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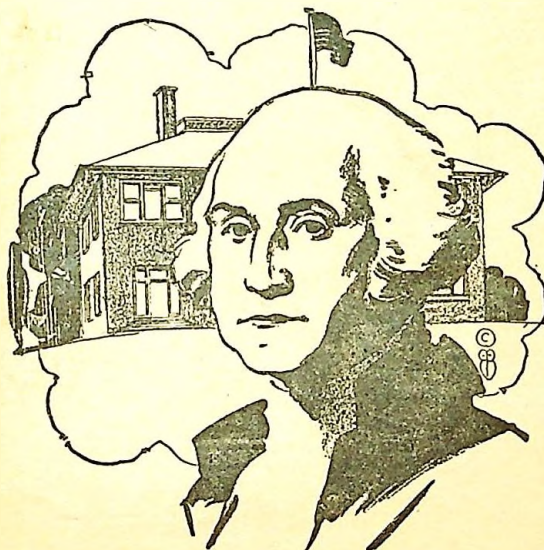
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On September 17, 1796, Washington delivered the historic "Farewell Address," which stands with Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and his Second Inaugural Address, among the gems of American thought.

Be Americans [he said]. Let there be no sectionalism, no North, South, East or West; you are all dependent one on another, and should be one in union. . . . Beware of the baneful effects of party spirit and of the ruin to which its extremes must lead. Do not encourage party spirit, but use every effort to mitigate and assuage it. Keep the departments of government separate, promote education, cherish the public credit, avoid debt. Observe justice and good faith toward all nations; have neither passionate hatreds nor passionate attachments to any; and be independent politically of all. In one word, be a nation; be Americans, and be true to yourselves.



CIRCULAR LETTER OF INFORMATION NO. 2

Headquarters of
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
Dwight, Illinois

February 2, 1931.

JANUARY A MONTH OF ACTIVITIES.

The month of January has been an exceedingly busy month for your Commander-in-Chief, and his activities denotes interest and activity in several Departments. Even if the numerical reports of the various Departments do not show up as favorably as we would like, it is evident to one who is conversant with affairs in general in all Departments that there are many Brothers who are working daily in the interests of our Order, and much is being done to carry out our principles and objects. That this is not universal among the Brothers is the regrettable feature.

Your Chief, in company with the heads of all affiliated organizations, met in Des Moines on January 13, to assist making arrangements for our annual Encampment, the date for which was set for the week beginning September 13. Representatives of all the Grand Army Family were there and discussion was had regarding the general program. The Sons and Auxiliary will have headquarters in the Hotel Chamberlain. The Sons will hold their sessions in the Hotel and the Auxiliary in a hall next door. The rates will be reasonable and there will be ample accommodation for all who can attend. The people of the city and the officials of the civic bodies are in evident accord and no better spirit could have been witnessed anywhere than that which prevailed at the meeting at which general arrangements were made.

Commander-in-Chief Jewel has requested an escort of at least one hundred Sons, in uniform, and this will be the official escort to the G. A. R. body in the parade. It is expected that arrangements will be made so that those in uniform and serving in this escort may be provided with sleeping quarters. This is under consideration now and further announcement will be made concerning definite arrangements in a later issue.

The brothers of the Iowa Department, and particularly those in Des Moines, have promised a good sized class for initiation at some time during the Encampment. Arrangements will be made for a degree team who will muster in this class, and at the same time exemplify our ritualistic work. All Camps in Iowa, and even those in adjoining Departments, are urged to solicit recruits for this class, and bring such recruits to Des Moines for muster. Here will be a chance for new members to receive their initiatory lessons from a team who will be past masters of the work. It should be an incentive for a new member to be mustered in at a National Encampment, and particularly when that Encampment is celebrating the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of its organization. Lay your plans, brothers, and let's have a class of one hundred or more to be mustered in at the Des Moines Encampment. Other interesting features are being considered in the general plans and we are confident an enjoyable time is in prospect.

Now that specific date has been announced for the holding of our annual Encampment plans can be made concerning attendance. It is none too early to consider these and Des Moines is looking for and hoping for a large attendance from all the orders. Every member of the Sons is asked to mark off the week of September 13, 1931, on his calendar and to let nothing interfere with his being present at our Encampment this year, the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Plans are under way for the proper celebration of this event and you will want to join your friends at Des Moines on the dates above specified.

Reception to Commander-in-Chief Jewel.

On January 16, in Chicago, a reception was tendered Commander-in-Chief Jewel of the G. A. R., and their National President, Miss Kate Raynor, by the Illinois Department W. R. C. This event was attended by many of those present at Des Moines and was a gala affair. Your Chief was recognized and used the opportunity to personally extend the greetings of our membership to

our fathers and mothers, and to solicit their interest and aid in our work.

Indiana Mid-Winter Meeting.

On January 17 and 18, at Indianapolis, occurred the annual mid-winter meeting of the Indiana Department. This affair consisted of a dinner, program and social affair on the evening of the first day, and a business session during the forenoon of the second day. The meetings are participated in by both Sons and Auxiliary, and are second in importance to the annual Encampment. Both sessions were interesting and successful. Plans were discussed concerning the work in hand and further plans made for the work to be accomplished during the remainder of the term. The attendance was good, the program a fine one, and much interest and enthusiasm was manifested. Indiana will proceed with its work and we believe with more vim and purpose because of this association.

Nebraska Mid-Winter Meeting.

On January 21 a similar meeting was held in Lincoln, Neb. A business session was held in the afternoon, the attendance of which was three times the number present at the annual Encampment last May. The report of the Department Secretary-Treasurer showed a good gain for the quarter and in remarks made by Dept. Com. Corrick it was stated that Nebraska, since the March quarter, 1930, had made a gain of 43 per cent. This was very cheering to your Chief and was proof of what he has consistently claimed—that it was possible to recruit our Order, even during the period of depression and unemployment that we have been experiencing. This Department is working for a 100 per cent increase, and they will have it, because of the determination of the officers and brothers now in charge of affairs there. The business session was followed by a dinner and a fine program, at which were present most of the Department heads of the affiliated organizations. Several of the Camps of the state were represented and promised the Department Commander full co-operation in his efforts for our Order.

Because of activities in which dates conflicted, your Chief was unable to accept other invitations. He appreciates the courtesy which prompts these invitations and it is his intention to be with as many of the Camps and Departments as his time and business will permit. He does not wish to show favoritism and hopes to visit all Departments, if possible, during his term.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES.

During the present month the Camps in all Departments should prepare and carry out programs in commemoration of the births of Lincoln, Washington, McKinley, and other prominent men who have given valiant service to their country. That this will be the case is evidenced by the notices in Camp Notes, and the many invitations your Chief has received to participate in such events. Union Defenders' Day, February 12, is an important day in our calendar. Other birth anniversary dates may be made just as important and programs arranged for which will be important features of any Camp meeting. Let no Camp fail to observe the important dates occurring during this month, and all Camps should make of these observances such arrangements as would include the eligible non-members and the general public as participants. Through this means new members may be secured and the Order may obtain such publicity in the community as will be greatly beneficial.

REPORTS AND PER CAPITA TAX.

Officers at Department Headquarters are directed to supply Forms 27 and 28, Camp Secretary and Camp Treasurer Reports, for Quarter ending March 31, without delay. All Camp Commanders will see that these reports, with per capita tax and membership fees, are forwarded to their respective Department Headquarters ON THE LAST MEETING IN MARCH of the Camp. As a special request it is urged that all Camps report without delay to their Headquarters returns for March quarter.

REQUISITION FORMS.

Department Secretaries will NOT use obsolete Form 1½—Requisition for Supplies. Revised and up to date Form has been provided and this must be used. Destroy obsolete Form.

Camp Secretaries are also directed NOT to use obsolete Form 1 in ordering supplies from Department Headquarters. Use the revised and up-to-date Form.

INSTALLING OFFICERS' REPORTS.

A number of Departments have not as yet received from

Camps complete Installing Officers' Reports—the New Officers for 1931. This must have immediate attention and all Camps that have not forwarded list of Officers to their Department Headquarters will do so at once. Camp Commanders and Secretaries will give this immediate attention.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS.

Prompt report of date and place of Department Encampments will be made as soon as determined. Department Commanders will please have this given attention.

Encampments are announced as follows:

Alabama & Tennessee at Zephyr Hills, Florida, Feb. 10-12.

Illinois at Aurora, June 2-4.

Pennsylvania at Lancaster, June 9-11.

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON.

Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 1930, having been received from the Department of Washington, that Department having been reported delinquent, is now in good standing. Password and Countersign has been supplied for Camps and Members in good standing in that Department as of December 31, 1930.

NEW CAMP.

Application was approved for Charter for Camp No. 50, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Department of Colorado & Wyoming, with 22 applicants, January 29.

WHY I AM A MEMBER of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

This is the first of a series of five articles, each to use as a theme one of the reasons given for membership in our Order, in the first prize-winning paper submitted in the Shellhouse contest.

Because:

First—"It is only through such membership I can best show to the world my pride in being a descendant of one who served his country in the darkest period of its history, thus helping to preserve it, and my own gratitude for such service."

It is significant, although not surprising, that more than eighty per cent of the almost two hundred papers submitted in the Shellhouse contest gave as one of the reasons membership was claimed, pride in being the descendant of one who served in the Union Army during the great civil strife. It is further noticed that three of the four prize winning papers gave it as the first reason. Of course they were worded differently, but the thought and sentiment were the same.

It is believed if it were possible to obtain the real reason that prompted them to unite with our Order from every one of the thousands now members, or who have been members, that this was the controlling motive of the vast majority of them. Call it sentiment if you will, but it is a sentiment that will enrich your life. That many, all too many, have ceased to be members can be attributed to many causes, but it does not take away the pride that existed. Perhaps, in a word, it may largely be attributed to the fact that such pride was not transmuted into action and service.

It is an inherited privilege, it cannot be bought or obtained through influence. The price, other than the small initiation fee, has been paid by the service of the ancestor. Needless to discuss the service of the boys of Lincoln. What they did has been written upon the pages of history, and it makes the most illuminous period of the life of our Nation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 4.

Report of the National Secretary for month of January, 1931:

Receipts:

December 31, 1930, To Balance	\$2899.54
Received for Per Capita Tax and Membership Fees	\$ 74.01
Charter Fees	5.00
Supplies	146.75

Total Receipts	\$ 225.76
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\$3125.30

Expenditures:

By General Expenses: Supplies	\$174.60
The Banner, Subscription, January	590.39
Miscellaneous—Legislative Committee	10.00
	\$774.99

By Commander-in-Chief's Expenses: Postage, Telegrams, Traveling, Office, Stenographer	\$150.66
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Total Expenditures	\$ 925.65
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Balance, January 31, 1931	\$2199.65
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Fraternally yours in F. C. and L.,

Attest:	ALLAN S. HOLBROOK,
H. H. HAMMER,	Commander-in-Chief.
National Secretary-Treasurer.	

NO PENSION LEGISLATION THIS SESSION.

At a meeting of the Legislative Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 22, 1931, it was decided not to ask for any pension legislation at the present short session of Congress, but that if a special session were called to meet following next March, Commander-in-Chief Jewel then would be authorized to get behind a movement for legislation favorable both to soldiers and widows.

Your chairman of the Legislative Committee conferred with the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, pledging the support of our order, as heretofore, to the parent organization.

Legislative Committee of Sons
Union Veterans of the Civil War.
By Harley V. Speelman, Chairman.

But it will be noted that the reason given cites two outstanding facts, *pride* and *gratitude*, and that in a service rendered. Pride in the service rendered his country by his ancestor in the great Civil strife must be inherent in most eligibles who have any knowledge of such service (and it is to be regretted that many do not), unless he be peculiarly constituted. Nor is the pride of such service local to those who served in the War of the Sixties. Others who served in the earlier wars of our country give right to membership in other organizations that is eagerly sought by many. Shall it be said that we are yet too close to the period of 1861-1865, that the honor of being the descendant of one who fought to preserve the Union is not as great, the pride not as much, as that inherited by those whose ancestors engaged in the struggle that created a Nation?

But the wording of the reason implies something beyond simply having that pride. It clearly indicates a desire that by claiming the right inherited and becoming a member, there is a *purpose of service*. Otherwise how can one "show to the world" that pride? Only through collective effort, made through organization and organizations, can

real, worthwhile and enduring results be obtained. Mere pride is not sufficient. It would mean little or nothing in the preservation of the memory, service and sacrifice of the honored one.

That war later brought into existence the greatest organization the world has ever seen—the Grand Army of the Republic. Pride of inheritance, plus service through membership in our Order, this service devoted along clearly defined lines (to be the theme of the next paper of this series), means the perpetuation of the high ideals of that splendid organization.

The second point, gratitude for the service of the ancestor, is likewise a laudable emotion. It can broadly be stated that down deep in the heart of every true American is gratitude to the boys in blue who served their (our) country in the darkest period of its history, thus helping to preserve it. This gratitude has been shown by the country they saved in many ways. States and cities have built beautiful and imposing memorial halls and monuments, in their memory. Provision has been made, its adequacy may be questioned, to provide in the declining days of those still with us. But how much greater should be the gratitude of those who, by birth, are their descendants?

I am a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War because of that pride and gratitude, because such membership offers the only direct outlet to show such pride and gratitude.

Because, after all, there is but one Order of males whose eligibility is based upon the service of an ancestor in the War of the Sixties, and that Order is the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.—J. E. S.

Every member must keep in mind our 50th Encampment, to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, the week of September 13. On our golden jubilee anniversary we want the largest attended Encampment we have ever had. Show your interest by your presence and participation in the sessions. Not only to your fathers, but to yourselves, do you owe this allegiance to your Order. You can help make the Encampment a success.

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Commander-in-Chief's Corner

A note from the Commander of a Camp in
Illinois suggests a feature for Camp meet-
ings that is well worth emulation by Camps
throughout our order. This brother states
that in the opening exercises he has the



ALLAN S. HOLBROOK

Senior Vice Commander repeat the Principles
and Objects of our Order, as found on page
two and three of our Constitution. In this
way he keeps before the membership the
work of our organization and the duties we
assume when we take our obligation at the
altar. These duties, as there outlined, are wor-
thy ones, and such du-
ties any American citizen, whether having
our heritage or not, could well subscribe to.
How much more they should mean to us, as
sons of the men who saved our Country
from dissolution. We should all learn these
objects by heart, and carry their influence
through our daily lives. We can in this
way become better citizens of the country
we love and better members of the organiza-
tion we hold in such high esteem.

