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## FIFTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMENT

The Blue and the Gray will meet again on the site of a great battlefield of the Civil War—but only under one flag. After a long debate, which was heatedly discussed, that was the decision reached in the Grand Army Encampment at Madison, Wis., September 6 to 10, when the Veterans accepted an invitation of the Pennsylvania state commission to meet on the battlefield of Gettysburg in 1938, in a grand reunion of the Union and Confederate representatives.

This provision crystallized Grand Army opposition to any display of the stars and bars of the Confederacy. The Union soldiers still remembered. They agreed to participate in the celebration of "internal peace" only if the colors of the flag of that Union which they fought to preserve fly alone!

The resolution of acceptance passed reads:

*"Resolved, that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee to notify Paul L. Roy, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania state commission that we are willing to attend a reunion of citizens of the United States who at one time were opposed to one another in a Civil War and now wish to join in a reunion at Gettysburg in 1938 for the purpose of showing to the citizens of the United States our reconciliation to the results of the Civil War; and at such reunion to have in view only the flag of this United States of America"*

Nearly 200 of the 3,325 present membership of the Grand Army of the Republic registered for this 71st Encampment. They came from 24 states. Their first thought was for their comrades who had passed on and after attending services in the Madison

Madison, Wisconsin, Host to the Grand Army  
of the Republic and Allied Bodies—  
Des Moines, Iowa, Host in 1938

### OFFICERS FOR 1937-38

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**—WM. ALLAN DYER, 995 JAMES ST., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.  
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**NATIONAL COUNSELOR**—H. S. HOWARD, 217 COLLEGE ST., BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

The above list of brothers comprises those chosen and appointed to serve our Order during the coming term. They are all brothers whose long tenure of service has demonstrated their love for and interest in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They pledged their utmost in effort and service in memory of their fathers and their father's comrades. If each member will pledge individually to the same extent there is no question as to the outcome; our Order will grow, we can extend our services materially, the various communities and our country in general thus benefiting.

churches, held memorial services at the Masonic Temple. Dedication of memorial mementoes at historic spots in and surrounding Madison were features of the opening days, the affiliated groups (called the Grand Army Family) being sponsors of these memorials.

The meeting and banquet of the Federated Patriotic Societies was held Sunday afternoon and evening at the Lorraine Hotel, with a good attendance from all organizations. On Monday was held the usual Council and Committee meetings of all groups. That evening, in the Masonic

Temple, the semi-official meeting took place, at which time the greetings were extended the visiting groups by the official hosts.

On Tuesday all organizations opened their business sessions. The Veterans visited historic Camp Randall, a training camp in the 60's, and Forrest Hill Cemetery, where both Union and Confederate soldiers are buried.

### OPENING BUSINESS SESSION

The first business session of the Sons of Union Veterans was held in one of the large halls of the Memorial Union, the meeting place for both Sons and Auxiliary. The session was called to order by Com-in-Chief Dyer at 9:30 a. m. The roll call of officers found all present except Nat'l Counselor Howard. Greetings and a bouquet of flowers were presented from the Madison Camp.

The Committee on Credentials was announced and was comprised as follows: Nat'l Sec. Hammer; Dept. Sec. Isaacs, N. Y.; P. D. C. Shrieve, Ohio; D. C. Haag, Wis.; P. D. C. Wood, Mich. The preliminary report, announced by this Committee, showed 12 Past Commanders-in-Chief, 12 Dept. Commanders, and 178 voting members registered at that time.

Telegrams and letters were read by the Nat'l Secretary from a number of brothers who could not attend, and who wanted to extend their good wishes to all present.

Commander-in-Chief Dyer read his report. It told of a year of conscientious effort, brought out the improved financial condition, the better morale in general, and painted an optimistic picture for the future if we will all accept responsibility and cooperate to fullest extent with officials elected (Continued on p. 4)



### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief

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October 1, 1937.

