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## WAR FUND DISCONTINUED

TO DIVISION COMMANDERS AND BROTHERS:

PURSUANT TO THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT—Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy—that the World War is ended and assurance of Peace,

It is hereby ordered:

That the project directed by authority of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Niagara Falls, N. Y., 1918,

“That during the continuance of the War each Division be required to contribute the equivalent of One Dollar per capita each year, and that the Commander-in-Chief, the National Secretary and the National Treasurer be directed to apply such funds to the needs of Our Government,”

Be discontinued and no further action relating thereto be taken.

All orders and instructions pertaining to securing this fund, collections, contributions, by members of Camps and Divisions—are hereby countermanded.

No funds or receipts to be credited to the purpose or object, have been received by the National Treasurer.

Camps and Divisions having received contributions for the purpose designated, are reminded that the casualty lists of the boys “Over There” and the Vacant Chair in the family circle, possibly the family needs—and to “Keep the Home Fires Burning”—will suggest a channel whereby the funds in hand can be most worthily applied.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,  
Commander-in-Chief.

H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.

JAMES LEWIS RAKE,  
National Treasurer.

January 1, 1919.

## Lincoln— Union Defenders' Day

BROTHERS:

Tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln—Commander-in-Chief of our Sires—will be paid by our Order.

One of the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans is to observe the birthday anniversary of Lincoln—February 12th.

Designated as UNION DEFENDERS' DAY in honor of the services and sacrifices of our Fathers and Ancestors of 1861-'65, for the preservation of the UNION, in song and story, feast and flow of soul once again let our tribute be registered.

Camps are urged to assemble the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and Veterans of '61-'65 with their families on this occasion. Pay them tribute.

The members of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary should also be guests and all allied societies should be invited to participate.

In consonance with custom and the principles of the Order it is directed that all Camps observe Union Defenders' Day with appropriate ceremonies. Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders should arrange Patriotic exercises and programs. Make the event a reunion, instructive and entertaining celebration in honor of the Victory of our Arms and the Glory of the Old Flag in the World War ended for Justice, Right over-Might, and Freedom for Humanity.

Abraham Lincoln—his memory honored in the civilized world, revered in heathen lands where Light penetrates, exalted by our Sires, ever cherished by Sons of Veterans.

The Veteran Soldiers and Sailors of the War of 1861-'65—ours to care for, respect and honor.

In F., C. and L.,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,  
Commander-in-Chief.



# To New Camp Officers:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.  
 Department of Commander-in-Chief,  
 Room 225, City Hall,  
 Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1919.

### To New Camp Officers:

You have taken a new obligation. As Camp Commander or the officer you now fill you have responsibilities that are vital to your Camp. You have made new pledges and positive promises under oath.

Have these made an impression upon you? Do you realize what you bound yourself by oath to do? Do you appreciate what you pledged yourself to—what you promised?

The installation ceremonies are not mere form. They are more. They impose a sacred duty.

If you were not impressed by the obligation you took as an Officer; by the pledges and promises you made—read the ceremonies, study the obligation and learn what they should mean to you.

Your opportunities for the success of your Camp are your responsibilities. Realizing what you can attempt to accomplish you will arouse a new interest in your Camp. You will have a successful Administration.

### Camp Commander:

Should take the initiative to create activity and interest in Camps. Have some feature at a meeting of the Camp. Make the session or meeting interesting and worth while attending, for your members. Attract them. They will attend meetings if they have an incentive, some reason, cause to be present. Make them welcome and feel that they have a part to do and that some portion of the work of the Camp depends upon them. Propose some new object, introduce new ideas, new plans and have a purpose at each meeting. Consult the members about matters relating to the Camp, obtain from them suggestions for the conduct of affairs of the Camp. Have them assist in activities and projects for their meetings.

### Camp Secretary:

Attend to your duties. Be prompt with your reports to Division Headquarters every quarter. Do not neglect what you are responsible for. Keep your records to date. Take pride in having them correct. Do not fail to answer correspondence promptly. Determine to always give all matters your immediate attention. A Secretary who does his duty makes a successful Camp.

### Camp Treasurer:

A Camp's existence and success depends principally on the ability, activity and attention given—by a Camp Treasurer. Do at your Camp meeting regularly. Be diligent in collecting the dues of your members. Don't neglect that important feature. See that every member pays his dues promptly. If this is done your Camp will prosper. Give this your constant attention. Be a real business man in this respect. Thereby you will make your Camp a success. Keep your members always in good standing—get their dues from them. See that your Camp does not owe per capita tax; that your reports and tax are promptly forwarded to Division Headquarters on the last meeting night in each quarter. Your ability will show whether or not your Camp is successful. Be an example to others. A Treasurer not concerned about a Camp's finances should not have the office.

### Camp Council:

You have important responsibilities. The prosperity of your Camp is in your charge. The gathering of funds, dues, finances in general are your duties. See that all revenues are secured. Supervise affairs, assist the officers in increasing the members, be able to show them something for their investment and membership in the Camp. Give the duties of your office the attention required and your Camp will be a real one.

### To the Members:

Give your Officers encouragement. Attend the meetings of your Camp. Give it your influence. Don't let the Officers do all. Don't expect others to do what you can, should and know you ought to and can do. YOU—DO SOMETHING. Be proud of your right to be a member of the Sons of Veterans. It is a great honor. Realize that it is a distinction. Our Fathers saved Our Nation. Our Country made the World safe for Humanity, assured Freedom and guaranteed Justice to all. Your honor to be a member of the Sons of Veterans is not anybody's nor every person's. Your Camp is the one place to have the benefit of this. Your activity will be an inspiration to others as well as yourself. Give your Camp some attention, some consideration. DO something for it. You can get a new member—many if you will. Get all you can.

### Camp Commanders and Officers:

Don't neglect conferences. Have frequent consultations about the needs and interests of the Camp.

Arrange for events at meetings of the Camp. Have Committees on Entertainment, and have attractions frequently. Get the Entertainment Committee at work for attractive meetings regularly.

Have a Recruiting Committee. See to it that this Committee seeks out eligibles. Make it important that candidates be secured. Work through this Committee for new members.

Memorial Day Committee—always should be active. Have it comprise influential members of the Camp. Keep before this Committee the importance of its work and have it constantly in touch and communication with Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Commander and Officers—should endeavor to always have something to propose at a meeting that will interest the members. Social and instructive features will interest many. A locality will largely govern and demonstrate what should be introduced to make a Camp a success.

Camp Commander—You are responsible for what can be made of a Camp. It is your duty to assure yourself that the essentials are being complied with. If you fail to do this you are uninformed and have not the interest or ability a Camp Commander should have.

All are appealed to for earnest, active, renewed interest in our Order, recruiting of new members, the reinstatement of former members, and such efforts as will advance our Order and make it all that it should be.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,

Commander-in-Chief.

GENERAL ORDERS  
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HEADQUARTERS,  
 COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,  
 SONS OF VETERANS,  
 U. S. A.

Department of  
 Commander-in-Chief,  
 Room 225, City Hall,  
 Philadelphia, Pa.

January 1, 1919.

General Orders No. 1,  
 Series of 1919.

### William T. Chambers, Esq.

I. Death has entered the official family of the Commandery-in-Chief. With deep regret announcement is made of the passing away of William T. Chambers, senior member of the Council-in-Chief, December 27, 1918.

Deceased was re-elected to the Council-in-Chief at the Thirty-seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Niagara Falls, 1918, having served faithfully the term previously. He was also Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, 1914-1915. He was an active member, influential, greatly interested in the affairs of the Order, and previous to his selection to office represented the Division of Ohio in many Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The sympathy of the membership is extended the family, his Camp and the Division of Ohio.

It is hereby ordered that Division and Camp charters be draped in memory of our deceased officer for a period of sixty (60) days.

II. A new year confronts us. Camp administrations have changed with a new term opening, new officers, and a new prospect. Improved conditions are looked for. New officers have ambitions. Active officers will produce success. Aspirations can only be realized with results.

The World War, with consequences so greatly affecting and materially interfering with operations of Camps, virtually ended and Peace at hand—Patriotism and reverence for the Old Flag greater than ever—the members of our Great Order on the threshold of a New Year have a new inspiration. Re-dedicating ourselves to the principles and objects of our Order—they should be an incentive for renewed zeal, activity and interest in the up-building of the Sons of Veterans.

All members are appealed to for their co-operation. Every member is earnestly requested to secure eligibles to unite with Camps; work for the reinstatement of former members and the organization of new Camps.

Camp Officers are urged to pay deference to Comrades of the G. A. R. and to invite them and the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic to frequent meetings of Camps.

Eligibles who served our Country in the Great World War—for Humanity, Freedom and Justice—should also be

honored and sought for membership in our Order.

Cordially Greeting the new Camp Officers and tendering them good wishes all are urged to be earnest and zealous in making their Camps active.

### War Fund Discontinued.

III. For reasons stated in this Issue of The Banner under caption "Sons of Veterans War Fund Discontinued," the project of securing a per capita contribution of One Dollar for the "Needs of our Government," will be discontinued.

There are no needs of our Government which the fund could be made available for the purpose for which it was to be applied.

All orders applying to this War Fund, directions for securing and transmitting same to the National Treasurer, are hereby countermanded and no funds for this object or purpose will be forwarded to the National Treasurer.

No contributions or returns have been received by the National Treasurer for this Fund.

### Union Defenders' Day.

IV. February 12th—the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, dedicated by our Order to the honor of Union Veteran Soldiers, Sailors and Marines of 1861-65, as UNION DEFENDERS' DAY, should be observed by every Camp. Patriotic exercises should be the feature. Camp Patriotic Instructors and Camp Commanders will arrange to make the occasion this year a great event, in view of the achievements of the American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Aviators, and all engaged in our Country's part and success in the Great World War—now ended.

### Camp Patriotic Instructors' Reports.

V. Reports of Camp Patriotic Instructors—Form 50—are due from every Camp in the Order. It is expected that every Camp Patriotic Instructor has forwarded his report as of December 31, 1918, to all Division Patriotic Instructors.

This form has been revised and provides for important data to which attention has been directed in previous General Orders.

Camps delinquent with this report should be communicated with by Division Patriotic Instructors at once and every effort made to secure this return for the records to be obtained therefrom.

Division Patriotic Instructors will make prompt compilation of Forms 50—reports from Camps—and as soon as possible forward on Form 51—Annual Report of Division Patriotic Instructor to National Patriotic Instructor, Frank McCrellis, 590 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon.

### Camp Per Capita Tax and Reports.

VI. Camp Commanders are hereby ordered to attend to the prompt forwarding of per capita tax and Reports—Forms 27 and 28—of the Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer—to their respective Division Headquarters—for the quarter ending December 31, 1918. This will enable the Division Officers to furnish new password and countersign to Camp Commanders and they in turn can give same to the members of Camps without delay and inconvenience.

### Division Officers' Reports.

VII. Division Commanders, Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers will see that Forms 35, 37 and 38, Re-



ports of Division Secretaries and Division Treasurers, are promptly forwarded to the National Secretary, with per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1918. There must be no delay in forwarding these reports and tax.

**Reinstatement of Camps.**

VIII. Attention is again directed to the provisions of the Constitution (Niagara Falls Encampment, 1918), whereby Camps having been Dropped for one year OR LESS, can be reinstated at a fee which may be determined by a Division; and such a reinstatement will require the payment of \$2.50 to the Commandery-in-Chief; and the Camp can retain its original charter.

This should be an inducement for all Division Commanders and Division Officers generally to work for the restoration of delinquent Camps, such that have been dropped within a year and thereby secure many additional Camps.

It is hoped this will appeal to all Division Commanders and that they will take action to recover many of their Dropped Camps.

**Password and Countersign.**

IX. Form OOOO—Password and Countersign effective January 1st, has been promulgated to all Divisions. Camps will be furnished with this only when they pay per capita tax and forward reports to Division Headquarters.

Camp Commanders will give the password and countersign only to such members in good standing December 31, 1918.

**Commissions.**

X. Division Commanders will see that all Camp Commanders installed during the present year, will receive a Commission—Form 33—issued and attested by the Division Secretary. Every Camp Commander is entitled to and should receive a Commission without delay.

**Installing Officers' Reports.**

XI. Division Commanders and Division Secretaries should see that Form 22—Report of Installing Officer—is promptly received, recorded and new roster issued without delay. No delinquent Camps should be on this roll as the business of a Division Headquarters requires prompt receipt of Installation Report of Camp Officers.

**The Banner Mailing Lists.**

XII. A number of Camps have neglected to forward lists and addresses of their members to their Division Secretaries. The members of these Camps are not receiving The Banner—the Official Organ—to which they are entitled every month. They are not informed nor advised regarding the Order, its work, and know nothing about affairs.

Division Commanders and Division Secretaries have been directed, requested and appealed to obtain these lists. A number have complied and secured the lists. Others apparently pay no attention to the subject. It is the duty of Division Commanders and Division Secretaries to obtain these lists and forward them to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, so that every member can and will receive The Banner each month.

Camp Secretaries that fail to send in these lists are negligent and at fault.

It is urged upon all to give this matter personal and immediate attention and forward these lists as directed.

**SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DIRECTED—to the following:**

Division Secretaries will AT ONCE forward to The Banner, Dwight, Illinois, the names of Camp Commanders and Camp Secretaries of ALL Camps that have failed to send in mailing lists—so that each Camp Commander and Camp Secretary of each of said Camps, will receive The Banner; and same will be filed by all Camp Secretaries receiving it.

**Junior Order Camp Reports.**

XIII. Annual Reports of the Camps of the Junior Order must be forwarded at once by Division Secretaries to the National Secretary. Prompt attention to these returns, blanks for which were forwarded, is directed.

**Aides.**

XIV. Following Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief have been appointed and will be respected accordingly:

Leon L. Roberts, Camp No. 35, Kansas City, Division of Missouri, having secured five (5) new members within the last quarter.

R. L. Pickell, Camp No. 18, Logansport, Division of Indiana, having secured six (6) new members within the quarter.

Walton Christie, Camp No. 192, Dexter, Division of New York, having obtained six (6) new members within the quarter.

William H. Forbes, Camp No. 166, Franklin, Division of Pennsylvania, having secured seven (7) new members in the quarter.

Frank P. Schneckle, Camp No. 2, Philadelphia, Division of Pennsylvania, having obtained five (5) new members in the quarter.

A. J. Barnes, Joplin, Division of Missouri, having organized a new Camp.

William O. Nute, Camp No. 4, Sanford, Division of Maine, having obtained five (5) new members in the quarter.

Captain W. W. Morey, Camp No. 1, Columbus, Ohio, having secured five (5) new members during the last quarter.

**Additional Quarterly Reports.**

XV. Reports and per capita tax for quarter ending September 30, 1918, have been received from the Divisions of Colorado and Wyoming, showing 7 Camps and 197 members in good standing, and Kansas, with 26 Camps and 1,236 members in good standing.

Camp No. 15, Auburn, Division of Kansas, has been Dropped with 19 members. The charter of said Camp is hereby revoked.

**Consolidated Report.**

XVI. All Divisions having reported and paid per capita tax Consolidated Report for the quarter ending September 30, 1918, shows:

Gain—	Camps	Men.
Number in good standing last report, June 30, 1918.	1163	54298
Gained by organization and initiation	2	699
Gained by transfers	—	58
Gained by reinstatement from dropped	2	77
<b>Aggregate</b>	<b>1167</b>	<b>55122</b>
Loss—	Camps	Men.
By camps disbanded	5	164
By death	—	96
By honorable discharge	—	28
By transfer	—	7
By dropped	3	358
<b>Total loss</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1154</b>
<b>Number in good standing September 30, 1918.</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>53978</b>

Amount received for per capita tax, \$335,414.  
 Amount in Division treasuries, \$5,542,443.  
 Amount in Camp treasuries, \$62,214,350.

Expended for relief, \$8,558,101.  
 No. members or their families relieved, 101.  
 No. veterans or their families relieved, 20.

XVII. New Camps have been instituted and charters issued thereto as follows:

Date	No.	Location	No. Men.
Oct. 12	152	Cherokee, Iowa	45
Dec. 6	21	Idaho, Pa.	63
Aug. 17	7	Raker, Oregon, Wash. and Ore.	15

**Statement No. 4.**

XVIII. Report of the National Secretary for month of December, 1918:

Receipts—	
Nov. 30, 1918, to balance	\$313.35
Received for per capita tax	80.10
Supplies	255.41
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>648.86</b>
Expenditures—	
By general expenses	\$420.10
Office expenses	112.50
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$532.60</b>
<b>Balance, Dec. 31, 1918.</b>	<b>\$ 6.26</b>

**LIMITED EXPENDITURES.**

General Expenses—	
For stock and supplies	\$108.35
Encampment—Printing Journal of Proceedings 37th (Niagara Falls, 1918), Encampment	365.63
Reserve, November and December, 1918	36.12
Miscellaneous	19.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$529.70</b>
Office Expenses—	
For rent headquarters, Jan.-March, 1919, Inc.	\$112.50
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$642.20</b>
By order of	

FRANCIS CALLAHAN,

Commander-in-Chief.

Attest: H. H. HAMMER,  
 National Secretary.

**COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.**

Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

January 1, 1919.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Commander-in-Chief F. T. F. Johnson, in his report to the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Niagara Falls, New York, August 29th to 21st, 1918, after reviewing at considerable length, conditions as they obtained in our Order at that time, recommended "That a committee of not more than three members be appointed to consider that subject discussed under the title "The Organization," pages 15, 16 and 17 of his report (pages 13, 14 and 15 of the Proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment) and to report the result of their considerations for action of this body at this session. The Committee on Officers' Reports, to whom the report of the Commander-in-Chief is referred, in lieu of the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Johnson, presented the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the present Commander-in-Chief to consider the state of the Order and the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief on the losses in membership, and devise such remedies and report such amendments or revisions of constitution, procedure, laws and ritual as in their judgment

are expedient to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief."

This recommendation was unanimously adopted, and meeting with its provision, the following committee was appointed: Past Commander-in-Chief Ralph M. Grant of Connecticut, Past Commander-in-Chief Fred E. Bolton of Massachusetts, Past Commander-in-Chief John E. Sauttor of Pennsylvania, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman of New York and Past Commander-in-Chief William T. Church of Illinois, also Charles W. Tozer, Commander of the California and Pacific Division. By action of the committee, Ralph M. Grant was appointed chairman.

By action of the Encampment, as shown by the Report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations (see pages 121 to 122 of the Proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment) were referred a number of proposed amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. For the purpose of this communication it is not deemed necessary to print in full each of these proposed amendments, since they had previously been printed in The Banner, and proceedings are available to any member who desires to consult the same. A summary of the proposed amendments is given herewith.

1. Changing the principles and objects so as to pledge us to lend aid to the families of all soldiers, sailors or marines, honorably discharged from the service of the United States Army or Navy, instead of confining the same to the Union Veterans of the War of the Rebellion of 1861 to 1865.

2. Providing for a minimum initiation fee of \$10.00, and constituting the applicant a life member of the Order.

3. Repealing the present provision which requires Camps to meet at least once each quarter.

4. Providing for semi-annual, instead of quarterly, reports.

5. Providing for two classes of membership, to consist,—first, of direct sons of veterans,—and second, grandsons and other male descendants, and providing further for the organization by Camps, of Citizens Patriotic Camps to which all patriotic citizens would be eligible to membership.

6. To provide, after three years of membership, a "Lincoln" or "Union Defenders" degree, and the manner in which such degree shall be conferred.

7. Drop from the name of the Order the words "United States of America."

8. Change the name of the Order to "Sons of Civil War Veterans."

9. To amend the "Eligible to Membership" clause so as to admit male descendants of soldiers, sailors or marines, regularly mustered, who served honorably in or who have been honorably discharged from the Army or Navy of the United States of America; in other words, admit the descendants of all soldiers, sailors or marines, instead of only those who served in the War of the Rebellion.

10. Abandoning the use of the iron cross.

The committee is, of course, required to act upon these specific amendments to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, but it will be noticed that the resolution providing for the

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Division Secretaries must report all nonpayments, suspensions and dropped camps and members promptly, so we can keep our subscription lists up-to-date. This is a part of the contract.

National Officers, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for 1918-1919.

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Washington and Oregon—Commander, Chas. L. Chamberlain, 209 Main St., Colfax, Wash.; Secretary and Treasurer, Earl B. Thompson, Colfax, Wash.

Wisconsin—Commander, J. G. Bonart, 1215 Majestic Bldg., Milwaukee; Secretary and Treasurer, Val. Stoddard, Soughton.

WM. F. CHAMBERS DEAD.

William F. Chambers, Esq., one of the leading and best known members in the Division of Ohio, and throughout the Order, died Dec. 27, 1918, at his home in Cincinnati. He was the senior member of the Council-in-Chief, having first been elected to that office at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Boston, 1917, and re-elected at the Niagara Falls Encampment in 1918. He was Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief during the term of Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman.

Deceased was a well known lawyer in Cincinnati, and from the time he joined the Order always took an active interest in its affairs. He was a member of U. S. Grant Camp No. 109, Cincinnati, and was always associated with affairs relating to the influence and advancement of the Sons of Veterans.

He was widely known in Ohio, always attending Division Encampments, taking an active part in Division matters and always at the service of the Order. For years he was a delegate from the Division of Ohio to Commandery-in-Chief Encampments. He was well liked, and many acquaintances will be grieved to learn that he has passed away.

For some time he had not been in

good health and last summer spent the greater portion in the country endeavoring to build up his health. At the Niagara Falls Encampment he was believed to be on the way to recovery of his health. His widow and two sons survive and have the sympathy of a host of friends throughout the Order, as well as the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, to many members of which, the deceased was also known.

NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETEEN.

The year 1918 is a fact of history. The varied incidents belonging to it make up the sum-total of a tumultuous twelve-month.

Joy and sorrow have accentuated every change in the experience of men and women during the past 365 days.

Nothing earthly has seemed to be really stable.

Life has been fraught with great uncertainty and daily action burdened with astounding casualty and tremendous responsibility.

Hope, however, held the ascendancy, and therein lies the comfort of whatever the historian may make of the year's events so inordinately full of confusion and suspense.

In whatever direction one has a mind to take his attention is called to the evidences of stupendous endeavor.

Whether socially, morally, religiously, industrially or politically, the undertakings have been gigantic in their nature.

This fact leads to the conclusion that a day of greater things has dawned—a harbinger, as it were, of the eventually to which mankind has given thought for centuries; a forerunner of the time when the kindred and tongues of the earth should be bound by one law, the law of universal brotherhood.

Long strides have been made toward that end during the year 1918.

It is now the privilege of those who survive to await the fruition of such efforts as have been made to emancipate the human race.

It will be our peculiar heritage to keep unsullied the achievements of our master men, and preserve in purity and integrity the institutions for which they fought and died.

In the resolutions for 1919, it is within the province of every citizen to inject a keener note of appreciation for the starry banner which led to victory—the purring ensign of right over wrong, to be placed and sustained by whatever cost the principle might entail.