In the remarks of a member of one of
our allied organizations were some queries
that impressed your Chief deeply and
brought out a line of thought that is well

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worth stressing. This speaker said, in
speaking of the services of our fathers when
called by their leader in '61: "Have you
ever thought of what our Country might be
now if our fathers had not responded as
they did? Have you ever thought of what
our Country might become if some of us do
not take up their standards and give of our
talents and lives for this same country?"
Here is food for serious thought, and no
organization can take it to heart so well as
can ours, made up as it is of direct descend-
ants of those Boys in Blue. There can be
no better time for the consideration of such
thoughts, or for the consideration of the
privileges and duties of such an organiza-
tion as ours, than during the present month,
when we commemorate the birth anniver-
saries of Washington and Lincoln, termed
the "Father" and "Saviour," respectively,
of our Country.

During the past two or three months your
Chief has had communications direct from
several brothers seeking membership in our
Order. So far as was indicated the desire
to enroll came from a realization of their
duty to their ancestors, and not because of
solicitation by other members. Because of
this correspondence, it is evident to your
Chief at least, that there are many brothers
not now on our rolls who would join with
us were the invitation extended. Some will
ask how contact may be made with such eli-
gibles. There are many ways in which this
can be brought about. Members of the
Grand Army and members of the other or-
ders affiliated are always glad to provide
such list. A little effort will secure a good
eligible list in any community. A division
of such list among the members of the Camp
will make the solicitation easy and rapid.
Such plan is being followed in many Camps,
and with success too. Records from public
offices, cemetery officials, secretaries of mili-
tary organizations, old residents of your
community, will upon investigation uncover
many leads. An eligible list is usually easy
to procure; united effort with such list is
usually successful. Will you try it out in
your Camp?

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THE MARKS AND PRICE OF LEADERSHIP AS EXEMPLIFIED IN ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Leadership is one of the most misunder-
stood words in the average vocabulary. A
great many folks confuse leadership with
dictatorship. They are not synonymous.
Leadership means service. Therefore a lead-
er's greatness is not to be determined by
the retinue of servants, but rather by his
ability to serve and the extent of his ser-
vice.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MARKS OF A LEADER?

1st. In order to become a leader in any
sphere, a person needs to have a burning,
consuming passion for a worthy cause.
Down through the ages men have made dis-
coveries in nature, in science, in philoso-
phy, and in theology. After much time in
study and meditation, these men have gone
forth, in many cases alone, to stem the tide
of public thought and the fiercest of oppo-
sition.

As a young man Lincoln, being industri-
ous, secured employment on the flat-boat,
and after helping to handle the freight en-
route to the high seas, stopping at ports
along the way down the Mississippi River,
he docked at a southern city and sauntered
about the town. Finally he arrived at the
slave market, where he saw human beings
sold to the highest bidder as though they
were nothing but chattels. This fired the
blood of this youth from the Northland,
who had already learned some lessons in
industry, honesty, fair-play, square dealings
and equal rights, as guaranteed in the su-
preme law of the land. In my mind's eye,
I can visualize the tall, raw-boned youth,
whose heart is thumping, whose muscles
twitched, whose jaws are set, whose fists
are clenched, as he saunters away from the
slave market with a firm resolve "If I ever
get a chance to hit this thing I'll hit it
hard."

Years came and went. The theological
member of the Beecher family wrote a lit-
tle book called "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Its
circulation increased and multiplied with
an unprecedented record. The first, and the
second, and possibly the third Presidential
election, came and very little impression
was felt, but when the fullness of time had
come, when those who were boys in their
teens, who had read and been stirred by the
story of Uncle Tom, had come to their ma-
jority and were franchised, the hour had
struck when the situation needed a man
who, like Saul of old, stood head and shoul-
ders above his fellows. The delegation called
at the law office of Abraham Lincoln and
offered him the position as standard-bearer
for the Republican Party. He did not jump
at the chance, but after thoughtful and
prayerful meditation, accepted the respon-
sibility as a duty to his Country and to his
fellowmen.

Other marks of this great leader are man-
ifest in that he had confidence in that which
he thought to be right and just. His life
manifested self-control. When others be-
came heated and rash with bitterness and
anger, Abraham Lincoln was self-possessed

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

What does the life of Abraham Lincoln
mean to us? We may not know him as our
fathers did nor as we know Herbert Hoover
today, but we can and should study his life
and learn—why he was so scrupulously
honest though poor—why he had such great
love for his fellow-countrymen, though few
understood him and many derided him with
pen and tongue—why a man usually so
meek, unassuming and tender-hearted final-
ly commanded the profound respect and
even reverence from those statesmen and
others who had deemed themselves his supe-
riors—why today his name and his statues
are seen in over civilized country of the
world, where they stand for the highest
ideals of freedom and brotherhood for all
mankind.

We may learn how he acquired a habit of
thinking based on sound principles which

and calm and would frequently break the
spell, much to the discomfort of others, by
saying, "That reminds me of a story."

Another mark of leadership was manifest-
ed in his humility and obedience. Through-
out the addresses and letters of Lincoln,
you will find comparatively few of the first
personal pronoun, I. He was accessible, not
only to his son, but likewise to statesmen,
politicians, ministers, and mothers of boys
who were in the service of their Country.
He was obedient to the inner impressions
and the higher laws of nature and of na-
ture's God. Lincoln, like all other leaders
paid the price of his position as an im-
mortal leader. He was misunderstood, ridi-
culed, misquoted. He suffered from rigorous
discipline through heart aches and lonli-
ness. Even the members of his own house-
hold would sometimes join with the Cabinet
and with the general public in unjust and
severe criticism of his method of procedure.

Like many of the other great leaders of
the ages, he suffered martyrdom, at the
hands of a cruel assassin. He waged his
warfare against the South, not because they
were Southerners, not because they were
slave-holders, but because they had dared
to fire upon Fort Sumter, and to propagate
the doctrine of secession from the Union.
When the immortal Lincoln lay cold and
lifeless, the leaders of the South said "The
South has lost one of its best friends and
greatest benefactors."

The marks and price of leadership are
these—a burning passion for a worthy
cause; confidence and self-control; humility,
even in the midst of success; obedience to
the highest of impulses. In all this one
may expect ridicule, loneliness, pain and pos-
sible death. The immortal Lincoln is no
longer with us, as a man, to walk the streets
of our cities. They killed his body. They
cannot kill his spirit for he lives and moves
and is nearer today than ever before. He
has not lived in vain. He shall never die.
The marks of leadership and the price he
paid thereof have inspired and continue to
inspire the youth of this and other nations,
down through the generations yet unborn.

neither fear nor selfish consideration could
shake. Confronted by a condition or prob-
lem he knew how to approach it, and the
decision or solution must satisfy certain
questions, viz: Was it right according to
his interpretation of the word of God? Was
it fair to the other fellow according to the
Golden Rule? Concerning politics, would it
preserve the Union and welfare of its citi-
zens?

From study and faith in the Bible; from
his great love for his country and his fel-
lowmen, whose needs he had studied in his
associations with them; from his study of
history and attention to the best orators of
the day, he had formed opinions which
were so fixed in his mind and habit of
thinking that his reaction to any challenge,
whether of speech or action, was prompt
and in accord with those opinions.

How much happier and more helpful we
could be if we had settled a few fundamen-
tal questions so that our answer might be
ready and consistent with some fixed ideals
when we are called upon to act or speak or
vote.

His great love for humanity did not blind
his judgment in matters political and the
welfare of the Republic.

No one can read the life of the "Great
Emancipator" without fitting himself the
better to meet the vexing problems of the
present day and strengthening his faith in
the great principles which were the basis
of his character.

Our fathers loved the "Man of the Ages"
and he loved them. We can pay them no
greater honor than to increase and strength-
en the Order of the Sons of Union Veterans,
which is pledged to carry on their work and
preserve their memory. Their grandsons
and great-grandsons of another generation
are rapidly increasing in numbers and we
must make our Order attractive to them
and welcome them into our Councils.

May the presence of Abraham Lincoln be
felt in every Camp meeting of the Sons of
Union Veterans, especially in the month of
February, and as long as our Order exists.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,
W. A. WATERMAN,
National Patriotic Instructor.

ELLSWORTH PATROL, A. O. E.

Sons of Veterans and "Buttons" in Zouave
Uniforms.

Several months ago a movement was set
on foot to form a new organization in con-
nection with the "Buttons" and Sons of Vet-
erans. When first organized the Sons of
Veterans was a uniformed body, but as time
went on the military part lost ground in
that men joining did not get a uniform and
today only a comparatively few have the
neat blue outfit and cap so distinctive of
the Sons when on parade.

A few years ago a group of kindred spirits
in Camp 11, Whitman, Mass., organized a
playground order, if it would be proper to
term it thusly. It was called the "Buttons"
and proved a winner where sociability and
fun were the objects. It can truly be said
that "Buttons" has been responsible for the
interest in the Sons in towns in that dis-
trict, and has members all over the country.
It is necessary to be a member of the Sons

of Union Veterans of the Civil War to become a "Button."

The need of a uniformed body or group connected with the Sons of Veterans has been evident to many for years. The blue worn by the comrades and later by the Sons was a color denoting loyalty, but as stated above many members were not interested in the military part of the order. They had no desire or inclination for drilling.

It was proposed that a department be organized which would have a distinctive costume. The original uniform did not seem correct for a few and it was decided to have something striking, of bright color yet with a war time flavor. The Zouave style was selected. Blue is the dominating color with a trim of vivid red and a fez to match.

At length the discussion went far enough to form the Ellsworth Patrol. Officers were elected, committees appointed and a regular organization instituted. To become a member one must belong to the Sons of Union Veterans and the "Buttons." Col. Ellsworth, from whom the new organization derived its name, is said to be the first man to give up his life in the Civil War. Slowly but surely this group has been building the patrol.

The General staff is composed as follows:

Paul C. Gassett, Grand Oracle of the Button.

William L. Anderson, Past Dept. Com.
Arthur C. Drew, Past Dept. Com.
Eugene F. Atwood, Past Dept. Com.
Archie T. Whiting, Past Dept. Com.
F. Gardner Penniman, Past Dept. Com.
Harry V. B. Smith, Past Dept. Com.
Everett M. Atwood, Past Dept. Com.
George B. Stratton, Chief-of-Staff.
Ernest A. Smith, Chief Mus. Officer.
George C. Parker, Chief Insp., R. I. Dept.
Lester B. Pease, Asst. Chief Mus. Officer.
George F. Rhodes, Asst. Chief Mus. Officer.
W. E. Rickard, Asst. Chief Mus. Officer.
E. F. Lawrence, Asst. Chief Mus. Officer.
Walter W. Peckham, Asst. Chief Mus. Officer.

William O. Fuller, Asst. Chief Mus. Officer.
E. A. Hoyt, Com. 1st R. I. Regt.
Clarence Eston, Asst. Mus. Officer of R. I. Dept.

In Providence, R. I., an enthusiastic group has taken hold of the proposition and a company of 31 has been mustered in under the direction of General Parker of the Rhode Island Department.

The idea is that several patrols will form a division that will be available for parades, to take part in installations and other ceremonies in the Sons and provide a uniformed body for a semi-military order like the Sons of Union Veterans. Where it is not practical to have all the members of the Sons uniformed and drilled, these smaller groups are comparatively easy to handle. The cost has been worked out to a very modest sum.

It should prove of value to the Sons of Union Veterans, in that many will be attracted to the patrol, but of necessity must be members of the Sons of Veterans and the "Buttons." Men who have followed the history of the "Buttons" are convinced the patrol will supply a feature that has been lacking and which will add zest and interest.

THE WISDOM OF ROOSEVELT.

In these days of mental fog, when the pacifists are getting ready for a concerted attempt to overthrow the parity agreement arrived at in the London Naval conference by defeating the American building program, when internationalism is being preached from so many pulpits and platforms, when patriotism and love for the flag are being discredited in many quarters as archaic, and when so many nostrums are being offered as substitutes for honesty and industry in the achievement of success, it is refreshing to pause for a moment and read some of the terse comments of the great American patriot, Theodore Roosevelt. Much of the sound, nationalistic wisdom he enunciated in his many public addresses is especially applicable to present day conditions, and extracts from some of his speeches follow:

It is mischievous folly for any statesman to assume that this world has yet reached the stage when a proud nation, jealous of its honor, can be content to rely for peace upon the forbearance of other powers. Events still fresh in the mind of every thinking man show that neither arbitration nor any other device, can as yet be invoked to prevent the gravest and most terrible wrongdoing to people who are either few in numbers or who, if numerous, have lost the first and most important of national virtues, the capacity for self defense.—Message to Congress, April, 1908.

Only people capable, not merely of mastering others, but of mastering themselves, can achieve real liberty, can achieve real self government.—From a speech delivered in Washington, April 7, 1904.

We cannot retain the full measure of our self respect if we cannot retain pride in our citizenship. For the sake not only of ourselves but of our children and our children's children, we must see that this nation stands for strength and honesty both at home and abroad. In our internal policy we cannot afford to rest satisfied until all that the government can do has been done to secure fair dealing and equal justice as between man and man. In the great part which hereafter, whether we will or not, we must play in the world at large, let us see to it that we neither do wrong nor shrink from doing right because the right is difficult; that on the one hand we inflict no injury, and that on the other we have a due regard for the honor and the interest of our mighty nation; and that we keep unsullied the renown of the flag which beyond all others of the present time or of the ages of the past stands for confident faith in the future welfare and greatness of mankind.—From an address in Colorado Springs in 1901.

It is the intention of the General Staff to form patrols, companies and regiments in every Department of the Sons of Union Veterans. Brothers interested in this new effort to build the membership of the S. of U. V. are invited to get in touch with George B. Stratton, Chief-of-Staff, addressing him at Falmouth, Mass.

No man is happy if he does not work. Of all miserable creatures the idler, in whatever rank of society, is in the long run the most miserable. If a man is utterly selfish, if utterly disregarding of the rights of others, if he has no ideals, if he works simply for the sake of ministering to his own base passions, if he works simply to gratify himself, small is his good in the community. I think even then he is probably better off than if he is an idler, but he is of no real use unless together with the quality which enables him to work he has the quality which enables him to love his fellows, to work with them and for them for the common good of all.—From a public address at Topeka, Kansas, in May, 1903.