#### THE FIFTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMENT, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF

New Officers were chosen or appointed at the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Madison, Wisconsin, September 7-9, 1937. They were duly inducted into their respective offices, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The list appears on the front page of this issue.

#### REPORTS, PER CAPITA TAX, FEES, ETC.

Per Capita Tax is continued as last year: forty (40) cents per annum, payable Quarterly, ten (10) cents, accompanied by the Department Secretary-Treasurer's Reports Forms 35, 37, 38.

Membership fees as heretofore are also continued; fifty (50) cents to be forwarded to the Commandery-in-Chief through the National Treasurer on each member initiated during and in a Quarter, to be sent with the Per Capita Tax and the Quarterly Reports.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Louis M. Wagner, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Past Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, departed from this life, September 28, 1937.

He was taken ill at his summer cottage at Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where he annually spent his summer seasons, and passed away at the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, Mass.

Brother Louis M. Wagner was the senior Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order, having served in the original Order of Sons of Veterans in 1884, though he had been a member of the Order several years prior to that time. He was Department Commander 1882-3.

For fifty years in the insurance business in Philadelphia, he was a member of the firm of Wagner-Taylor Company, founded by his honored father.

His father, General Louis M. Wagner, was a famous Officer in the Union Army, and one of the most popular of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our Brother Wagner was an outstanding citizen, interesting himself constantly in many civic activities in his home city and State. He was a member of Ellis Camp No. 9, of Philadelphia, continuously from the time of his initiation into the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War.

He was Treasurer of the Lincoln Club of the Sons of Veterans of Philadelphia, a 33rd degree Mason, of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, a widely known and active member of that Fraternity as well as of our own Order and many others. He was a loyal and devoted Son and our Order loses one of its ablest leaders in his passing.

His widow, Elizabeth Marsden Wagner, his son, Robert N. D. Wagner, and two daughters, Mrs. Louise W. Rice of Germantown, and Mrs. Harriet W. Mitchell of Boston, Mass., survive him. To them the heartfelt sympathy of our whole Order is extended, as also to his Camp and the Department of Pennsylvania.

As a mark of respect to his memory and in honor, all Departments and Camps will drape their Charters for a period of thirty days.

#### ELECTION OF CAMP OFFICERS—AND INSTALLATION

Camps will be regulated in their Election and Installation of their Officers according to Chapter 1, Article IV, Section 2, 3, C. & R., page 12.

#### CAMP AND DEPARTMENT ORDERS

All Orders issued by Camp Commanders and Department Commanders from January 1, 1938, start with and are numbered "No. 1" and thereafter consecutively. They should be issued on paper 5 1/4 by 8 inches and only the electro of the Membership, or

Regulation Badge to be on them, at the top of the left hand corner. Department Orders are to be designated as "Department" Orders—not as "General Orders."

#### VETERANS NIGHT—NOVEMBER 19

Camp Patriotic Instructors will prepare appropriate programs for the observance of this important anniversary. Veterans Night, November 19th, commemorates the day when the immortal Gettysburg address was made by our great and good President, Abraham Lincoln. It should be observed with Ritualistic features by each Camp as near to November 19th as is possible. To it all Veterans of the Civil War who are able to attend should be invited; and it should be made the occasion of sending greetings of appreciation and respect to those unable to be out.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE RITUAL

The Commandery-in-Chief Encampment at Madison adopted an amendment to the Ritual relating to balloting for candidates for admission to membership. This will be promulgated to all Department Headquarters in due course. Department Commanders will promptly upon receipt of the same, issue five (5) to each Camp. Camp Commanders will see that the form is placed in each Ritual of their Camp.

#### ENCAMPMENT PROCEEDINGS

As soon as printed, the Official Journal of the Proceedings of the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, 1937, will be forwarded to each Department Headquarters. Department Commanders will supply each Camp with one copy. Camp Secretaries will file same among their Records, having their copy available for the members of the Camp to see.

