aux. and Camp joining in observing Lincoln's birthday. Appropriate exercises were held. Previous to the exercises, the Aux. served a supper to the G. A. R., and wives, the Camp and invited guests. The Aux. announces with great sorrow the death of Sis. Georgia Morrill, an earnest worker and active member. This is the first break in our ranks. The memory of Sis. Morrill's cheerfulness and loving kindness will ever remain with the members of the Aux. Aux. 14 is not yet 2 years old but is trying faithfully to do the good work for which we are all banded.

Aux. 32, Greenfield joined with Camp 113 in observing Lincoln and Washington's birthdays Feb. 22. The program consisted of exercises appropriate to the occasion with a short farce at the close. A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served. The Aux. is planning an Easter sale and it serves a supper each month.

Aux. 6, Saugus attended Lincoln Day exercises with Camp 1 of Lynn Feb. 11. Feb. 21 the Aux. entertained the Essex Co. Assn. afternoon and evening. Instead of holding whist parties a sewing circle was formed to make quilts and sell them.

Aux. 43, the "baby" aux. of the Div. held its first regular meeting Feb. 21 in Town Hall. Sis. Margaret Waters, Div. Pres., was a guest. Two candidates were initiated and there are more in prospect. A social hour was spent and refreshments served.

Sis. Nellie A. Sibley, Past Div. Pres. will receive the sympathy of sisters in the order in the death of her father, a comrade of the G. A. R. who passed away on Jan. 31.—Mrs. Lucretia X. Floyd, Div. Press Cor.

New Jersey.

Union Hill—Auxillary No. 2 held their Lincoln Memorial services February 16, assisted by Ellsworth Camp No. 32. Comrades of Post No. 14 were our special guests and a splendid program had been arranged by Auxillary Pat. Ins. Morton and Camp Pat. Ins. Wolf. The Monument committee which is composed of Ellsworth Post No. 14 Ellsworth Camp No. 32 and our Auxillary is working hard to raise a fund for the Soldiers' Monument which is to be erected in Ellsworth Park, West Hoboken. A goodly sum has just been added to our fund, the proceeds of the theatre party recently held by the committee.

Paterson—Auxillary No. 3 extends its heartfelt sympathy to P. N. P. Molly Donaldson-Hammer whose dear mother entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 18th. Our "cup and saucer" social was a decided novelty and its success was added to by the thoughtfulness of the entertainment committee in providing coffee and other good things to show how practical the social was. The mock trial recently held by the Camp and Auxillary created an endless amount of fun and Sister Matilda Arold who sued Brother Samuel Sutton for breach of promise was awarded damages to the amount of six cents.

Elizabeth—At a recent meeting of

Auxiliary No. 15, Sister Carrie Johnson was installed as Patriotic Instructor and President Mary E. Muirhead was presented with a beautiful gift in appreciation of her services as Treasurer. A social and patriotic service was held in honor of Abraham Lincoln. Adjutant G. Dwight Stone delivered a splendid address on the life of Lincoln, and interesting remarks were made by Brothers Williams and Vanderhoef and President Vanderhoef of Auxillary No. 12, Dover, also Brothers Rackard, Hedden and Oppar. Brother Williams won the prize which was a book on the life of Lincoln. Readings, music and refreshments were enjoyed. The Auxillary also entertained in honor of the memory of Washington. Vocal and Instrumental music, dancing, readings and refreshments added to our pleasure. Miss Mary Malson won the prize offered. Sister Caroline Post and her efficient committee are working hard to make this a most successful and pleasant year.

Jersey City Heights—Auxillary No. 14 and Camp No. 19 held a dance which netted them a considerable sum. The silver knives and forks donated by Sister Gerhard were disposed of, and the proceeds will be used to purchase outfits for the Fife and Drum Corps recently organized by the Camp. We appreciate the assistance of all those who helped to make the affair a success, and extend our heartiest thanks to Sister Gerhart for her generosity. We extend best wishes for a long and happy married life to our President.