Every feat of heroism makes us forever indebted to the man who performed it. All daring and courage, all iron endurance of misfortune, all devotion to the ideal of a finer and nobler type of manhood. It is honor and the glory of the flag, make for not only those who do and dare and endure that are benefited, but also the countless thousands who are not themselves called upon to face the peril, to show the strength, or to win the reward. All of us lift our heads higher because those of our countrymen whose trade it is to meet danger have met it well and bravely. All of us are poorer for every base or ignoble deed done by an American, for every instance of selfishness or weakness or folly on the part of the people as a whole. We are all worse off when any of us fails at any point in his duty toward the state in time of peace, or his duty toward the state in time of war. If ever we had to meet defeat at the hands of a foreign foe, or had to submit tamely to a wrong or insult, every man among us worthy of the name of American would feel dishonored and debased. On the other hand, the memory of every triumph won by Americans, by just so much helps to make each American nobler and better. Every man among us is more fit to meet the duties and responsibilities of citizenship because of the perils over which, in the past, the nation has triumphed; because of the blood and sweat and tears, the labor and the anguish, through which, in the days that have gone, our forefathers moved on to triumph. There are higher things in this life than the soft and easy enjoyment of material comfort. It is through strife, or the readiness for strife, that a nation must win to greatness.—From an address before the Naval War College at Annapolis, June, 1897.

This is a government of free men, who have achieved liberty under the law, who have by force of arms as well as by legislation, established once for all, as the fundamental principle of our government, that there shall not in this country be license, that there shall not be in this country liberty to oppress without the law; that liberty and freedom shall come under and in pursuance of the law, of the law that is no respecter of persons, under a government that is a government neither for the rich man as such, nor for the poor man as such, but for every man, rich or poor, if he is a decent man and does his duty to the state.—From an address at San Francisco, May 11, 1903.

INDIANA

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The eleventh annual Mid-winter meeting was held Jan. 17-18 at Indianapolis. First thing to mention is the committee in charge of the meeting, which was as follows: Frank Shellhouse, William H. Ball, Frank C. Huston, Bessie Bowser, Emma Finch, Lida McGuire, a hand-picked personnel of experience, good will and affability.

The event started off with a banquet, presided over by Dept. Com. E. D. Smith, ably seconded by Aux. Dept. Pres. Sadie Stephens. Covers were laid for 105, and the dinner, served under direction of ladies of Beech Grove Christian Church, was a delight. Unlike most banquets there was no "initial stiffness," cordiality and friendliness prevailed right from the fruit cocktail, and continued in an ascending scale through to dessert. The evening was crowded with so many good things, besides the food, that space in this column will not permit of more than a brief resume.

We had with us Com.-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook and Mrs. Holbrook; Mrs. Stella Owen, of Montclair, N. J., representing National Pres. Celeste D. Gentien of the Aux., the latter being prevented from attending; Mrs. Lulu Hartzog, Pres. of Federated Patriotic Societies, and our own goodly representation of Dept. and Nat. officers. Music was furnished by the Edith Loftin trio, and was pleasingly appropriate to the occasion.

Com. Smith introduced the "celebrities" for the Sons, while Pres. Stephens did the same for the Auxiliary. The outstanding address was that of Com.-in-Chief Holbrook, who gave a compact review of the fifty years of Sons of Veterans as an order, and which was listened to with great attention. No epitome of this address will be given here, as we expect to see it all elsewhere in The Banner in due time. Com. Holbrook reminded us—and Indiana Dept.—that his hope was for 50,000 members by the time of our 50th Encampment, to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, week of Sept. 12, 1931.

We were honored by the presence of a number of the G. A. R. Comrade J. H. Henninger read an original poem and "Uncle Newt" Wilmington gave a brief talk. On the lighter side Bro. Lawrence Hanley, of Richmond, (sometime mayor) gave some humorous extracts from the papers, but best of all were some original verses (spasms) full of humor and withal some philosophy. Interspersed with these features were familiar airs by the orchestra and singing of the words by the banqueters.

Then Jr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Frank Huston introduced Rev. and Mrs. V. P. Brock. With Mrs. Brock at the piano Rev. Brock sang a number of inspiring songs, and especially were we thrilled by "Carry On" and "Land of Mine." Brock and Huston led the singing, the latter's song "Back Again to Indiana"—and at the last line: "Where the seed corn grows," some one crowned Bro. Frank Martin the Seed Corn King!

Mrs. Bessie Bowser then introduced Mrs. Stella Owen, who represented the Aux. Nat. Pres., and she gave a brief, but stirring talk on Loyalty, which was well received and appreciated. Huston then presented Wm. Edwards, Com. Ben. Harrison Camp, and Dyke Deals, Pres. Aux. 10, Indianapolis, both making short but gracious welcoming speeches.

Rev. W. F. Buckner was next introduced as the main speaker, but so much time had already been consumed, that he stuck his speech in his pocket and launched forth on an extemporaneous address, supposedly on the subject of "What this Country needs is

Boosters." However, he did not stick very closely to his topic, but kept his audience in an uproar of mirth with a rapid fire barrage of wit, humor and good natured sarcasms. He brought out that his father was a native of Tennessee, as was the father of his wife (who was also an honor guest!) and that both the fathers had run away to join the Union Army, while later on he and his girl ran away to get married. However he wound up on a serious note and left us with some fine patriotic thoughts on his subject.

Then came a presentation of gifts to Com.-in-Chief Holbrook and Nat. Sec. Owen, by Mrs. Hartzog; bouquets of sweet peas were bestowed upon the ladies who were guests of honor, by the ladies of Aux. 10.

After the banquet program, the tables were cleared away, a receiving line was formed and a short reception held. This was followed by a few dance numbers.

Sunday at 10 a. m. both the Sons and the Aux. held informal meetings, the latter having a somewhat larger attendance than the Sons. However we had plenty of interest, and feel sure much good will come of the meeting, especially as all agreed it was the most harmonious of these mid-winter gatherings held in a long time. The thing that lies closest to the hearts of all Sons of Union Veterans, everywhere, is the sad but patent fact, that the "Old Boys" are beginning to need some one to lean on in the conduct of the business end of their Department. After consulting with those still most active in G. A. R. affairs, at Dept. Headquarters, and finding such assistance would be welcomed, a committee, headed by Past Com.-in-Chief N. J. McGuire was appointed to go over the situation at Dept. Headquarters and offer such suggestions as the needs might require. There being some apprehension that the operation of the Knightstown Home was in danger of being interfered with by the legislature now in session, a committee headed by Past Camp Com. Pauley was appointed to head off any such action.

Geo. Krietenstein spoke his regrets that "Candy Day" at the Knightstown Home had been discontinued by the Sons and Auxiliary, and made a strong plea for its reinstatement. The sentiment of the meeting was that the Department would not use its own funds for this purpose, but Dr. Smith appointed George to beat the bushes for the funds and gave him power, ad lib, to go ahead with it. So no doubt you'll hear from him on the subject.

The Auxiliary at this point came into our meeting and general felicitations were in order. Mrs. Owen, Nat. Sec.; Mrs. Sadie Stephens, Dept. Pres.; Mrs. Bessie Bowser, Mrs. Emma Finch, Mrs. Lida McGuire and others contributing to the good fellowship by talks both humorous and serious. Finally all joined hands, forming a great circle around the hall and sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Rev. Stahl pronounced the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

An impromptu party, numbering thirty-six, "went Dutch" on a dinner, which was hastily arranged at the Spink-Arms Hotel and it was with real reluctance that those present at this most successful Mid-winter meeting finally separated.—E. C. C.

Camp 223, Princeton.

On Jan. 1 members of Johnny Butler Camp and Aux. met at home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Milburn, where packages of dainties had been prepared by Mesdames Milburn, Richle and Brown. Twenty-four of these packages were then distributed among the Comrades of the G. A. R. and other calls made, bringing cheer to the hearts of the Comrades. This is an annual custom.

On Jan. 5 at the regular meeting an initiation was given and a musical program, con-

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Camp 34, Lakeport.

We held a Christmas tree and party and of course a fine supper preceded the affair. Our Camp Commander acted as Santa. Presents were distributed and then fun began. Games, singing, stunts and even dancing. (Oh what a night it must have been. All these events for an evening's entertainment. Lakeport is the place for me!—Dept. Press Cor.)

The officers are installed and are working for 1931 success.

Camp 34 and Auxiliary attended the W. R. C. Installation and supper on Jan. 13, followed by a jolly time.—M. J. Bennett.

Camp 23, Dover.

We are not asleep but have only been on a vacation. New officers are installed, headed by Com. Chas. A. Jenness, and we are out to do the thing up right; candidates are in sight. A Christmas tree and social time was enjoyed by Camp and Auxiliary. Refreshments were served.

Camp 18, Nashua.

Officers have been installed and the new year's work started. Camp 18 is advancing name of a candidate for Dept. Junior Vice. It being Past Camp Com. Wm. A. Chase.

Camp 33, Hollis.

Officers were installed by Past Camp Com. Willis E. Jewett, Camp 33, Milford, it being a joint installation with the W. R. C. A supper was served and dancing followed.

Camp 38, Milford.

Held a Christmas tree with the Daughters, and we sent a Christmas box of fruit, candy and a card of good cheer to the members of the G. A. R. and their widows, which is an annual event with us. We haven't been doing much to brag about. The Daughters of Veterans meet with us the second meeting night of the month. Their meeting first, ours coming later after which, generally, refreshments are served by the Daughters. We have a loyal Tent at Milford.

A letter from a Past Dept. Commander contained many news items and suggestions, but space and time forbids me going into detail. Some of his high points are in The Banner our Dept. must be dead. He says "Wake up, Brothers, and start the ball rolling by sending in news items thus helping your Dept. Commander."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of our organization and we should make a special effort to show Com.-in-Chief Jewel of the G. A. R. that we accept his challenge and that New Hampshire Dept. will do its bit.

sisting of violin and piano, was presented by E. E. McRoberts orchestra. On Jan. 14, Bro. Levi J. Driver, now Principal of Vincennes University, gave an instructive address on some of the conspicuous characters of the Civil War. Plans were made for proper observance of Lincoln's Birthday.

Correspondent's Note.

Every Camp should have held some kind of a meeting on Union Defender's Day, Lincoln's Birthday Anniversary. Did yours? Tell us about it for the March issue. Camps have been a little slow in reporting activities. Even the ground hog crawls out of his hole in February—how about you? Do something and tell us about it!—Doc.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Dept. Commander's Heart to Heart Talk.
To the Officers and Members of Pennsylvania
Department—Greetings:

It seems but yesterday that the boys in blue marched in full ranks and buoyant steps, and their hearts beat the happy drum beats of youth, and while eyes that formerly sparkled with youth are now dim, and feet that once marched with the springy steps, are now slow, we find the spirit of our Comrades just as true as in the days when they marched in solid columns with steady steps in defense of the Union, which they in their young manhood preserved to posterity.

Just as truly as the harvest is the fruit of a season of toil, just as truly as the colors of the setting sun are brighter than those of early days, so the heroism of our fathers assumes a greater meaning, as we the present generation are permitted to enjoy the benefits of those who suffered and died.

How the spirit of our fathers challenges their sons to new endeavors in building up an organization which will carry on after they have folded their tents in the silent camping grounds of the dead.

The Grand Army of the Republic has incorporated into the future policies of our government the ideals for which they fought. The twenty years following the close of the Civil War were constructive years and our fathers proved faithful to their duties in peace as in war. Because of their services America today, with all its faults, is the best governed nation in the world. This great organization to which our fathers clung these many years must necessarily soon close its books. Charters will be surrendered and their records and battle-scarred flags will be turned over into trusted hands for reverential and perpetual care.

The task which has fallen at our feet, as sons and grandsons, is to build up a strong organization to perpetuate their memory, and fortify the institution which they have bequeathed to us.

"I pledge myself to be a member of the organization of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, to carry out the principles and objects of the order."

Can any true son or grandson of a veteran hesitate to give this pledge, and make it binding, by a prompt payment of dues, a loyal support of all activities of the Camp, and determined efforts to make our organization felt by reason of numbers and influence for good in every community?

"Enthusiasm is the motive force that is driving all of us on to accomplishments." The wonder grows that every eligible with such a heritage, if there is a spark of sentiment left in him, should not be interested in the work of our great organization. "No sacrifice should be too great."

We are not here to play
To dream, to drift,
We have work to do,
And loads to lift.

Our Commander-in-Chief is urging increase in members. My final appeal is for "an increase in membership; closer co-operation with our Auxiliaries; closer observance of our National holidays (with Lincoln's, Washington's birthdays, and Memorial Day just ahead); loyal support of the Reserve; organization of new Camps.

In the words of Longfellow:

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each tomorrow
Finds us farther than today.

J. H. Wentzel.

Dept. Patriotic Instructor's Message.

Patriotic activities alone seem insufficient to attract the membership of our organization. It is my opinion that the majority of the people are patriotic at heart. The history of our country has shown that in time of crisis our people never failed to respond to the call of service. However, in times of peace our National patriotism is somewhat dormant and needs some form of stimulant.

Unless there is a constant increase in membership our organization halts in its activity and will soon perish. There can be no great increase in the size and activity from increased membership in existing Camps and Departments. We must organize new Camps and new Departments in those sections where our society is practically unknown. With so many existing organizations, it is only those that interest and attract that grow.

As Dept. Patriotic Instructor, I call upon every Camp Patriotic Instructor to put his personality into his office and see that his Camp has something definite to work on and that a patriotic program be given at every Camp meeting. I would especially urge the proper observance of Washington and Lincoln's birthdays, Grand Army Day and Flag Day. If you have never tried holding joint meetings with other patriotic organizations, these occasions would furnish a splendid opportunity for doing so.

You as Patriotic Instructor should be among the most valuable officers of your Camp. I would suggest that you immediately become captain of a team for a membership drive—call a few of the active members of your Camp together at once and proceed along these lines.

Please report to me promptly to facilitate tabulation. It is my hope that we can report a gain in membership to Dept. Commander Wentzel, at the Encampment in Lancaster next June.—W. H. Heath, Dept. Pat. Inst.

Lancaster Encampment.

The 51st annual Encampment of the Pennsylvania Department will be held in Lancaster, the week of June 7-14.

Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Hotel Brunswick, Monday, June 8. The sessions of the Encampment will be held in the ball-room of the hotel.

The Reserve will be encamped on the Pennsylvania Railroad Athletic Field, conveniently located to the center of the city.

Reservations at the hotel should be made directly with the management. For rooms in private families and rooming houses, address all communications to Chas. F. Aument, 242 E. Ross Street, Lancaster, Pa.

Full details of railroad rates and entertainment will be published later.

Hotel Rates:

European Plan—Hotel Brunswick, \$2.00-\$5.00 per day; Hotel Wheatland, \$2.00-\$5.00 per day; Stevens House, \$2.00-\$5.00 per day; Hotel Weber, \$1.75-\$2.00 per day; Hotel Pennsylvania, \$1.50-\$4.00 per day; Hotel St. George, \$1.50-\$3.75 per day.

American Plan—Hotel Lincoln, \$2.75 per day; Swan Hotel, \$2.75 per day.