Peace has been announced. It cost a lot of men, money and things to get that announcement.

Now that we have it, let us not forget the price that had to be paid for the most precious thing in life.

Much has been attempted and much has been achieved.

The American has gone to and over the top of things.

He has made good his claim for disinterested democracy.

He owes no man anything except to love him.

He has demonstrated the philosophy that no greater love exists than that which impels him to give his life for the liberty of others.

Such has been the engagement of all loyal America during 1918.

Her promise for 1919 is equally assuring.—Lewis Barney Fretz.

Every Camp should keep a roll of honor of those who enlisted.



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to my country for which it stands; one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

THE TIE THAT BINDS.

Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans and National Vice President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary Wedded.

Again has it been demonstrated that the ties between the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary draw the members to closer association. Two of the most prominent and active members of the Order have taken up the journey of life together which The Banner has pleasure in announcing and joining their many friends in good wishes for their future happiness.

Past Commander-in-Chief A. E. R. Stephens, of Cincinnati, O., Congressman-elect from the Second Ohio District, and Miss Margaret Patterson, of Columbus, O., were married at the residence of the bride's mother, 203 West Tenth Avenue, in the latter city, on Thursday evening, Dec. 12, last. Miss Edna Bergwitz, Past National President and chum of the bride, was the attendant. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Campbell, Superintendent of the Columbus District of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The bride looked charming in a costume of taupe crepe de chine.

The happy couple are receiving congratulations from their numerous friends from all sections of the country. They are widely known throughout the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary.

Mrs. Stephens is the National Vice President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and is one of the active and most popular members in that Society. She is strikingly attractive, accomplished and amiable and has a host of warm friends.

The groom is one of the most popular members of the Sons of Veterans, has a most cordial disposition, is known everywhere and adds to his numerous admirers on every occasion.

He was active in military affairs in Ohio, was Clerk of Hamilton County Courts, a member of the Bar, was elected to Congress in the recent election and his many friends are looking for still higher honors for him which he justly deserves and is most capable of filling.

Colonel and Mrs. Stephens will reside for the present at their home at North Bend, Ohio, which is a country place that is famous throughout the State of Ohio, until he takes up his duties in Congress at Washington.

The best wishes of the members of the Order—so many of whom are known to Colonel and Mrs. Stephens—are theirs—and may long life, health, prosperity and happiness be their lot always.

PENSIONS

New Law July 16, 1918, to widows Spanish-Philippine War, April 21, 1898-July 4, 1903. Send for copy. Mills B. Stevens & Co., Patents and Claims, 631 F St., Washington, D. C. Estab. 1864.



COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

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appointment of the committee gives it much wider scope, and authorizes it to deal with any subject pertaining either to the Constitution, Rules, Regulations or Ritual, as they may deem advisable for the welfare of the Order.

Our Order has not grown as rapidly as it should have. We have not reached that degree of prominence as a patriotic organization that our years of existence and our efforts should have accorded us. It is the purpose of the Committee, therefore, to deal with the subject very broadly and endeavor to recommend such changes in our organic laws and ritual as in their judgment will insure not only the perpetuity of our Order, but its continued growth and widening of its influence.

We approach our task with open minds. It is our earnest desire to secure the co-operation of the membership at large in the duties assigned us. We accordingly earnestly solicit the views of our members wherever they may be located upon any phase of this important subject, and that such views be communicated to any member of the committee. We assure you that careful consideration will be given to the opinions and views of every member as they are submitted to us.

The practical close of the great World War brings us face to face with new and important problems. We must meet them. No organization contributed a larger percentage of its membership to their country than did ours and there is no question but that a considerable percentage of all who saved their country in this crisis are the lineal descendants of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865, and thereby made possible the saving of the World by the United States in this war. While other organizations raised larger war funds, none of them devoted these funds more unselfishly to the general good of the country than did our Order through its Ambulance Fund.

We are rightly proud of what our Order has accomplished during its history. We believe that in the heart of every eligible there is a feeling of devotion to the service of his ancestor of 1861 to 1865, which, if we can convert into a desire for membership in our Order, will result in a vast increase, with consequent increase in our efforts and influence.

It is the desire of the committee to actively engage at the task assigned them as early as possible, so that their conclusions may be submitted to the Membership a sufficient length of time prior to the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief to admit of such careful thought and study by the members as the importance of the subject justifies. We urge, therefore, prompt compliance with this request to give to us your best thought and suggestion.

Fraternally yours.

Ralph M. Grant, Sage-Allen Bldg., Hartford, Conn.

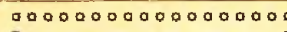
Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

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Charles F. Sherman, 46 S. 4th Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

William T. Church, 108 S. La-Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Chas. W. Tezer, Holbrook Bldg., 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.



PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

Conducted by Frank McCrillis, National Patriotic Instructor, Portland, Oregon.

The services of our fathers and our membership in the Sons of Veterans imposes certain obligations on each one of us. If we are going to live up to our heritage and acquit ourselves creditably in the responsibilities of the hour, it is necessary for us to be found in the front rank if indeed we do not assume the leadership in patriotic affairs.

The war is not over for us. When the boys marched proudly away twenty months ago, or less, a solemn covenant was made between them and us. They were to fight, making the su-

tute the duties of membership in the Sons of Veterans—these are privileges of the Order; our duty is to serve, to teach patriotism and love of country, "equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all," and to see to it that in our own lives we live up to these teachings. More is expected from the Son of a Union Soldier than from any other and justly for he has been reared in a patriotic atmosphere.

All things of real value bring responsibilities. The patriot can no more shirk his duty than the man of family, or the man of position in any other way. I take it none of us wish to shirk, but our real trouble is that we do not always realize how great a responsibility reposes in us and what privilege and prestige we really enjoy. We fail to assert ourselves, to grasp the opportunity, and let some one else less fitted by heritage or training

business world. There are two kinds of men—those who try and those who do not try; those who try and keep trying win in the end. A man's life is what he makes it. Here's to the man who tries.

FRANK McCRILLIS, National Patriotic Instructor.

AMERIGO VESPUCCIUS.

The name of Saint-Die, which appeared so much in the war news from the advance right wing of the French line of battle, is one that ought to be more familiar still to American eyes and ears, for it was at Saint-Die that our own continent was first christened with the name of America.

In 1392 Frank H. Mason, Consul-General of the United States in France, published a remarkable study on Saint-Die and called the venerable burg "The Baptismal Font of America," because it was the home of Amerigo Vespucci.

Saint-Die calls herself the "god-mother" of America, and this seems more fitting than calling the wonderful old Vosgean medieval town a mere "baptismal font." Saint-Die, as a matter of history, was far more important in the twelfth century than in modern times. It was a center of learning with its cathedral and an institute of scholars—savants, poets, and artists. As did medieval Venice, it became the site of a world-famous printing press immediately after the first development of that epoch-making invention—greater in effects even than the more sensational gasoline engine aeroplane of our own day. Gutenberg had set up his press in the neighboring metropolis of Strassburg.

With all the learning of the great scholars of those days, they had only just then heard of new great continents, now known as North and South America, thanks to Saint-Die's happy choice of that beautiful and inspiring word. Spain kept the finding of the Islands by Columbus as such a court secret as possible; and in those days before the newspapers, even before the printing press, news traveled but slowly from the Mediterranean to the north of Europe—only by word of mouth through the visiting scholars, passing from the hospitality of one university to another for the interchange of new ideas and learning. So it happened that "Lo Gynnase Vosgien" at Saint-Die, in 1507, though it had Vespucci's writings, had not yet heard of Christopher Columbus, who, in fact, had not set foot on the mainland of the American hemisphere. The Saint-Die geographers decided to call the New World by his name quite innocently, he being then dead, and the intrigue and fraud which, according to our school books, Columbus was victim of, had no existence.

A NEW UNITED STATES.

The Australians and New Zealanders are contemplating a United States of the Pacific, to include, besides themselves, the German colonies of New Guinea, Kaiser Wilhelmland, German Samoa, the Bismarck, Marshall, Caroline and Ladron Islands, Australia and New Zealand are now absolutely independent of one another, and united by mainly sentimental ties to Great Britain. These ties have become hoops of steel by their splendid service they have rendered the mother country in her hour of peril.

Union Defenders' Day

Scarcely once in a thousand years a meteoric life flashes across the pages of history with a brilliancy that is everlasting. Such was the life of the lowly Nazarene and such the life of the American back-woodsman—Abraham Lincoln.

Jesus taught a new philosophy and died to redeem mankind; Lincoln lived to liberate a race before he also died in martyrdom.

Lincoln's was the mastering personality of the Civil War; to his diplomacy, kindness, patience, wisdom and faith is due the ultimate triumph of the Union arms.

It is eminently fitting that the descendants of the defenders of the Union should give assistance and eventually lead in the proper observance of Memorial Day; and that they should also pay respectful tribute to the memory of the great emancipator by holding historical exercises on his natal day in every Camp of the Order.

Some years ago the proper observance of Lincoln's birthday was made mandatory by the Constitution. Committees should be appointed early to work out the details and interesting and instructive exercises should be held by every Camp, either with or without the assistance of the allied organizations.

FRANK McCRILLIS, National Patriotic Instructor.

preme sacrifice if necessary; we were to "keep the home fires burning." We are proud of their accomplishments; we must persevere to the end that we merit their approval when they return home, and in this steadfastness we sons of patriotic sires must not only deserve, we must excel.

Already the boys are returning from England, France and other foreign parts, but it will be months before the armies are home. In the mean time we should be getting ready for them. Every city and village will be proud of its returned heroes. In their reception and in the repatriation to follow we should be active. Let us learn to live not for ourselves but for others—for our Country above all—then we shall not have lived in vain.

Attending the meetings of the Camp occasionally, turning out Memorial Day, listening to the exercises Union Defenders' Day; these do not consti-

tute from us the leadership that is ours by every right.

My younger brothers, let one of your new year resolutions pledge you to assertiveness. Begin in the Camp. Take an active part. Try to reason out the best thing to do and then endeavor to impress your views on the other members. Get up and talk in meetings without fear of failure. If the boys vote against you accept your defeat gracefully and turn in and make the thing go. Remember a thing can be done many ways—the really important thing is to get it done. If the majority were against you it is just possible they were right. Be a good loser and you will soon be a big winner. Turn in and help build up your Camp and you will soon become an important factor in its affairs. Many a successful man in public life got his start through his activities in the Camp, and this is also true in the



NAT'L CHAPLAIN

It is a pleasure at the invitation of the editor of The Banner to write a few words to the membership of the Order. I should like to have done so before but like many others I do not find time to do all that I would like to do. And yet if we do not give time and service to the Order it is quite impossible for it to advance as we would all, I am sure, like to see it do. And it would be too bad if after thirty-five years and more of creditable service the Sons of Veterans should lose its place among the many fine patriotic societies of the Country. It is for all of us to see that it does not. And this does not mean that we are necessarily to pursue the same methods in organization and service that have characterized our activities in the past. Indeed I believe we are in a period now demanding other measures than these with which we are familiar and I should be happy if with others I could help adjust our Order to the new day in which we live so that our service might be more timely and helpful. If you will pardon me for presuming to instruct you who without doubt have given more thought to this subject than I and consequently know more about it, I will venture to suggest one or two things I think we ought to do.

One is that we should make our Order more democratic. It is one of the glories of the Civil War that the men who fought to preserve the Union were for the most part average men; that is they came from the great mass of our citizenship. And if any one thinks it is necessary to be aristocratic to fight, let him consult the records and see if that is so. It was common men who fought and won the battle of Gettysburg, common men who surrounded Lee at Appomattox and compelled him to make an unconditional surrender. And it is interesting at least to observe in this connection that practically all the soldier's monuments we see, commemorating the men who fought for the Union, show us a common soldier, an average American, standing with rifle in hand or crouched with fixed bayonet ready to receive the foe. Now this fact that the Union armies were so composed accounts for the fact without doubt that that body of men from whom we may expect to recruit members, the sons and grandsons of Union soldiers, are average men, without unusual resources and depending for their livelihood on those occupations that lie at the basis of our commercial and industrial life. Now we ought to recognize this fairly. We cannot and should not have an Order of aristocrats. Consequently we should do two things. First make it possible for men of this type to become members of the Order, by making the initiation fee small enough for them to join, and second plan our activities so as to interest and hold this type of men after we have secured their membership. Our aim should be to help and serve the largest number of the men of America as possible, remembering that in the last analysis it is the common man who settles the fate of this country and that the Order that ministers to the common man ministers best to all.

Now the common man is little

known, he is not much regarded, therefore one of the objects of our service should be to know him. Have a card index in your Camp and know your membership. Know whether the least member has wife and children, what is his occupation, how he fares. It is often a blessing to a man even to have his name spoken when passing some one on the street. I have heard of one little boy who took it as a favor that some one remarked how large were his feet. Men will attach themselves to us in proportion as we know them. The law of gravity and of friendship is the same, the strength of both is inversely as the square of the distance. Find out about your members. It will not be time wasted. For as some one has said the proper study of man is man.

Again the average man has a small income. The men who come to our conventions and national encampments are not a proper index of the financial ability of the bulk of our Order. Statistics show that the average income of the American working man is about \$600. Let us keep this important fact in mind when we are fixing initiation fees and annual dues. Small profits and a large business is a good program for the Sons of Veterans. It is the man and not his money that we want --and if you get the man, get his heart, his interest, you will get enough of his money to pay the running expenses of the Order. Don't put the financial bars too high for the average man will be discouraged from entering our Order if you do.

The average man is a busy man. I hear quite often complaints that the membership of the Camp does not attend the meetings of the Camp as it should. I seldom meet anyone who has any spare time. Shall we then abandon our meetings? Some have suggested that we meet less often and make more of our meetings when they are held. That may be a good suggestion. But whether we meet often or seldom we MUST have a program when we meet. Men simply will not go to a meeting that has no program and no objective--that is, men will not go NOW. Time is too precious. If we are going to interest the average busy man we must exert ourselves to do it. Other organizations are putting up splendid programs at their meetings. If we are to hold our place with them we must do the same. I am not sure but every Camp should have a program committee composed of the most progressive men in the Camp and under the good of the Order produce a program that would interest the average busy man so that he would be glad to come to hear it.

And last but not least the average man is patriotic. The average man loves his country. Let therefore the emphasis of our Order be put there. And let no man think that because the war is over patriotism may now go to sleep. As patriotism is more common than it used to be so it is broader than it used to be. It implies good schools, good roads, good banking laws, productive farms, even good churches, and foreign missions, for we have come to see that we cannot save a part of the world unless we save the whole world. The average man sees this--and it is this broad, progressive patriotism, that we must preach and practice. Our fathers saved the country fifty years ago, we today must prove that it was worth saving,

by making it the greatest, strongest, happiest country on the earth. Talk about these things; have programs which will deal with these things, and the average citizen will not fail, I am sure, to respond. With Christmas greetings and best wishes for a New Year, I conclude this article by appending a little poem on

CAMOUFLAGE.

They tell us tales of camouflage, The art of hiding things; Of painted forts and bowered guns Invisible to wings.

Well, it's nothing new to us, To us, the rank and file; We understand this camouflage --We left home with a smile.

We saw the painted battleships And earthen colored trains, And planes the hue of leaden skies And canvas-hidden lanes.

Well, we used the magic art That day of anxious fears; We understand this camouflage --We laughed away our tears.

They say that scientific men And artists of renown Debated long on camouflage Before they got it down.

Well, it came right off to us, We didn't have to learn; We understood this camouflage --We said we'd soon return.

We understand this camouflage, This art of hiding things; It's what's behind a soldier's jokes And all the songs he sings.

Yes, it's nothing new to us, To us, the rank and file; We understand this camouflage --We left home with a smile. --In the Stars and Stripes.

REV. EDWARD H. BREWSTER, National Chaplain.

S. V. RESERVE



Pennsylvania Brigade.

Brigadier-General Edwin M. Ames, Commanding, Central Trust Bldg., Altoona, Pa.

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 Beyler, Chief of Cavalry, Philadelphia

Department of Ohio.

Lieutenant-Colonel Park F. Yengling, Commanding, 10122 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Department of New York.

Major Fred A. Soper, Theresa, N. Y.

Department of New Jersey.

Captain A. K. Hendley, 107 S. Stockton St., Trenton, N. J.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1.

Adjutant General's Office, Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 1, 1919.

I. The following officers have been re-commissioned:

Nov. 7, '18, 1st Lieut. Walter A. A. Schneider, B Co., 1st Pa. Inf., Philadelphia, with rank from Nov. 7, 1915.

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

NEW COMMISSIONS.

Nov. 6, '18, Pvt. Wm. C. Schemella, D Co., Dept. of N. J., Gloucester City, to be Captain.

Nov. 26, '18, H. J. Gleason, Stoughton, Wis., to be 1st Lieutenant, Commanding A Co., Wis. Inf.

Nov. 6, '18, Pvt. Chas. H. Eldredge, D

Co., Dept. of N. J., Gloucester City, to be 2nd Lieutenant.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dec. 1, '18, Captain Robt. L. Stoyard, G Co., 2nd Pa. Inf.  
Dec. 30, '18, Major Bert H. Bentley, 2nd N. Y. Inf.

HONORABLE DISCHARGES.

(Expiration of term)  
Nov. 19, '18, Captain W. A. Ward, A Co., 1st Ohio Inf.

Nov. 16, '18, Captain Harry E. Moore, C Co., 6th Pa. Inf.

Oct. 22, '18, 1st Lieut. Geo. M. Holt, A Co., Wash. Inf.

Nov. 16, '18, 1st Lieut. P. E. Diehl, C Co., 6th Pa. Inf.

Nov. 16, '18, 1st Lieut. Thos. Donley, C Co., 6th Pa. Inf.

COMMISSIONS ANNULLED.

Dec. 1, '18, 1st Lieut. W. J. Service, I Co., 1st N. Y. Inf., "dropped from Camp."

III. The following is a summary of the Records of the Reserve, as of November 1st:

Table with columns: Officers, Men, Gain, Loss. Rows list various units like Pa. Brigade, Dept. of Ohio, Dept. of N. Y., etc.

A net loss of 476 men, referred to G. O. No. 7 (July Banner).

IV. The following commands are hereby disbanded--having been delinquent for three successive reports, officers and men discharged "without honor."

Hospital Corps, Pa. Brigade, Philadelphia, 11 men.

Hospital Corps, 3rd Pa. Inf., Williamsport, 6 men.

Band, 3rd Pa. Inf., Shamokin-Desa, 22 men.

H Co., 3rd Pa. Inf., Renovo, 38 men.

I Co., 3rd Pa. Inf., Mahanoy City, 26 men.

L Co., 3rd Pa. Inf., Montrose, 2 officers, 21 men; 1st Lieut. Chas. L. Van- scooten, 2nd Lieut. Wm. W. Nash.

H Co., 6th Pa. Inf., Gettysburg, 14 men.

A Co., 8th Pa. Inf., Brookville, 3 officers, 41 men; Captain A. M. Wadding, 1st Lieut. D. A. Henderson, 2nd Lieut. H. S. Wenzel.

B Co., Wise Inf., Madison, 1 officer, 25 men; 2nd Lieut. H. D. McChesney.

V. The following commands are delinquent for two successive reports:

Members of these commands will note that they will be discharged "without honor" if satisfactory returns are not made within the next six months.

K Co., 1st Pa. Inf., Roxborough.

E Co., 2nd Pa. Inf., Williamsport; Captain Strauss.

F Co., 11th Pa. Inf., Philadelphia; Captain Wharton.

C Co., 6th Pa. Inf., Middletown; Captain Moore.

Band, 6th Pa. Inf., Reading.

B Co., 8th Pa. Inf., Bellwood, Lieut. Shaner.

F Co., Illinois Inf., Aurora; Lieut. Riddle.

C Co., Minn. Inf., Grey Eagle; Lieut. McClintock.

Co. Co., R. I. Inf., Providence.

A Co., Wash'n Inf., Spokane; Lieut. Holt.

VI. The great world war is now happily over. It, with its resulting industrial conditions has told heavily upon our organization, and the incoming year must see the destiny of the organization settled--made, again, or completely broken. We still, and for some years yet, have a definite work to do, and we earnestly ask that every officer and man get awake, and busy. By command of BRIG.-GEN. AMIES. HENRY STEWART, Col. and Acting Adjt.-Gen.



PENNSYLVANIA  
Commander, Walter C. Mable, N. E. Cor.  
Broad and Arch Sts., Philadelphia.

Brothers of the Pennsylvania Division:  
The quarter ending March 31, 1919,  
has been selected to do honor to our re-  
turning brothers and comrades for the  
great victory achieved by them in the  
great cause of democracy. Let us pre-  
pare to receive them in a fitting man-  
ner, and one of the best methods that  
we can adopt to carry out this laudable  
purpose, is to bring into our ranks  
those eligible and worthy of member-  
ship, that we can greet them in full  
strength. We should begin at once to  
call this fact to the attention of the de-  
linquent brother, and those who have  
not as yet joined our ranks. Let us not  
only keep the "home fires burning" but  
enlarge the size of our "Camp fires."  
Let this quarter in which we celebrate  
the birth of the "Immortal Lincoln,"  
who made it possible by his wisdom and  
patriotic love of Country, to save the  
Union, and thereby save Democracy for  
the whole world in 1818, serve as an in-  
spiration for us to go forth presenting  
the sublime principles and objects of  
our Order, not only to Sons of Veterans  
but to all loyal men and women. Let  
us strike while the iron is hot, with  
the fervor of Love of Country is ani-  
mating the hearts of all our people, for  
the moment is ripe for bringing into  
our fold those who should feel honored  
to be one of us. The Department Com-  
mander and Adjutant General of the  
Grand Army of the Republic, are send-  
ing out a personal letter to the Heads of  
the Department, asking their assistance  
in helping make Victory Quarter a suc-  
cess for the Sons of Veterans. The Sisters  
of the Auxillary and the Woman's  
Reserve Corps, are also aiding us, and if  
we can have your co-operation it will  
spell success beyond all expectations.

With the object of stimulating activi-  
ty during the quarter, we are offering  
the following prizes:

- To each member securing ten or more  
members, the sum of twenty-five cents  
per member will be paid.
- Camps showing gains of twenty-five  
members shall receive a credit for per  
capita tax of ten dollars, and for gains  
of fifty members a credit of twenty dol-  
lars.
- Organizers of Camps will receive the  
sum of twenty dollars.
- Names of all such workers will be  
published in a Division Order and in  
The Banner. Camps must however send  
in the names of such members.
- In addition to these offers the Com-  
mander-in-Chief will appoint as aides  
on his staff, brothers or veterans, secur-  
ing five or more recruits, or who organ-  
ize Camps of the Order.
- Brothers, read this carefully. Let not  
the appeal be in vain. Dedicate a few  
hours this quarter to the work of the  
Order bearing in mind the words of  
Past Com-in-Chief John E. Sautter,  
that "If our Order is worth belonging  
to, it is worth working for."