Orange—Many things are keeping the interest alive in Auxillary No. 14. January 31, we held a successful euchre party. February 4, Sister Mae Williams presented the Auxillary with a newspaper dated April 15, 1865, issued the day following the assassination of President Lincoln. February 18, Union Defenders' Day was observed and February 20, we attended a patriotic service in honor of Washington. Our auxillary won the prize offered by Div. Pat. Ins. Rosa for collecting the largest amount of patriotic work. We attended the anniversary of our Camp and Uzal Dodd Post and celebrated our own on March 17th. Music, recitations and remarks by our guests made a happy affair. We had with us National Vice President Mary L. Tredo, National Patriotic Instructor Mayme Dwyer, Div. Pat. Ins. Ida M. Rosa, Past Div. Pres. I. E. Lange of New York, and delegations from Uzal Dodd Post, Camp No. 14, Sisters from Paterson, Union Hill, Montclair, Newark and Jersey City. Mr. W. F. Beck sent flowers in memory of our departed Sister, Annie E. Beck. Covers were laid for two hundred guests and the decorations were in keeping with the date, March 17th.

Trenton—Auxillary No. 18 observed Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays by holding a banquet and patriotic meeting. The affair was well attended and we were happy to have as our guest Past National President Molly Donaldson-Hammer. Five applications for membership were received and the supper committee reported having made a decided success of the affair; both Camp and Auxillary to receive a generous amount after expenses are paid.

New Hampshire.

Mrs. Nellie S. P. Clough of Aux. No. 8, Alton, is proving herself a good leader by her untiring efforts to make the regular meetings interesting enough to induce the members to attend, trying to give each one something to do.

No new names were added last year, but three names were presented for membership. Mrs. Anna Wright, P. I., presented a short program by the grandchildren of veterans. Refreshments are served at all regular meetings. April 26, a reception will be given the Division officers as the incoming President is a Past President of Aux. No. 5.

Hillsboro—Aux. No. 3, and Lincoln Camp No. 4, of Hillsboro, held a public installation the evening of January 10. Sadie E. Walters, Div. Installing Officer installed the officers, and Div. Pres. Carrie J. Boutwell acted as Guide. Linwood E. Emery of Keene was the installing officer for Camp 4. Mary E. Thompson was installed as President. After the installation an oyster supper was served to 54 members and friends

and a social time enjoyed. S. of V. Auxillary No. 3 wishes every auxillary a very prosperous year in 1916.

The officers of Aux. No. 1, Bennington, were impressively installed by Div. I. & I. Officer Sadie E. Walters of Nashua, January 5th. A bountiful supper was served before the installation to the S. of V., members of the auxillary and their families and a few invited guests. Hattie Wilson is the new President.

Camp No. 15 of Hillsboro and Aux. No. 7 held a joint installation January 6th. Past President Ina Ashby installed the auxillary officers and Past Com. Daniel Cole the camp officers. A fine supper was served after the installation and a social time enjoyed. Nellie Ferry is President for 1916.—Rachel Cram, D. P. C.

New York.

Aux. 60 re-elected Sister Anna Welcker for their President, practically all the officers remaining the same. At the flag presentation held at St. Barbara's school, quite a few of the G. A. R. Posts were represented. Among the speakers was Miss Maud Stubner, mascot of the Central Memorial Com. S. V., of Long Island. The Aux. meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month.

Guests were present at the meeting of Aux. 7, Feb. 5, Bro. and Sis. Van Zandt, of Rochester, the latter formerly being a member of No. 7. After the meeting a picnic lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed. Feb. 19 a short program was given on the life of Lincoln. Readings were given by Sisters J. W. Morgan and J. Miller and Pres. Gay had a paper on the life of Washington which was over 100 years old. Comrade Blossom told of his personal conversation with Lincoln at the beginning of the war, when Lincoln helped them pitch their tent.

Aux. 5, New York City, on March 14 had a class initiation of eight new members and one by transfer. On April 11th we expect to initiate six more. A number of visitors were present from the different camps and auxillaries, including Div. Com. Franz Sigel, Nat. Pat. Ins. Mayme Dwyer, Div. Pat. Ins. Zetta Finn, Past Div. Presidents, E. Waterman and Ida E. Lange, Chief of Staff Katharin Rooney. On May 6th we are going to hold a Leap Year dance from which we expect to realize good results financially.