#### SONS OF VETERANS RESERVE

To strengthen this important part of our Organization we urge each Department Commander to build up in each Department a unit or units of the Sons of Veterans Reserve, to the end that at the next National Encampment—at Des Moines—next fall, we may have in attendance a squad or platoon from each State represented—in uniform—in the Official Escort to the Grand Army of the Republic. It is none too soon to start immediately, on the accomplishment of this meritorious and valuable purpose.

#### NEXT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Pursuant to the action of the Grand Army of the Republic, the next (57th) annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, the date to be determined later, and when so determined will be promptly announced in The Banner.

#### COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF COMMITTEES

The following brothers are appointed as Chairmen of their respective Committees—the personnel of the Committees to be announced later, viz:

Legislative Committee—Chairman, Michael G. Heintz, 18 East 4th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Note—All members of this Committee serving last year are herewith re-appointed).

Marking Graves—Chairman, Charles R. Hale, 30 Oak Street, Hartford, Conn.

Program and Policy Committee—Chairman, Dr. Ernest W. Homan, 191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.

Grand Army Highway Committee—Chairman, Wm. L. Anderson, Sr., 40 Robin Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

Committee on Revision of Constitution and Regulations—having completed its work for the present, asked for its discharge, which was given with the thanks of the National Encampment.

#### GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

To Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Overton H. Mennett, and to his honored associate officials and to all Grand Army Comrades we offer our congratulations, and tender to them our expressions of deepest respect.

The great purpose of our own Organization, their Sons, is to keep alive at all times and under all circumstances the memories and aims of our fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and to follow loyally their outstanding patriotic example. We promise to their honored Commander-in-Chief and his associates our every last effort during the coming year to this end. If there is the lightest wish they desire of us it will be willingly and loyally given, and we proffer to them the support and assistance of our Organization in any way they may desire.

#### OUR AUXILIARY

Once more we join our Auxiliary in a united forward move-

ment which shall benefit both Organizations. To Sister Margaret C. Brady, the National President of our Auxiliary, and to her associates we pledge our fullest co-operation during the year now just starting. Together we will devotedly work—hand in hand—anticipating from this year's efforts unbounded success for each Organization.

#### TO OUR ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

We offer every good wish for an outstandingly successful year, with personal regards to each of their newly elected Officers. In our efforts this year to strengthen our own Order in membership and accomplishment, the work and help of these fine Organizations of devoted women of last year will never be forgotten and we again, this year, ask their valuable assistance and promise them our full reciprocation.

#### NATIONAL AIDES

Past National Aides and other Officers whose terms of office have expired are hereby relieved. Insignia—Commandery-in-Chief ribbons—will be removed from their badges and the regulation ribbon substituted therefor. National ribbons and honors will be again given this year for outstanding efforts. We extend our hearty thanks to those who last year won such honorable recognition, and express the hope they may again win a like honor.

#### THE COMING YEAR

We are about to enter another year of our history. The grand work of the past year must not be lost by any let-down in effort this year. We are enlisted in our Order not for just one year, but for continuous service.

The budget for the year 1937-38, submitted by the Council, in-Chief and unanimously adopted by the members present at the Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment at Madison, is based upon an increase this year of one thousand (1000) members. That is our goal for this year!

"It can be done"—if every member of our Order does his full part. It can be easily exceeded with just a little unusual effort of each one. The co-operation of every member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is asked and is needed.

We have turned the corner this past year. Our initial victory has been won! But the winning of that victory places upon each one of us the definite responsibility of consolidating our gains of this year and incites us to MARCH FORWARD to a final and complete victory this year.

To that purpose your Commander-in-Chief will give you his full effort and his whole time this year, and asks from you, each honored and valued member, your like effort, enthusiasm and

### Tablet Presented by Sons of Union Veterans to the University of Wisconsin

President Clarence A. Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin declared today—September 6th—that

"We cannot have either a Dictatorship of Labor or Capital and maintain this Nation"—as he accepted on behalf of the University a bronze tablet from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War on the occasion of their Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Tablet bears the words of Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address with the inscription:

"Presented to the University of Wisconsin by the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, September, 1937."