Ellis Camp 9, Philadelphia.

Under our new Commander, Ellis Camp expects to make this a banner year, and recover its prominent position held in the past in local and Department activities. One of the innovations is that every member who is present has an opportunity to win a prize given by the Welfare Committee at each meeting.

Your correspondent, only through the efforts of the members of the Camp, can furnish any interesting news relating to our membership, by your assistance. Therefore, if you want Ellis Camp represented in The Banner here-

after, let me have your items of interest.

The Camp recently sustained a severe loss in the passing of one of the few remaining prominent members of Ellis Post. Comrade Bussinger, who was known to practically all of us, has answered the last roll call. He was a member of Co. K, 10th Pa. Regt., and was imprisoned in both Anderson and Libby Prisons.

Now, brothers, get together. Do your share in putting Ellis back where she used to be by attending meetings regularly.

Camp 12, Altoona.

Monday evening, Dec. 29, a delegation of Pottis Camp 12, Altoona, visited Speer Orr Camp 11, Johnstown, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all present. Com. W. L. Houseman, Sr. Vice Com. C. T. Coleman, Treas. C. W. Poust, Guide John Brumbaugh, and P. C. C. R. Snyder, composed the delegation from Camp 12, Altoona. Com. Houseman intends to visit all the Camp in the vicinity of Camp 12. These visits are being made to promote the interest of the Reserve Company, which Com. Houseman is anxious to bring about, and also good fellowship between our neighboring Camps.

Camp 14, Johnstown.

Following the regular business session of the Camp on Dec. 22, and under the "Good of the Order" we had a Christmas party and smoker. A Christmas tree all bedecked in festive air and surrounding it were numerous packages. Each member present had received a number upon entering the meeting which entitled him to an opportunity to receive one of the gifts upon the tree. A great deal of comment and joviality followed the opening of these gifts. The tree was for the benefit of the Reserve Company, and after some lively bidding it went to Brother Ream, one of the staunchest members of the Company.

At the meeting of Dec. 29, we were greatly surprised to receive a visitation from Camp 12, of Altoona. A very pleasant social hour was spent at which time opinions and suggestions were exchanged by the two Camps. We take this opportunity of thanking the brothers from Altoona for their interest in the Camp shown by their visit.

On Jan. 1, Company I, 4th Regiment, Sons of Veterans' Reserve, held their annual New Years Dance. Although the attendance did not reach the usual proportions the dance was a most enjoyable affair. Music was furnished for the occasion by Pattison's Orchestra.

Camp 99, McKeesport.

Between 100 and 150 men heard the interesting addresses which featured the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of Capt. A. B. Campbell Camp 99, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The successful activity and work accomplished in the last twenty-one years formed pleasant reminiscences for several speakers while in the main address of the occasion, delivered by the Rev. Marna S. Poulson, a stirring charge for the future was made.

Notes.

The appointment of new Press Correspondents in quite a number of the Camps has brought forth enough news and notes to fill the entire Banner. The publishers of The Banner have been very kind to us in giving so much space to Pennsylvania Department in the last few issues. Even with all the space granted us, we have been unable to put in many of the articles sent us, and many of the articles we do use must of necessity be cut to a mere line or two. A few of our Camp Correspondents have climbed all over Yours Truly on this account, feeling that we were discriminating against them—when the truth

OHIO

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IN MEMORIAM

W. T. McDonald, Muskingum Camp No. 13

Camp 13, Zanesville.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, Muskingum Camp met with a great loss when our Camp Treasurer, Bro. W. T. McDonald, passed away. Bro. McDonald was a charter member of the Camp, always ready to carry his share of the burden and will be greatly missed.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, members of Muskingum Camp held funeral services for Comrade Milton C. Arney, members of the Camp serving as pallbearers.

Camp 466, Cleveland.

Lookout Camp held open house all day New Year's Day at their meeting room in the Court House. Several boxing bouts featured the afternoon and dancing in the evening. The Auxiliary served a fine lunch. There were many visitors from Akron, Willoughby, Lorain, Elyria and Alliance.

Camp 91, Alliance.

With the assistance of our Auxiliary we have been very busy with our Christmas parties. The children's party was held the night of Dec. 18. There was a fine program by the children with Santa present and a nice treat for all the "kiddies."

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 20, the Grand Army party was held with ten Veterans present. Each Veteran and each wife or widow was presented a box of fruit and candy; the

is, we would gladly publish the whole news as we receive it.

P. D. C. J. Edward Seipp gave a wonderful descriptive talk on the Battle of Fredericksburg on Monday, Jan. 19, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

Quite a few of the members of Camp 200 journeyed to Trenton, N. J., and helped Camp 4 celebrate their 35th Anniversary.

Dept. Counselor Boorse entertained Camp 82 with a Dutch Supper at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Past Com.-in-Chief Mable was present.

Many banquets are being arranged to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln. We are trying to arrange our affairs so that it will be possible for representative to visit at least the following: Thursday, Feb. 12—Lafayette Camp at New York City; Thursday, Feb. 12—Lehigh Valley at Bethlehem, Pa.; Thursday, Feb. 12—Schuyler Camp No. 2 at Philadelphia; Thursday, Feb. 12—Taylor Camp No. 2 at Philadelphia; Friday, Camp 4 at Trenton, N. J.; Saturday, Sons of Veterans Club, Philadelphia.

We regret to record the death of Sr. Vice Com. Rev. Wm. Scott, of Camp 112, Gettysburg, who was killed recently in an automobile accident while on his way to officiate at a funeral. Brother Scott was very active and was much interested in the work of our Order. His loss will be felt, not only by the Camp, but by the Department at large.

During this last month, the Department has lost by the death of Brothers W. S. Hess, of Camp 15, Harrisburg; A. W. Mason, of Camp 267, Hazleton; and H. G. Yocum, of Camp 51, Darby, old and active members of the organization. With the rapid passing of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and so many of our own actives, it should spur us on to more activity if our Order is to be in a position to carry out the work that we are organized for.

ones unable to attend not being forgotten, and presents were delivered to their homes by the Sons.

Our Auxiliary held their Christmas Exchange Dec. 22 with 35 members present. The meeting of District No. 3 was held at Massillon the evening of Dec. 1, with 75 in attendance. All voted the meeting a fine one and the Massillon folks fine entertainers.

The next District meeting will be held in Canton at a date in March to be selected later.

Alliance Camp Celebrates Birthday.

Talks by the thirteen Past Commanders of McMillan Camp No. 91 featured the program given when the organization celebrated its 44th birthday.

George Waller was in charge of the program, while Com. R. T. Pence officiated over the meeting. Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary were guests. J. E. Russell, oldest Past Commander and only charter member of the Camp who is still a member, gave a very interesting talk relative to the early history of the organization.

Plans have been made for the Washington-Lincoln banquet to be held on Feb. 19. Our Drum Corps are getting ready for a busy season.

Camp 2, Girard.

On Monday evening, Jan. 5, Baldwin Camp and their Auxiliary entertained the Sons and Auxiliary from New Castle, Pa. After a program of some two hours the meeting was turned over to the social committee. Cards and dancing were the main event. A fine luncheon was served at a late hour to close a very enjoyable evening.

13th District Meeting.

At the District Meeting held Sunday, Jan. 25, a committee report was favorably received advising reorganization of the District to include the Auxiliaries. A committee of Sons and a committee from the Auxiliary are to meet and draw up a new Constitution and By-Laws.

It is hoped that after the re-organization our District will be able to "show up" some of the other Districts in the State.

Notes.

Willoughby Camp will have a Lincoln and Washington party Feb. 18.

The Canton Camp sponsored the placing of the wreath on Ex-President McKinley's tomb on Jan. 29. More details of the ceremony will appear in the next issue.

Cuyahoga County Council of Sons, Daughters and Auxiliary is sponsoring a Lincoln's Day Banquet at the Cleveland Club Feb. 12.

Lorain Camp and Auxiliary are having a dance Feb. 18.

Camp 27, Akron.

Akron Camp was recently honored by the attendance of G. A. R. Dept. Com. W. A. Talbott, of Cleveland, and Comrade Southworth, as well as 15 members of Buckley Post, G. A. R., of Akron. The Camp took in eight members from Ghent, and the long form work was put on by the Degree Team of Camp 27.

Following this Com. Talbott gave a very interesting address in which he mentioned the part these heroes of '61 to '65 played in the restoration period following that great crisis, stating how their time and energy was spent in building up the country which they had saved that we might more fully enjoy its blessings. He also asked us to remember that it would soon be the "Grand Army of the Redeemed," as that great chain is rapidly being shortened, link by link, and bade us to be ever alert to carry on their noble principles and work.

Following this Comrade Bradford, Chaplain

MARYLAND

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Department Notes.

A new Camp of Sons of Union Veterans was organized on the evening of Jan. 2 in Washington, D. C., under the name of Major Edward R. Campbell Camp No. 6. The following officers were installed by Past Dept. Com. U. S. Grant, 3rd: A. J. Schipper, Com.; John R. Hess, Sr. Vice; C. L. Williams, Jr. Vice; Will Rogers, Treas.; John J. Hagan, Sec.

A large and enthusiastic gathering of members of the affiliated patriotic societies of the District of Columbia witnessed the institution of the new Camp and the Cushing Camp Degree Team exemplified the long form of the rite of initiation. The slogan of the Camp is "One hundred members by Memorial Day." May this noble ambition be more than realized!

On Jan. 22 Past Dept. Com. Everett F. Warner installed the officers of Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5. Judge O. P. M. Brown of the U. S. Shipping Board is the new Commander, and L. G. Reynolds, in charge of the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics in the house in which President Lincoln died, is Sr. Vice. The following members hold offices as indicated: R. J. F. McElroy, Sec.; Horace J. Phelps, Pat. Inst.; John E. Stark, Chap.

On Jan. 10 Appomattox Auxiliary No. 2 gave a banquet in honor of Nat. Pres. Celeste Gentieu. Twenty members of Appomattox Camp attended. On Jan. 12 the Camp initiated one new member. The organization is planning a class initiation to be held at an early date. Brother E. P. Corrie, Past Dept. Commander, and a member of Appomattox Camp, attended the institution of E. R. Campbell Camp No. 6 in Washington.

Two deaths have recently occurred. Comrade Louva Starr, who fought with the Fifth U. S. Artillery, and was a member of Smyth Post, G. A. R., was given a full military funeral by Appomattox Camp, as was Comrade G. W. Gentieu, father of the National President of the Auxiliary. The organization extends its sympathies to the survivors.

MINNESOTA

H. B. Mathews, Commander, Brookings, S. D.

C. F. W. Schultz Passes.

Dec. 19 we of the Dept. of Minnesota suffered a great loss in the death of Past Dept. Com. C. F. W. Schultz, of Camp Atkinson, Litchfield, Minn. For the good he has done for our order he cannot be too highly commended, being a loyal and faithful worker and 100 per cent patriotic. He will not only be missed by his own Camp but by all Camps throughout the Department for the hard diligent work he did in the interest of his own Camp and the Department as well.

Bro. Schultz's wife passed away about three years ago and he is survived by two daughters, a member of the Auxiliary, and a son; also a sister who is a member of the Auxiliary of Litchfield.

of Akron Post No. 12, G. A. R., presented the Dept. Commander with a plaque of Lincoln, at the same time giving a brief eulogy on the life of Lincoln as one of the greatest men the world has ever known. He then presented Comrade Talbott with three of his own poems in behalf of Buckley Post No. 12 of Akron.

Dept. Com. Thobaben of the Sons then gave a short address in which he introduced Comrade Taggart, of Akron Post No. 12, as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. at the National Encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, this fall.

NEW YORK

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Camp 15, Rochester.

F. E. Pierce Camp reinstated two members and mustered a new one at a recent meeting. Past Dept. Chap. Rev. Wm. A. Hallock assisted in the muster.

Pierce Camp acted as escort when the Anna P. Clary Tent, D. of U. V., presented a flag to Bethel Tabernacle. The Camp and Tent will unite in presenting another flag in the near future.

A degree team is a feature of the Camp.

Camp 127, Beacon.

Howland Camp was host at the meeting of the Hudson Valley Association Dec. 20. Among the features of the entertainment were a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree from which were distributed 200 bags of candy and several bushels of apples. Brother Fred Travis was Santa. Addresses were given by Dept. Sec. Julius Isaacs; Brother Frances of Tappan Camp, Kingston; Com. L. U. Lennon of McCallan Camp, of Yonkers, and Brother Townsend of Camp 74, Brooklyn.

Pres. James Krom of the Hudson Valley Assn. led the singing with Mrs. Harvey Budd at the piano. Dr. Charles H. Kittredge gave several delightful solos. A pantomime "The Lamp Went Out" directed by Josephine Schreuth of Poughkeepsie, created great amusement. Another skit "Big Business" followed. Refreshments were served by Howland Relief Corps and Auxiliary.

Camps represented were No. 1, Kingston; No. 3, Hudson; No. 52, Newburgh; No. 78, Peekskill; No. 127, Beacon, and No. 8, Poughkeepsie, as well as Auxiliaries and allied bodies.

Camp 19, Amsterdam.

De Graff Camp has recently taken charge of the funerals of several Comrades.

The Northern New York Club held its second annual banquet here Jan. 31.

Clarence E. Johnson has been re-elected Commander. The Camp and Auxiliary held a joint installation.

Three of the five surviving Comrades were guests on Veterans' Night. A membership contest is on as well as a series of semi-monthly card parties and the Camp faces the New Year in high spirits.

Camp 77, Elmira.

Olven Camp has experienced a severe loss in the death of the Rev. R. Lew Williams, pastor of the Lake Street Presbyterian Church for 30 years and dean of the Protestant clergy of Elmira. He was also Grand Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge. During the World War he served with the Army Y. M. C. A. in France. He passed away in his sleep. A memorial service was held.

Past Commanders' Night was observed Jan. 12 with P. C. W. G. Fudge in the chair and 11 of the 15 living Past Commanders occupying the stations. H. L. Kelly was mustered. A clam chowder supper was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. George Lamoreaux entertained with songs and negro dialect. A handsome floor lamp was presented W. G. Fudge by Jonas Fuller on behalf of the membership. Ten members of Baldwin Post No. 6 were guests of honor.

P. D. C. Neil Cranmer was toastmaster at the annual banquet of Baldwin Post Relief Corps and P. C. Frank B. Thorpe was among the speakers.

Camp 88, Waverly.

After a period of inactivity for several years Waverly Camp is again on the firing

line, largely through the efforts of Dept. Com. Fred C. Barnard. Twenty-two members have been secured for the reorganized Camp.