Reno Aux. 47 held an open meeting March 16. Sister Zierold presented the Aux. with a beautiful hand embroidered pillow. It was raffled at this meeting and the lucky winner is congratulated. Messrs. McCuo and White entertained us. Singing, dancing and refreshments were served and the affair was a grand success. On March 21st we attended Reno Camp meeting and enjoyed it very much.

Aux. No. 2, N. Y. City—Our meetings are well attended. In March we initiated one member, also re-instated one member; one member passed away. The entertainment committee is getting busy to give the Aux. a social of some kind.

Aux. No. 31, of N. Y. City having been organized 17 years in March, it was decided to hold a Euchre on March 29 at our meeting rooms. An enjoyable time is anticipated, as we expect quite a few beautiful prizes will be donated and as refreshments will be served a large attendance is looked for. Quite a few members attended a dinner at the St. Denis Hotel March 11 given by the Naval Veterans of Farragut Post and on the 17th, several were present when Div. Com. Franz Sigel of the S. of V. presented a flag in the name of O. Tilden and Reno Camps to the Naturalization Bureau in the new Bronx County Court House.

Aux. 25 entertained members of Sniper camp and Libby Post and Corps on Friday evening, March 10th in observance of the seventh anniversary of the auxillary's institution. Its Past Presidents arranged for the affair and also served lunch. Aux. No. 25 accepted an invitation to attend a ceremonial session of Stewart camp at Onelda Thursday evening March 14th, when Sniper camp will initiate a class of 35 recruits for the Onelda camp. Mrs. Winnie F. Durst Div. Pres., will officially visit Auxillary No. 25 Thursday evening May 23rd. March 18, she will

be received by the Auxillaries of Burham's camp at Fayetteville for the purpose of organizing an auxillary at Cortland. The organization of a camp is in progress at De Ruyter and as soon as that has been mustered in an auxillary to it will be instituted by the Division President. We are proud to have the Division President a member of our Auxillary.

Ohio.

St. Bernard, held a very enthusiastic meeting March 22 celebrating our tenth anniversary, and were very much pleased to have our members present in such a large number, also the members of our camp. The Commander, John Steingrube gave us a good talk. The secretary Fred Steingrube is a great orator and encouraged us very much; also complimented us on our good work done in the past. Others present were Brothers Becker, Shepherd, Oshea and Heger. Our treasurer, Sister Grassinger was congratulated and complimented for being treasurer for 10 years. President appointed a committee for Memorial Day to assist W. R. C.: Sisters Kuhn, Butz, Heger, Behrb and McFarland. Our next meeting "Patriots Day" April 12 and we will have a large celebration. Our Patriotic Instructor is very much enthused and very patriotic.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Herbst of Canton, the parents of Past National President Mame E. Herbst and Past Natl. Secy. Lillie B. K. Herbst, celebrated their golden wedding March 8, in the same house in which the bride was born, and with several of the guests present who were at the wedding fifty years ago. Owing to the poor health of both Mr. and Mrs. Herbst, the celebration was a very quiet one. During the day they received about forty of their friends and in the evening entertained with a family dinner. Many gift bouquets were sent to the house throughout the day and more than 200 letters and telegrams were received by the aged people. Mr. and Mrs. Herbst were married half a century ago in the parlors of the Tremont house in Mass. and spent their honeymoon in Pittsburg with relatives. Mr. Herbst has lived in Canton all his life and is known to the older residents, having been engaged in the oyster business for many years. A golden wedding cake graced the center of the table and was banked with yellow daffodils and tulips. All the appointments on the table were of gold. At one end was a bride's cake in a golden box, a gift to the bride of fifty years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Herbst received many gifts of gold.

Two new auxillaries have been added to the Division since last orders. Your Division President had the pleasure of instituting No. 46, to Lookout Camp 266, Cleveland, Feb. 7th. No Aux. was ever instituted under more glowing prospects. I wish to thank all the Brothers of this camp for the help they gave me in instituting this auxillary, and special thanks to their secretary, Brother J. D. Hall, who worked so hard to secure this auxillary, also Commander W. C. Thobaben.

I also wish to thank the Sisters of No. 8, Akron, for the beautiful set of flags they are to present to this Aux.