The occasion was a noteworthy one and one of the outstanding events of the week.

Prior to the ceremony, The United States Marine Band—100 pieces—gave an hour's concert in front of Bascom Hall, where the tablet was placed, facing the statue of Abraham Lincoln.

The setting was a beautiful and unusual one. The speakers and the band faced a

sloping lawn a quarter of a mile in length, the statue surrounded by flowers, and looks through a vista of great elm trees on either side down a broad avenue directly toward the great domed State Capitol a mile away. An audience of several thousand listened attentively to the concert and exercises, which were broadcasted over three radio stations.

The ceremonies began with the Marine Band, following their hour's concert, playing the well known march "Stars and Stripes Forever," and were opened by the National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Union Veterans, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett of Huntington Park, California. In his address explanatory of the occasion, Dr. Barrett said: "What the Country needs is only 100 per cent Americanism" after challenging the importation of Nazism and Communism into this Country. He spoke of people marching recently—"Nazi-Americans, I believe they call themselves, carrying a Nazi flag with an American flag, like you carry a hoe or a shovel." Against such un-American ideas he stated the Sons of Civil War Veterans were determined to stand fast and urged his hearers to join with them. His address was received with spontaneous applause.

He introduced Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veter-

ans of the Civil War, who said in presenting the Tablet:

"The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was established fifty-six years ago, having two great purposes in mind. One—to keep green the memory and deeds of those great men who, during the four bitter years of 1861-65, gave themselves in order that this Nation under God, might live as a United States, and that its Constitution might forever be preserved inviolate. Second—to see to it that the results secured by the sacrifices of these men should never be lost."

He said that his Organization "on each successive Memorial Day since, had placed a flag and flowers on the graves of each Civil War Veteran wherever such grave could be located, until now we are caring for over a million of these hallowed graves in this and in other lands."

In presenting the Tablet to the University, addressing its President, he said:

"Each year at our annual Encampment, it is customary for us to leave in the City we visit, some tangible evidence of our appreciation for courtesies shown and as to its citizens of their sympathy to our cause. This tablet has on it the immortal words of that great American, Abraham Lincoln, which he spoke at Gettysburg, seventy-four years ago. (Continued on Page 4)"

work. Together—all of us—none omitted—we can make this a glorious year! Let's start right now, while the weather conditions and general situation is so good—and not wait a day, nor until the winter season is on us! This is the very last Quarter of the year! Our goal for this Quarter is a net gain of 333 new members! Let's get them!

#### NEW CAMPS

The aim of this year will be the establishment of NEW Camps, and the reinstatement of old ones. Already there are twenty-five in process of organization. Many more may be established. There are scores of opportunities in almost every Department to do this.

The second and equal aim will be the strengthening of those Departments—and Camps—which need it.

Let each Department Commander, with his Secretary and Officers, carefully study his field and do it right now, this month and week. See what is immediately and most needed! Consult with your Commander-in-Chief freely, and together, the Commandery-in-Chief and Departments will co-operate to accomplish as constructive a year's job as is humanly possible—and much is possible to accomplish this year—to make our Organization a nationally successful one.

The success and progress of our National Order, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, depends upon the success and progress of each individual Department.

To every Department—to every Camp in our land, and to every member—a happy and a highly successful year.

#### CAMPS DISBANDED, DROPPED—CHARTERS REVOKED

Record will be made accordingly of the following Camps effective June 30, 1937, viz:

- Connecticut—  
Disbanded Camp No. 5, North Grosvernordale, with...11 members  
Massachusetts—  
Transferred Camp No. 61, Cambridgeport, to and  
Consolidated with Camp No. 56, Cambridge....36 members  
Michigan—  
Disbanded Camps Nos. 15, Muskegon, with..... 5 members  
102, Fenton, with ..... 5 members  
New Hampshire—  
Disbanded Camp No. 26, Claremont, with.....10 members  
Pennsylvania—  
Disbanded Camp No. 134, New Castle, with..... 5 members

Yours in F. C. & L.,  
WM. ALLAN DYER,  
Commander-in-Chief.  
Attest: H. H. HAMMER,  
National Secretary.