On Jan. 16 a class initiation took place in the Albertson Memorial Building, the Degree Team of Burdick Camp No. 40, of Ithaca, headed by Attorney J. McGuire, putting on the work, assisted by Judson Cole of Elmira. Preceding the initiation a delightful banquet was enjoyed, served by Waverly Auxiliary. Officers were elected and installed by P. D. C. Neil Cranmer, assisted by J. C. J. G. Wilcox, of Elmira.

Charles C. Strong, prominent business man, is the new Commander. Among the speakers were Dept. Pat. Inst. George Yeomans and P. C. H. L. Olney, of Binghamton; Dept. Com. Barnard and P. C. French, of Ithaca; P. C. W. G. Fudge, Com. R. M. Burnham, Judson Cole, and Jr. Vice Com. Jonas Fuller, of Elmira.

Camp 64, Mount Vernon.

Nordquist Camp will celebrate Lincoln's Birthday jointly with the Auxiliary. A class initiation will be a feature. Sr. Vice Com. Bridgeman is chairman of the committee in charge.

The Camp recently conducted funeral services for Comrades Joseph Stewart and Henry Finger. John F. Cozine and James Dingee were elected to membership.

Department Commander Visits Metropolis.

Dept. Com. Fred C. Barnard was the guest of Hamilton Post, G. A. R., and Relief Corps at the installation of officers and reception to Dept. Com. George H. Taylor of the G. A. R. at the Masonic Temple in N. Y. City, Jan. 10. In the evening he attended the reception given by the Auxiliary in honor of Dept. Pres. Mary Kryger.

Camp 144, Canastota.

Reese Camp will celebrate Lincoln's Birthday on Feb. 11. County Judge Campbell will be toastmaster at the banquet and Past Dept. Com. Neil Cranmer of Elmira will give the address of the evening on Abraham Lincoln. M. E. Newberry and George Johnston are in charge of arrangements.

Camp 79, Woodhaven.

John Elsemann Camp joined with Louis M. Hamilton Post No. 152, G. A. R., and its Auxiliary, in a public installation of officers recently. Mark M. Thomsen is the new Commander.

On Feb. 9 the Camp will celebrate Lincoln's Birthday. The Camp meets the second Monday of each month and the latch string is always out for visiting brothers.

Camp 42, Troy.

Elaborate preparations are underway for the entertainment of the Northern New York Club which will be the guest of King Camp at its February meeting. Illness has been prevalent among members of the Camp and their families.

King's County Memorial and Executive Committee.

Announcement was made at a meeting of the King's County Memorial and Executive Committee on Jan. 20 that a cannon ball measuring 10 inches, found on a Virginia battlefield, had been presented to the committee by the Memorial and Executive Committee of the G. A. R. President George Eberhardt and staff were installed.

Plans were made for a ball to be held soon the proceeds of which will go to the G. A. R. Relief Fund. New uniforms will be ordered for all members for Memorial Day. Koltes Camp No. 171 it is expected will soon identify itself with the Committee. A period of one minute silence was observed in memory of

OREGON

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The next annual Encampment will be held in Portland in June. This is only four months away. Dept. Com. E. W. Madison lives at Grants Pass, and because of the distance from Portland, will be unable to attend conferences to arrange details as to meeting places, programs, etc. Sr. Vice Com. C. A. Williams, 1223 Albina Ave., Portland, is delegated as the Commander's representative, with all his authority in these matters. Much labor and responsibility will rest on the members of the Portland Camps, and those of the cities near by. Bro. Williams will call on some of you for help. Give him your hearty co-operation and assistance.

Camp 6, Salem.

Joshua Smith Camp is enjoying a large attendance at its regular meetings. Keen interest is manifest and the committee work is good. Com. L. C. McShane is a good organizer.

Chas. Fossenden, heading the Visiting Committee, sees that some one keeps in touch with the old Comrades and reports. Glen Adams is ever faithful on the Entertainment Committee.

Pat. Inst. R. G. Stover had a good program on the 27th at which time the life of McKinley was reviewed. The Auxiliary joined with the Sons at this time.

A supper and program will be given in the near future and the proceeds turned into the Department Organization Fund. A new member is added occasionally and several more are now in sight. The recent marriage of Bro. E. B. Perrine resulted in an addition of one to the Auxiliary. We have some more sons who could help the Auxiliary out in this way. Come through, boys, and do your stuff. —Eugene T. Prescott, Cor.

Comrade Drake of Rankin Post and P. D. C. Charles H. Heimsoth.

Camp 209, Cohoes.

N. G. Lyon Camp celebrated the holiday season with a grab bag and social Dec. 29. There was a large attendance. Several candidates are to be mustered soon. The report that the Camp officially participated in the recent Auxiliary reception is erroneous.

Camp 93, Binghamton.

Binghamton Camp will celebrate eleven patriotic anniversaries this year. Lincoln's Birthday anniversary will be observed Feb. 9 with the G. A. R., W. R. C., Ladies of the G. A. R., D. of U. V. and Aux. as guests.

P. C. George Yeomans recently entertained Camp and Aux. at a housewarming party. Games, entertainment and refreshments featured the evening.

Camp 141, Warsaw.

A few months ago Mr. Henry T. Dugdale, a long time resident of Warsaw, presented Major Knapp Camp with a pair of hand-cuffs that were used on the ship commanded by Admiral Zera L. Tanner during the Civil War. The hand-cuffs were given Mr. Dugdale in the early '90's. He also presented the Camp with a piece of wood taken from a post in the stockade at Andersonville Prison, given him by the daughter of the late Abram B. Lawrence, Quarter Master of the 1st N. Y. Dragoons.

Gilbs Post, 130, of Warsaw, has a number of relics and valuable etchings of scenes along the battlefields and the highways of the front.

CONNECTICUT

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A Moment With Dept. Secretary-Treasurer.

The other day as Treasurer of my Camp I had occasion to make a visit to the office of our Dept. Secretary-Treasurer for some supplies that I wanted and was greatly impressed with the way the records are kept in his office.

The Connecticut Department is not large enough to hire an office in some down town office building, like some of the other larger Departments, so the records have to be kept in a private home. Most of us would not care to use our homes for this use considering the small amount of pay received for this work.

In a moment's notice our Dept. Secretary-Treasurer can open his files and find any quarterly report, requisition or paid bill that any member wanted looked up. A complete set of files are in this office, also cabinet for supplies, a typewriter and addressograph machine.

Each month The Banner sends in the cards sent them by the Post Offices of the different cities and towns in Connecticut. These are checked up with the membership card file of each Camp and corrected and then sent to the different Camp Secretaries, so that they may know the changes in address of their membership. Often times a member moves and will not give his new address to his local Camp Secretary.

A few years ago one of our Camps had the misfortune to have a fire and all the records of that Camp were burnt up. The Secretary of that Camp wrote in to Dept. Headquarters asking for a list of their members and our Dept. Secretary gave them a complete list of their membership.

Our Dept. Secretary-Treasurer will in April have served us for sixteen years. In the Dept. Encampment held on April 25, 1929, they conferred upon him the rank of Honorary Dept. Commander, with the right to wear the badge of that office in our Encampments.

If for any good reason our Secretary-Treasurer should drop out of office the person taking same will find everything in fine shape. The records on the bank account show that each Dept. Council has audited the books nearly each quarter and found same O. K.

Camp 1, New Haven.

Nathan Hale Camp appointed Charles E. Clark, Sr., Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for 1931 and the following to serve on the joint Memorial Day Committee: Robert C. C. Smith, Charles E. Clark, Sr., Julian J. Morgan, William D. Holt, and the Commander, William D. Hill.

Camp 2, Manford.

Abraham Lincoln Camp held their installation of officers at the November meeting. Theodore Branford was installed as Commander by Sr. Vice Edwip M. Scott. The Auxiliary served lunch and a large number were present.

The Camp and Auxiliary are holding joint socials once a month. This Camp will be the Dept. Commander's Camp after the Encampment in Bridgeport next April.

Camp 17, New Haven.

Admiral Foote Camp held a fine meeting on Dec. 23 in Moose Hall. This meeting was the last one held in Moose Hall as future meetings will be held in the New State Armory. Camp 17 will meet on the third Tuesday night of each month. Com. Frederick French expects increased attendance at meetings and several candidates are expected this year.

After the regular meeting on the 23rd, a

NEW JERSEY

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Camp 4, Trenton.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 8, Garfield Camp celebrated the thirty-fifth anniversary of its organization. The affair was one grand success. The meeting was conducted from the ritual that was used thirty-five years ago and the various officers were filled by seven charter members that still survive, most of them having been the original officers that served when the Camp was organized. They are as follows: Capt. H. D. Williams; 1st Sergt. John L. Reeger; Q. M., Elmer E. Margerum; Sergt. of Guard, Rockhill Hart; Camp Guard, A. K. Hendley; Pickett Guard, Edward Reeger, and 2nd Lieut., John S. Williams.

The subject of the evening was Memories of Thirty-five Years Ago. Each of the char-

meeting of District No. 6 was held. On account of the severe cold and bad roads the out of town boys did not attend, but the boys from Camps 1 and 17 turned out in good shape.

The speaker of the evening was Past Dept. Com. Robert J. Woodruff of Camp 17. His address was on the Battle of the Marne in the World War, also showing how it compared with Gettysburg in the Civil War.

After the meeting Pat. Inst. Frank Vincent and his Committee served refreshments.—Wm. J. Thomas, Cor.

Camp 26, Derby.

Charles I. Russell Camp held New Haven night Jan. 19. A large number of Camps 1 and 17, Auxiliary Nos. 2 and 13 were present. Com. Smith and several of his staff were present.

Feb. 16 the Camp will celebrate their 44th anniversary and the 25th anniversary of the death of Colonel Russell. The Department officers will be guests.

Camp 20, New London.

The Camp mourns the passing of Bro. Chas. H. Rose, for many years a faithful member of our Order. A former chief of the New London Fire Dept., Bro. Rose was held in high esteem throughout the entire state. He took great pleasure in meeting the brothers from other Camps, and never missed a meeting of the 5th District. During the past year, Bro. Rose was particularly active in the interests of our organization, doing much to assure the success of the 1930 Dept. Encampment. Avery Camp will miss him. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rose and the family.

Our first meeting in 1931 was made happy by the presence of Past Com. William Davies. Bro. Davies, one of the most regular attendants in the Camp, had been unable to be with us all summer and autumn because of illness. We welcome him back to health.—Camp Correspondent.

Camp 39, Milford.

George Van Horn Camp was host at a reception to Com. R. C. C. Smith and Dept. Officers Jan. 12. This Camp chose a wet night for their reception and only six Dept. officers were present.

The Park City Orchestra made the evening pleasant with music and a good time was had by all who braved the storm. The W. R. C. furnished a lunch.

Camp 49, Waterbury.

Wadhams Camp were hosts to the Valley District meeting Jan. 23. State officers were invited and the meeting was held in W. R. C. Hall. A large gathering was present.

ter members told what he remembered of the history of Garfield Camp thirty-five years ago.

Representatives of a number of Camps were present. The degree team performed in a creditable manner and initiated one candidate.

Camp 1, Hoboken.

Invitations are beginning to arrive and the "Old Guard" are getting out their tuxedos for the various coming affairs. Council-in-Chief Hansen was again invited to assist at the installation of Wilson Post and quite a delegation went with him. Jan. 30 was the Forgers meeting in Paterson, Camp 8.

There seems to be a better spirit among fraternal circles, as the attendance of the meeting has increase and a better enthusiasm in the work of the meetings is being shown by those who are present and taking part in the debates and in solving the many problems that face those who have carried on the work up to now.

Camp 5, Trenton.

A meeting of District No. 3 was held in our rooms on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, under direction of Dist. Alde Walter Bair, of Lambertville. There were representations present from Camp 10, Camp 4 and Camp 5. Upon suggestion of Dept. Pat. Inst. Albert C. Lambert, a committee was appointed to investigate and study the number of cemeteries coming under the jurisdiction of the Camps in our District. The first purpose is to ascertain that all cemeteries are being taken care of. Then the individual Camps were urged to secure maps of the cemeteries that come under their direct care and mark every grave of a Union Veteran of the Civil War. We realize that to complete this work, it will take a number of years and a lot of work. We feel however that once completed we will have something to hand on to the Sons of Union Veterans that will aid them in their work. This work was inspired by the report of Brother Charles R. Hale at the 49th Annual Encampment.

All of the active Camps in District 3 have active military organizations. Camp 10 has an excellent Drum Corps. Camp 4 is an Artillery unit, while Camp 5 comprises the Infantry. After the meeting, a supper was served by the ladies of Auxiliary 5. Another meeting of District 3 will be held in Camp 4 rooms on Thursday evening, Feb. 26.

Camp 8, Paterson.

Jan. 2 Brother Roscoe C. More, a resident of Waverly, New York, gave a most interesting address on the beautiful scenery around the Finger Lakes section of New York State. He also stated that he endeavored to interest the Sons of Union Veterans to form a Camp there.

Jan. 9 George N. Bell, Treas. of the Sons of Veterans Building Assn., rendered an accounting of his stewardship for the past year, and suggested several drastic changes, which were debated and carried for the good of the Camp.

Two of the members of this Camp are associate officers of Farragut Post, No. 28, G. A. R., Frank Parker, the long-term Treasurer of the Camp acting as Secretary, and Benjamin Stinson as the Associate Chaplain. The installation services of the Post on the 14th were of an unusual character, eight Veterans and one Spanish War Veteran graced the company. The dinner served by Aux. 3 of the Camp was up to the standard of this noble body of women.

Correspondent's Note.

The Correspondents of the New Jersey Camps must be confined to the house with smallpox, for up to date only four Camps have responded with manuscript. A better showing next month, please.

MASSACHUSETTS

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Deaths in G. A. R.

Past Com. Makepeace, of Brockton, expresses the sentiment of all Sons when he says that it is with regret that it is necessary to chronicle the passing of a number of Comrades prominent in the Grand Army of the old Bay State, Department Commander Alvin Howes, Adjutant Alfred Wetherbee, known from coast to coast for his perfect handling of the New England delegations to the National Encampments. Past Dept. Coms. Benjamin A. Ham and Edwin F. Morrill; also Dept. Pat. Inst. Walter S. Parker. Each day it seems as if sad news comes from the Posts.

Quincy to Take G. A. R. Trophies.

Com. Bishop of Paul J. Revere Post, 88, at the request of four other members, asked the Mayor to accept the trusteeship of the numerous relics and trophies that adorn the walls of the G. A. R. headquarters. The City Council voted to take over the perpetual care of these priceless articles. Shortly an inventory will be made with a history of the various pictures and souvenirs. They will be left at headquarters which is in Adams Academy, a city owned building.