Fraternally, Walter C. Mable, Division  
Commander. Attest: W. B. Mc-  
Nulty, Division Secretary.

**Seen and Heard.**  
Dispersed New Year.  
The Victory Quarter ends March 31.  
Have brother secure a recruit in hon-  
or of Victory Quarter.  
Com W. H. Forbes, 166, Franklin, has  
been appointed aide on staff of Com-  
mander-in-Chief, having secured seven  
recruits during the quarter.  
Every brother in the Division should  
become an aide at the end of Victory  
Quarter, March 31, 1919.  
Don't forget the Great Victory Ban-  
quet of the Sons of Veterans Club, U. S.  
A., at Hotel Adolphus, Philadelphia, Feb.  
16. Brothers in Pennsylvania, New  
Jersey, New York, Delaware, Maryland,  
should especially take notice.  
P. C. Frank Sciencel, of Camp 2,  
the oldest ranking Past Commander in the  
Order, secured five recruits during the  
quarter, and is now an aide on staff of  
Commander-in-Chief.  
C-in-C. Callahan is prepared to ap-  
point a large number of Aides at the  
end of Victory Quarter. He expects to

name thousands of them. Brothers do  
not disappoint.

Mr. Geo. F. Holmes, County Commis-  
sioner of Philadelphia, is now Brother  
Holmes of Camp 1.

Every eligible would feel at (Holmes)  
if he joins the Order during Victory  
Quarter. Tell him so.

The Loyal Legion is calling attention  
to a book called the Annals of the Com-  
mandery of the State of Massachusetts,  
covering valuable information on the  
History of the Loyal Legion, and can  
be secured from Captain C. W. C.  
Rhoades, Cadet Armory, Boston, Mass.  
Cost one dollar.

Don't forget to pay your dues Victory  
Quarter, March 31, 1919.

The D. B. A. at its December meeting  
again announced that it could meet its  
obligations, without calling an extra as-  
sessment, notwithstanding the large  
number of deaths due to the war and in-  
fluenza. This shows the healthy condi-  
tion of this splendid organization. Ten  
members of any Camp can join under  
the name of the Camp. This cost has  
never yet exceeded \$2.50 for \$25.00.

Every brother not in the D. B. A.  
should take this insurance during Vic-  
tory Quarter.

Camp 29, the dandy Colored Camp, en-  
tertained Posts 27 and 50 on Veterans'  
Night. They were escorted to the hall  
by the splendid band of the Camp.  
Brother Rev. James Easton, Pastor of  
the M. E. Church and member of the  
Camp, delivered the oration. Brother  
Prof. Brock also delivered a patriotic  
address. Com. Seaman presided. It was  
a red letter night in 29.

Com. Mable expects a Red Letter  
Quarter during Victory Quarter, ending  
March 31, 1919.

A beautiful war service flag was un-  
furled by the Feltonville Boosters Asso-  
ciation of which P. C. A. E. Shaffer of  
Camp 1 is an active spirit. He acted as  
Marshal of the big parade which  
preceded the ceremony. C-in-C. Callahan  
was the orator of the occasion. The  
splendid Cavalry Troop of Camp 2 un-  
der command of Captain Wright fired  
the salute. The Junior Camp of Camp  
2 led by its famous band was loudly  
cheered along the line of March. Mr.  
J. E. Brecher presided.

We were pleased to receive a visit at  
headquarters from the bustling Com-  
mander of the Missouri Division, Dr. L.  
Drescher, of St. Louis. He reports the  
organization of a big Camp at Joplin,  
Mo.

During Victory Quarter \$25.00 will be  
paid on organization of new Camp; 25  
cents will be paid on each recruit se-  
cured for ten or more; \$10.00 will be  
paid Camp securing 25 members and  
\$20.00 on 50 members. Com. Mable will  
be more than happy to give these re-  
wards at the end of Victory Quarter.

Among the visitors who called at  
headquarters during the month was  
Brother Henry Quinby of 100 Franklin-  
ville, chief engineer of the Transit De-  
partment of Philadelphia, formerly Jr.  
Vice Div. Commander and a former offi-  
cer of the famous Battery C. N. G. P.  
Brother Quinby is proud of his member-  
ship and has never faltered in his de-  
votion to the Order.

What an immense Order we would  
now have if all those who entered the  
ranks were Quinbys!

We are pleased to report that Brother  
Marion E. Rhoades, member of the  
Camp at DeSoto, Mo., has been elected  
in Congress. They certainly have pa-  
triotic people in his district.

The institutions of our beloved land  
will never be in danger as long as Sons  
of Veterans are selected to look after  
the destiny of the Nation.

Victory Quarter! got a recruit! Vic-  
tory Quarter! Pay your dues!

Past Com. Wm. Masterson, Camp 4,  
Reynolds, collected \$162.00 quarterly  
dues for December quarter. This is an  
instance of the value of having a brother  
to collect dues. No better plan  
known to save loss of membership.

During Victory Quarter let every  
brother get busy who owes dues to the  
Camp.

The annual Pio Party of big Camp 8,  
Paterson, N. J., held Dec. 6, was report-  
ed the usual great success by Past  
Com-in-Chief Geo. W. Pollitt, Treasurer  
of the Camp. On this occasion yearly  
the brothers are asked to donate a pla-  
ce, and it is always an occasion for a  
large meeting, and lots of fun. Another great  
night in this Camp is the meetings of

the Ancient and Illustrious Order of  
"Gophers." The big bug of this Order  
is Brother Pollitt.

During Victory Quarter we advise  
Camps to try the Pio Idea of Camp 8  
and to form a branch of the Order of  
"Gophers."

Another association of good fellow-  
ship that is growing in strength is the  
"Foragers." For further information on  
this movement apply to Div. Com. W. C.  
Mable, 2227 S. 26th St., Philadelphia.

Let the "Gophers" the "Foragers" and  
all other brothers prepare during Vic-  
tory Quarter to receive our splendid  
brothers when they return from "Over  
There." Let us get into our ranks every  
worthy eligible, so that they may be  
able to greet the returning heroes as  
brother members.

Past Com. Wm. Clarke of Camp 4,  
Reynolds, and one of the best known  
citizens of South Philadelphia, was one  
of the prime movers in the big service  
flag demonstration of the 39th Ward,  
Philadelphia, which was held on the eve-  
ning of Dec. 27. A large parade pre-  
ceded the services led by the famous  
Police Band of Philadelphia. The school  
children of St. Luke's, St. Monica and  
Epiphany, the Boy Scouts, the Corley  
Club and residents of the Ward took  
part. Mr. Thomas F. McGowan presi-  
ded. A large body of soldiers, sailors  
and marines were on the stand. The  
prayer was delivered by the minister of  
St. Luke's Church followed by an ad-  
dress from Rev. Father Montague. The  
oration was delivered by Div. Sec. W. B.  
McNulty. Over 20,000 people took part.  
Past Com. Wm. Masterson of Camp 4  
acted as an Aide to the Committee. Mr.  
Joseph Maciver is entitled to great  
credit for the success of this big event.

We compliment Past Com. C. F. Mil-  
ler, Camp 5, Scranton, the editor and  
owner of the Board of Trade Journal,  
upon its attractive and patriotic Chris-  
tianism number.

Dec. 9 was a Red Letter night in  
Gracie Camp 10, it being Veterans'  
Night. Post 10 attended in a body.  
Com-in-Chief Callahan was the special  
guest and orator of the evening. He  
was accorded an ovation at the conclu-  
sion of his stirring address. Past Post  
Com. Richard Baxter, Treasurer of the G. A.  
R. Assn., presided. Addresses were made  
by Div. Com. Mable, Div. Sec. McNulty  
and Past Sr. Vice-Dept. Com. Taylor of  
the G. A. R. Music was furnished by a  
large orchestra and services ended with  
the benediction.

When we honor the Veterans we hon-  
or ourselves. Tell this to the eligible  
during Victory Quarter.

Past Div. Com. S. S. Horn is a can-  
didate for the high office of Mayor of  
Boston, and as this is a non-partisan  
office, he should receive the loyal sup-  
port of every sister, brother, veteran  
and friend. Brother Horn attends every  
meeting and is the Secretary of Camp  
223 with its 600 members and has pro-  
ven himself one of the greatest workers  
of the Order. A sterling patriot, an  
ideal citizen. He would make a splen-  
did executive. We wish him luck.

Stand by one another in every way  
without injury to ourselves is a good  
method to make our Order worth while,  
and to make it attractive to the eligible.

The Venango Daily Herald in its is-  
sue of Dec. 16 has an excellent editorial  
on the Sons of Veterans written by Past  
Com. Wm. P. Ferguson of Dec. 13 at the  
big Prospect School when the first prize  
was presented to Miss Viola Herby  
eloquent addresses were delivered by  
Past Com-in-Chief John E. Sautter and  
Brother Locke, and the second service  
took place at the Schenley High School  
on Dec. 20, where Brother Locke in an  
eloquent address presented the third  
prize to Miss Mallo Lou Gibson, now a  
pupil at the High School, just having  
been promoted from the Street School.  
Thousands of pupils including their  
teachers, relatives and friends of the  
girls were present and all of them voted  
the Sons of Veterans the great patriotic  
Order of the Nation.

Brothers, why not go to the editors  
of the papers in your county and have  
the work of this splendid paper emu-  
lated. Where this can be done we will  
be pleased to have the same written off  
and sent to you.

The Veterans' Night at Camp 9 was  
one of the finest affairs ever given by  
any organization in the big city of  
Scranton. It was held Dec. 12. It was  
given in aid of the Sons of Veterans  
Post 123 and Com-in-Chief Callahan  
and Div. Com. W. C. Mable, and  
Brother A. T. Conell, Mayor of Scranton,  
were the guests of honor. The ban-  
quet was held at the Hotel Holland  
which was handsomely decorated with  
the national colors. Patriotic selections  
were played during the evening by a  
large orchestra and band of music.  
Past Com. C. F. Miller as chairman of  
the committee in an eloquent manner

introduced the toastmaster, Brother W.  
L. Schantz, a leading member of the bar.  
The first speaker was C-in-C. Callahan  
who was given a great ovation and who  
made a stirring patriotic address. He  
was followed by Com. W. C. Mable who  
was also accorded a splendid greeting.  
Other beautiful addresses were made by  
the Rev. E. H. McGlaubin, H. E. Talne,  
J. W. Post, Past Com. C. F. Miller and  
W. J. Lewis, S. V. Com. P. Div. S. of  
V. U. S. A. One of the great hits of  
the evening was the recital of Lincoln's  
address at Gettysburg by Com-in-Chief  
Callahan.

If Victory Quarter is to be made a  
success every brother must pay his  
dues.

Camp 1, Reynolds, has the honor of  
having quartered into the Camp by obli-  
gation in France, James Raymond  
Clarke, private, Base Hospital No. 33.  
This brave young soldier is the son of  
Past Com. W. H. Clarke and Sister  
Clarke, one of the most active members  
in the Auxillary of the Division. This  
makes seventeen brothers from this  
Camp in foreign service. One being  
killed at the Battle of the Marne, the  
late Brother McIntyre, brother of Past  
Com. McIntyre.

Victory Quarter, don't fail to get a  
recruit.

Past Com. W. Masterson, Camp 4,  
Reynolds, has just heard from his two  
brave boys in France. One is Sergeant  
Masterson, Co. D, 26th Reg. U. S. Engi-  
neers now with the army of occupation  
at Aix La Chaux, the other Com. James  
J. Masterson, Battery F, 36th Field Ar-  
tillery. Both of these splendid boys  
were wounded in the battle line.

Statements like the above should  
make us all work for the success of  
Victory Quarter.

It is with great pleasure we announce  
the well merited promotion of our  
splendid brother who we can now ad-  
dress as Richard White Watson,  
Lieut.-Col. 1st Adjt. 23th, Iron Divi-  
sion, now on the advanced lines of our  
army in France and Germany. This was  
a well deserved tribute to a gallant  
American officer, the son of a gallant  
Union officer, and a brother who is  
proud of his membership in our Order.  
His patriotic mother, in her joy, over  
the great honor accorded her boy, is  
also happy over the fact that it also  
honors the Sons of Veterans. Col. Wat-  
son has been constantly under fire with  
this magnificent body of Pennsylvania  
fighting men, who have no superiors  
in any army in the world. We salute  
and congratulate Col. Watson of Camp 177,  
Indiana, Pa.

It was with deep regret that we read  
of the return from "Over There" of an  
old time member of the Sons, who has  
returned minus a limb, lost in battle.  
The Order extends its sympathy to Col.  
Asher Minor, of Wilkes-Barre, over this  
sad affliction, which came to him while  
defending Flag and Country.

Let us reward these deeds of valor on  
the part of our brothers by getting in-  
to our Order during Victory Quarter  
every worthy eligible.

Brother Charles A. Locke, of Davis  
Camp, and one of the leading attorneys  
of Pittsburgh, writes in glowing terms  
of the successful services held in con-  
nection with the presentation of the  
prize medals presented by the Division  
to the winners in the essay contest on  
the American Navy from '61 to '65. The  
first service took place on Dec. 13 at the  
big Prospect School when the first prize  
was presented to Miss Viola Herby  
eloquent addresses were delivered by  
Past Com-in-Chief John E. Sautter and  
Brother Locke, and the second service  
took place at the Schenley High School  
on Dec. 20, where Brother Locke in an  
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Thousands of pupils including their  
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girls were present and all of them voted  
the Sons of Veterans the great patriotic  
Order of the Nation.

During the Victory Quarter we want  
to get every eligible in and then Locke  
the doors and "Shutter" convince them  
of the excellence of our principles and  
objects. "Mable" if we "Take" over  
these worthy to come into our ranks  
and "Hammer" into them their duty to  
their ancestors and their country by  
making strong our movement we will be  
able at the end of Victory Quarter to



blow our "Horn" over results accomplished during this special quarter when we pay tribute to our Nation's Victory.

Hon. J. M. Campbell, Camp 115, Mercer, Ia. is to be congratulated on his election to the State Senate at the last election. We congratulate him.

Among other well known members of our Order may be mentioned Brother Robt. Connor, Recorder of Deeds of Chester County, Brother Lewis Miller, Registrar of Wills, of Chester County, the Hon. Wm. Wayne, now in France with the Red Cross Society, Surgeon Percill now in France with our army. All of these brothers are members of Camp 99, West Chester.

Now brothers, all together — one mighty effort — all along the line, and make Victory Quarter a Red Letter event in our history. Get a recruit. Pay your dues. Ask your brother member to pay his dues. Attend the meetings. Prepare resolutions for the boys coming home and everybody come to the Big Lincoln Victory Banquet in Philadelphia, Feb. 11, and Union Defender Services, Feb. 16, Victory Victory! Victory! — W. D. McNulty.

A Record Case.

222, Easton — Probably the first case on record of a member being obligated into the Order, on foreign soil and on the battlefield, is the case of Frank M. Godley, of Easton, Pa. Acting under the revisions of the C. R. & R. permitting the obligation outside the Camp room, an application was presented and favorably acted upon. The papers in the case were sent to a member of the Camp in France, the obligation given, and the papers returned properly endorsed and the membership recorded. The obligation was given Nov. 15. The Camp feels highly honored in this action. The new member is Capt. Frank M. Godley, "A" Co., 14th Marine Gun Battalion of the 42nd Division, a Company and Division which have done some fighting in the St. Mihiel and Verdun sectors, winding up at the front at Sedan. He was obligated by 1st Lieut. C. A. P. Bartlett of the same unit, who has been a member of 233 a long time. The papers in the case will be framed and preserved as a relic of the occasion, a memento of the war, and as the first case of its kind under the provisions of the C. R. & R. — S. Horn, Sec.

Organization of Camp 23 at Leitz, Pa.

Com-in-Chief Francis Callahan, Div. Com. Mable, Nat. Sec. H. H. Hammer, 1st Div. S. Ramsey, Edw. Young and Asst. Div. Sec. Medler, arrived in Lancaster on Dec. 2, and D. Blair and C. P. Aument of Camp 19. F. D. C. Penny took Com. Callahan and party to Leitz in automobile. Aids to Commander-in-Chief, C. P. Aument, had arranged for special trolley car to leave Lancaster with Comrades of Posts 84 and 405, and Camp 19. The meeting was called to order by Mustering Officer Aument, Com-in-Chief Callahan acting as Master of Ceremonies. Those who assisted were Div. Com. Mable, Asst. Div. Sec. McElr and Edw. Young, of Philadelphia, Past Div. Com. D. S. Smith and Div. Council Ivan D. Blair of Lancaster. The officers were installed by Edw. Young, who, having the parts committed, made a deep impression on the members of the new Camp. The services were followed by a banquet. After the banquet further Aument acted as toastmaster, calling on Com-in-Chief Callahan, who was primed for a good talk, making one of those speeches which makes the thrill of patriotism surge through the body, and makes you feel like shouting, which some of them did as the Commander ended his talk. Judge Advocate Fulton, of Post 84, G. A. R., Past Div. Com. Dr. Sherman Smith of Camp 19, Past Com. W. T. Hambricht, Post 405, Past Div. Com. L. S. Ramsey and Edw. Young of Philadelphia, were also present.

Mrs. Jacob Bower, mother of the wife of Past Com-in-Chief Edwin M. Amies, died at her home in Altoona, Pa., Dec. 28, 1918, in her 95th year, having been born Nov. 11, 1824. She was remarkably well preserved, retaining her faculties to the end. She passed peacefully away of infirmities due to age. Deceased was known to many members of the Sons of Veterans in Pennsylvania, who enjoyed her reminiscences when

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Amies. They have the sympathy of their many friends.

Past Com-in-Chief John E. Sautter has the sympathy of the Order, in the loss by death Dec. 27, 1918, of his eldest brother, after four days' illness with influenza and pneumonia. Another brother is seriously ill but out of danger with the same disease resulting in appendicitis and an operation. They are residents of Pittsburgh and members of Camp No. 129, Sharpsburg.

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Extracts from Division Circular No. 9.

In the last Division Circular your Division Commander announced the appointments of District Aides. The duties devolving upon these Aides include the following important matters:

1. To arouse and sustain the enthusiasm of members in the activities of their own Camps and in the general work of our organization;
2. To extend greetings to our returning "overseas heroes" both personally and as official representatives of the Sons of Veterans, and to organize or assist in whatever public welcome may be given in your community;
3. To make complete lists of the Honor Members in their Districts, including all members who have served our Country in any capacity, in the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., etc., as well as in the army and navy;
4. To make as complete a list as possible of all men in their Districts eligible to become candidates for membership in the Sons of Veterans, and to assist the Division Commander to increase the membership of our organization;
5. To interest themselves, and assist as much as possible, in all patriotic movements in their respective Districts.

Wm. A. Pearce of Camp 26, 254 W. 24th St., New York City, has been appointed Aide for District No. 29, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. P. Lorch.

One of the first matters for the attention of each newly elected Commander will be the appointment of a Lincoln Birthday Committee.

The commemoration of Lincoln's Birthday is one of the most important events of the year for our organization and the committee should arrange a fitting program for the occasion suited to the character of the community and the strength of the Camp and its Auxiliary.

The speaker should be carefully chosen, as the subject, "Lincoln," is worthy of the best orator obtainable, and one should be selected who will deliver a patriotic message of practical value with special reference to our coming peace problems of reconstruction and reorganization.

A large percentage of our members have been earnestly devoting much of their time to whatever they could do best to aid our Country during the war, including such a wide variety of activities as work for the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Liberty Loans, War Chest, Farm Bureau, etc.

Now that the war is over we must remember that all of us still have patriotic duties, and every Camp of our organization, and each individual member, should stand ready to do whatever they can to help solve the difficult problems of peace that our Country is sure to face in the next few years.

Allied Organizations Observe Veterans' Night.

The greatest event in the history of the Sons of Veterans took place Friday evening, Nov. 22, at the Park and Tilden Hall at Lenox Ave. and 126th St., New York, when the above organization held their Veterans' Night with Brother W. A. Pearce presiding. There were over 600 persons present of which over 150 were G. A. R. members. Com. Julius Isaacs acted in his usual able manner as master and the G. A. R. Committee composed of Bros. Myers, Helmuth and Isaacs, deserve great credit for the success of the evening in which they were greatly assisted by Brother Pearce.

Addresses were made by Dept. Com. of the G. A. R. Dr. Pilcher; Mrs. D.

Whitebeck, Dept. Pres. of the W. R. C.; Sister K. M. Rooney, Div. Pres. of the S. of V. Aux.; Sister S. J. Loomis, Nat. Sec. of the Order of the G. A. R.; and Sister H. J. White, State Pres. of the D. of V., all of whom were attended by their staffs. Addresses of the evening were also made by the silver tongued orator of the G. A. R., Com. Geo. Blair, Rev. J. E. Zeller, Chaplain of Tilden Camp 26, S. of V., who has just returned from France where he served as a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Comrade Geo. A. Leud and the best friend of our organization that we have today, Past Dept. Com. of the G. A. R., Capt. Wm. F. Kuehner.

The talent of the evening was furnished by the Hudson Terminal Musical Troupe with Prof. James Stanley in charge at the piano. Miss Maude E. Stuliner, daughter of Div. Com. Counselor W. A. Stubner, also took part in a pantomime.

Past Nat. Pres. Sister Mayme E. Dwyer, our Dear Mayme, also extended her best wishes to the veterans and the guests. Many were present from each organization.

29th, Brooklyn — Captain Martin Short Samp held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 10. Com. George H. Andrie presided. The election of officers for the year of 1919 was held at this meeting and the following brothers of the Camp were elected: Com. William A. Stubner; S. V. C. John Herrmann; J. V. C. George Dean; Camp Council, George H. Andrie, Harry A. Boness and William H. Hamill; Secy. Charles B. Boness; Treas. William C. Holpin; Delegates to S. of V. Death Benefit Association Convention which will be held at the Hotel Marlborough, Manhattan, on Feb. 22, 1919, William A. Stubner and George H. Andrie; Alternates, William C. Holpin and William H. Hamill. For good of the Order there were remarks by several brothers.

13, Glenville — Nov. 29 will long be remembered by the members of our Camp. Never in the history of the Camp have the brothers enjoyed themselves as they did on that night. The occasion was the muster of three new members, Surrogate T. Cuthell Calderwood, Surrogate of Fulton County, Lewis J. Freeman and James E. Slater. Brother Slater is a veteran of the Spanish War. The guests of the evening were Ansel Denison Post No. 17, G. A. R., and A. H. DeGraff Camp No. 19, S. of V., of Amsterdam, N. Y.

After the regular business meeting and initiation the guests and members retired to the large dining room of the Lodge Hall where refreshments were served. The committee of arrangements, consisting of Bros. Rev. Donald W. Greene, Herbert F. Whitney and John VanNatter won the praise and commendation of the entire Camp for the splendid manner in which everything was arranged.