And I recommend that if possible, it be issued monthly this year, omitting, if we have to do so, only the months of July and September, and possibly one of the winter months.

**Patriotic Instructor's and Chaplain's Reports** I hope every one will read the lively report of our National Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett. He has made it speak this year. He knows as well as you and I do, how inadequate it is.

You will note that only about 50% of the Camps have reported. I know of one city in which a group of between 30 and 40 prominent and able citizens spoke to over 30,000 school children the week before Memorial Day.

At the outset, legislation was required to be enacted by the various State Legislatures officially so naming Route 6.

Largely through the energy and enthusiasm of this Committee's National Chairman, legislation has now been enacted in every State east of the Mississippi River, and Route 6 is officially now known as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway" from Massachusetts to the border of the State of Iowa.

**The American Constitution and the Sesqui-Centennial of Its Birth** One of the major aims this year, to which we were pledged by action of the Commander-in-Chief, was the upholding and sustaining of our American Constitution.

The independence of the Supreme Court is one of the vital fundamentals of our Constitution, and the attempt to increase its membership without a vote of the people was a serious threat to that vital principle.

All Departments and Camps were urged to act as they saw wise—but to act—so that a full and complete expression of opinion might be evidenced.

"We have escaped the threat that the Supreme Court may be made subservient"—"That the Supreme Court shall not be tampered with is now an American tradition stronger than the one against a third term for Presidents—

his State—although there is no law that prevents him from voting for his personal choice." "It is not merely that the Court has been saved. Congress has been saved too. We now have an independent Court, functioning as the consciences of a majority of the Justices determine. And we have an independent Congress operating as its majority determines, without dictation.

They, as well as any others, indicate that our now unchanged Constitution is the Constitution which by your votes, you charged this Order with upholding and sustaining.

Our departed brothers will be reverently honored in our annual Memorial Service. Their records will also appear in the proceedings of this Encampment.

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to the loved ones of all our Brothers who this year have passed on to the Great Beyond.

There were few such calls this year. Such decisions as we were called to make were made in the spirit of fraternal fairness, with impartiality and consideration, and we hope and believe were received in the same spirit.

**The Grand Army of the Republic** You have been to us an inspiration this whole year as you always are.

**Change in Officers—Terms of Office** We believe it would be for the best interests of the Order and be productive of better results, if the terms of office of the National and Department Officers were more nearly coincident.

This part of our Organization which has been dormant in several Departments is taking on new life and attracting renewed interest. As a means of interesting young men in our Order, it is believed by many to be one of the best.

The need to attract younger members into any Organization like ours, requires no amplification. All Organizations seek to do it—some in one way, some in another. The establishment of Junior Camps with membership between the ages of say 10 to 16 is not a new idea.

**Committee on Grave Marking** This part of our work takes on increased importance as the years roll on, with more and more graves to be cared for. We are to be congratulated that this work is, so far as the Commandery-in-Chief is concerned, in such competent hands.

It is as inevitable as life itself, that that which we call death must come to us all, each in his turn, and the "grim reaper" has not spared our ranks this year.

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You have been to us an inspiration this whole year as you always are. To any son, the father stands out as his shining example. He emulates him, he strives to make his record one which shall equal his father's—excel it if possible—and he honors and cherishes his memory.

**Change in Officers—Terms of Office** We believe it would be for the best interests of the Order and be productive of better results, if the terms of office of the National and Department Officers were more nearly coincident.

It is not satisfactory, nor for the good of the Order for a wholesale change of Officers upon whom the Commander-in-Chief must rely, to take place in the middle of his term, just as they have gotten to working well together.