Camp 4, Plymouth.

At a recent meeting of this Camp Dept. Com. Charles M. Appleton was a guest, also eleven brothers from Scituate Camp, and Dist. Com. Hobson.

A delegation of brothers went to the "Button" meeting in Whitman and four new members were taken in that night.

While we are well into 1931 would like to say a word about a New Year's party held by the Auxiliary to which the Sons were invited. It was a delightful evening and the Auxiliary are wonderful hostesses.

The class initiation to have been held in January at the Chelsea Soldiers Home was postponed to Feb. 7.

The new Tent of Daughters of Veterans has been named the Julia P. Kendall Tent in honor of the two Kendall sisters who were nurses in the Civil War. They have both passed on, but it is hoped the Tent will long be a memorial to their work. They meet in G. A. R. hall the third Friday of month.

Past Division Commander Soule.

The hand of death has reached out and taken from us our friend and brother, Rufus A. Soule, Jr., Past Division Commander, a Past Commander of John H. Clifford Camp, 150, of New Bedford, and a long time worker in that body.

He is gone, but his work lives after him. Not only in our order will he be missed, but in various other fraternal and patriotic organizations his voice was heard and his influence felt. After serving this Camp in several capacities, he became a member of the Division Council and in 1918 served as Division Commander.

After his retirement from high office, he did not deem his work finished, but was ever found helping the Veterans or giving the Camp the benefit of his wisdom and business acumen. In the business life of the city he was prominent as treasurer of a large and prosperous mill. We shall miss his genial presence, his keen insight into the business affairs of the Camp, and while we shall not see him in person we know that his influence will be ever with us.—J. William Webber.

Big Time at Roxbury.

One of the old time meetings of the Sons

ILLINOIS

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Department Encampment.

The forty-ninth Encampment of our Order will be held at Aurora June 2, 3 and 4. Headquarters for Sons and Auxiliary will be at the Aurora-Leland Hotel. This event is now only four months away and plans can readily be made for attendance. Aurora knows how to entertain, is hoping all organizations will be represented, and is ready and willing to do everything possible to make it pleasant for all guests.

Camp 8 Active.

The new year started out with many activities in Camp 8, Chicago. An average of eight members attended eight different installation ceremonies of Grand Army Posts or Daughters of Veterans Tents.

Joint memorial services were held Sunday, Jan. 18, by George G. Meade Post, 441, G. A. R., Camp 8 and its Aux., Tents 5 and 20, Daughters of Veterans, and Woman's Relief Corps No. 136. The combined death roll for the participating orders reached 16.

Camp 8 is planning for a big program on Feb. 12 to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

For some time but two members of George G. Meade Post, 441, G. A. R., have been able to attend meetings of the Post but Sons of

and Auxiliary was held in Roxbury Court House Saturday, Jan. 21. Starting at 2:30 it continued through the evening with time out for supper which was served by the Auxiliary. Past Coms-in-Chief Fred Bolton and Dr. Ernest Homan; Past Dept. Coms. "Bill" Anderson, Frank Kirchgassner, H. Harding Hale, Fred Upham, Guy Richardson and Dept. Com. Appleton were there, and many Camps of Greater Boston were represented by a large delegation.

Working Hard for Anniversary.

Com. Appleton is making a wonderful effort to create interest in the fiftieth anniversary of the order. He has written hundreds of letters to Camps and members asking them to put their shoulder to the wheel and pep up Camps that are lagging or aid those that are endeavoring to maintain a live Camp. There is work to be done and the Commander has an enthusiastic crew working with him. Less than three months to go in his administration and he hopes to clean up big.

Whitman Crashes Into Limelight.

The past month Whitman has held the center of the stage in Sons and Auxiliary affairs. A class initiation occupied one night. The Normouth Associates met there and they have had several social evenings with their regular sessions. "The Buttons" are coming strong and there is a Patrol under organization which may prove one of the best units connected with the organization.

News from the Shoe City.

Jan. 5 the Camp attended the installation of Clara Snow Tent No. 50, D. of U. V., and on Jan. 6 installation of Post 35, American Legion. Delegations also attended on Jan. 9 installation of Jame A. Frye Camp No. 200, U. S. W. V. and Auxiliary, and installation of Fletcher Webster W. R. C. No. 7.

Jan. 10 a large delegation attended the conference meeting at Whitman.

Jan. 7 P. C. Makepeace and P. C. Jordon assisted Fletcher Webster W. R. C. in a minstrel show.

Veterans from Camp 8 always attend and fill the offices. The Camp is happy to have two members on the advisory board of Tents 5 and 20 and one as counselor of Auxiliary 8.—Thomas L. Beem, Cor.

Arranges Church Affairs.

Pat. Inst. Thomas L. Beem has arranged for two special services for the Civil War Veterans and members of orders allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. The first was on Feb. 8 at Park Manor Methodist Church, corner of Seventieth St. and South Park Ave., Chicago, with the Rev. Willis Ray Wilson, a member of the Dept. Council, delivering the sermon. The second will be held Feb. 15 at 11 a. m., at Central Church, Chicago, Orchestra hall, with Dr. Frederick F. Shannon as speaker. This service will be broadcast over WENR.

Presented Flags.

Thomas L. Beem arranged a fine program Jan. 8, at which time Tent 20, Daughters of Veterans, presented a flag to the Girl Scouts of Troop 105, at 7400 South Blackstone Ave. The program included 75 Girl Scouts in drills, music by the South Shore American Legion Band and numbers by four Civil War Veterans, ranging in ages from 85 to 92. On Jan. 10 the same officers presented a flag to the Boy Scouts of Troop 670.

Plans Joint Celebration.

Joint celebration of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays will be held under the auspices of Canton Camp No. 10, Feb. 17. Each of the allied orders is to present at least one number on the program.

Member of Camp 26 Passes.

Herbert E. Sanders, sixty-three years of age, died on Saturday, Jan. 10, at his home, 4108 West State St., Rockford, after a lingering illness of two years.

Brother Sanders, familiarly known as "Bert" and sometimes "Steve," was a son of Levi Sanders, a widely known Civil War veteran and mail carrier.

Bert, whose erect form was often seen at the head of the Sons of Veterans Fife and Drum Corps, was a charter member of John A. Logan Camp No. 26, an organizer of the local Drum Corps.

He had been active most of his life in Veteran organizations and had directed the Drum Corps in hundreds of Grand Army parades.

Funeral services were conducted by the local and Department Chaplain, C. W. Jaycox, in the Rockford Memorial Hall, with the impressive ceremonies of the order, on Tuesday, Jan. 13. Burial in the Cedar Bluff Cemetery.

Hold Joint Meeting.

Sixteen members of the Bloomington Camp went to Springfield Friday, Jan. 23, to hold a joint meeting with the Camp of that city in the G. A. R. rooms in the court house. Past Dept. Com. Davidson, Springfield, was present.

Mrs. Emma Daiger, Dept. President of the Ladies of the Grand Army, accompanied the group from Bloomington, which was led by L. F. Stewart, Commander; Thomas Selders, Sr. Vice; Amos K. Frey, Jr. Vice, and P. W. Gregory, Patriotic Instructor.

Camp 17, Blue Island.

Geo. B. Abbott Camp installed officers jointly with the Daughters on Friday evening, Jan. 16. Following are the new officers: Com., Henry R. Conkin; Sr. Vice, Earl F. Van Gorder; Jr. Vice, John Wood; Sec.-Treas., E. O. Chapman; Pat. Inst., V. H. Vuostenberg; Chap., A. J. Meyers. G. Frank Van Gorder was Installing Officer. A short program was held following the installation ceremonies.

WISCONSIN

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We want: One Thousand or More!

The Essay Contest.

Brethren, representing various Camps, have been urging the Committee to select a subject and to lay down rules for this contest. Each year the Sons sponsor a Department-wide contest, giving winner a trip as guest, all expenses paid, to the Department Encampment, also gold badge; silver badge to second winner and bronze badge to winner of prize.

The subject has been chosen, circulars sent out, and now all may get busy.

Rules: Confined to pupils in seventh and eighth grades, all schools.

Subject: Emancipation Proclamation; purposes, timeliness, results.

Number of words to be not less than twelve hundred nor more than fifteen hundred. Winning essay to be read at Encampment. Only three of best essays to be selected by county committee, to be sent to central committee. The County Superintendent receives essays in each county, arranges for selection of three best; essays to be in his hands not later than April 20, and to be in hands of W. R. Graves, a member of committee, Prairie du Chien, not later than May 1; winner to be announced June 1.

Should any information be desired any member of the committee, more particularly Bro. W. R. Graves, will supply same. Other members of committee are Prof. C. D. Donaldson, Eau Claire, and H. S. Siggelko, Madison.

An outline merely has been given above and it is hoped that each brother will get behind this worthwhile constructive effort, and see to it that the scholars in his community and county take part. Wisconsin, progressive, is blazing a trail for other Departments in this field and the subject selected relates always to some subject connected with the Civil War.—H. S. S.

Small But Oh My!

Thorp is not a large place. We have been through the village, a most pleasant and charming spot, in which is located Camp 79, with such brethren as G. Mathews, J. Rossman and Bill Warner, and others of like metal on the roll.

On Dec. 17, mid-winter, the aforesaid brethren invaded the precincts of Medford, County Seat of Taylor Co., and rounded up about ten eligibles who promise to join the proposed Camp there. Besides this the President of the W. R. C. has furnished a list of ten additional eligibles and we are betting that effort will not cease on the part of the stalwarts from Thorp until Medford gives the Department a Camp. If all Camps and brothers would only get as busy we would raise our ante to Two Thousand or more. Follow Thorp.

The foregoing, in substance, was sent us by Brother Bill Warner. Of course we added the complimentary things about the brothers and the Camp.—H. S. S.

February Wonderful Month.

For us Sons, for all red blooded Americans, the month of February is of great moment. Two of our Presidents, the two who rank the highest, were born in that month, only twelve days apart—Washington and Lincoln. Physically both were the tallest Presidents, Washington some six feet four inches, Lincoln just a bit shorter.

The great significance of the month for the Sons is that during this month a special spurt in recruiting and in launching Camps

RHODE ISLAND

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Father and Son Banquet.

At the Round Top Church on Feb. 21 this great event will take place at eight p. m. All members of the Grand Army will be cared for either by members of the Camps with which their Posts are in touch, or by the Department. Automobiles will call for the Veterans at their homes and transport them to the dining hall and when the evening closes take them home. Entertainment will be furnished and things made as pleasant for the Veterans as possible.

The dinner will be served by cooks who are expert at the game. These experts are members of our Auxiliary. The tickets are to be sold at one dollar and fifty cents. Can be had from Dept. Sec. Frank B. Wight, who has a telephone. Get your ticket, get your can, get your man. Get your place at the table. You will get your fill of well cooked and served food, good entertainment, and loads of satisfaction in the thought of having taken a Comrade of your Father's to this banquet. There won't be many more banquets of this nature.

50th Anniversary.

In one of Dept. Com. Briggs' talks he said in part: "With the thought that we are to be the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is highly important that the Rhode Island Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, make the 50th anniversary celebration a most extensive affair. Therefore, I have appointed a Committee of the most active men in the Department, and one man from each Camp, which will hold meetings often enough to consider this matter, with all suggestions, so all angles can be viewed and most complete programs arranged. Since we as an organization have held on with one thought in our minds—that we be the

should be made; though momentum for the drive should be launched right after the Department Encampment has been held.

Of course also no Camp should avoid putting on a special Lincoln and Washington program.

February is, indeed, for us an outstanding month.—H. S. S.

Correction.

In the report of the Commander-in-Chief's visit to Milwaukee, in the December Banner, the statement was made that the highest membership of the Sons was 56,000 in 1888. The correct figures are 57,824 in 1917, according to the National Secretary-Treasurer's report.—E. S. McK.

Department Organizer Has Plans.

The Organizer-in-Chief Felix A. Kremer, of Phillips, is looking over the field with a view of organizing some new Camps before the La Crosse Encampment in June. Encouragement will be lent in this work by the incorporation in official communications of the Departments of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, urging their members to lend every aid in the work. Camps in prospect are: Monroe, Waupaca, Ft. Atkinson, Palmyra and Jefferson, Waukesha, Delavan, Elkhorn, Medford and Green Bay.—E. S. McK.

Parties at Milwaukee.

A hard-times party was held at the American Legion hall, 19th and W. Wells St., Jan. 21. The next social event will be a masquerade ball and card party on Feb. 21 at the same place. The C. K. Pier-Bader Camp and Auxiliary No. 4 have charge.—E. S. McK.

ones to carry on the work of our Fathers—for almost fifty years we must not waver now, but rather show renewed energy and make this Fiftieth Anniversary of Our Organization the greatest, grandest affair of our existence."

Past Commanders' Association.

A most enjoyable time was reported at Dept. Headquarters regarding the banquet by the Past Commanders' Association. A good dinner and entertainment, and everyone satisfied. At the election of officers Past Dept. Com. Frank L. Barrows was made President, to serve another year. The rest of the officers were about the same as in former years.

Big things are planned by the Dept. President's Association with the Department of Sons and they will be carried out to the letter. Look into them or talk them over with one of the members of these bodies, and attend all or some of their affairs.

Dept. Sr. Vice Com. Fred O. gave out a little good stuff by saying that the Camp in the Valley at Clyde will hold another one of those barn dances that put pep and go in every one who attends. It is going to be free to all this time, but don't go broke, for perhaps there may be things there that you will want to bring home with you, or eat there.

VERMONT

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Brattleboro.

Col. H. E. Taylor Camp is making a special effort to see that every soldier's grave in this vicinity is marked. Already thirteen stones for G. A. R. Veterans and two for Spanish War Veterans have been received, and others are pending. It is the expectation of Camp 2 that every grave within thirty miles of Brattleboro, that contains all that was mortal of one who gave all he had for his country, has a suitable marker. Daniel F. Curtin Camp, Spanish War Veterans, as well as many prominent citizens, are backing up Taylor Camp in this move, which is a very worthy one, and is covering considerable ground, as stones have been placed as far as seventeen and even thirty miles from this city.

KANSAS

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Camp 18, Ellsworth.

Jan. 7 Sedgwick Camp held their regular meeting, elected officers, and tried to get things on the move again. John Showman is the new Commander; John March, Sr. Vice; C. H. Scott, Jr. Vice; F. A. Kesler, Sec.; H. Cover, Treas.; Ed Hamilton, Chap. These officers have been installed.

On Jan. 21 another meeting was held and committees were appointed to arrange for coming events, including a speaker for Memorial Day.