Following the feed and while all the "boys" were enjoying a good smoke, Brother Com. Jacob H. Miller assumed his office as toastmaster and in a very enjoyable manner brought the orators of the various organizations to their feet with eloquent, witty and satisfying after dinner speeches. The speakers consisted of the following: Col. Daniel H. Cole, Com. of Ansel Denison Post No. 17, G. A. R., and also a Past S. V. Com. of the G. A. R. Dept. of N. Y.; Comrades William M. Harris and Peter J. Keck, of Ansel Denison Post, G. A. R.; Surrogate T. Cuthell Calderwood; and the following from A. H. DeGraff Camp No. 19, S. of V.: Com. John Dean, Secy. John Haro, Treas. Charles A. Kroeger, and Chap. Walton McEwatt. This smoker and initiation is the first of a series contemplated by the Camp for the winter.

We are stirred up to the needs for recruits and find that the first thing to do is to stir up enthusiasm among the ranks of the Camp. With the start made this Camp hopes within a year to double its membership for the brothers are enthused as never before and will keep pushing along toward the goal which will make us a Camp "to be heard from," with the able leadership of Com. Miller.

146, Ovid — David C. Caywood Camp is still gaining with a membership of 40 members. We are out after new applications all the time and expect to have a class muster later. We are sorry to announce the loss of one of our dear

brothers and workers, S. V. Com. Charles McDermott.

168, Brooklyn — At our meeting of Nov. 21 we held nomination of officers, and the following officers were elected at our meeting held Dec. 1: Com. Frederick Kelleman; S. V. C., Robert Westbrook; J. V. C., Philip Liebig; Secy., Robert F. Schmidt; Treas., Julius Kaiser; Camp Council (3 year term), George D. Kreus; Delegate to Central Memorial Committee of Brooklyn and Long Island (3 year term), Chester N. Riker; Delegates to Death Benefit Association Convention, Charles J. Schmidt and Julius Kaiser; Alternates, John Klorfen and John Wecker. It is the sincere wish of this Camp that all the brothers had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

112, Watertown — The following officers were elected at our last regular meeting: Com. John Carpenter; S. V. C. E. A. Draper; J. V. C. William Morris; Pat. Inst. D. D. James; Camp Council, D. D. James, W. W. Shaw, J. H. Bilger; Chap. J. H. Bilger; Secy. Geo. Smith; Treas. — E. M. Wiley; Guide, W. W. Shaw; Color Bearer, Geo. Spizer. Joint installation with the Auxiliary was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 2.

79, New York City — While the activities of John McEwan Camp No. 79, S. of V., have not been chronicled in the public press for some time past, it will be reassuring to the Order and its friends to know that the largest and most prosperous Camp in the Greater City has passed through its most successful year and is growing in numbers and in vigor. Though war-time demands were met promptly and patriotically there was no let up in its social activities. The last meeting night in October was set aside to meet the famous "Monitor Association" who were welcomed with song and story and much good cheer. In appreciation the Association presented to the Camp a model of the original "Monitor" with a detailed description of that famous battle of the first ironclads. In mid-November its well known drum corps held a Country Store and Dance for the purpose of procuring new instruments. It was a highly successful affair both socially and financially. The nomination of officers for the ensuing year brought forth much healthy rivalry with the result that a very able and hard working list of candidates has been presented for selection. It speaks well for the future year. One of the principal events of the year is the celebration of Veterans' Night, held this year on Dec. 27, Friday, and a very elaborate program with refreshments served by "Chef" Davis, was arranged. The biggest affair yet undertaken by the Camp is scheduled for Jan. 25 at Schwaben Hall, Myrtle and Klieckhacker Aves. It will be a monster minstrel show and dance, under the direction of such old time minstrel men as "Pop" Prince, Harry Dodge and Fred Walker who have volunteered their services in appreciation of the purposes to which the proceeds will be applied. They are to be used entirely for the benefit of our boys over there. Out of 15 to go, three have made the supreme sacrifice, and a number have been wounded. The Camp has determined to carry their insurance and other obligations, and to see that they want for nothing. The directors are enthusiastic over the quality of talent they have discovered and have assured the Camp that the show will easily rank with the best that Primrose and Dockett had ever given.

71, Fredonia — Dr. M. M. Finner Camp is still on the map, and is planning a more active year during 1919 than during the past year. The officers-elect are: Com. A. D. Crosby; S. V. C. John Reinhardt; J. V. C. E. B. Ames; Council, W. H. Wheelock, H. M. Putnam and E. M. Eddy. The installation is to take place Jan. 19. F. M. Adams, a charter member of the Camp, has donated to the Camp an old sword and scabbard picked up on the Adams farm eighty years ago by his grandfather, Bishop Adams, soon after he purchased the property. The sword is supposed to have been the property of some militia officer of this section in the War of 1812 and perhaps dropped during the return west through this country from the disaster at Black Rock, near Buffalo. Three members of the Camp have recently been discharged from the army, namely Harry Deaton, Albert F. Burroughs and Guy Tadt.



Brother Denton was the first from Freedom to enlist but his service has been in this country. Brother Tadt was in the Student Army Training Corps and Brother Burroughs served nearly a year with the 17th Aid Squadron in England. There are nine members of the Camp still in service.

Central Memorial Committee S. of V. of Brooklyn and Long Island held their regular meeting Dec. 17. The following Camps were represented: Nos. 23, 28, 79, 92, 135, 148. Remarks were made by several brothers, including S. V. Div. Com. Chas. H. Helmholz. Central Memorial Committees with the aid of all Camps and Auxiliary branches of Greater New York will do all they can to aid and receive all American forces arriving from overseas. Next meeting, Tuesday evening, Jan. 21.

MASSACHUSETTS

O. J. Scholt, Publicity Secretary, 40 Harvard Avenue, Allston.

Headquarters Notes.

Happy New Year! The pleasant smile of Past Div. Chap. Fisher will be missed at the next encampment.

With installation appointments and other business in connection with the starting of the new year has kept Div. Sec. Weiler on the hustle, but Harry is equal to the task.

Root and Recruit with Rufus

Rev. Robert B. Fisher. Past Div. Chap. Rev. Robert B. Fisher, of Camp 15, Springfield, passed to the eternal sleep Dec. 11, 1918, after a short illness of pneumonia following influenza.

The death of Brother Fisher brings sadness to the members of his Camp and among his brothers throughout the Division who were pleased to call him friend—for he was one of the wholesome, sunny disposition kind of men that sets other men, beloved by all who know him. Past Div. Com. Bronzola was deeply when he kicked Brother Fisher for Division Chaplain and the many brothers who came in contact with these two splendid men were far better men and brothers for the meeting. Brother Fisher was an active member of Camp 15, in spite of his aching doler as pastor of a large city church, and at the time of his illness was Junior Vice Commander, and has served as Chaplain and a member of the Corporation Board of the Sons of Veterans whose membership is elected annually by the local Post, G. A. R. He leaves a wife, one son, Sergt. Walter P. Fisher, and three daughters. The sympathy of the Division is extended to Camp 15 and the members of Brother Fisher's family.

Casualty List.

Merrill L. Simonds, Camp 135, Palmer, Private, Co. L, 305th Inf. Killed in action Sept. 11, 1918.

Joseph A. Bullard, Camp 141, Somerset, Private, Co. L, 223rd Inf. Died Oct. 10, 1918, from wounds received in action overseas.

Sons of Veterans Club.

Brother Samuel E. Paine, of Charlestown, was elected President at the annual meeting, with Brother Fred T. Waugh as Vice President. Monday evening, Dec. 23, the Club enjoyed the hospitality of Camp 106 and their Auxiliary. The program included: Alice Fisher, reader; A. Thompson, banjo and zither; Alice Rogers, "Queen of Ventri-locuists"; E. T. Waugh, cornetist; G. A. Fall, vocalist; and Adila Allen, Pianist. A veteran of the 26th Division, Lieut. Driscoll, 141st Infantry, was present and related some of his experiences at the front. Lieut. Driscoll rose from Sergeant to Lieutenant, and was sent back from France as an instructor. Another interesting speaker was Dr. E. W. Homan, P. D. C., member of the Council-in-Chief, who gave a talk on the recent National Encampment at Niagara Falls. Refreshments were served.

The Officers' Reports at the annual meeting showed the Club to be in a flourishing condition, with an increased membership.

Pitchburg Keeps Things Moving.

The monthly meeting of Camp 28, S.

of V. was held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, at the G. A. R. quarters in the Johnsonia building. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Camp, A. M. Levy; S. V. C., C. C. Boniquet; J. V. O. P., L. Newton; Camp Council, C. E. Lacey, R. W. McIntire, E. A. Lacey, Jr. It was voted that the new officers should arrange for the installation. Past Div. Com. Nathan C. Upham gave a very interesting talk about his recent trip to St. Louis, Mo. There was a lunch and social time at the close of the meeting.

Atioli Inspection.

Camp 65, Atioli, held their annual inspection in S. of V. Hall on Dec. 13. Div. Com. R. A. Soule and Div. Pat. Inst. Myron H. Goddard were present. Formerly brothers from Camp 37, of Gardner, 19 brothers from Camp 64, of Winchendon, and 8 comrades of the G. A. R. Post of Atioli were guests. Thirty-two members of Camp 65 were present. At this inspection Camp 65 received the rating of 100 per cent for the sixth consecutive year. Camp 65 initiated two candidates on this date, one being a Past Commander of this Camp, Brother Tony Moore, and Brother Herbert Ward. The refreshment committee served hot baked beans and hot brown bread another's kind and everything to make a good supper. After supper there were plenty of good ideas to complete the work of the committee, which was engaged by all. Com. Soule made a very interesting address and many of the brothers made short remarks. We gave three cheers for Gardner and Winchendon brothers and Div. Com. Soule decided Camp 65 is still a live wire in Massachusetts Division.

Camp 11 Entertains.

Past Com. Brother J. L. Paine was recently appointed as Marshal and Superintendent of Juke by the local Board of Selection. In honor of his appointment the Camp tendered a reception following the regular meeting Dec. 20 and presented him with a gold chief badge. The local merchants joined in on the occasion and presented him with a purse of gold. A banquet was served under the direction of Past Com. Keovey of the Camp and all present spent a most enjoyable evening. Speeches were made by several of the prominent merchants and Past Commanders and officers of the Camp. Com. McKeown acted as toastmaster. Brother C. M. Keovey who has owned the large Chinese restaurant in town for the past year has sold his interest to his Chinese chef. It is understood that Past Com. Keovey is assured of a position on Chief Paine's new staff of inspectors. One of the pleasant surprises at the reception of Brother Paine was the first appearance of a new Camp 11 quartet, called the Forest Reserve, composed of J. T. Brewster and George Sampson, tenors, and Willis Oak and Edward Soper, basses. They gave a splendid musical program and the Camp 11 double quartet has got to look to its mirrors. A movement may be started now to form a pipe club of Camp 11 to tour the surrounding Camps and create new interest. With a double quartet, single quartet, several other unorganized singers, three or four entertainers and readers, the Camp orchestra, and at least eight banjo and mandolin players, it would be only a question of organizing.

Newby Notes from Camp 52.

On Nov. 17, Camp 52, Leominster, attended a Lincoln's Memorial service in honor of his Gettysburg Address, this being an invitation from Post 53 to them and the other Allied Orders. It was the wish of the Post that this take the place of Veterans' Night. It was a very wet, stormy Sunday but there was a fairly good attendance.

On Nov. 21 the Camp was inspected by Brother Chas. E. Lacey, of Clarke S. Simonds Camp 28, of Fitchburg. There was considerable business to be transacted and the matter of nominating officers for the ensuing year was referred to a committee to be prepared and brought in at the next meeting. At the close the D. of V. joined in a social hour and a light lunch was enjoyed.

On Dec. 5 the regular business of the Camp was carried through as quickly as possible and under the "good of the Order" Comrade Charles S. Houghton,

who was a delegate from Post 63 to Portland, Ore., to the National Encampment, and who is also a member of the Camp, gave a talk on his trip to and from the convention as well as things seen there. He also had a large collection of curios which he had collected in different parts of the West. He spent about three months on this trip visiting many places of interest. There was a good number of Veterans attended the meeting and then the doors were thrown open and the D. of V. of Tent 5, who were holding their meeting in another part of the building were admitted to the talk which was enjoyed by everyone present.

At the meeting of Dec. 19 the list of officers recommended by the committee appointed at a previous meeting was approved and the officers were elected for the ensuing year.

MARYLAND

J. Clinton Hlatt, Correspondent, Washington.

Cushing Camp Observes Veterans' Night. Brother Everett Sanders, Representative in Congress from Indiana, was the center of the occasion in the observance of Veterans' Night by William B. Cushing, Camp No. 29, Washington, D. C., on Friday evening, Dec. 20. There were about fifty comrades of the several Posts of the Department of the Department, G. A. R., who were present and enjoyed the exercises hugely. They highly praised Com. J. Clinton Hlatt and Past Inst. A. Von Ness Curt in arranging such a splendid program of exercises for them and each said they would ever bear in mind that the occasion was one of which the comrades of the G. A. R. could be proud. Arms were stacked on each side of the Commanders' station. Guide Gunner R. Scott conducted those who were entitled to seats on the platform. Captain Silas E. Robb, in his opening prayer, referred to the splendid patriotism of the soldiers who fought in the present war. Leo A. O'Neill was ever ready with his automobile in conveying the speakers and the talent to and from their homes.

A very interesting program of patriotic exercises was carried out. Refreshments were served after the program by a committee of ladies from Cushing Auxiliary.

Others who spoke were Past Dept. Coms. Col. A. P. Tasker, Col. B. F. Bligham, Capt. E. P. Enrlcken, Mrs. C. S. Davis, a Past Pres. of Nat. Aux., and Mrs. Mamie P. Dorsey, Past Inst. of Cushing Aux. Capt. Francis I. Young, of Burnside Post No. 8, honored the Camp with his presence, he having taken particular pains in seeing the many comrades were present, for which he has the kindest feeling from each member of the Camp for his activity. Col. John McElroy, editor of the National Tribune, Miss Marie Elizabeth Buckles, who is President of Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of the Potomac, and Mrs. E. E. Mulligan, President of Grant Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., Past Nat. Counselor Nathan H. Hale, of Boston, as well as other officers and members of the affiliated organizations were present. The occasion was one which will go down in history as most successful.

Veterans' Night by Nathan Goff Camp. An interesting program and a delightful social hour were staged by Nathan Goff Camp, S. of V. It was Veterans' Night, with Veterans and Grand Army and members of Richard Wallace Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., as their invited guests. An address of welcome to the veterans was delivered by Attorney F. O. Sutton, a Son of a Veteran, and a member of the Camp. A response was made by Comrade Richards. An address of welcome to the ladies was delivered by W. N. McGill, a veteran and a Son of a Veteran, and Chaplain of the Camp. He is also state organizer for the Sons in West Virginia. The response was by Mrs. McCune, President of the Circle, and Mrs. Rector, a member. Remarks were made for the good of the orders by veterans, ladies and sons, after which refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake and apples.

OHIO

L. H. Fritz, Press Correspondent, Defiance, Ohio.

Death of L. L. Rankin. Gov. Dennison Camp has sustained a severe loss in the death of Brother Rankin, who was the unanimous choice of the members of this Camp for Commander during 1918. Mr. Rankin died at his home in Columbus, Dec. 27, having been ill only a short time with bronchial pneumonia. He was born on a farm in Millin Township Aug. 4, 1850, but had lived in Columbus since he was 11 years old. He was graduated from Central High School in 1879, and was a teacher for many years. He was superintendent of the Canal Winchester schools for a time, and also practiced law. He organized the Buckeye State Building and Loan Company in 1895 and since then devoted his attention to that enterprise. The company is said to be the largest of its kind in the United States.

Mr. Rankin was married to Miss Hattie Rathbun in 1892. She and two of their children, Lieut. Allen H. Rankin and Mrs. Bertha Kinney, survive. His oldest son, Stanley W. Rankin, was drowned at Friendship, Me., in 1903.

Mr. Rankin was an active member of King Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church for years. He was a Mason and Shriner. Always generous in benevolence, in the year and a half since the United States entered the war he contributed many thousand dollars to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and other projects. Each year he gave liberally of his time and means in forwarding local arrangements for the celebration of Memorial Day.

Good News to Sons of Veterans. The Indianapolis sweetpotatoes have for years been run on Memorial Day on the 500 mile automobile speedway against the protests of our Order and the other organizations affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, which body established the day as one in which to pay tribute to the living and dead defenders of our Country.

The announcement has recently been made that the race will be run on the day following Memorial Day, which change meets with the entire approval of all Sons of Veterans.

Governor Dennison Camp No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio, has extended his sincere thanks to the owners and management of the speedway for their patriotic action in changing the date for these races. Their decision is in full accord with our wish and is heartily appreciated.

Columbus—Business meetings of this Camp will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month, and will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. The sympathy of the Camp goes out to Brother A. F. Schell, whose brother was killed Sept. 26 in France. The Camp may well be proud of the record of its members during the World War. It has fifteen in the service of Uncle Sam's legions which put out the Hun. Two other 175 were willing and many volunteered but were not accepted because of age and physical limitations. Many of the members were represented by proxy—by their sons in the various arms of the service. Our members bought liberally of Liberty Loan bonds and war savings stamps and in contributing to war chests, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. campaigns and in assisting in all the above named campaigns and drives on the stump or in personal solicitation. They have served creditably on councils of defense, members of draft boards, volunteers service corps, committees on protective work for women and girls, war department committee on training camp activities, food administration committees, teachers in universities and schools, aiding and advising registrants in preparing questionnaires with legal advisory boards, service in home guard units, visiting military cantonments under auspices Y. M. C. A., assisting war causing in the quartermasters department and policing war industries.

That Liverpool—Gen. Garfield Camp is well and hardy after being unable to



held any meetings since last October on account of the flu here, but we are very glad to get together again. Had a real good bunch of the boys out, and a much larger attendance at our next meeting which was installation of officers on Jan. 3. It was a joint affair with the Auxiliary. An oyster supper was served and the Grand Army were invited. Some real fine speakers and some good music made up a good time. The officers are: Com. James Hock-Clayton; S. V. C. Arthur Pyle; J. V. C. Edgar F. Sutcliffe; Camp Council, John E. Sutcliffe, Samuel W. Crawford, George Killmer; Sec., Chester Green; Treas., George Killmer.

159, Steubenville—Col. Geo. W. McCook Camp is still in existence and during business at the old stand, after a shut-down for several weeks on account of the flu. One reason you haven't heard from the Press Correspondent was because he and the Commander, Oliver G. Swords, were away two months during the summer, touring the western country, and at Portland, Ore., at the A. B. National Encampment. We held our regular meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 12, at which a goodly number were present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Com., Harry Stonebraker; S. V. C., Daniel M. Cable; J. V. C., Dean Criswell; Camp Council, O. G. Swords, James E. Kelly and Norval White. Sunday morning, Dec. 8, a number of the brothers attended in a body (with the sisters of Ladies Auxiliary) the memorial service in the Tabernacle View Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of our brother, Howard L. Peble, who was mortally wounded at the Battle of the Marne, Oct. 2, 1918, and died later in the hospital and was buried in France, with all due honors of a brave and true soldier. We also have learned of Brother Walter J. Griffith being seriously wounded and later dying but the report has not been officially confirmed. Brother John H. Hillen and Geo. W. Hoyer were wounded, but are improving nicely. Out of the thirty or more of our Camp in service and all of them over there, there are no more reports of any being killed or wounded than has been named. Some of our brothers are in France, some in Austria-Hungary and others in Italy. Our Camp is planning a big reception for those who return. The Camp Treasurer, Geo. W. Hubbard, has been quite busy since Nov. 14, striving to put our Camp in good standing up to Jan. 1, 1919. His plans were to make out statements for each member for dues, and then call on them personally. The result was that \$126 was collected. The majority of the members are paid up to Jan. 1, 1919, and several are paid to Jan. 1, 1920. At our meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 12, the matter was brought before the Camp putting before the people of our city and county a proposition of raising a sum of money for the erection of a monument in honor of all the boys who enlisted in the service. We would consider it quite an honor to the S. V. if we could be the instigator of such a movement, and we also consider that we, as Sons of Veterans, have a better right to put such a project through than any other organization in the country. We wish to impress this fact upon the members of all other Camps over the country for them to take this matter up in their various Camps and push it through.

100, Cincinnati—A meeting of U. S. Grant Camp was held at Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18 for the annual election of officers. The officers elected for the ensuing year, means much to maintain U. S. Grant Camp in the foremost rank of Camps in the State of Ohio. Bring a new member with you at every meeting. Five (\$5.00) dollars is the initiation fee. We need your help. You may need ours.

88, Dayton—As the winter months have come and our Camp has been holding its own during these most strenuous times when all men have been either in the trenches or in the cantonment camps, or engaged in war production plants, to help and do his bit in this great world's war; and as it has come to such a glorious and successful termination, we have made the high resolve that with the coming of the new year of 1919, we will work for the up-building of our Camp and the Order at large. We have a band of brothers who can always be found at Memorial Hall

on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month to transact the business of the Camp. The latter article is always out, and visitors are cordially invited to meet with us. We held our Veterans' Night entertainment on Nov. 19, in conjunction with the Grand Army and the allied organizations. Addresses were made by Mayor J. M. Switzer and Brother Walter V. Snyder. Mayor Switzer is a son of a soldier and will be a member of Barnhart Camp soon. We have had many patriotic meetings since we last wrote The Banner. The most interesting was the presentation of a service flag by Post Camp Com. J. P. Eichorn, which contained 12 stars. On behalf of Brother Eichorn, Brother Walter V. Snyder presented the flag to the Camp. It was accepted by Brother N. Fulton. Brother Snyder took for his theme "Service." Visiting brothers from the surrounding Camps were present. M. E. Plesh Camp, of Piqua, came down with their drum corps. The Battery Flag, which was presented to this Battery over a year ago, was in the trenches with that Battery in the last day's fight of the war, we are advised by Sergt. Harry Beaver of that Battery, also a member of our Camp and of our Camp drum corps. A committee have already been appointed to make arrangements for a home coming to the members of our Camp. Constitutional Life Member Judge O. B. Brown and Judge Chas. W. Baldo, have taken hold of the proposition and will assist the committee in this work.

INDIANA

L. A. Handley, Correspondent, Elkhorn.

From the Commander. Your Commander feels much encouraged after the Midwinter Meeting. It was a grand affair and those who failed to attend missed a real treat. Your Commander also enjoyed a visit with Danville Auxiliary on Nov. 30. It was the occasion of the annual inspection and the work of this Auxiliary cannot be too highly commended. We have most encouraging prospects of a Camp and Auxiliary at Elkhorn in the near future, and in this connection we want to thank Brother R. A. Shumaker, of Indianapolis, for the time and effort he has given this matter. Brother Shumaker has laid a good foundation and with Brother Frank Shellhouse will certainly place this Camp on the map. Again your Commander desires to urge all Camps to greater activity in the reinstatement of dropped members. Camps that are not active at present would create new life if they would organize an Auxiliary. Start some sort of activity or you will certainly die of dry rot.—Loyalty, George Matthews, Com.