To get best results a Commander-in-Chief is entitled to have an Organization so set up that he can work a full year, or at least the major part of it, with one and the same group of officers, and without major changes.

Quite as important is it to so arrange the term of office of the Commander-in-Chief and the National Officers, that it shall be coincident with our fiscal year—or the year, for the

conduct of which and its success or failure—they are responsible. Perhaps this could be done by having our official records for the year made to begin and end with the September Quarter instead of the June Quarter as now.

As it is now, we elect our National Officers in September (sometimes in August) and they take office immediately. We suggest that the National Officers hereafter elected take office on October first each year—i. e., at the beginning of the Quarter immediately following their election.

Our records are now made up from July to July—and the Quarter ending Sept. 30th becomes a charge or a credit, as it has been good or bad, upon the incoming officers, when they have had no part in its conduct and should be charged with no responsibility for its results, nor receive any credit for, if the record has been a good one.

Perhaps this might be better expressed by saying that the term of office of the National Officers should begin with a new Quarter and the records of the year of their incumbency should be those only of the period during which they serve.

Some of our Departments are below the required standard for the maintaining of a Department, either in number of Camps, in number of members, or in both.

Florida, Ala. & Tenn. 4 Camps 27 members  
Colorado & Wyoming 9 Camps 204 members  
Nebraska (incomplete) 6 Camps 109 members  
Minnesota 10 Camps 206 members  
Oregon 8 Camps 154 members  
Washington 5 Camps 166 members

We recommend that the Florida-Alabama Department be made either a Provisional Department, with representation in the Maryland Department until such time as it may again qualify under our requirements as an independent Department; that Tennessee be attached to Missouri, and Kentucky to Indiana, except such portions as border upon Ohio and may be better worked by being attached to the latter Department.

Inasmuch as plans have been made and are now being put into operation in the other Departments, looking towards bringing them up to the standard requirements, we recommend for the present no change in their status.

There is much more that could be said to you, brothers, and with profit discussed, on this reunion occasion. Much that is cheerful and encouraging. I make no mention of the many delightful visits which have been made to the various Departments this year and to the social occasions to which your Commander-in-Chief has been bidden by our Departments, Camps and individuals, and by our Auxiliary and the women's allied organizations.

I would like to take some time in commending the outstanding work of a number of our exceptionally active and well officered Departments and Camps. Please take it as said—every commendation that, many of them, indeed a very great majority—well deserve.

There is much to encourage us, much to be said to make us all glad and proud that we are members of an honorable Order as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I must not close this report without thanking the National Officers—and especially our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Horace Hammer, for the help so cordially given the whole year through. Horace, with

his delightfully cheerful, courteous and ever optimistic personality, has been generously charitable to my short-comings, and a constant source of inspiration to me, as he is to every one of us, the whole year through. We all love him.

And that goes to all our Department Officers for their ungrudging support. No Commander-in-Chief can hope to make a success of his administration without such a willing and constant help. Whatever has been accomplished this year has been by and through that support, and credit goes and is cheerfully acknowledged by your Commander-in-Chief, to all who have so gallantly striven.—Respectfully, In F. C. & L., Wm. Allan Dyer, Commander-in-Chief.

**REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**

I have the pleasure and honor of submitting through you to our Brothers and members of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War some of the duties I have carried out.

When I was elected to this office at Washington, D. C., the Michigan Department felt honored that the Commandery-in-Chief, had again appreciated the fact that my Brothers had conferred this high office upon me. I accepted the same with the idea that possibly I could add to the future accomplishments of the Order in which we are all so deeply interested, and have done everything I could so far as the opportunity has given me.

I came home from Washington and at once set out to do all I could for your Administration, and have secured the new members that I set out to get and some re-instatements. Up to the present date my local Camp has not suspended a single member since the Washington Encampment. I have not the record of the Michigan Department before me, but I know very few have been suspended in the other Camps of this Department.