A letter from Dept. Com. Ensign to the Commander-in-Chief states that Sons of Veterans affairs seem to be on the upward movement in this Department. He says that many Camps are rousing up, electing officers, ordering supplies and showing signs of more general activity. This is good news to your Chief. He hopes that such activity may continue, and that the brothers there will place the organization in such condition that it may readily perform the duties that are soon to devolve upon it. Every eligible brother is needed within the ranks of our order. Many will join if shown their duty. Will you show them?

CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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Camp 2, Los Angeles.

Recently Gen. W. Rosecrans Camp, with its Auxiliary, entertained the Veterans of the City of Los Angeles with a program and dinner. One of the pleasing incidents of the program was a three piece orchestra, composed

NEBRASKA

F. P. Corrick, Commander, Box 691, Lincoln.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

The most successful meeting held under the auspices of the Sons of Union Veterans was the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the order, celebrated in Lincoln Wednesday, Jan. 21. The central figure of the occasion was Commander-in-Chief Allan S. Holbrook, who arrived in the morning and spent the forenoon at the State Capitol; attended and addressed the special session of the State Encampment held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon; was the guest of honor at a banquet at the Hotel Cornhusker at 6 p. m., and addressed a public meeting in the ball room of the Hotel Cornhusker at 8 p. m., leaving Lincoln shortly after midnight to return to his home in Illinois.

The special session at 3 p. m. was a pronounced success. It was largely attended, and the discussions were interesting, the remarks of the Commander-in-Chief being especially appreciated. The Encampment was in session for two hours, adopting resolutions thanking the first Dept. Commander of the state, Samuel W. Cogizer, now a resident of Joplin, Missouri, for his interesting letter detailing much of the early history of the order in the state. The resolution regarding Past Commander-in-Chief Barrows, who is now a resident of Los Angeles, California, evinced the feeling of appreciation held by the order in this state for this distinguished brother.

The banquet at 6 p. m. was attended by almost double the number anticipated and was as it was intended to be, complimentary to the Commander-in-Chief.

The public meeting at 8 p. m. was a pronounced success. Department heads of the G. A. R. and orders affiliated therewith, were all present with the exception of the President of the W. R. C., who was unable to attend. Dept. Com. Corrick presided, and the address of welcome was delivered by Dr. George E. Condra, who for many years has been associated with the order and connected with the University of Nebraska. Justice George A. Eberly, Past National Counselor, spoke of the early history of the order in Nebraska, and Commander-in-Chief Holbrook spoke of the early history of the order at large. Appropriate music interspersed these exercises. The observance in every way met the fondest expectations of the promoters, and it is believed it will prove of great benefit to the order in this state. The order especially appreciates the interest taken by Commander-in-Chief Holbrook. The closing paragraph of his address is well worth re-printing. It is as follows:

"Our heritage is a mixed one—privilege in part, responsibility in part, however much we might wish it we cannot inherit the one without the other. They are inseparable. Such being the case, we must, if we are not to see the work of a long line of willing men and women go to naught, do just as did our fathers when two generations ago, they counted no cost too great to defend with their treasury and blood that which they had received from the hands of their fathers. May the son be worthy of the sire."

of three young men, all brothers. Just before the program closed, in making an announcement of the piece to be played, one of the boys said that it had been a pleasure to meet with the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, "but we cannot qualify for your organization, for we are all sons of Confederate Veterans," said he.

The announcement brought a round of applause from those present and the boys seemed to appreciate the spirit which prompted it. One evening recently, as Past Camp Com. B. S. Davis and Sister Davis were returning from an entertainment and dinner given by one of the patriotic organizations, they were both hit by a hit-and-run driver. Sister Davis, who was totally blind, was almost instantly killed, while Brother Davis lived only a few days. They were buried in one grave and Rosecrans Camp had full charge of the ceremonies at the grave. Both were very popular with the Sons and Auxiliary and Brother Davis was the main stay in all military appearances of the Camp on Memorial and other days.

Camp 15, Ontario.

Ontario Camp and Auxiliary held Christmas exercises at their regular meeting place Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, consisting of a tree beautifully trimmed and decorated and containing gifts for all present. Past Com. H. J. Clewett played Santa and perpetrated a number of clever stunts to the amusement of all. The program following was in charge of Com. F. E. O'Brien and Pres. Nannie Dewey.

Jan. 1 all were grieved by the passing away of Bro. N. E. Taylor following a long illness. Again on Jan. 3 we were called to mourn the passing of Comrade J. E. Campbell, the oldest member of our local Post, he being past 94 years of age. He was accorded a military funeral under charge of the G. A. R., assisted by the Sons of Union Veterans and American Legion.

The Camp is planning to observe Lincoln's Day with a program appropriate for the occasion.

Elected District President.

Howard C. Keeley, of Modesto, was elected President of the Northern District Convention, Sons and Auxiliaries, at a quarterly meeting in the Hotel Modesto on Sunday, Jan. 18. Other officers named were: Mrs. Jean Kellogg, Sacramento, Vice Pres.; H. J. Wilcox, Stockton, Sec.; H. T. Crow, Modesto, Treas.; Mrs. Lucia Odell, Sacramento, Chap.; Mrs. Mabel Wood, San Jose, Pal. Inst., and J. H. Cobby, Fresno, Press Cor.

Plans to hold a get-together of members in the Southern California and this District at Roeding Park in Fresno on April 19 were made. This will take the place of the District Convention.

Delegates from San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, Stockton and Fresno attended the meeting here. Several also were present from Southern California District.

MICHIGAN

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The heads of all the bodies who comprise the organizations of the State Encampment met recently in Grand Rapids, at the Pantiind Hotel, and selected the third week of June for the annual gathering. Com. Perle L. Fouch, Allegan; Robert E. French, Jackson, of the Sons; and Florence Wright and Josephine Mason, both of Marshall, were in attendance. From what has been said, the coming Encampment will be the best Michigan has ever seen.

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the sixth birthday anniversary of the Francis

Finch Auxiliary No. 9 at Grand Rapids Jan. 28. A very fine supper was served at 7 o'clock. All retired to the room where the Auxiliary initiated two candidates. State Officers present were: Pres. Florence Wright and Sec. Josephine Mason, both of Marshall; Com. Perle L. Fouch of the Sons, Allegan. A fitting poem commenting on the first meeting held about six years ago on the opening of the Auxiliary in Grand Rapids was given. It started with a charter list of 31 and now has a membership of 71. After the meeting closed, a delightful time was had by all.

What about all these regional meetings that were held in the different places? To the Press Correspondents in these places, why was not a notice of what occurred sent to me?

From what I have learned, regional meetings will be held in Lansing, March 7; Detroit, March 21, and Kalamazoo March 28. In connection with the Detroit meeting will occur the Mid-winter meeting of the Past Commanders Association.

MISSOURI

A. J. Albrecht, Secretary-Treasurer, 2405 South Broadway, St. Louis.

Extracts from Department Orders.

Up to the present time your Dept. Commander has paid official visits to many of the Camps. He has been royally welcomed everywhere.

The month of February is rich in historic memories, being the month in which the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington are celebrated. These birthdays should be observed by every Camp in our order. Washington was the Father of Our Country, "First in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." If Washington was the Father of Our Country, Lincoln was its Preserver and Savior. He piloted the frail craft of state through the tempestuous seas of the Civil War and became the Emancipator of millions. The sacrifices of Washington and his compatriots would have been in vain had it not been for Lincoln and our fathers who fought so heroically for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil War. Feb. 12, and Feb. 22 are therefore sacred days, and it is fitting that we should observe them in some appropriate manner. Every Camp in the Missouri Department is hereby ordered to observe these days either by itself or in conjunction with some other organization or organizations. There is nothing that will stimulate an interest in the Sons of Union Veterans as a little publicity, and the observance of these days will bring such publicity and attract attention to our order.

This year, 1931, marks the Semi-Centennial of the founding of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For fifty years this noble organization has been carrying forward its splendid work. During the earlier years of its history the Sons of Veterans, as the order was then called, grew by leaps and bounds. Then the organization slowed down and in recent years its membership has been declining. This does not necessarily mean that the organization has failed. A variety of causes have been responsible for this decline. With the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic more and more will this and kindred organizations be needed to perpetuate the principles and memories of these defenders of the Union. It is hoped that this Fiftieth Anniversary may witness a new birth of interest in the work of our order.—Frank G. Beardsley, Dept. Com.

The author of the song, "Auld Lang Syne," is not known. Songs bearing this name have been sung since the Seventeenth Century. The verse has been attributed to Robert Burns, who, however, credits it to an old minstrel.

Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Miss Celeste D. Gentien, Nat. Pres., 1405 Riverview Ave., Wilmington, Delaware; Miss Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor., Dwight, Ill.

The National Encampment will be held the week of Sept. 13th, 1931. National Headquarters—Hotel Chamberlain, Des Moines, Iowa. Rates: Rooms with bath—Double, \$1.00, \$5.00, \$5.50; Single, \$3.00, \$4.00. Further announcements will be made in General Orders.

While your National President has been active during these months in the interest of our Order, a report of this will be submitted to the National Encampment that The Banner space may be conserved for other items.—Celeste D. Gentien, National President.

HONOR ROLL.

Anna Z. Paul, New York City, 5; J. S. Blagg, Des Moines, Iowa, 12; Charlotte May, Findlay, Ohio, 15; Nellie Tinney, Cincinnati, Ohio, 5; Blanche Marks, Akron, Ohio, 7; Rhea Clinton, Marshallville, Ohio, 5; Zina Griffith, Marshallville, Ohio, 5; Carrie E. Wilson, Columbus, Ohio, 5 (11 total); Lillie Demond, Keene, N. H., 5.

DEATH OF COMRADE DEEMS.

Members of our order will sympathize with Past Nat. Pres. Mamie Deems in the death of her father, Comrade Albert J. Mathews, who passed Saturday, Jan. 24. Comrade Mathews was the husband of Dept. Pres. Mrs. Mary M. Mathews, of Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were held Jan. 28, at the National Home, Sawtelle, Calif.

Colorado & Wyoming.

Denver, Aux. 1.—The Dept. reception and banquet on Nov. 29 for our Nat. Com-in-Chief of G. A. R. James E. Jewel was an occasion to be remembered. Nine other National officers of the allied orders were present and given honors and gifts. Over 125 partook of a turkey dinner, 26 of which were comrades of G. A. R. One comrade and wife motored here from the Soldiers Home in Monti Vista, Colo. Springs, Pueblo, Ft. Collins and Greeley were represented. Our own Past Nat. Chap. Mary Powers came from Kansas to attend.

On Dec. 4 we had wonderful success financially with a cafeteria dinner and bazaar. A variety of food was cooked and brought to the hall by the members. Everybody helped themselves to whatever their appetite called for, then paid accordingly. Fancy work was hung on a clothes line. There was a fish pond and booth of home made candy. The most expensive articles were raffled off. As our expense was very little, we netted over \$77, feeding nearly 100 people.

On account of inclement weather on Veterans' Night, Nov. 19, it was postponed until Dec. 18 when it was combined with our Comrade's Christmas party. Fifteen comrades enjoyed a lovely program of music, dancing and refreshments. A gift and sack of candy was given to each comrade by Santa Claus, who was impersonated by none other than our Nat. Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief of S. U. V. Robt. Hill. Comrades were brought down and taken home by Sons in automobiles, it being bitter cold. Our veterans drum corps furnished music also.

Plans are on foot now to celebrate our third birthday anniversary on Jan. 29. A free turkey dinner will be served to all members of Sons and Aux. and eligibles who have signed their names on the dotted line of an application blank. The drive is now on.

Denver is living in hopes of having as our honored guests at some near future time our

Nat. Pres. Celeste Gentien and Com-in-Chief Holbrook of the S. U. V.—Margaret Shell-house Helny, Dept. Press Cor., 635 E. 17th Ave., Denver, Colo.

Illinois.

Joliet—Aux. 3 held joint installation with the Sons on Nov. 20 when P. D. P. Jennie Fuller and staff from Aurora installed the new officers with Olive Maxwell as President. Among the visitors were Dept. Com. Slocum of the Sons, and members from Chicago and Aurora, including the Pipe and Drum Corps from the latter city. Refreshments were served.

Chicago—Aux. 30 held a regular meeting in the Crystal Room of Hotel Sherman Dec. 29 at which time they were honored by the presence of Dept. Pres. Cora M. Howard, of the Aux., and Dept. Sec. Elizabeth Rislow. At their January meeting their special guest was Past C-in-C. Edw. C. Irelan, of Maryland, who gave a very inspiring address. P. D. Coms. Fred J. Phillips and Wm. Jenkins were also in attendance. The meeting was followed by cards and bunco and everyone had a very enjoyable time.

Dwight—Aux. 2 meet every month and have very pleasant meetings. Nat. Chap. Kitty M. Eoyer installed the new officers for the Aux. at a meeting held at the home of Sis. Electa Connor. Baskets were presented the G. A. R. veterans and widows at Christmas time. The January meeting was held at the home of Sis. Katherine Apt. A social evening followed the regular meeting and a delicious lunch was served by the committee.

Iowa.

Cedar Falls—Aux. 11 and Camp 70 held a card party at the home of Bro. and Sis. Wartman on Nov. 18. Refreshments were served. Aux. 11 held a Kensington Dec. 5 at the home of Comrade and Sis. Emma Lichty. Comrade Lichty is the youngest member of the G. A. R. Post. Delicious refreshments were served with Sis. Myrtle Butler as assisting hostess. A picnic supper and Christmas program featured the Dec. 19 meeting and were enjoyed by all. The tables and room were prettily decorated and there was a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts. Sis. Della Smith, assisted by Sisters Eva Anderson and Emma Johnson entertained the Aux. at a Kensington Jan. 2. Business was transacted and refreshments were served. Bro. and Sis. Johnson entertained Jan. 9, a pleasant evening was spent and refreshments served. Plans were made for a program honoring Lincoln and Washington birthdays.—Mrs. Edith Nace, Dept. Press Cor.