First Annual Banquet. Through the kindness of the Marion Club and the hustling of the committee of Ben Harrison Camp and Auxiliary the first annual banquet of the Indiana Division was held in the rooms of the above named club on Saturday evening, Dec. 14, at 6 o'clock. Fifty-seven eat at the festive board, each one being liberally consoled before he arose that the arrangements and service were most excellent. Brother Chas. A. Bookwalter, a life member of the Sons of Veterans, acted as toastmaster, and everyone knows he is a pastmaster in that art. His introductions were most happy and did much to make everyone enter into the enjoyment and spirit of the occasion. A flash light picture was taken of the banquet board and must reveal some interesting features as the guests were decorated with chickens, blue birds, and caps of all shapes and colors. After the serving of a most satisfying menu the toastmaster introduced the various speakers and musical numbers among which were talks by the Department Commander of the G. A. R., of Greensburg, the Adjutant General, and Judge and Mrs. McFields of Indianapolis, and musical numbers by Mrs. Clara and our own Frank Houston. There were some others but someone neglected to provide your correspondent with a program and he cannot recall their names. Each one responded in a happy manner and near 11 o'clock the company arose from

the board to enjoy a social reunion. Everyone present agreed that the First Annual Banquet of the Indiana Division was an unequalled success.

The Midwinter Meeting. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, the midwinter meeting was called to order by the Commander in the Board of Trade rooms. Quite a number who could not attend the annual banquet were present for this meeting. Resolutions were adopted condemning the use of Memorial Day for sports, picnics, and games, especially for the Grand Motor Race which had been advertised to take place at the Speedway. Also favoring the plan of Col. Oran Perry, Custodian of the Monument, to create a war museum in the basement under the monument. The thanks of the meeting were given the Indianapolis bunch, the Marion Club, and the Board of Trade for the courtesy and the success of the entire meeting. Reports were made showing good prospect for a Camp and Auxiliary at Elkhorn, and a resolution was adopted to appoint a committee to arrange for the Second Annual Banquet and to make plans for a permanent organization looking to the perpetuation of the annual banquet as a feature of the Division. The committee appointed consists of Miss Addie Wallace, Mrs. Emma Finch, and Alexander Chambers, of Indianapolis. The meeting also went on record as favoring a more active interest in the reinstatement of dropped members and dropped Camps. The midwinter meeting and banquet was a grand success.

From Elkhorn. Wm. P. Benton Camp, Elkhorn, started the ball rolling on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, when the Auxiliary and the Camp met together. The Auxiliary mustered five new members and the Camp four. Several surprises were sprung of the most agreeable kind, and after the work was all completed a loneliness was served by the ladies which was rather the most agreeable surprise of the evening. Each of the nine members gained were live, active, patriotic citizens, and both organizations feel a new enthusiasm as a result of this meeting. A joint installation of officers will probably be held early in January.

From Logansport. Owing to our Camp being closed down on account of the flu we do not have much news this time, but we have 22 on the waiting list. We have made a good gain this year and are well satisfied. We have perfect harmony in the Camp, which will probably account for some of our success. We are arranging for a series of entertainments, dances, etc., and expect to put in the time this winter to good advantage. We are trying to do as our Division Secretary suggests "know that a patriotism of war is not so necessary we must have a patriotism of peace." Glad to see Cook, Shellhouse, Watson, and McConkey come into The Banner family. Come some more of you fellows. Get your feet wet. I am glad to see Brother Cook take up the matter of musters outside the Camp room. Our Camp has not debated the matter yet, but personally I am not in favor of it. It strikes me that a man who is not willing to come to the Camp room for muster is not going to amount to much. Neither am I in favor of making our meetings merely a "pink tea" affair. We want business men to come and help transact business in a business-like way. We are not a gang of pleasure seekers who only come to have a good smoke, visit, and tell about what we do not know. I am glad Brother Cook has started a protest and I am for him.—R. L. Pickell. Additional names of members of Logansport Camp in the military service are George B. Davis and W. D. Rhodes.

From Danville. Danville Camp No. 72, beginning with Veterans' Night on Nov. 19, with the Auxiliary have been busy for the past month. On Nov. 30 the Auxiliary had its annual inspection and we were honored and delighted to have with us the past and present officers of the Division and both branches, among whom were Past Nat. Pres. Addie Wallace, of Indianapolis; Div. Insp. Mrs. Cora Swartz, and several other ladies of Indianapolis;

Div. Com. George Matthews and L. A. Handley, Post Division Commander, both of Richmond, as well as several distinguished guests in the person of Tom Allen, the Irish Orator, of Indianapolis. The drill team of the Danville Auxiliary covered itself with glory in exemplifying the work on a class of candidates—so near perfection that Mrs. Swartz, the Inspector, stated she had no suggestions to offer. The Auxiliary served a 6 o'clock dinner to its guests in the grill room of the Old Fellows Hall. Following the inspection interesting speeches were made by Miss Wallace, Mrs. Swartz, Com. Matthews, and Past Div. Com. Allen and Handley, the latter having been recently designated the "post laureate of the Indiana Division" was particularly happy in his "Bloomin' Kalber" rhymes. Local Sons welcomed the visitors in appropriate words and threw bouquets to the Auxiliary. Altogether it was a most enjoyable occasion—one not soon to be forgotten.

On Dec. 6 the Camp elected the new officers as follows: Com., L. A. Secaree; S. V. C., J. L. Whyte; J. V. C., H. A. Willa; Int. Inst., Wm. T. Marshall; Chap., Charles Z. Cook; Guide, Fred Huff; C. L. E. M. Harrison; Sec.-Treas., C. W. Gaston; Council, James V. Cook, E. D. Crawley, and Cly R. Hamston; I. C., J. L. Christie; O. G., Wm. Keeney; Delegate to Div. Encampment, C. W. Gaston; Installing Officer, James V. Cook. A public installation in connection with the Auxiliary will be held early in January.

Continuing our round of illustration the writer, together with the Commander, Wm. T. Marshall, Otis A. Marshall, Mrs. Laura Niewander, Mrs. Cora Shelton, and Mrs. Jennie Marshall, attended the midwinter meeting and first annual banquet of the Division at Indianapolis, Dec. 14 and 15. We certainly had the time of our lives meeting old friends and acquaintances from over the State. It was good to be there. At the banquet former Mayor Bookwalter was particularly happy as toastmaster and all of the responses were appropriate and full of the fire of patriotism.—Jas. V. Cook.

WISCONSIN

M. B. Sigelko, Press Correspondent, Madison.

New Year's Resolution: We'll put up that cottage at the Wisconsin Veterans' Home, Waupaca, if its the last thing we do.

Self-Explanatory Circular Letter Sent to Camps and to Brothers.

Just as war broke out we (Sons of Veterans) were raising money for our cottage project (Wisconsin Veterans Home). We then practically stopped work along this line and became busy in connection with war activities. Let me explain a little as to our cottage project because the matter may not have been called directly to your attention or you may have forgotten. When we met in encampment assembly at Waupaca, it was decided that the "Sons of Veterans" should do something for the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Waupaca. By resolution it was duly resolved to build a cottage—one that would comfortably house a veteran and his good wife, possibly a double cottage. This venture was heralded far and wide and favorably commented upon. This "Board of Trustees," Wisconsin Veterans Home, set aside for us a the lot—a corner lot—and we started in to raise funds. On the committee were appointed W. H. Graves, of Peninsula City, Chairman, H. S. Fox, of Hoyer, J. B. Jardine, of Waupaca, and H. S. Stegell, of Madison, Sec.-Treas., with what donations we have received and have in prospect, a considerable per centage of what we need has been raised. Many Camps, many sons have responded but some Camps have, as yet, made no response. We have peace—a triumphant peace—at last. The Soldiers Home at Waupaca will be used, doubtless, not only to house Civil War Veterans but also U. S. W. V. and later Veterans of this war. We, Sons of Veterans, can not afford to fall down and pass up this opportunity to do something worth while—something that will be a monument to us



and be useful for many, many years to come. Address all communications and make all remittances to the Secretary-Treasurer.

We started this before war broke out, we paused during the war and did our bit, we went "Over the Top" in our war work, now let us go "Over the Top" on this proposition and put up something there at the Wisconsin Veterans Home that will be a real credit to us and a real, worth while monument.

Now, brothers, line up your Camps and get into line yourself. Let us put up a statue that will be a "Memorial of a Triumphant Peace."

**It Rings True.**

Brother D. L. Fox, Commander of Camp 52, Plover, sent your press correspondent a letter dated Nov. 24 from which extracts are quoted: On the morning of Nov. 24th, the U. S. S. Wyoming, aboard which he served, steamed out with others to meet the German fleet about to surrender. He writes:

"If ever Old Glory looked good to me it was in this hour in the North Sea for then I knew that those stars and stripes spelled Victory for Democracy and Civilization over that Power which would rule with the iron hand of brutality. Then it was that I was most proud to be a Son of a Veteran and to have such noble ancestors as we have." After writing how his ship dodged submarines and torpedoes, sending several subs to the bottom, he closes thus: "Now that the seas are clear of the enemy we will soon hear our land play the 'March Forward' and be greeting the girl we had gaily over a year ago, the 'Statue of Liberty' in New York harbor, for we promised to return with a victory for her."

There is much else in this letter which we should like to quote but lack of space forbids.

We are proud, yea, inexpressibly proud, of our brothers, among the bravest of the brave, and with a splendid message from our Order and a nobility.

**To Be Expected.**

Brother W. H. Graves of Prairie du Chien, advises us that at least one-third of the membership of the Prairie du Chien Camp is directly engaged in war work, our guess is all others were indirectly engaged in war work and that all went into the service who could possibly do so.

What else can be expected from those who belonged, in time of peace, to an Order that fairly saturates them with patriotism and loyalty. Let every citizen join us. The water is superfluous.

**Brother F. H. B. McDowell.**

We got word of the death of Brother F. H. B. McDowell, of Superior Camp, too late for comment in the December Banner.

Brother F. H. B. McDowell was at one time National Junior Vice Commander, at another time, Division Commander, and by appointment held various positions, being Division Counselor at the time of his death.

It was during the administration of Brother McDowell that your press correspondent became a member of the Order during an encampment at Madison.

When organizing the Superior Camp we again met Brother McDowell and became very well acquainted with him. He there rendered great assistance in the formation of the Camp.

After late, departed brother was the soul of generosity and charity. He would go out of his way to help one and never did he lend his tongue to slander or malice. Of him well may we say, he planted roses and scattered sunshine along the pathway of life.

He has gone from us. His loss is greatly mourned. He has been promoted to broader and higher service above "amid the flowers and sunshine of mortality."

**Division Commander Alvin.**

Div. Com. J. G. Bogart writes that we should have a Camp at Waukesha, especially if G. A. R. and allied Orders meet there next year as is now contemplated. Yea, verily. We have a nucleus there to start with and we feel sure Com. Bogart will get the Camp well started.

Now, let each one follow suit and organize a recruit if he does not muster a Camp.

**Camp on the Rail of Your Legislature.** The G. A. R. of the Wisconsin Department wish to meet annually at Madison beginning with the year 1920. It will not be impossible but will require some skrambling to raise money in Madison in order to meet the expenses annually of such a gathering. Why not secure appropriations from the State—\$1500 at least annually—in order to help meet the necessary, incidental expenses.

If such a bill is introduced let each Son of a Veteran give his representative to understand that he is very much in favor of the plan. Keep the trail hot.

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Howard T. Palma, Press Correspondent, Saco.

From the Commander.

Well, Brothers.—I am among the number that await with interest and anticipation for the coming of The Banner and I scan its pages from cover to cover to learn what other brothers are doing and how our beloved Order is prospering in other Camps and Divisions. I notice with regret that our own "Old Granite State" Division is not always represented in its columns. Now, this is not altogether because we are dead or laid upon the shelf for repairs—for reports show that the New Hampshire Division compares favorably with others of its size. The fact that our horn is not blown more often is not altogether for the lack of talent or interest nor support of loyal brothers. Our membership is blessed with doctors, lawyers, ministers and professional newspaper men, and the only reason that they do not appear in our columns is that each is waiting for "George" to do it. We have a splendid press correspondent and although he is in Government service, he is right on his job if the boys at home would furnish items for The Banner.

Kaiser Bill and all of his dirty followers have retired from business—yes, flushed out—retired under cover of darkness, leaving all their hellish machinery of war to rust on the junk pile and a town-blinded and blighted empire to reap the honors of a mangled ambition and a hapless King without a country with no one to steady him. Not since our sturdy God-fearing ancestors lifted up their prayers of thankfulness for the harvest that delivered them from threatened starvation and protected them from the rigors and hardships of another winter; not since that first occasion of sober religious celebration which led to the foundation of Thanksgiving, has there been such deep significance in the delirious tumults of joy that burst forth all over the civilized world on the news of Nov. 11, 1918, flashed out over all lines of communication that "The War is Over." For relief from war's depression, we are thankful. For the chance to work and plan in hopefulness and confidence once again, the whole country is thankful. We are thankful for the opportunity to build up on the substantial finds of peace that greater structure of business and prosperity that the world expects of America.

And now, Brothers—Sons of noble sires, members of our patriotic Order, whose duties and objects it is to perpetuate and honor the heroic sacrifices of our fathers and forefathers and their services for the maintenance of the Union—to inculcate patriotism, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice for all—let us not be slackers in the great reconstruction period ahead of us. Let each brother do his share to make his Camp or his Division permanent in this—our old Granite State, and to make our Order of Sons of Veterans a shining light among all the social, fraternal and patriotic organizations of our good old U. S. A.—Yours in P. C. and L. (signed) Freeman H. Hoyt.

13. Nashua—Veterans' Night with J. Q. A. Warren Camp was observed at

their regular meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 11. Printed invitations had been mailed to the comrades of John G. Foster Post, G. A. R., to be present at the entertainment and also to the members of the Camp to come and do their bit in entertaining them. A bounteous oyster supper was served in the Banquet Hall at 7 o'clock under the direction of a committee from the S. of V. Auxiliary. Congressman E. H. Wason, Mayor James B. Crowley, Rev. E. A. Durham and Geo. E. Danforth were invited guests. At 8 o'clock a grand old Empire took place in the hall under the direction of Div. Inst. Freeman H. Hoyt. There were several Victrola selections and E. J. Walters and Charles Gage rendered several pieces on the piano. Dept. Com. Dr. Eugene Wason of Milford gave an illustrated lecture on his journey to the National Encampment at Portland, Oregon. Herbert Brown gave a piano solo. Comrade and Brother E. S. Lincoln entertained with his songs and vocal solos. Comrade O. J. Getchell sang a melody of patriotic songs. Comrade Rand, after thanking the boys for their royal entertainment, read a poem in honor of the boys "Over There."

Asa W. Bartlett Camp, of Pittsfield, has received word of the death of Brother Ervin H. Roby, who passed away with bronchial pneumonia at the Base Hospital, Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, on Oct. 2. Brother Roby was a young man of 27 years and will be missed in the Camp circles.

Thomas A. Harris Camp, of Portsmouth, elected the following officers at their regular meeting Dec. 16: Paul V. Rockwood, Com.; Alvin Dicklam, Senior Vice; Fred Wood, Junior Vice; Leonard Bazworth, Pat. Inst.; Brothers Watkins, George and Tuttle as Camp Council.

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Corporal Almon H. Pingree.

We herewith present a portrait of Brother Corporal Almon Richard Pingree, of Exeter, N. H., the first boy from Exeter to meet his death on the fields of France. He was killed in action April 3, 1918, the news of his death being a great shock to his friends. Brother Pingree enlisted in Boston, Mass., Aug. 2, 1917, in Co. G, 50th Inf., and was sent to a training camp at Syracuse, N. Y. He was then transferred to Co. G, 23rd Inf., U. S. Regulars, and on Sept. 6, 1917, was ordered to France. He won his promotion to Corporal December, 1917. He came of fighting stock, one or more of his ancestors participating in every war as far back as can be traced.

Corporal Pingree was a young man of sterling qualities, generous to a fault, and will be greatly missed in his home circle and in the Camp of Sons of Veterans to which he belonged.

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**From Press Correspondent.**

Camp Commanders—see that every brother who is entitled to, receives his copy of The Banner at his correct address each month. We are about to begin a new year and let us each and every one strive to make this 1919 year the biggest year of all. To the old Commanders let me say that the brother who fills the chair which you have so nobly filled this past year needs your

loyal support, not only in your attendance at the Camp meetings but in the work. You have been through the office successor, so take hold with him and help to carry out your ideas which you started and also his.

Nov. 11, 1918, marked the day for not only the country—but for the world. It is a day never to be forgotten by even the smallest boy, for thousands of little fellows were permitted to sit up far after their usual bed-time to "celebrate"—not the freeing of the slaves, as in the war of '61—not the freeing of one small island as in the war of '95—but the freeing of the whole world from the hand of a tyrant. Do you think for a minute that these little fellows will have forgotten that day when they get older and study about it in the pages of the world's history? No, never! No true American can forget. It is not yet over, brothers: the fighting with shot and shell has ceased but there is a far greater fight on even at this very minute—the fight for Right over Wrong! It is up to you each one to help win this fight. Let the Sons of Veterans as an organization stand for the Right, as our fathers put all they had into what they believed to be right, and the boys of today put what they could and many laid their lives upon the altar for the Right. Brothers, you can help by coming out to your Camp meetings, filling your place in the Order and helping in the entertainments—make our Order what it is founded to be.

Brothers, I am still in the uniform of the U. S. Army, having put it on at the outbreak of the war and offering all I had for what I believed to be right. I was not permitted to go to the front, but I have tried to do my bit faithfully in whatever I was ordered to do. And now, brothers, since the war has closed and the boys are returning to civilian life once again, we—the boys of '17-'18—are getting under way an organization of the Allied Army veterans. As a Son of a Veteran, I want to see the Order of Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, stand and be the leading light for this new organization. It is up to the YOU brothers, every one of you to do your part, but unless YOU do your part, we cannot hope for this goal. Come out to the very next meeting of your Camp and say to your Commander, "Sir, Brother—reports for duty!" Try it and let New Hampshire see the result—and then we will let the other Divisions in on our secret of success after we have tried it ourselves.—Howard T. Palma, Div. Press Cor.

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**NEW JERSEY**

Frank Parker, Press Correspondent, GS State St., Paterson.

Camps should start at once to arrange for the celebration of Union Defenders' Night, Feb. 12. It is hoped that the Camps of the Division will have a large attendance of its members at the service at some local church on the Sunday preceding and also at the celebration of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations.

Now, brothers, let us start the new year by seeing how many new members we can get in our Camp. Let us make both our Camp and Division Commander happy.

The incoming Camp Commanders are most urgently requested to appoint some brother as Camp Press Correspondent who will send some news to the Division Press Correspondent each month, and show that New Jersey is a live Division.

I. Haboken—We feel proud to see that the majority of our one hundred members have paid their dues up to the first of the new year, which shows the financial standing of the Camp and the brothers to be in fine condition. The delegates to the D. B. A. convention are Past Com. John Schroeder and Past Com. William Funk. The meeting place has been changed from Brooklyn to New York City, at the Hotel Marlinton, 32nd Street and Broadway, Feb. 22, Washington's Birthday, at 9:25 a. m. Com. Thomas Rivers, of Anderson Camp, New York City, gave the brothers a pleasant surprise at the meeting before



our last, and met with a hearty reception. He is always interesting. He has been invited and will install our new officers Jan. 14, as he has many pleasant times before. Com. Schroeder upon retiring from office has left a good record for other Commanders to follow. He only missed one meeting and that was on account of illness, and started his meetings early and therefore closed them early, mustered a number of new recruits, visited the sick brothers, and was a busy man through his entire term of office. John Lehman Schuener, of 213 Bidwell Avenue, Jersey City, was mustered Nov. 26. Our new recruit is young and will be an active worker in the Camp. We should have more like him. An old year is drawing to a close and I just feel like bragging a little, and venture to say that there is not another Camp in the New Jersey Division in as perfect all-around condition as Camp 1 in its thirty-seventh year. We have over 100 members in good standing, over \$1,000 in the bank and \$500 in Liberty Bonds, and no bickerings or contentions between its members. What more could we want except new recruits. Our soldier boys, who are mostly in detail, have been told that they will not get home as soon as they expected, and are much disappointed. Brother Cogswell is laid up with a very sore hand, contracted while at his labors. Com.-elect Williams will be well supported by his experienced staff. The Entertainment Committee will arrange for the installing of the new officers at the first meeting in January, Tuesday, the 14th. It will probably be held jointly with our Auxiliary, as usual. The Camp held its annual election at our last meeting, and all received a unanimous vote, therefore they must be popular: Com. Frederick Williams; S. V. C. James Becker; J. V. C. Abraham Federal; Council, Charles P. Ahrens, William Funk and John Schroeder; Sec., Fred G. Hansen; Treas., R. H. Cahillard; Pat. Inst., H. Schroeder; Chap., H. L. Meyer; Guide, Wm. Funk; Color Guard, John Offen; Inside Guard, John Schurer; Outside Guard, J. Simmermacher; Principal Musician, C. P. Ahrens. Most of the staff are reappointments.

S. Patterson—Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8 has again been called on to sustain the loss of one of its oldest and most faithful members, Past Com. George Wheeler, who died on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1918. At the funeral services held on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1918, there was a large attendance of the members of the Camp. The officers of the Camp conducted the ritual ceremony, the regular rolls were read over the grave and taps were sounded by one of Camp 8's buglers. Brother Harvey Campbell was present at the regular meeting of the Camp on Friday evening, Dec. 27, and gave a very interesting talk on his travels as a sailor in the U. S. Navy. Brother Campbell looked fine and said he felt the same. He reported for duty again on Jan. 3. The joint installation of the Camp and S. of V. Auxiliary No. 3 was held on Monday evening, Dec. 30. Past Div. Com. John W. Robbin, of Camp 5, acted as installing officer for the Camp and Div. Installing Officer Grace Clausen of S. of V. Auxiliary No. 11, of Hoboken, installed the officers of the Auxiliary. The following officers of the Camp were installed: Com., Charles N. Brown; S. V. C., Elmer Todd; J. V. C., Phillip Van Dyne; Council, John Rea, Raymond Niley and Frank Parker; Treas., George W. Pollitt; Sec., Chas. H. Doherty; Guide, Albert Porter; Chap., Frank Heller; Pat. Inst., Walter Nelbi; I. G., Hosen More; O. G., Walter Kay. The following officers of S. of V. Auxiliary No. 3 were installed: Past Pres., Marlan Grinn; Pres., Minnie Herring; Vice Pres., Julia Post; Trustees, Marlan Grinn, Amy Bell, Grace Smith; Treas., Ruth Gray; Guide, Cora Hopper; Asst. Guide, Amy Bell; Pat. Inst., Kate Meyers; Chap., Carrie Hoffer; I. G., Margaret Arkerman; O. G., Mary Overbeck; Color Bearers, Florence Porter, Grace Dipple; Sec., Matilda Arold; Prca. Cor., Mary Miller; Counselor, P. C. Frank Parker of Camp 8.