On Feb. 18, Auxillary No. 51, Circleville was instituted by Chief of Staff, Sister Mae Vollum; we extend the thanks of the Ohio Division to Sister Vollum for this Auxillary; also to Sisters of No. 17, Columbus, for a beautiful set of flags presented by them to this auxillary, and help and assistance given. I know how much this is appreciated by new auxillaries.

The Division President wishes to thank the Brothers of the various camps and the Comrades for the interest they are taking in organization work. To the sisters of the new auxillaries, we bid you welcome to our ranks and wish you the greatest success in this grand work.

The thirtieth Division encampment will convene in Marion the week of June 12th. Headquarters of both the Sons of Veterans and Auxillary have been established at the Hotel Kumfort.

Auxillary Headquarters will be Room 11, rates, 75c—\$1.00—\$1.25 single,—\$1.50 with bath, European Plan.—From Div. Orders, Jean Bower, Div. Pres.

Pennsylvania.

It is with regret we learn of the ill health of our Division President, who is confined to the hospital at Easton, undergoing an operation. Sister Ackerman has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Monday evening, March 6th, Auxillary No. 1 held a Doughnut social and all spent a very pleasant evening. After singing and dancing were indulged in, refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served.

Monday evening March 20th, we held a St. Patrick's social. A dainty lunch of peanut and lettuce leaf sandwiches, egg and pimento cheese sandwiches with coffee was served and Sister Keene presented each one with a silk Shamrock. All present enjoyed the evening.

Tuesday evening, March 7th, the Lincoln Social met with Auxillary No. 12, and had a very good turn out; after the business of the Social, a pleasant time was spent and refreshments were served.

Auxillary No. 4—On February 8th, the Auxillary held a Patriotic meeting in memory of our Martyred President Abraham Lincoln. February 16th, the Division President, Sister Flora Ackerman, paid her official visit to the Auxillary. National President, Sister Mels, National Secretary, Sister Carr, and a number of the Division officers accompanied her. We had remarks from the Division and National Presidents and all National and Division officers. We were also pleased to have with us, P. D. Pres. Sis. Uhl, of No. 6, Allentown, and Sister Weidenheimer, Aux. No. 6, Reading, P. D. P. Seipp, No. 13, and Britton, No. 12, and many other visiting Sisters. Sister Beck presented Sis. Ackerman with a cut glass celery tray, in behalf of the Auxillary, and Sister Lilley presented Sister Mels with a token, in behalf of the Auxillary. The Sisters received the gifts with thanks, after which refreshments were served. February 23, we celebrated the natal day of George Washington, after which refreshments were served.

The Sons of Veterans and Aux. No. 122, held a joint installation January 15th. They were installed by Past Com. Dr. J. T. Bowman. A social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the committee in charge. Feb. 22, we celebrated Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays when an interesting program was rendered by the Ladies Aux. who had for guests the S. of V. and G. A. R.—Mrs. Katie Carr, D. P. C.

The Aux. at Wilkes-Barre held installation Jan. 19, Sister Laura Fadden, of Scranton, installing the new officers, of which Sister Gertrude Robb is the President. Sisters Price and Burles, of Scranton, assisted Sister Fadden. The outgoing and new Presidents were presented with bouquets of carnations and roses from the Aux., Sister Searfoss presenting them, also making a short talk. Sister Hassel, the Past Pres., was presented with a gold Aux. emblem. Other gifts were exchanged. Short remarks were made by many, after which refreshments were served.

Wisconsin.

Palmyra Aux. was organized March 10th by the Wis. Div. Pres., Minnie E. Groth, assisted by Sisters Burton and Harned. Mrs. Hilda Colton was elected president. The officers were installed by the Div. Pres. and to which members of the Camp, G. A. R., and W. R. C. were invited. Remarks appropriate for the occasion were made and delicious refreshments were served.

On March 9th, the officers of Endeavor Aux. were installed by Div. Pres. Minnie E. Groth. The public was invited and a large number of the S. of V. were also present. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all. The meeting was called to order and the work inspected by the Div. Pres. An eligible present at installation was invited to remain, special dispensation was granted and she was duly initiated into the Order. All present felt that this was a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

Aux. No. 7 of the Erastus Stannard Camp No. 47, Plymouth, held their regular meeting March 16th, at which four new members were initiated, the number of members now being 60 in good standing.—Edna Menz, D. P. C.