Des Moines—The presence in Des Moines of the National heads of the G. A. R., the W. R. C. and the allied orders was the occasion for a memorable dinner at Hotel Savary on Jan. 12, at which Tuttle Camp and Aux. 16 were the hosts. Possibly never before, excepting at a Federated banquet at a Nat. Encampment, have so many Nat. heads and officers, past and present, of all orders gathered around one table. Among them were C-in-C. of the G. A. R. James E. Jewel and Mrs. Jewel; Nat. Chief-of-Staff Comrade J. H. Mills, of Redfield, Ia.; Comrade Davis Foster, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; another of Com. Jewel's staff; Nat. Pres. of W. R. C. Kate G. Raynor, of Toledo, O.; Nat. V. P. of the Aux. to S. U. V. Gertrude Sautler, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Nat. Pres. of the D. U. V. Mrs. Elsie Chase, of Denver, Col.; Nat. Pres. of the L. of G. A. R. Mrs. Margaret Grandie, of Pittsburgh, Kan.; as well as many other Past Nat. and Dept. officers and other guests. Mrs. J. S. Blagg presented corsage bouquets to Mrs. Jewel, Miss Raynor, Mrs. Sautler, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Grandie, and a rose to each Comrade. A program of music and readings followed and interesting talks were given by the distinguished guests. The happy occasion ended with the singing of the Iowa Corn Song. Mrs. Lotty Fawkes, Dept. Pres.

and the Pres. of Aux. 16, presided. A Christmas party with the exchange of gifts was held by the Camp and Aux. at the home of Sister Fawkes. Games, fish pond, and program afforded much amusement during the evening. This is an annual affair to which all members look forward with great anticipation. On Dec. 18, the Camp and Aux. gathered at the home of one of their members, Sis. Blagg, to help her and her husband celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Music, readings and talks by several Comrades who were also present, formed the entertainment of the evening. Many beautiful gifts were received by the couple, the Sons and Aux. presenting a gift of gold. Nat. Chief-of-Staff of the G. A. R. John H. Mills presented roses to the honorees. Mrs. Blagg was made happy by the receipt of her yellow ribbon from Nat. Pres. Gentien for having secured 16 new members. Refreshments were served by their daughter, Sister Willma Combs.

Independence—The new officers were installed in Nov. by P. P. Roena Norton. Our Pres. is Sarah King. Our Aux. have socials once a month; we do a great deal of relief work outside of regular work. Aux. 1 mourns the loss of Sis. Flora Temple who died Dec. 5. She will be greatly missed in both Aux. and church circles as she was a staunch friend and supporter of each. The Aux. had charge of the services at the grave.

Marshalltown—Aux. 17 observed Veterans' Night in Nov. Only 9 comrades were able to be present at the joint meeting of all the patriotic organizations, sponsored by the Sons and Aux. A dinner and program was held, a splendid patriotic program being given.

Fort Dodge—At the Nov. meeting the officers of the Aux. were installed with Sis. Blanche Pszenetzki as Pres. for the 4th year. Aux. 12 celebrated their 6th anniversary on Oct. 14; a very nice program was given. Past Dept. Pres. Vigren, of Des Moines, extended greetings from Past Dept. Pres. Willma Combs, our organizer, and her mother, Sis. Blagg. The program was in charge of Alice Taylor.—Mrs. Edith Nace, Dept. Press Cor.

Kansas.

Winfield, Aux. 40—Comrades of the Civil War and S. of V. were the guests of the Aux. at its regular session Thursday evening, Dec. 18. Two candidates were initiated at this meeting. The Aux. unanimously endorsed Mrs. Mary Powers for Department Pres. After regular session a program was presented. Refreshments were served to 53 members and guests.

Gypsum, Aux. 12—On Nov. 10 the Aux. and Sons held joint installation with a 12:30 o'clock dinner. In the afternoon the officers were installed by Cora Shelton, of Salina, and George Shelr, of Gypsum. Eva Jones is the new Pres. Edward Gardner is the Com. of the Sons of Veterans. About thirty-five persons of the Salina Sons and Aux. were present. On Nov. 24 both the Sons and Aux. observed Veterans' Day with a short program after our regular meeting. A lunch was served. On Nov. 14 we were saddened by the sudden death of Bro. Schultz. William Schultz was the Dept. Guard.

Salina, Aux. 45—The Aux. and Sons held a joint installation Nov. 3. Sis. Nannie Schultz, Dept. Inspector, was Installing Officer. The Gypsum Camp and Aux. were the guests. Dept. Pres. Rosa Reese and Dept. Sec. Minnie Damoude were present. After the installation lunch was served. Phoebe Gildersleeve is the new Pres. of the Aux. On Nov. 20 the Sons and Aux. entertained the Comrades and the Gypsum Aux. and Sons at a six o'clock dinner. Covers were laid for 125. After the dinner a fine program was enjoyed by everyone.

Parsons, Aux. 50—The Aux. entertained the Sons and Comrades on Veterans' Night with an oyster supper and program. Twelve comrades were present, also wives of some veter-

ans. A most pleasant evening was spent.

Wichita, Aux. 46—Time and meeting place of the Aux. has been changed. Regular meetings will be held hereafter on each 2nd and 4th Monday nights in the G. A. R. Room at the Court House. At the Aux. meeting on Dec. 17 four members were initiated. Following the meeting a Christmas luncheon was served to fourteen members and several Comrades. — Winnifred Lewis, Dept. Press Cor., 1107 Carlos Ave., Wichita.

Maryland.

Dept. Press Cor. Rama E. Niemyer sent news from Aux. 2, Wilmington, Del.; and Washington, D. C., which we were unable to use owing to lack of space. — (Nat. Press Cor.)

Missouri.

St. Louis—Wolf Aux. has elected Mrs. Ella Messmer as their Pres. for this year. Past Pres. Krammer had a wonderful year while in office. Dept. Chief-of-Staff Horst wishes to announce that the awarding of the beautiful handwork took place on Dec. 16 at the regular meeting of the Aux. Sis. Horst wishes to thank all Aux. members and friends who helped to make this affair a success. It netted the Aux. a nice little sum. They also attended the Laclede Gas Light Co., which offered so much for each person being present at their lecture. About 40 attended which netted a sum of money for the Aux. The Aux. also gives parties and socials by which money is made for the treasury. Their membership is increasing right along. We wish the newly elected Pres. and her staff a prosperous year.

St. Louis—Ransom Aux. No. 50 gave a flag to a new Catholic School on Jan. 19. It was presented by Dept. J. & T. Of, Mrs. Mae Haper, who is also Aux. Pat. Ist., and who gave a wonderful talk about the flag. The school children attended in a body. Another flag will be presented to a new school in Vanita Park this month. The Aux. is getting along fine and have some applications for new members. A dinner and bunco was given Jan. 21 in the new hall of the Aux.

Members throughout the order will sympathize with Dept. Press Correspondent Anna Raaf, 3247 Monroe St., Vanita Park, St. Louis, who had a severe fall Dec. 4, seriously injuring herself. Her nose was broken, one elbow fractured and she was hurt internally. She was confined to her bed for some time but is slowly improving. She urges all the Auxiliaries in Missouri to send news to her of what they are doing, so that same may be published in The Banner.

Nebraska.

Lincoln—Aux. 1 to the Sons of U. V. met at the home of Dept. Pres. Alice M. Bacon for their Nov. Kensington. Mrs. Altha Middlekauff was appointed executive chairman and Mrs. Lillian Margel was elected Sec.-Treas. Donations of jelly and canned fruit were made for the hospital at the Soldiers and Sailors Home at Milford, Neb. Thirty-three calls on sick members were reported. Dept. Com. Damewood was the guest of honor. The annual Christmas party of the Aux. was held at the home of Dr. Cary Duncan. After a short business meeting, delicious refreshments in keeping with the holiday season were served by the hostess. A social hour, when gifts were exchanged, was held in the basement of the home, where Yuletide decorations emphasized the holiday spirit. At the regular business meeting of the Aux. seven applications for membership were received and three candidates were initiated. Plans were made for a membership contest. The Sons of U. V. were guests at the meeting, after which Dept. Com. Damewood spoke. Thirty members of the Aux. met with Mrs. Elsie Kitchen for a 1 o'clock luncheon. An informal afternoon followed, at which a farewell gift was presented to Mrs. Mary Hoover.

The fiftieth anniversary banquet of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held

Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, at the Hotel Cornhusker, Lincoln, with Allan S. Holbrook, Com.-in-Chief of the Nat. organization of S. U. V., as the guest of honor. Many members of Aux. 1 were privileged to attend the dinner and the interesting program that followed. Com. Holbrook urged the members of the Sons and allied organizations to adhere to the following platform of the national committee for the year's work: Increase membership, promote greater ability to serve in patriotic enterprises, evidence a greater patriotic endeavor, realize fully the duty to the nation's posterity, and give better service to veterans' needs. — Alta I. Slonecker, Dept. Press Cor.

New York.

Utica—The officers of Aux. 15 were installed in Nov. by Bro. C. E. Morey. Members of the S. of U. V. were present and shared in an elaborate lunch. At Christmas a program befitting the occasion was presented and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Rochester—Anna E. Wright was installed as Pres. of Aux. 1, together with her staff of officers, in the City Hall Annex in November.

Glens Falls—After a dinner served to members of Aux. 2 and their husbands, Mrs. Belle Curtis had the honor of initiating her mother, Mrs. Mary Williams, who is 86 years old. Ten members of E. M. Wing Post were entertained at a Christmas party in Grange Hall and 22 baskets were sent to those unable to attend. Families of the Aux. enjoyed a dinner and a Christmas party in the evening. The new officers, led by Mrs. Isabel Curtis, Pres., were installed by Past Dept. Sec. Mrs. Mabel Arthur. — Mrs. Alice B. Smith, Dept. Press Cor.

Ossining—Aux. 11 held a Christmas party which all enjoyed very much. There was a tree and members exchanged gifts. Refreshments were served. Dept. Pat. Inst. Edna Graulich, of Peekskill, paid the Aux. an official visit, and was accompanied by members from Aux. 41 of that city. P. D. P. Milly Fowley, of Peekskill, installed into office several of the Aux. officers. Mrs. Lydia Dando, of White Plains, who had been Secretary of the Aux. for 12 years, has been very ill, but is improving. On Nov. 5 Sis. Nellie Rogers was installed Pres., together with other officers of the Aux. by Past Pres. Edna Black. Members of the Aux. attended installation ceremonies of Aux. 41, Peekskill.

Poughkeepsie—A pleasing program was presented at the Christmas party of Aux. 61 on Dec. 26. Approximately 50 attended, including members and their families, and members of the G. A. R. and S. of V. Among the guests was Mrs. Eliza Burger, Past Pres. of the Aux., and one of the oldest members. Clarence Carter was Santa Claus and distributed gifts from the Christmas tree to the children. Cigars and handkerchiefs were presented to the Sons and G. A. R. members. A splendid program appropriate to the Christmas-tide was given. The committee in charge was: Mrs. Sylvia Taber, Mrs. Hazel Hornbeck, Mrs. Clara Palmatier, Mrs. Lillian Burger, Mrs. Helen J. Carter and Mrs. Mary E. Morse.

N. Y. City—Dept. Pres. Mary Kryger installed as Pres. Sis. Anna Paul and her officers of Reno Council No. 47, on Dec. 5. Jas. P. Thute, the only surviving member of Vanderbilt Post, G. A. R., and a large gathering of various councils, together with the many guests, spent an enjoyable evening.

Port Richmond—Sis. Emma Travis, Dept. Treas., installed Sis. Julia Manigan and her staff of officers Dec. 11. Prominent speakers of the evening included Dept. Pres. Mary Kryger, Past Nat. Presidents M. Dwyer and Ida B. Lang and Sis. Anderson, of New Jersey. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Brooklyn—Public Installation of Aux. 51 and S. V. Camp No. 135 took place on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, and was well attended by visiting brothers, sisters and their friends.

The ceremonies of installation were very impressive, the installing officers and their staffs performing their work in a very efficient manner. A number of distinguished visitors were present, among them being several state officers: Dept. Pres. Mary Kryger and Past Nat. Pres. Ida B. Lang, and others. P. N. P. Mayme E. Dwyer was the Installing Officer for the Aux. and placed into office Pres. Mary Sattler and her staff of officers. Outgoing and incoming officers of both Aux. and Camp received many lovely gifts and flowers, gifts also were presented to the Dept. Pres. and the Installing Officer. Refreshments were served.

Ohio.

Youngstown—The new officers of Aux. 2 were installed by Sis. House, of New Castle. Retiring Pres. Bernice Dietz had a most successful two year's administration and was presented with a beautiful bridge lamp by members and in turn presented a gift to each officer. The new Pres., Sis. Olive Archibald, presented a gift to the installing officer. Impromptu talks by members of the Sons and Aux. followed. The Aux. gave money to the Xenia and Dayton Homes for Christmas.

Canton—Mrs. Malla McCarrol, our Installing Officer, was appointed as Musician. She is a fine artist and one of the leading musicians of Canton. Sis. McCarrol was organizer of our Aux., No. 34. We hold a covered dish supper the last meeting of each month, the Sons uniting with us in this affair. A New Year party was held in G. A. R. hall and a fine lunch was served.

Findlay—At a meeting of Aux. 9 held on Nov. 18 joint installation of officers of Aux. and Sons was held with Past Dept. Pres. Josephine Weir, of Mt. Vernon, as Installing Officer, assisted by a drill team from that city. Mrs. Charlotte May is the Pres. for this year. A class of 15 new members were initiated the same evening by the Mt. Vernon drill team. Representatives from different patriotic orders were present. Refreshments were served.

Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg—Our Aux. had a joint installation with the Camp last month. We have taken in some new members and everything is moving along very nicely. Dec. 22 we had a very nice Christmas party for the Aux. with a real live Santa Claus from the Camp. Each member received a gift.

Uniontown—Aux. 130 and the S. U. V. Camp observed Veterans' Night Nov. 11 with a banquet and had the honor of having Past Nat. C.-in-C. of the G. A. R. Dr. L. F. Arnesberg and Dept. Chief Mustering Officer Comrade A. T. Ellis as special guests, also the heads of each patriotic organization in the city and Dept. Com. Jacob Wentzel of the Sons and Dept. Pres. Nellie Wentzel, of the Aux. There were 100 present at the banquet, the tables being very attractive with flowers and flags; some very fine talks were given by Judge J. W. Dawson, Bro. Woodrow, of Somerset, and others.

Philadelphia—On Dec. 27 we had a kiddies' party; 100 children and 200 grownups were present. There was a Santa Claus, a lighted tree, and a present for each child. Refreshments of candy, cake, coffee, pretzles, etc., were served. Everyone went home with a smile. We try to get our members out by having a social once a month. We are proud to say we have 50 and 60 out at each meeting under our new Pres. Sis. Viola Bremme. We have taken in three new members. — Mrs. Mabel Burger, Dept. Press Cor.

Vermont.

Dept. Press Correspondent Mrs. Anna B. Roulter has sent news from the following Auxs.: No. 5, Barre; 3, Rutland; 8, Morrisville; 1, Springfield, and 4, Fairfax, that we were unable to use due to lack of space. These will be used in March issue and we are very sorry there wasn't room this month. — (Nat. Press Correspondent).