The New York State battle monument commission has staked off the 7-acre site for the new 30-foot monument to be erected on Antietam battlefield in memory of New York soldiers who fell at the battle of Antietam.

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Wm. D. Hallett, Correspondent, Kalamazoo.

1. Detroit—Like many Camps in the State, No. 1 has not been much in evidence in The Banner of late, probably owing to the fact that our Secretary has been engaged with Uncle Sam and attended the first meeting for many months on Thursday, Dec. 13. In fact many faces seen only occasionally for months all loomed up together and we had a grand meeting, and elected a fine bunch of officers for the coming year, as follows: Com., Eugene Seaward; S. V. C., Grant Windsor; J. V. C., Harvey Williamson; Council, Past Com. Moris, Fish and Lewis. The staff will be announced later. Installation was held jointly with the Daughters Thursday, Jan. 9, with Brother McMurtre as installing officer. These newly elected officers are an energetic bunch and we look for a very prosperous year, and have every reason to expect one.

4. Lansing—Camp 4 has had an active month during December. On the 4th occurred the election of officers, as follows: Com., H. E. Gardner; S. V. C., Erford Martin; J. V. C., Harry A. Shafer; Council, Earl G. Winters, Oliver P. Jekells and Colonel E. Hunt. Brother Gardner has announced the following appointive officers: Pat. Inst., Bernard H. Whittier; Sec.-Treas., Albert M. Eaton; Guide, Oliver P. Jekells; Guard, Kenneth W. Brush; Chaplain, Ellis Fry. On the 18th the Sons and Daughters listened to an illustrated lecture by Brother B. B. Whittier, formerly expert vessel reporter in the Government service, who spoke very interestingly and instructively of the Government's lightship service, and of the various shipping interests. He showed and described in detail the rocky coastline from Oregon to Alaska, called "the graveyard of the Pacific," and told of several instances of the bravery of this coast. Perhaps the most interesting feature of his lecture, however, was his description of the great naval battle of Dogger Banks, as he showed the pictures of the big sea fighters. "You have heard people say," he said, "that they expected to see a big naval battle during this war, but I am prepared to say to you that one of the decisive naval battles of the world was fought during this war. When the German high seas fleet was intercepted off Dogger Banks by the British battle cruiser fleet, each German heavily armored and throwing approximately 30 tons of shells per minute, and the Britishers lightly armored and practically unprotected against the heavy shells, and throwing but about 20 tons per minute each, the Germans were so outfought by the inferior British fleet that the German admirals are shuddering yet. That is why the German fleet never ventured out again, for they knew that if they did there would not be a German left. I claim this was one of the most decisive naval battles of history." A brief digest of the accomplishments of Camp 4 for the year now ended shows excellent results against heavy odds. The heritage of the previous year was a claim that almost bankrupted the Camp, left it heavily in debt, and caused a great many members to cease supporting it. It has been necessary to drop 31 members from the rolls for ayowed lack of support. It being impossible to carry the indebtedness their names incurred and survive. The back rent is nearly paid up, and the Camp is out of debt otherwise. 12 members of the Camp are in service, and their names on the roll of honor and their stars on the flag. Two worth-while lectures have been staged. Mr. White's talk on Oct. 7 about his experience at V. M. C. A. general headquarters, Paris, where he had charge of a department for a year, and that of Brother Whittier on Dec. 13. The Veterans' Night entertainment, after a flat flizzle the year before, was pronounced the best ever, under the leadership of Broa. Jekells and Whittier. In June a Tent of the Daughters of Veterans was formed here, under the guardianship of Broa. Spurling and Whittier, and has flourished under the able leadership of Sister President Gertrude E. Mevis, who

has been chosen pilot for another term. July 4th was a day long to be remembered in Camp 4, for the Sons and Daughters engaged two booths at the immense central Michigan celebration in Lansing, and cleared \$108.57 for the Red Cross. The workers declared it was the busiest day they ever spent. A committee to collect Old Veterans' Stories was organized in February, and is now in full swing under the lead of Brother Whittier. Fair samples of its work are the Old Veterans' Stories Departments in The Banner and in the Michigan History Magazine. The usual part was taken in the Memorial Day exercises, the firing squad of Sons being pronounced perfect, after the overcoming of many difficulties and much indifference by Capt. Whittier. The Camp is implored to support this department of the work more faithfully hereafter. Altogether it has been a prosperous though strenuous year, and the administration headed by Brother A. N. Hartman as Commander and Brother H. E. Gardner as Senior Vice is to be congratulated. Brother B. B. Whittier as Secretary and Ellis Fry as Treasurer have been faithful and efficient, also. Brother O. P. Jekells, a newcomer to Camp 4 in the spring, has proven to be a valuable acquisition, and the degree team organized under his lead has inflicted much life into the Initiations.

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Wm. J. Thomas, Press Correspondent, 72 Third St., New Haven.

Division Correspondent's Notes.

Did you get that candidate you were going after during the holidays? Congratulations to the new Camp officers for 1919 and best wishes for a very successful year. Let us all work together to increase our Camps membership and make 1919 a big year for the Sons of Veterans.

Biblelies are easier to approach now than ever, owing to the fact that the spirit of patriotism is awake in every good citizen.

Camp 17 has taken in two candidates at each of the last three meetings. One of these candidates came to the Camp quarters himself and said that he would like to become a member of the Sons of Veterans. That is the spirit that makes good members.

P. D. C. Harry C. Cooley will be the installing officer for Camp 11. Brother Cooley is a very popular installing officer and does the work in fine shape.

J. V. Com-in-Chief Charles H. Ellsberg of Trumbull Camp No. 9, of Southington, represented the Commandery-in-Chief and delivered an address at the big reception given to Com-in-Chief Callahan in Philadelphia Nov. 15. There were over one thousand present and the music was furnished by two bands. These Pennsylvania boys certainly do things up right, and deserve great credit.

We are entering into the last quarter of Div. Com. Woodruff's term. Let us get busy and make the last quarter the best one. Get those candidates you were going to see some time and bring them in.

The Division Correspondent has heard from Camps Nos. 1, 11, 17, 30 and 58. There are 41 Camps in the Division; what is the matter with the other Camp Correspondents?

Camp 17 has 21 members in the Service. How many has your Camp? Let us know in your next letter for The Banner.

Let us start the new year right and have news for The Banner from every Camp in the Division. That would be some showing and would make the other Divisions sit up and take notice.

Remember, Brothers, the success of this great patriotic Order of ours, depends upon each and everyone of us. Boost all the time and our Order will grow in numbers and we will be able to do even more patriotic work than we are doing now.

Do not let George bring in all the new candidates; you bring in some.

11. Bridgeport—Tals Camp ends the year with 252 members; quarter ending Sept. 30 the Camp had 285. Six candidates were initiated during the final

quarter but we lost three in death from pneumonia. Brother Geo. Dingo died in camp. He was a member of G. O. Conn. State Guards, composed of members of Camp 11; Brother Wm. H. Prendergast died Dec. 12, and Brother Henry D. Boardmore, of Stratford, died Dec. 17. The charter in the Camp room is now draped for thirty days for these beloved members. On British Night at the Armory the Camp was largely represented by a delegation who had seats on the platform. On Dec. 2 two candidates were initiated: James Forbes, a veteran and son of veteran, and Myron H. Osborne. Members of Angelina H. Bartlett Tent No. 4, D. of V., were present. The following officers were elected for 1919: Com., S. V. C., Chas. N. Stephens; S. V. C., J. V. C. Edward A. Lovings; J. V. C., Frederick A. Rowwell; Council, Thos. M. Webb, Chas. Munich and E. W. Hawkins; Sec., Frederick T. Moddell; Treas., Walter G. Moore; Installing Officer, P. D. C. Harry C. Cooley. On Dec. 3 the Daughters of Veterans gave a supper at Sister Green's home which was largely attended. Dec. 17 one candidate was initiated, Theodore H. Nichols. Com. Webb announced he was preparing a committee to handle the next Lincoln Banquet for 1919. The Camp is preparing an Honor Roll for the members in service. Brother Leonard W. Lord who rallied for Franco with Brother Leonard H. Woodward just a year ago returned Dec. 17 and was received by the members with a big welcome home. While the Commander declared a recess Brother Lord answered many questions and related many incidents of his trip while in France.

17. New Haven—Admiral Foca Camp held their regular meeting Friday night, Dec. 13, at their quarters in Red Mens Hall. Com. Wm. P. Loran was in the chair and a very good attendance was present. Two new members were added to the roll: R. Hugh Alcorn and Raymond C. Couch, both in the United States Navy. Brother Alcorn is the son of Camp 17's first Commander, Wm. E. Alcorn, Major in the United States Army, and Brother Couch is the son of Com-in-Chief Chas. W. Couch. Camp 17 now has twenty-one men in the service: Major Wm. P. Alcorn, Lieut. Wm. W. Voss, Paymaster E. Subert Howd, Drum Major Clifford C. Post, Sergt. Edmund Brennan, Mech. Wm. H. Stoddard, Edward French, Otis Beecher, E. E. Edwards, Charles W. Buckingham, Truman H. Gilbert, Thomas R. McCluskey, Fredrick Allen, John Kelley, Arthur Kimball, Horace B. Way, Frank R. Edwards, R. Hugh Alcorn, Raymond C. Couch, Charles T. Lincoln and Captain E. L. Fox. The officers-elect for 1919 are: Com., Chas. W. Couch; S. V. C., Joseph Applegate; J. V. C., Edward B. Halliwell; Sec.-Treas., P. C. Wm. J. Thomas; Camp Council, P. C. Wm. P. Loran, P. C. Julius W. Gogarn and Joseph Applegate; Chap., P. C. Chas. Swift; Pat. Inst., Wilbur Nichols; Guide, P. C. Joseph McCluskey; I. G., P. C. A. B. Myers; C. B., L. C. Piletrauli. Installation was held Friday night, Jan. 10, at the Camp quarters in Red Mens Hall.

20. Danvers—Col. Edw. Anderson Camp celebrated Veterans' Night Nov. 22 at their regular meeting. Two very fine addresses were delivered by the Rev. M. S. Stocking and Rev. W. B. Williams. Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was delivered by the Misses Babson and Miss Whitman. The Camp drum corps played the good old war pieces, such as "Rally Round the Flag" and "Marching Through Georgia," and made the veterans think of the good old days of '61-'65. The exercises opened with the singing by the audience of "America" and closed with the "Star Spangled Banner." A large number of veterans and Women's Relief Corps were present and also thirty Sons of Veterans including Brother L. S. Allyn, of A. C. Latham Camp, of Myrtle. After the exercises everybody adjourned to the banquet hall and enjoyed one of the Camp's famous bean suppers, after which the floor was cleared for dancing. The meeting closed at 11:45 with everybody voting it one of the best Camp affairs ever held. The committee which had charge of the big time was F. H. Gillner, E. M. Colvin and G. W. Miller.

Let every new officer resolve to do something for the good of the Order, and do it at once.



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ROY O. FAIRCHILD, Division Correspondent, Care Examiner, San Francisco.

Division Notes.

The Division Council met at Hotel St. Mark, Oakland, Cal., Saturday night, Dec. 21. At this meeting Mr. William H. Hyden, Commander of Rosecrans Camp No. 2, was elected Senior Vice Division Commander to succeed the late S. V. Div. Com. Chas. A. Meacham, of Pasadena. The Division Commander appointed Archie Cloud, Past Div. Com. Plymire and Past Div. Com. Norvell as a committee to draw up memorial resolutions for the late S. V. Div. Com. Charles A. Meacham.

In Memoriam.

S. V. Div. Com. Charles A. Meacham, of Pasadena, passed away Nov. 20, 1918, suffering from pneumonia, following influenza.

Brother Meacham was a well known young business man of Pasadena, where he was associated in business with his father, A. Meacham. The father, who intended retiring from business Jan. 1, 1912, was making arrangements to transfer all his interests over to his son Charles.

Brother Meacham is survived by his wife, four children and other relatives. Mr. Meacham was a member of the Central Christian Church, an active worker in the Phil Kearny Camp, S. of V., having served as Camp Commander for three consecutive terms. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He attended many Sons of Veterans Encampments, taking an active part in the work of the Division. While we all miss him, Southern California especially feels deeply grieved over the loss of one of its most highly respected Division officers.

Los Angeles—On Dec. 2, Rosecrans Camp held its first session after a forced vacation of eight weeks in order of the 1918 influenza epidemic. Present about 75 members. Officers elected: Div. Com., William H. Hyden; S. V. Com., Albert H. Moore; J. V. Com., Frederick C. Marlin; Sec., J. A. Medlar; Treas., Francis C. Hawthorne; Camp Council, Edgar J. Wilson, Alvin George Perry, J. H. Acuff. Double installation was held jointly with Rosecrans Auxiliary Jan. 6. Mamie Deema was elected President of the Auxiliary. Div. Pres. Lydia T. Wood installed the Auxiliary officers. Div. Com. Tozer was invited to install the Camp officers, but owing to the illness of his mother, who is in the hospital, was unable to be present at the installation. Com. Hyden appointed a special committee to look after the proper reception of members of Rosecrans Camp when returning after having served in the war with Germany. Rosecrans Camp has eighteen brothers in the service. Harry Duhall, Chairman of the Committee, is making the necessary arrangements to meet the boys with automobiles at the various depots. Com. Hyden has been appointed on the Mayor's Committee to procure a fund for the erection of a \$1,000,000 Heroes Memorial in Los Angeles, the probable site of which will be Exposition Park.

San Jose—Stanton Camp No. 8, Los Angeles, publicly installed officers jointly with the Clara Barton Tent, Daughters of Veterans, Jan. 4. Brother Eccleson is the new Camp Commander and Parnella Daugherty is the President of the Tent. Past Div. Com. J. A. Medlar officiated as installing officer for the Camp.

Fair Oaks—Fair Oaks Camp held its regular election on Dec. 17, electing the following officers: Com., W. A. Finch; S. V. Com., W. C. Pidge; J. V. Com., R. C. Fairchild; Camp Council, Archie Cloud, C. Walter Tozer, Col. C. S. Scott; Past Inst., R. L. Norgrove; Treas., Scott Cloud; Sec., James Finley; Guide, Allen S. Fowler. Joint installation with the W. T. Sherman Camp and the Lolly Madison Tent was held publicly in McKinley Hall, Exposition Auditorium, on Tuesday, Jan. 7. Div. Com. Tozer officiating. The Lolly Madison Tent held a winter party for its associated organizations on Dec. 11, providing refresh-

ments and prizes for winners. A very enjoyable evening quickly passed.

1. Oakland—Com. Longfellow reports that meetings of the Col. Baker Camp have been discontinued for some time past, owing to the influenza epidemic and also to the fact that the Auditorium Hall, where this Camp has been meeting, has been turned over to the Red Cross and the various war drives, but now that they again have their hall, a meeting will be held shortly at which time officers will be elected.

2. San Francisco—Sherman Camp elected the following officers Dec. 18: Com., F. D. Wolfson; S. V. Com., Peter Kearney; J. V. Com., William E. Taggart; Sec., Monroe J. Orr; Camp Council, John Emerson, J. A. Foster. Joint installation was held at McKinley Hall, Jan. 7, all auxiliary organizations attending.

20. Los Gatos—Word has been received that owing to so many of its members being in the service, Logan Camp is holding together its organization, marking time until the return of its members, when regular meetings will again be held. We expect to hear more from this Camp in the very near future.

10. Long Beach—Regular meeting of Gen. Henry W. Lawton Camp was held on the evening of Dec. 6, at which time officers for the year 1919 were selected, following are those elected by Camp: Com., C. C. Boynton (re-elected); S. V. Com., S. A. Drummond; J. V. Com., James W. Buchanan; Treas., W. T. Dyrum; Sec., E. B. Kutz; Camp Council, E. S. Arroy, E. W. Pettus, C. F. Adams. Public installation was held in I. O. O. F. Hall Jan. 2 at 8 o'clock. Div. Sr. Vice Com. Hyden being the installing officer. Committee was appointed by Commander to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Brother Harrison Culver, who was buried in a soldier's grave in France, France. Brother Culver had always been a very active worker in the Order, had filled with credit the office of Camp Commander, Division Commander, and one term had been appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

ILLINOIS  
Richard F. Locke, Press Correspondent, 5 North La Salle St., Chicago.

Announcement is made of the appointment of Morton G. Stoum, Past Commander of Camp 12, as Patriotic Instructor of Illinois Division. Brother Stoum is exceptionally well qualified to perform the duties of this position. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Brother B. F. McClellan, of Camp 1, whose business taken him to all parts of the state, is hereby appointed a Special Aide on the Staff of the Division Commander. He will make it a point to visit whenever possible. Camps located in various portions of the State and to assist in the organization of new Camps.

It was the privilege of your Commander to be present on Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Memorial exercises at the U. S. Grant Post at Memorial Hall, Chicago. Former Governor Charles S. Deneen of Camp 100 delivered the principal address which was enthusiastically received.

The duties of the Division Commander are extremely heavy at this season of the year on account of the many installations taking place at this time. On Jan. 7, Phil Sheridan Camp No. 12 installed its officers.

On Jan. 10, the Division Commander installed the officers of Camp 1; on Jan. 13, the officers of Camp 6, and on Jan. 13, the officers of Camp 61-65.

1. Chicago—The officers of our Camp will be installed on Friday night, Feb. 10, by Div. Com. Allen. Harry T. Nealy is the new Commander.

26. Rockford—John A. Logan Camp held its annual installation of officers on Jan. 2, the Div. Com., Royal N. Allen of Chicago, acted as installing officer. The following were installed: Com., Carl S. Spalding; S. V. Com., Chas. McMahon; J. V. Com., D. O. Currier; C. C., F. L. Knodle; A. J. Adams, D. L. Chandler; Past Inst., Dr. C. B. Lyman; Guide, F. L. Knodle; Sec., Frank Holcomb; Treas., H. W. Gardner; Chap., Rev. Chesteen Smith; C. H. James Prindle; I. G. H. E.

Sanders; Sentinel, Stanley Boomer. Prior to the meeting, a splendid supper was served by the members of Aux. No. 26, which the Chicago delegation nobly appreciated. The officers of the Auxiliary were installed by Miss Ida Patterson in her usual impressive and capable manner. Com. Allen, being somewhat indisposed, turned over the gavel at the installation services to Past Com. Barnum of Chicago who is in service at Camp Grant. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies Com. Spalding called on the visitors and a number of the local members for remarks, all of which were very much to the point and enthusiastically received. Among the visitors were Major Frank Chandonson of the Moline Camp, who is stationed at Camp Grant, Rev. Willard, Past Commander of the Minnesota Division in Y. M. C. A. service at the front; Personal Aide Henry M. Cook, Division Organizer William F. Jenkins and Past Com. R. E. Locke, of Chicago.

100. Chicago—The annual meeting and banquet of Camp 100 was held at the Union League Club Saturday, Dec. 23. Div. Com. Allen spoke on "Our Organization—What It Is," and Wm. T. Church on "Our Organization—What We Would Like It To Be." Past Div. Com. Geo. J. Higgins told in a very interesting way of "Our Out of Town Members." Past Com. John D. Black spoke enthusiastically on "Our Members in the World War," and Hon. Chas. S. Deneen took as his subject for his brilliant address "Our Country—In Conflict and in Victory." Many patriotic songs were sung. W. H. Weakley was elected Commander; W. A. Merriam, of Springfield, Senior Vice; David D. King, Junior Vice; John L. Houser, Sec.-Treas. They were installed by Past C-in-C, Church. We were honored with the presence of Div. Com. Allen and Div. Sec. RhineSmith. Camp 100 has had many able Commanders but it has never had one who excelled Brother Beckman—a fine gentleman and an excellent officer. A rising vote of thanks was given him as a mark of appreciation for his two years faithful service.

25. Peoria—Dr. Walter J. Weatherwax, prominent dentist and clubman, has been selected for the office of Commander for the ensuing year by Col. William A. Thrash, Camp No. 25, S. of V. He is a splendid man for the job and has long been desired, by the other members, for the position, but has never consented until now. In the coming year the Camp anticipates large activities because of the returning soldiers now in France. The entire responsibility of the arrangement and carrying out of Memorial Day observance which, immediately following Memorial Day last year, the Grand Army Post turned over to the Camp; Lincoln's Birthday, Fine Day and other matters along patriotic lines in which the Camp has always been interested. E. G. Cox is the Senior Vice Commander-elect; Robert J. Hochkiss, Junior Vice Commander. Other officers are as follows: Camp Council, E. N. King, Billy RhineSmith, Doc Robinson; Past Inst., John M. Elliott; Chap., E. Bentley Hamilton; Sec., A. D. RhineSmith; Treas., M. L. Frederick; Color Bearer, John D. Hall; Guide, William A. Jack; Guard, H. E. Carr. The installation will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 3, and will be preceded by a get-together supper, served by the Daughters of Veterans in the dining room of the Grand Army hall at 7 o'clock, and which every member of the Camp is expected to attend and bring with him as guest a friend eligible to membership. The guests of the evening will be Royal N. Allen, who will install the officers for 1919; Capt. Lylo Gift, who is home on furlough; Brother and Congressman Clifford Ireland; Maj. Harry M. Powell and officers of his battalion; Mayor Edw. N. Woodruff; Sam'l Woolner, Jr., Pres. Ass'n of Commerce.

Soldiers Orphans Home. As a departure from their usual methods, the Sons of Veterans of the Illinois Division and their Auxiliary for the year raised \$150 direct to the superintendent of the Soldiers Orphans Home at Normal to be used for a Christmas treat for the little brothers and sisters there. As we all know the money collected each year heretofore has been presented as a Christmas offering to the boys and girls of the Home, but used to

defray expenses incurred along athletic lines, such as foot ball, base ball, basket ball, etc.

Owing to the epidemic of influenza which prevailed at the Home this fall, athletics were curtailed, but should it be possible for them now to resume these there is still money enough in the fund from previous years to meet any probable expenses that may be incurred along these lines.

This fund is now known as the Wm. C. Austin Memorial Fund in memory of the late Past Com.-in-Chief Dunlin, who was initiator of the plan and whose love and devotion to the little orphans at the Home is well known throughout the Division.

Owing to the Soldiers Orphans Home having been quarantined for influenza at the time the usual visit was to have been made, the money was sent direct to Superintendent Rodgers with instructions to see that each child in the Home shared in the Christmas treat. The following letter from Mr. Rodgers shows these instructions to have been carried out:

December 17, 1918. Mr. A. S. Holbrook, Treasurer, Sons of Veterans, Dwight, Ill.

Dear Mr. Holbrook: Replying to your letter of Dec. 16, I wish to advise that the money which you recently sent us will be used to buy presents, candy and nuts for about fifty children and the balance will be used for the rest of the children in buying Christmas presents. We wish to assure you that this most generous gift from your organization will gladden the hearts of many little children at this Holiday time. We feel very grateful for this and assure you we appreciate same at this time. We have at present 423 children in the Home, 107 of which are Spanish-American, 32 Civil War, 12 Regular Army and the balance 271 are Dependent children.