I assure you that it has been my pleasure to have been associated with you during this year, and I know how you have worked, the sacrifices you have made and how hard you have endeavored to carry out your ideas, plans and purposes. I assure you I have aided at every opportunity I had to do so, with the exception of one instance, then I did not get the word in time to do so.

I attended every Department Regional Meeting held in Michigan this year, as I have for many years past. I also attended the Mid-winter Encampment of the Department of Indiana, the Mid-winter Encampment of the Department of Illinois, and met you at the June Encampment of the state of Illinois.

At your request I attended the Annual Encampment of the Department of Minnesota, held at St. Paul. While there I attended the sessions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and with the several Greetings Committees visited the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Minnesota, and all allied organizations that met there, and in my talks holding before each of said Organizations the ideals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, the building of the several structures that now constitute our Government, the fair and able decisions of the Members of the United States Supreme Court, and all the other Federal Courts, as well as the Courts of the different states.

I pointed out the dangers of removing any part of the foundation of this Government, and how it could enslave the people of this great government by one man being in a position where

he could control the decisions of the United States Supreme Court. I also talked at their Campfire and their Banquet.

It has been my privilege during the last year to attend many other patriotic meetings and banquets, where I have on every occasion preached the doctrines of our cause, and also endeavored in every way to aid you and your administration. I also delivered the Memorial Day address at Flint, Mich., this year, where I had an excellent chance to give the history of the Soldiers of the Civil War and what they not only stood for, but what they fought for and accomplished.

The Department of Michigan was highly honored by your presence, at our annual Encampment at Detroit in June, and we enjoyed your stay with us. It has been my pleasure to have been on your official list as your Senior Vice, and I have enjoyed preaching our purposes and our causes and trust I may have the privilege of preaching the cause of patriotism for the rest of my days, and in all things be a loyal and faithful Son.—Perle L. Fouch, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**

I desire to express the appreciation of the Department of which I am a member, my Camp and myself for the honor conferred in electing me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment held in the City of Washington, D. C., Sept. 22 to 24, 1936.

The duties of the office in question, are those, as have been from time to time, assigned by the Commander-in-Chief, and in the absence of such special assignments, the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief confines his efforts to his own Department, which has become a customary feature for a long time. My activities therefore have been exerted along such lines as I felt would redound to the best interest of all concerned. Necessarily, this entailed the acceptance of various invitations to attend in an official capacity functions of various Departments, individual Camps and Auxiliaries.

In all my visits, I have not overlooked an opportunity to call upon our Auxiliaries.

I have fulfilled my promise to the Commander-in-Chief in the matter of securing three (3) new members in the Order. I have several more prospects, whom I expect to shortly secure as members; further I have two new Camps in process of organization and which I trust will receive their charters prior to the opening of the 56th National Encampment to be held in Madison, Wis.

In concluding this report which may appear somewhat rambling, nevertheless, such is due to no amplification of the duties of the office, other than those set out in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order.

I am of the opinion that if the person occupying the office of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief had some definite and concrete duties to perform in addition to those now expected of him, something of a tangible nature would be accomplished.

I desire to express the pleasure it has been to serve with you, Commander-in-Chief, and the other National Officers, during the term of my office now fast coming to a close. My contacts with you have been most inspiring and ennobling, thereby creating a deeper appreciation of our memory serving order, and a deep seated desire to better serve it than ever before.—Howard Michael, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.



**WILLIAM ALLAN DYER**  
Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

We are to work again under and with the official who inspired the greatest activity last year evidenced in many years, and who was given a second term as Commander-in-Chief to carry us on toward the position we should rightfully occupy as sons of the valiant "Boys in Blue." If it is the real desire of the membership at large to see our Order serving to the extent it could and would everyone will do his utmost in the next twelve months. We will be willing to wager a plugged nickel that any effort put forth by any member will be more than matched by the efforts of our leader. Can you really avoid assisting in every way possible when you have such a shining example in one who is willing to match you and allow you to set the limit?—Ed.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

I have the honor to present report of the transactions of this department, as follows: Familiar with all the details it is unnecessary to specify the many affairs which confronted us and you so ably disposed of. While per capita tax was increased four (4) cents, and Membership Fees were renewed this term, which with the initiations, spirited action on your part to increase the membership, restrict losses, receipts could necessarily have been expected to be larger than last term, they were more substantially so than looked for; from supplies \$175.00 more; approximately in the total \$1,000.00 over last term. Expenditures compared with last term are \$300.00 less, practically all accounts paid.