Again thanking you for this most generous gift and wishing your organization a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and with kindest regards to you all, we are,

Very truly yours, JOHN W. RODGERS, Managing Officer.

The amount of funds received for the 1918 Christmas collection and a list of contributors for the current year follows:

- Individuals: Clifford Ireland, \$5; W. T. Church, \$5; John Thaw Stockton, \$3; Chas. Moses, \$3; Chas. L. Dumbaugh, \$2.50; Jas. A. Esasley, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. RhineSmith, \$2; Will C. Schneider, \$2; Philip S. Post, \$2; Holt Toole, \$2; M. L. Frederick, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hoyer, \$2; Alfred W. Young, \$1; Mrs. Holbach, \$1; Mrs. Fuller, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holbrook, \$1; and \$1 each from the following: S. W. King, J. H. Paddock, David G. Robertson, Frank L. Shepard, Geo. E. Holmes, Henry Abels, J. Mack Tanner, G. Meyer, Henry H. Colby, E. F. Buck, H. C. Springfield, Isaac Cutler. Total, \$52.50.
- Camps: Camp 25, Rockford, \$10; Camp 89, Petersburg, \$5; Camp 1, Chicago, \$5; Camp 10, Canton, \$5; Camp '61-65, Chicago, \$5; Camp 55, Peoria, \$5; Camp 49, Syracuse, \$5; Camp 150, Champaign, \$5; Camp 16, McLean, \$5; Camp 315, Rock Island, \$5; Camp 139, Cerro Gordo, \$4.50; Camp 14, Decatur, \$2. Total, \$59.50.
- Auxiliaries: Aux. 20, Rockford, \$15; Aux. 7, Aurora, \$7; Past Pres. Club of Aux. 7, Aurora, \$5; Aux. 34, Hanna City, \$4; Aux. 1, Decatur, \$2; Aux. 2, Dwight, \$2; Aux. 32, Chicago, \$3. Total, \$38.00.
- Total from all sources, \$100.—A. S. Holbrook, Custodian.

From Former Division Chaplain. Alfred O. Elliott, of Canton, Ill., Division Chaplain, during the administration of Div. Com. J. Colby Beckman, is now in California and writes from San Diego as follows:

"While removing from Illinois last May I have remained in touch with the work of the Sons of Veterans through the columns of your estimable paper, and have been glad to note the progress that is being made all along the line.

My work here as a resident clergyman has put me in touch with a great deal of the active life of both the army and the navy. The experience has been



wonderful. I am enclosing a short account of a very unusual service I attended recently at the Naval Training Camp.

In the windows of the homes all over the country have been displayed the service flags with one, two or three stars or more, as the case may be. We all know what those stars stand for but when we come to know the men represented by those flags there is added the personal element of interest that means so much.

One of the great naval training camps of our government is located in the former exposition grounds, now called Balboa Park, in the city of San Diego, California. In these surroundings, as nearly ideal as possible, are gathered in a large number of the choicest young men of our nation recruited from different parts of our land. It has been my privilege to visit in this camp and to become acquainted with some of the men and the officers quartered there. Having lived for several months facing the park it was possible to hear the band play at various times and to come in touch with the atmosphere of the camp. The experience has been both delightful and inspiring.

Last month a very unusual service was held on Sunday morning in the Red Cross building. The long, spacious hall was arranged as an auditorium and at ten o'clock the services were opened with an audience of nearly one thousand men present. The singing was inspiring. It made one think of student days in some of our great men's colleges like Princeton. The sermon was preached by the camp pastor of one of the evangelical denominations represented in the war work. Then after the preaching service the communion was administered by the clergy present. At all probability at least six hundred men received the sacrament which was administered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Being a resident clergyman it was my great privilege to assist in this service. The occasion was one of the great events of life.

Financial Statement.

(For month of December, 1918)

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1918, \$187.17. Receipts—For supplies, \$22.24; from Div. Sec. RhineSmith, \$211.30; total, \$233.64. Aggregate, \$422.81. Expenditures—To traveling expenses, A. S. Holbrook, \$14.25; to supplies, \$48; to miscellaneous, \$11.60; to salary, A. D. RhineSmith for Dec., \$50. Total, \$123.75. Cash balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1919, \$299.06. Besides the balance there is \$100 invested in a Liberty Bond.—A. S. Holbrook, Div. Treas., S. of V.

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Randall Camp in Action.

Randall Camp 182, of Spencer, met in regular session Friday evening, Dec. 13. Election was held, and the following officers were chosen for the year 1919: L. W. Emery, Com.; J. L. Kinkead, S. V. C.; W. M. Boyman, J. V. C.; Camp Council, J. L. Hitcher, C. D. Beckerman, P. W. Bennett; J. G. Becket, Sec.; J. E. Scatlon, Treas.; E. Joy Roberts, Pat. Inst.; C. L. Winoy, Guide; P. C. Mallory, Chaplain; Harry Whaley, Color Bearer; Frank Jayne, Inner Guard; Frank Carter, Outside Guard; Frank Hinton, Musician.

The Camp in the reconstruction of Com. Hancy and Sec. Becket are very fortunate in the fact that their untiring efforts for the year has kept our organization in Spencer at the front, having charge of all patriotic parades, escorting soldiers to depots on leaving for entertainments and taking charge of funerals.

The order of new business when brought up started some mighty good suggestions and a great deal of enthusiasm was expressed by the members in regard to forming contesting teams for a membership drive. Two captains were appointed, C. L. Winoy and J. L. Kinkead, the contest to run till April 1st, the losing team to banquet the winners. The Camp voted to raise the initiation fee to three dollars to become effective April 1, 1919. Also voted that

this fee and one year's dues must accompany each and every application. The Camp very willingly agreed to make a small silver offering at each meeting to take care of our flower fund, and on the first trial a neat little sum was realized.

It was voted to hold a rousing meeting on our next regular meeting night, at which time we intend to hold joint public installation with the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

Our Service Flag is a beautiful emblem of loyalty, decorated with eighteen blue stars and one gold star, the latter representing Brother Thomas Ellis, who up to the last minute with us in Spencer, was a diligent worker in the Order, and one whom we will all greatly miss. His funeral was in charge of this Camp. —J. L. Kinkead, Cor.

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RHODE ISLAND

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Visitations.

Div. Com. Gobbello and staff made the annual visitation to Eliza Dyer Camp No. 7 on Dec. 26. P. D. C. Dexter, of A. K. Tilton Camp, gave the boys an interesting talk as did also S. V. D. C. Senior and Organizer Arnold, of Camp 2; Lieut. N. B. Barrett Camp 11; P. C. Starrett and Com. elect J. W. Down, of Camp 7. All helped make the evening interesting.

Under new business the following officers were elected for the coming year: Com., J. W. Down; S. V. C., R. G. Nye; J. V. C., Walter Waterman. One new member was added to the rolls by the use of the new form of application blank. Lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

Following are the visitation dates: Camp 10, Woonsocket, Jan. 18. Camp 5, Providence, Jan. 14. Camp 12, Providence, Jan. 17. Camp 2, East Providence, Feb. 10. Camp 14, Central Falls, Feb. 24.

Brothers are urged to accompany the Division Commander and staff on these visitations.

At a recent meeting of Camp 5 the following officers were elected for the coming year: Com., Storrs T. Richmond; S. V. C., Jos. Carpenter; J. V. C., F. A. Burr; Camp Council, Wm. A. Allison, Edgar Eagers, J. W. Maguire, Pat. Inst., J. W. Maguire.

Camp 11 officers for the coming year are: Com., Herman Ertin; S. V. C., H. C. Ladd; J. V. C., N. R. Barrett; Camp Council, Frank P. Balbo, Geo. E. Burrows, Harry F. Reed; Sec.-Treas., A. E. Gleason. The Camp held a whist Jan. 9 at 47 Washington St.

A. K. Tilton Camp No. 9 and Auxiliary held a Christmas sale and entertainment Dec. 6. Many useful articles, as well as ornamental, were on sale. The entertainment, consisting of a sketch, was very interesting. Brother Carr, as usual, acting the part of the man of means. Brother Cheek, tired and worn from seeking employment, was at last rewarded in an unconventional manner. As amateurs, we consider the Duxtuquet talent very clever.

THE GRIN ON HIS FACE.

The grin on his face is compelling to me— The grin of the Sammy just in from sea, Awaiting his turn to descend to the deck, The deck of the vessel no longer arook On turbulent waves, in ploughing through foam, The war-wrestle o'er, to the spot which is home, Where tides are whiffers or billows are on, On dear old Columbia's low-lying shore, Or where her high mountains are piercing the skies, Or where a rich prairie expansively lies, Or where are the billiards, the ice and the snows, A Sammy to love for the things he has done, That ev'ry one have his own place in the sun!

—By Charles Josiah Adams, D. D.

ROMANCE.

(W. R. C. Gazette)

Now, this is a tale of the great big-war. 'Twas a maid in a hos-pital Who flushed when the patient said, "You are A mighty likable gal!"

And she was a red little, cross little nurse, When he told the com-plaint; But she saved the patient from the hearer, And he got well, and went.

Then off to France he sailed; and, too, When the call for nurses came, She started off on the ocean blue As a full fledged Red Cross dame.

The bullets flew, and the shells they burst, And the soldier, wounded lay; "If I could be by a fair maid nurse, 'Why, I'd gladly pass away!"

They took him back in the am-bu-lance To the big base hos-pital. 'Twas an awful wound, but his waking glance! "Why you're that likable gal!"

And the brave little, sweet little Red Cross nurse Just wooed him back to life; Then he wooed her, for better or worse, And brought her back his wife!

TED BIGGEE DAY.

We are done with little thinking and we're done with little deeds, We are done with petty conduct, and we've done with narrow creeds; We have grown to men and women, and we've noble work to do, And today we are a people with a larger point of view. In a big way we must labor, if our flag shall always fly. In a big way we must suffer, in a big way some must die.

There must be no little dreaming in the visions that we see, There must be no selfish planning in the joys that are to be; We have set our faces eastward, to the rising of the sun,

That shall light a better nation, and there's his work to be done; And the petty souls and narrow, seek-line only selfish gain, Shall be vanquished by the tollers big enough to suffer pain.

It's a big task we have taken, 'tis for others we must fight, We must see our duty clearly in a white and shining light; We must quit our little circles where we've moved in little ways, And work as men and women, for the bigger, better days We must quit our selfish thinking and our narrow views and creeds, And as people, big and splendid, we must do the bigger deeds.

—Author unknown.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS.

In Flanders fields where poppies grew November winds blow chill, And in the sky where larks once flew Dark clouds of winter mask the blue; And Flanders guns are still.

Ye dead who fall in Flanders fields Rest now in peace, Liberty wields The torch on high and in the sky She writes the names of those who lie In Flanders fields.

We kept the tryck; back rears the foe, We leave the fields where row on row The cross-er mark the lowly dead, The sepulcher of our mighty dead, Sleep, ye, tho' now no poppies blow In Flanders fields.

—D. O. E., Randall Camp, Spencer, Ia.

The white stripes speak for liberty, Thy red of the martyr's blood; Of those who gave their lives to save Our land from Tyrant's rod. I Salute thee, Old Glory! And my hat is off to you; I love each stripe and sacred star Of the red, the white and blue.

No tyrant foe or alien hand Shall tread in dust thy folds; Nor friend nor foe can lay thee low, Whom Freedom's God upholds.

THE BOYS OF "SIXTY-FIVE."

(Dedicated by Robert L. Whitcomb to the Veterans of the Civil War, an Veterans' Night in the Sons of Veterans Order, Nov. 12, 1918).

Again we meet as oft before for half a hundred years, And greet the Boys of Sixty-five with reverence and with cheers, The Nation they in Sixty-five preserved intact and strong His now with righteous might pro-vailed against the hosts of wrong.

The hosts of wrong essayed to prove that only might was right Thought at their show of arms the world would cower down in fright But Belgium, France and Britain drew their swords in Freedom's Cause And stood between us and the Beast of Berlin's poisoned claws.

But Berlin's Beast was mighty and his fellow beasts were strong They'd sharpened up their claws preparing war their whole lives long When Belgium, France and Britain found the Beast too strong to kill, The Grandsons of you boys of '65 said, with a will:

"We're coming, Lafayette, to pay our debt of love to France For years we've hoped to pay in full and now we have the chance "Our fathers back in '65 in Freedom's cause prevailed "And so your grandsons took up arms and o'er the ocean sailed."

The Beast of Berlin thought he knew the Yankee wouldn't fight, In fact, he thought a lot of things that proved quite far from right, But when he found two million Yanks had really crossed the foam, The Beast began to wish that he and they had stayed at home.

We know what happened when the time came right for our Marines, At Chateau-Thierry, how they charged and smashed the Hun machines, How from that moment backward pressed the Hun began retreat. To music played by Yankee guns that Hunns could not defeat.

The Hun is down, the victory won, the Country turned the tide, The Union saved in Sixty-five is now a whole world's pride, The land the Yanks of Sixty-five preserved in Freedom's cause Has saved a world to Liberty and gained a world's applause.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow—let Peace forever reign, May men rejoice in brotherhood and war never come again, God bless the Boys of Sixty-five whose brows are crowned with gray, The Army Blue of Sixty-five and the Brown one of to-day! —Robert Lincoln Whitcomb, Pat. Commander Maine Division, S. of V.

BROWN EYED DICK.

He is just a common mongrel, But his eyes of silky brown That are scintillating magnets As he goes around the town. He is always kind and friendly To the children when they meet, And they hail him as a comrade As he passes on the street.

He is never in a hurry, Never chases cats around; Never lounges in the places Where contentious dogs are found; Has no master, has no kennel, Has no home to call his own; Just as Brown Eyed Dick is known.

But to know him is to love him As you would a human friend, For the slightest act of kindness He is grateful to the end. His expression is enticing, And his courtesy is grand, For those brown eyes speak a language That all hearts can understand.

Not a dog in town molests him As he goes his quiet way, Charming all with gay good humor, But too dignified to play. Those brown, scintillating magnets And his gentle nature blend In a pleasing combination That has made the world his friend.

—Our Dumb Animals.



S. V. AUXILIARY

Miss Margaret Carney, Nat. Pres., Mal-  
ross, Mass.; Miss Janita Thola,  
Nat. Press Cor., Dwight, Ill.

WEDDING BELLS.

The many friends throughout the Or-  
der of Sons of Veterans and the Aux-  
iliary will be pleased to know of the  
marriage of Nat. Vice Pres. Miss Mar-  
garet Patterson, of Columbus, Ohio, to  
Past Com-in-Chief A. B. Stephens,  
of Cincinnati, Ohio, which took place  
Dec. 12 at the home of the bride's moth-  
er in Columbus. Past Nat. Pres. Edna  
Hertzfeld attended the bride. Both Mr.  
and Mrs. Stephens are prominent in  
two affiliated Orders and enjoy a host  
of friends who are extending congrat-  
ulations and best wishes to them for a  
long and happy life together.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

During the quarter beginning Jan. 1,  
1918, and ending March 31, 1919, the  
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary will con-  
duct a National Membership Drive. It  
is the purpose of this Drive to increase  
our membership from 17,500 to 26,000.  
This sounds like a great undertaking  
and it is, but not as great as it sounds.  
It is something that can be done if each  
Auxiliary will do its part. In order to  
reach our goal of 26,000 it will be nec-  
essary for us to make a net gain in  
membership of one-eighth or twelve and  
one-half per cent. For example, if your  
membership is eighty on Jan. 1st, in  
order to have raised your quota of mem-  
bers, you must make a net gain of one-  
eighth of eighty, thereby adding ten  
members and making your membership  
ninety. The quota of each Auxiliary  
will be a net gain of one-eighth of its  
membership, and each Auxiliary raising  
its quota will receive a certificate to  
that effect from the National President.  
Dancers will be presented both to the  
Auxiliary and to the Division making  
the largest proportionate net gain. By  
acquiring these prizes on a percentage  
basis, the small Auxiliaries and Divi-  
sions will be able to compete with the  
larger Auxiliaries and Divisions.—Mar-  
garet W. Carney, Nat. Pres.

California.

The Sons of Veterans recently enter-  
tained the Woman's Relief Corps at the  
Tropico G. A. R. Hall with a dinner and  
musical program. A large number from  
both organizations were present and a  
delightful time resulted. Comrado Kan-  
cove gave the address of the evening,  
which proved to be pantomime bringing  
forth much laughter.

The presentation of a flag to the Aux.  
of the S. of V. of Long Beach at the  
open patriotic social held by that or-  
ganization at L. O. O. F. Hall recently  
was the event of the evening's program.  
The flag was the gift of the Red, White  
and Blue Club, the thimble club of the  
Lodge. The program arrangement was:  
Song, "America"; prayer, Rev. T. W.  
Lincoln; solo, Mrs. C. V. Anderson;  
reading, Mrs. C. B. Young; music, drum  
corps; reading, Mrs. H. L. Dodge; piano,  
Miss Lillian Claypool; reading, Mrs. J.  
S. Hatch; flag presentation; refresh-  
ments.

S. of V. Aux. No. 3, of Pasadena, held  
its monthly meeting at Mrs. Mahala  
Huckley's, Sept. 24, 23 being present. It  
was in the nature of a surprise for her  
daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Turner. A  
communication from the President,  
who, with friends, was touring Arizona,  
was read. Light refreshments were  
served by Mrs. Buckley, assisted by her  
daughter and Mrs. Blodgett.

Mrs. Lydia T. Wood, of Los Angeles,  
Division President, is recovering from  
her recent accident.

Report of the American Red Cross  
Section of No. 1 Auxiliary of Sons of  
Veterans, California and Pacific Divi-  
sion, Long Beach, Cal.—Greetings to  
officers and members.

The American Red Cross Section of  
Aux. No. 1 was organized Feb. 5, 1918.  
19 members were enrolled. We elected  
an chairman, Mrs. Margaret M. Adams;  
Sec., Adelaide Ballard; Treas., Mary E.  
Hamilton. After some discussion it  
was decided upon request of our chair-  
man after she had made a thorough in-  
vestigation of the needs and methods of

the work, that all members who would  
do a great lot of American Red  
Cross headquarters prepared to work  
two half days of each week, Thursday  
and Friday afternoons, until further  
notice. Six meetings were held under  
that plan, but the attendance was very  
poor, so we decided to hold our regular  
work meetings at home of Mrs. Adams  
(all day meetings) the second and last  
Wednesday of each month, Mrs. Adams  
to procure and supervise the work done  
by herself at American Red Cross  
headquarters. The meetings under the  
home plan have been much more suc-  
cessful. The first meeting, April 10, 17  
ladies were present and three American  
Red Cross members were secured. We  
decided to create a separate fund to fur-  
nish floral patterns, etc., for our regu-  
lar Red Cross work and also the mak-  
ing of articles for a Benefit Day sale  
soon to be held. Collection was 75c. At  
the second meeting, collection 45c. We  
have made 100 articles, besides doing  
much miscellaneous work such as buttons  
sewed on garments, button holes  
worked, rag rags sewed, clippings for  
ambulance pillows, etc. Money amount  
turned in, \$4.70. At the Ella Benedict,  
the country fair for the American Red  
Cross, the Auxiliary was asked to as-  
sist which they did, value of which was  
estimated at \$36.05; of this amount  
\$1.85 was procured and turned in by  
the Aux.—the remainder was collected  
by the Chairman and Secretary.—Mar-  
garet M. Adams, Chairman; Adelaide  
Ballard, Secretary.

Illinois.

Aux. 32, Chicago—Old Glory Aux. 32  
closed the year of 1918 with not only a  
success in attendance and help of our  
members in working for the good of the  
Order, but after all expenses are settled,  
our treasury contains almost \$100,  
which shows Old Glory is always on the  
top. Our next time dance in November  
was such a success that we have de-  
cided to hold a dance quarterly. A card  
party and dimo social at the home of  
the President on Dec. 14 gave us all a  
surprise as 60 people attended. At our  
October meeting we had the pleasure of  
having our Div. Pres. Jennie Fuller with  
us, and hope she will soon visit us  
again, as we all enjoyed her visit. Public  
Installation will be held in January.  
Sister Mamie Coleman, our Div. Chief-  
of-Staff, was elected President and we  
also have the privilege and pleasure of  
having our first Vice President elected  
Vice for this year, Sister Mary Cann.  
We wish all the officers the best of luck  
and all success during the new year.  
We have splendid officers and with co-  
operation from all should have our fifth  
year the finest.

Aux. 2, Dwight, at a recent meeting  
elected Mrs. Nellie Thompson President  
for 1919, together with a competent staff  
of officers. The Aux. are planning to  
hold meetings once a month at mem-  
bers' houses at which a social time will  
be enjoyed after the meeting.

Indiana.

Must all of the Auxs. throughout the  
Hoosier State have been greatly ham-  
pered during the fall months by the in-  
fluenza epidemic which started early in  
October. In many of the cities, notably  
Indianapolis, there was a recurrence  
of the epidemic which necessitated  
closing many public places and the  
postponement of all gatherings of or-  
ganizations. As a result, very few of the  
Auxs. had inspection at the specified  
time and had to work it in the very  
best date possible.

The date for inspection of the Dan-  
ville Aux. was changed many times, but  
finally it took place Saturday evening,  
Nov. 30, when Div. Insp. Cora Swartz,  
of Indianapolis, Div. Com. George Mat-  
thews and Past Div. Com. Lawrence  
Handley, of Richmond, Past Div. Com.  
T. W. Allen, East Nat. Pres. Adelle M.  
Wallace, Past Div. Pres. Mrs. S. Finch  
and other Indianapolis members were  
the guests of the Aux. The work which  
was performed by the Aux. was par-  
excellence, and the President, Jessie Wil-  
loughby, may well be proud of her offi-  
cers and staff. The girls of the Dan-  
ville Aux. make charming hostesses and  
the supper that was served previous to  
the meeting left nothing to be desired.  
One of the things that made a hit with  
the boys were the pies, pies, and then  
more pies.

Aux. 10 at Indianapolis held the first  
regular honest-to-goodness meeting on  
Dec. 2 they have been able to hold since

September. The Aux. recently held a  
fundraising sale lasting an afternoon and  
evening at which they cleared \$20.00.—  
Adelaide M. Wallace, Div. Press Cor.

Maine.

Sisters of Maine Division: Please  
read in items of the work of your Aux.  
so that we may have Maine news in  
each publication of The Banner. It is  
up to each Aux. Press Cor. to furnish  
such news; your Division officers can-  
not do it all. Kindly send them in  
early in the month and please send  
them to the change of address, 318 Ohio  
Street, Bangor, Maine.—Lugardie K.  
George, Div. Press Cor.

Aux. 16, of Brunswick, mourn the loss  
of Past Pres. Sister Abbie L. King, who  
attended the last roll-call of the great  
convention above on Oct. 4, 1918. She  
held the office of Secretary at the time  
of her death. She was loved by all who  
knew her, and leaves a husband and  
two children, a mother and father and  
two sisters and one brother, all mem-  
bers of the Brunswick Camp and Aux.

Aux. 5, of Bangor, held their annual  
inspection Nov. 31, with Mrs. Rosa  
Kelley, the Div. Pres., as inspecting of-  
ficer. Although several officers were  
absent because of illness, everything  
went smoothly, and the Aux. was con-  
gratulated upon having members who  
could satisfactorily fill official vacancies  
at such short notice. Supper was served  
at 6 o'clock and the meeting was fol-  
lowed by a social hour and dancing and  
all voted it as one of the most pleasant  
meetings held for the year.

Aux. 8, of Pittsfield, held their annual  
inspection Nov. 18, Div. Pres. Rosa Kel-  
ley, of Oakland, being the inspector.  
She was assisted by J. Mac Hallett, Div.  
Sec. A supper was served at 7:15 to  
which the Camp was invited. One can-  
didate was mustered into the Aux. dur-  
ing the evening. The Aux. presented  
the inspector with a hand-painted hon-  
or bon d'off, and to her assistant a glass  
filled with. The Aux. held a social Nov.  
30, at which ice cream and cake was  
served, \$8 being turned into the treasury.  
The success of the social was due to  
the competent committee, which con-  
sisted of Sisters Vera Gault, Carolina  
McFarland, Edith Rowe and Ellen  
Hickley. The past year has been very  
successful considering the sickness. The  
meetings were discontinued for four  
weeks on account of influenza. Fifteen  
new members have been added to our  
Aux.

Maryland.

We regret the illness of Maryland  
Div. Pres. Kirkley, however Sister Kirk-  
ley sends best wishes for a prosperous  
New Year to all and also extends sym-  
pathy to those who have had sickness  
and death in their homes.

Aux. 4 (Cushing) Wash., D. C.—Aux.  
4 held their December meeting at the  
home of P. D. P. Gates at which time  
the election of officers was held. A so-  
cial was held in connection with the  
meeting and all present enjoyed them-  
selves. On Dec. 29 Cushing Camp No. 30  
observed Veterans' Night, at which time  
the Aux. served refreshments of chicken  
salad, rolls and coffee.

Aux. 10, Lagerstown—We regret to  
announce the death of Sister Emma  
Hanna Finlough. She was a faithful  
member and was Div. Aide under P. D.  
P. Gentile and has held the office of  
Asst. Guide for a number of years in  
our own Aux.

Div. Pres. reports a very pleasant  
time on her official visits to the differ-  
ent Auxs. and extends her thanks for  
the many courtesies shown her.—Mrs.  
Margaret L. Main, Div. Press Cor.

Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts Division held its  
fifth fair in Elys Hall, Cambridge, on  
Nov. 29 and 30, day and evening. The  
meeting decorated tables were filled  
with many useful and fancy articles,  
not only contributed by members of the  
Massachusetts Division but by some of  
our Past National Presidents in other  
States. Among the handsome and use-  
ful articles was a copper kettle pre-  
sented by Past Dept. Com. Alfred H.  
Knowles of Post 361, Arlington. It did  
not seem a very auspicious time to hold  
a fair on account of the influenza epi-  
demic which brought so much sorrow to  
so many homes and caused a postpone-  
ment of the fair owing to the ban on  
public gatherings. We expected to real-  
ize but a moderate sum above the ex-

penses. But much to our surprise and  
delight \$600 was cleared. An 68 per  
cent of the net proceeds were to be con-  
tributed to the Sons of Veterans' Com-  
fort Fund, \$300 will be used for the  
benefit of our boys in the service. The  
fair was formally opened on Tuesday  
evening by Nat. Council-in-Chief Deuth-  
er Ernest W. Roman Chief Marshal,  
with greetings by Div. Pres. Sister Alice  
A. Pratt. There were short addresses  
by Sister Flora S. Chapin, Dept. Pres.,  
W. H. C., but also a sister of our Order,  
Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, Dept. Pres. Army  
Nurses Ass'n, and Mrs. Desvio W. Se-  
bolt, Past Dept. Pres. I. of G. A. R.  
Miss Minnie Scott, Past Pres. of Aux.  
79, Boston, and Miss Beaulo Russell of  
Aux. 45, Arlington, sang several songs  
in a delightful manner. On Saturday  
evening our own Nat. Pres. Sister Mar-  
garet W. Carney, of Malross, gave an  
interesting address. The other speakers  
were Div. Com. Brother Rufus A. South,  
Jr., Mrs. Nellie Goodman, N. V. I. of D.  
of V., and Miss Anna B. Norton, Dept.  
Pres. D. of V. Brother Fred T. Waugh's  
orchestra contributed the music. There  
was dancing on Saturday evening until  
midnight. Past Nat. Pres. Sister Mary  
L. Warren, chairman of the fair, was  
presented with a boulder cap and Div.  
Pres. Sister Alice A. Pratt with a fancy  
bag and apron. Besides the \$300 con-  
tributed to the Comfort Fund from the  
proceeds of the fair, Aux. 1 of New Bed-  
ford contributed \$10, Aux. 14 of Ames-  
bury \$5 and Aux. 48 of New Bedford  
\$10, making a total of \$325 received to  
date for this most worthy cause.

Aux. 1 of New Bedford elected Sister  
Alice M. Brown as President for the en-  
suing year. At its recent inspection the  
Aux. received a rating of 100 per cent,  
of which it was justly proud as its  
meetings were omitted for several weeks  
during the influenza epidemic. At the  
close of its last December meeting the  
Aux. held its annual Christmas social  
with the Brothers of the Camp and  
guests. Sandwiches, cake and choco-  
late were served, after which a social  
hour was enjoyed. The Red Cross Aux.  
meetings are held every Monday night  
and much good work accomplished for  
this grand Order.

The last President's Association met  
with Aux. 72 of Salem on Friday after-  
noon Dec. 27, in G. A. R. Hall. A visit  
to that historic city always proves a  
pleasure much greater on this occasion  
for the opportunity of greeting sisters  
from different Auxs. of the State. The  
President, Sister Lucretia X. Floyd,  
presided, and we had a very pleasant  
meeting and social hour later. The elec-  
tion of officers resulted in the choice of  
Sister Margaretta Stevens, Pres. of  
Aux. 72, as Pres. for the ensuing year.  
Sister Stevens is the retiring Pres. of  
the Aux., and as she is a very active  
worker we expect a very prosperous  
year for the Association. At 6 o'clock  
an appetizing supper was served by the  
Aux. The members of the Ass'n re-  
mained for the meeting in the evening.

Sister May B. Hubbard, Past Div.  
Chap., presented a service flag with five  
stars to Klayman Bros., the same firm  
to which she presented a large Ameri-  
can flag on a previous occasion. The  
flag was made of white and red satin  
ribbon, one of the stars being a gold  
one. There were appropriate exercises  
and a memorial service for the one who  
had given his life for his country. The  
sum of \$25 was contributed to the War  
Fund. The employees gave Sister Hub-  
bard three rousing cheers.

Aux. 46, of Arlington, held its elec-  
tion of officers at its meeting on Dec. 3,  
and Sister I. Pearl Waugh was elected  
Pres. for the ensuing year.

Aux. 38 of Chelsea held its election of  
officers on Dec. 3, and Sister Anna Belle  
Kimball was elected Pres. for the ensu-  
ing year.—Lucretia X. Floyd, Div.  
Press Cor.

New Jersey.

Installations will occur as early as  
possible in January, and dispensation is  
herby granted Auxs. to hold public or  
joint installations with the Sons of Vet-  
erans, G. A. R., or allied organizations.

Special attention is called to the leg-  
islation enacted at the 16th Encamp-  
ment held in Atlantic City, June last,  
viz., the payment of a 5 cent per capita  
tax for organization work, payable with  
the December report. Aux. Presidents  
will see that this additional tax is in-  
cluded with check or money order when  
remitting to Div. Treas. Mrs. Lillian



Davenport, for regular per capita tax. The following additional aids have been appointed to serve on the staff of the Division President: Ella Kitroy, Aux. 1, Camden; Cora Seal, Aux. 15, Ellensburg; Bertha DeWalt, Aux. 15, Lewis Grove; Elizabeth Schmitt, Aux. 2, Union Hill.

Taxos sisters will communicate with Div. Chief-of-Staff Mrs. Emmella Lucke, 403 32nd St., Woodcliff, that we may have good results from your work ere long.

Sickness and death have entered our ranks and taken from us three loyal sisters—Ella Morris of Aux. 1, Atlantic City; Alvina Grooming of Aux. 3, Paterson; and Ella Raer, Pres. of Aux. 10, Jersey City. The sympathy of the Division is extended to the bereaved families and the members of their Aux. for the loss of their faithful co-workers.

New members will be compiled as soon as lists of newly elected officers are received, so be prompt in sending in reports.—Stella E. Brooks, Div. Pres.

New Hampshire.

Aux. 2, Nashua, was inspected by Div. Insp. Edith Davis who was accompanied by her husband, Past Div. Com. Oscar Davis. Two new members were added to the Aux. at this time. Pleading remarks were made by Brother and Sister Davis. A total of many of our members were sick at the time of the epidemic, but none were taken from us for which we are truly grateful. A supper was served to members at 6 o'clock which all enjoyed as one of the good things of life. Our members belong to and work for the Red Cross—Anna Cummings, Div. Press Cor.

New Year Greetings.

To the Officers and Members of All the Auxiliaries of the Division of New Hampshire:

Another year with its joys and sorrows; its sunshine and shadows, has passed away and we begin on a record of a new year. May the spirit of the new year with its happy, halcyon influences breathe peace, good will and blessings on all.

We have found ourselves together to accomplish a great work. Let us be loyal to our obligation, to officers and members and to the high principles of our order. Let all be united, for in union there is strength. Let us have a unity of purpose, let it be for all that is to enlighten, enliven and benefit to mankind.

If any of the Auxiliaries have not sent their contribution to the Soldiers' Home Committee, I trust they will attempt to do so at once.

And, now, my sisters may every blessing attend you during the year of 1919, and for all time.—Praternally yours, Blanche L. Beverstock, Division President.

New York.

Aux. 20, Brooklyn, has not been heard from in quite some time but we are very much alive in this little Aux. of our Div. Pres. This Aux. since Jane has actively engaged in all kinds of war work such as aiding the Red Cross making sweaters, socks, handkerchiefs, scarfs, and heliotes. We have organized a Thrift and War Saving Society among the members of the Camp and Aux. We subscribed to the Fourth Liberty Loan and sent a donation of towels in the Red Cross in the recent linen drive held here in Brooklyn for the Base Hospital. On Nov. 15 the annual inspection was held, our inspector being Sister Mary L. Leowenstein, Nat. Aide, who complimented us upon our work and gave us the highest rating possible—100 per cent. Sister Leowenstein was presented with an umbrella by our Div. Counselor, Brother John H. Travers, in behalf of Aux. 20. We were most happy to receive a visit from S. V. Div. Com. Brother Charles Belmont of the S. of V. Div. Sec. Cecelia M. Dayer, Div. Council Vera Van Horn and many other members of the Order. At the close refreshments were served. On Dec. 6 we held our election of officers for the coming year, our worthy Div. Pres. being re-elected as the Pres. of Aux. 20. In October we held a reception in conjunction with McPherson-Daven Camp No. 23 and Co. D of the 67th Regt. at the 47th Regt. Army. This affair was a success in every way. We are now making arrangements for our installation of officers which will be held in

January, also for a reception for the members of our Camp upon their return from over seas. At this time we extend the best wishes of Aux. 20 to our Nat. Pres. and staff and to the members of the Order for a Happy New Year.

Aux. 21—Past Div. Pres. of Lincoln Aux. inspected Aux. 21 on Nov. 15. Election of officers was held on Dec. 2. Sister Lulu Dornay was re-elected Pres. and a complete corps of other officers. On Dec. 16 the Aux. gave a Christmas party for the members of Barnworth Post. The Aux. have continued the custom of remembering the birthdays of the G. A. R. members with a call and a basket of flowers. They also have been visiting their own members of seventy or over.

On Nov. 20, 1918, Aux. 41 was inspected by Past Div. Pres. Elizabeth Waterman. Past Nat. Pres. M. E. Dwyer conveyed the greetings of our Div. Pres. K. M. Reaney, who owing to the illness of her daughter, was unable to do with us. Sister Van Horn, Div. Council, conveyed the greetings of the N. Y. Div. We had with us several Past National Officers, also Division Officers, visiting sisters and brothers. Brother James, Com. of Oliver Tilden Camp, presented Sister Waterman with a gift from the Aux. Refreshments were served. A number of our members who spent the summer at one of the beaches formed a Social Club for the purpose of helping Red Cross. Aux. Tonnage Fund for the boys "over there." Sister C. Flynn was elected Pres. They held several affairs, a minstrel show, Indian and gentel smelter and country store, realizing in all over \$250, part of this was sent to K. of C. and Salvation Army War Fund over seas and to Pelham Day boys. \$25 to Reno tobacco fund. The following sisters from Reno worked very hard: Sisters Flynn, Logan, Goolley, Finn, Smith and several others. At our last meeting Sister Finn, Past Inst., read a report of sending over seas 14 money orders, \$250 each, to members some.

Aux. 10—Veterans' Night was observed by the Aux. and Camp, nearly 100 (twelve) people gathering to do honor to the veterans of the Civil War. A splendid program was arranged. The veterans were given seats of honor on the platform and were accorded a splendid ovation. Comrade and Mrs. Root both responded to the invitation to speak, and made timely and well chosen remarks. Addresses were made by others, which were well received. A musical program was also given which was much enjoyed. A fine lunch was served.

Aux. 25 of Syracuse held their annual inspection Nov. 22. Past Div. Pres. Nellie Campbell was our inspector. A fine work was done, the inspector made some very pleasing remarks. Preceding the inspection supper was served at 6:30. The members met at the home of Sister Mahley and cut off linen into squares and these were taken to the hospital for those suffering from influenza. They were appreciated by those in charge. At our last meeting we held our election, Sister Nellie Crutcher was elected Pres. The Aux. are to hold their installation jointly with the Sons in the near future. The Aux. sent \$5.00 to the Oxford Home and it was appreciated by them.

Aux. 2—Inspection of our Aux. took place Nov. 20. Div. Sec. Cecelia M. Dwyer being our inspector. We had the pleasure of initiating Miss Anna M. Lange, daughter of Past Div. Pres. Ida B. Lange. Our inspector made kind and encouraging remarks, as did also the several visitors who were present. Election of officers took place on Dec. 4, resulting in the unanimous choice of Dea. Leichtenstern as Pres. and Ellen M. Ledwith as Vice Pres. Public installation will take place with our Camp on Jan. 18.

Ohio.

Mrs. Sue H. Jones, Div. Inspector, visited Carrollton No. 63 at a special meeting on Dec. 20. After a splendid 6 o'clock dinner, the fraternal work was assembled. Sister Jones complimented us very highly, stating that No. 63 was the "Banner Aux. in Ohio." Our books have been perfectly kept and our report grades 100 per cent. We received 100 per cent when Past Nat. Pres. Mamie H. Herbst visited us last year. Have only had two reports turned in. Were

organized March 17, 1916, with 23 members; have 31 now, and have lost three by death. The Aux. spent \$190 for Relief in 1918, and about \$250 in 1917. Own our Liberty Bond. Are a 100 per cent Red Cross order. Mrs. Jones was pre-enthusiastic with a pretty cut glass vase.

32—Mrs. Millhous—Nov. 22 we had nomination of officers. On Dec. 4 our inspector, Mrs. Simonds, of Toledo, visited us. A chicken dinner was served after which inspection took place. We went through the work and in return were given a fine talk by Mrs. Simonds. Dec. 6 we held election of officers, Estella Embaker being the new Pres. She is supported by a fine corps of officers.

Aux. 7, of Cincinnati, held their annual nomination and election of officers Dec. 12. Mrs. Stroud at this time gave a report of the meeting of the Christmas committee to the Soldiers Orphan Home at Kinkaidtown, and Mrs. Fisher gave a report of the meeting of the Council Committee of National Defense, which she attended as a delegate and a member.

Lancaster—The Aux. held their annual inspection Nov. 28 with Mrs. Sue Jones, of Steubenville. We had a good attendance of the Aux. and also of the Sons, who belong to the Aux. Refreshments were served.

Youngstown—Aux. 2 held their annual inspection Dec. 10 with Mrs. Sue Jones, Div. Insp. of Steubenville, as their inspector. A good attendance was had and we served ice cream and cake. Sister Jones was a guest of the Pres., Mrs. Hallie J. Stoner. They have pleased, liked and are in their eighth comfort far the Over Sea Relief. Very sorry indeed to report the loss of our youngest member and pianist, Miss Pearl Kuhns, who departed this life Dec. 16. She was with us on the 10th for inspection. Wishing all the Aux. a Happy, Prosperous New Year and many more to follow.—Hallie J. Stoner, Div. Press Cor.

Pennsylvania.

On Nov. 20 Anna M. Ross Camp No. 1 and Aux. No. 1 (Federal) 6 o'clock dinner by Com-in-Chief Brother Francis Callahan at Mayer's Cafe, Philadelphia. The banquet room was beautifully decorated with American flags and the Commandery-in-Chief colors and the dinner was a success in every way. Plates were laid for one hundred. Major R. M. J. Reed acted as Toastmaster in his usual cherry way. We were pleased to have with us Com-in-Chief Brother Francis Callahan, Judge Pennock, Nat. Pat. Inst. Marie K. Seipp, Div. Pres. Margaret M. Sutch, Div. Com. Brother Walter C. Mahle, Div. Sec. Brother William R. McNulty, Div. Treas. Libbie Meis, Div. Press Cor. Lillie K. Hascher, Div. Council Brother William L. Hascher, Past Div. Pres. Anna Jones and Past Nat. Pres. Katie E. Carr. The splendid addresses of Com-in-Chief Callahan, Div. Com. Mahle, Div. Sec. McNulty and Major Reed were very much enjoyed by all, as was the music, singing and dancing. Sister Meis, on behalf of the brothers and sisters, presented the Com-in-Chief with a beautiful basket of flowers.

Aux. 1—Dec. 8, Aux. 1 was inspected by Div. Insp. Minnie Krescig, who complimented the officers on the splendid manner in which they did their work, not a ritual being used. We had about sixty of our members present and quite a number of visitors, including our Div. Pres. Sister Sutch, Div. Press Cor. Sister Hascher and Nat. Pat. Inst. Sister Seipp. Sister Krescig was presented with a beautiful cut glass bowl. On Dec. 23 we were pleased to have with us our Com-in-Chief Brother Callahan, who gave us a most interesting talk, which we enjoyed very much.

Aux. 10—Div. Pres. Margaret M. Sutch inspected the Aux. and was entertained by various members of the Aux. and was kept busy every minute while in the city of Scranton. The Aux. is doing nicely taking in quite a few new members and doing Red Cross work, sewing for the Belgian children and have Liberty Bonds to the limit.

The Lincoln Social met with Aux. 12 on Dec. 19. It was also the inspection of the Aux. Sisters desiring to attend the Lincoln Banquet, which will be held Saturday evening, Feb. 15, can secure tickets from the Secretary of the Social, Sister Katie E. Carr, 927 N. 5th St., Camden, N. J. The next meeting of the

Social will be held at Aux. 1 on Monday evening, Jan. 20.

Aux. 32—Aux. 32, of Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 32, had their annual inspection Dec. 12, which was largely attended by the members and many visitors, Past Nat. Pres. Katie E. Carr of Aux. 1 being the inspecting officer. The officers of the Aux. performed their duties and work throughout the entire proceedings without the use of a ritual and received one hundred, the highest average for their work, which was complimented upon by the inspecting officer as excellent. The evening was one of pleasure and enjoyed by all present, including the following: Past Nat. Pres. and Div. Treas. Libbie Meis, Nat. Pat. Inst. and Past Div. Pres. Marie K. Seipp, Div. Pres. Margaret M. Sutch, Past Div. Pres. Carrie Lilly and Past Com-in-Chief Brother H. M. J. Reed and other visiting sisters and brothers. Some very interesting remarks were made by those present, particularly Brother Reed who complimented and highly praised the Aux. for their excellent work, together with words of encouragement. The Aux. added to their membership four new members by initiation. Counselor Brother William L. Hascher on behalf of the Aux. presented Sister Carr with a gold piece, which was received with great thanks. After which we closed our meeting in due form and partook of refreshments, served by the entertainment committee.

Aux. 31—Of course we suppose our friends in other towns are wondering what has become of Aux. 31 at Quakertown, nevertheless we are very glad to state that No. 31 is still in existence and we spent a very pleasant evening on Dec. 3 when Sister Wilhelmina Baffmeyer inspected our Aux. A number of Lansdale Aux. members were present and after the meeting adjourned there was served and all present enjoyed the affair. It is with the deepest regret we announced the death of our beloved Sister Corolline Naudascher; our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved family.

Aux. 122—Aux. 122 certainly spent a pleasant evening on Nov. 19, and had quite a goodly number present, also had several of our Sons with us. Sister Clara Bluck of Aux. 16 inspected our Aux. We were well pleased with our rating, it happened to be the evening appointed by our Div. Council C. E. Adams to have Lincoln's Gettysburg Address read, it being the 55th anniversary. Our Com. Ross Hugh read the address and commented on it. Different ones of the Sons made a few little remarks about it. We also voted on four new members, which looks as though we were still growing. After voting it an evening well spent we adjourned.

Aux. 238—Aux. 238 of Frankford, Phila., was inspected on Nov. 23 by Sister Foster of Aux. 17. Our average was 100; all officers were very well versed in their work. After meeting refreshments were served. Sister Foster received one-half dozen cut glass tea glasses. Remarks were made by Sister Sutch, Div. Pres. and others. We had visitors from Aux. 4, 12, 14, 17, 111 and Aux. 4 of Camden, N. J. All had a pleasant time.—Lillie K. Hascher, Div. Press Cor.

Rhode Island.

Wassuckset Aux. 1 held its meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, with a large attendance of members. The Aux. had as guests Tilton Camp members. The committee on Christmas gifts reported \$30.00 made on the sale. The committee received a fine vote of thanks for their services. An invitation was accepted to attend the installation of A. K. Tilton Camp who also invited the Aux. to install their officers on the same evening, Jan. 7. At the close of the meeting a large Christmas tree stood in the hall well loaded with presents, each one being remembered. A collation was served and a social hour passed.—Lillian E. Sweetland, Press Cor.

Vermont.

Aux. 12, of Wilmington, held its election of officers Dec. 12, when the officers for 1919 were elected. The new President is Ella Busby. The Aux. has lost two members by death, Emma Ames and Nellie Caneby. I was very much pleased to receive this small item from Aux. 12 and as the ban has been lifted I hope to receive a larger one next month.—Iola M. Rollins, Div. Press Cor.