Our financial condition is on a substantial basis. We have once more a Permanent and Organization (and Historical Marker) Funds. These are constantly increasing with no special or individual contributions—the entire membership being represented in their growth and accumulation.

A very active and record breaking campaign for increasing the membership was conducted by you. It created a new impetus, aroused a new interest and inspired personal effort and service in the membership generally.

**Departments**  
With few exceptions conditions in the Departments are encouraging. The Officers in most of them made efforts to prevent losses. Where unsuccessful conditions prevailed which they could not combat to overcome, they succeeded with your leadership and suggestions in reducing losses.

Again several Departments show less number of Camps (ten—10) and Members (two hundred fifty—250) required and fixed by the Constitution (not the Regulations), to maintain and constitute a Department. Some have had this status for several years.

The Department of Alabama & Tennessee could not hold its Annual Encampment this year. Its condition and lacking in Camps, Members, activities and efforts to increase and build up suggests it cannot properly represent the Order and function as a Department. Material and environment deter and prevent.

Recommendation: That after receipt of Reports and Per Capita Tax for Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1937, the Charter of the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, be revoked; the Department disbanded; its effects, records, books, funds in the treasury, supplies, be forwarded to the Headquarters of the Department of Maryland; that the Camps and Members in the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, be transferred to and be under the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Maryland; with the States now attached to and in the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, to constitute the Department of Maryland.

While there are several other Departments under the required numerical provision, it is not discriminating in this action, as they are responding to your suggestions, conditions and advice with plans you have under way for their upbuilding.

The inequality which figures respecting Departments under the required quota is, that with negligible number of Camps and Members compared to others they secure and have each year the same reward, viz: a Past Department Commander—a member of the Commandery-in-Chief. It does not seem consistent. It suggests consideration, and action without detriment or injury to the members and Departments in this condition.

**Financial**

Receipts and balances in all funds totaled for the year as follows:  
Total receipts, and balance, all sources—\$11,616.34; Permanent Fund, \$1,299.62; Organization and Historical Marker Fund, \$819.50; Permanent and Organization Fund, \$1,587.58; General Fund, \$10,714.83.

Expenditures—General Fund, \$8,512.55; Organization and Historical Marker Fund, \$100.  
Balances, all Funds—General, \$2,202.28; Permanent, \$1,299.62; Organization and Historical Marker, \$893.79.

**Supplies and Stock Account**

It was not necessary to increase price of supplies as authorized last year. Form 3—New Application for Membership was anticipated to be one reason for advance in cost on Requisitions quotations. We were able to procure them within fixed amount to dispose of but with reduced profit for Departments and Camps.

Conditions may require increase in supplies, due to cost of material and production, and other elements. Until obliged to advance prices we will continue under the authority of the last Encampment to issue supplies as quoted on Requisition Forms.

Too many Departments do not carry sufficient stock or quantity of supplies. They cannot fill Requisitions to and for their Camps until the supplies so ordered are received from the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This causes complaint from Camps, delay in receiving their supplies and wholly dependent upon the promptness of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. Department Officers know their



**MRS. MARGARET C. BRADY**  
National President, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Mrs. Margaret C. Brady of Albany, New York, who for the previous six years filled so competently and efficiently the office of National Secretary of our order, was elected National President at the national convention which was held in Madison, Wis., the week of Sept. 5. Her election came as a well deserved recognition of the superior service she gave our organization during her incumbency of the office of National Secretary, together with the knowledge of her peculiar fitness to fill the role of head of our splendid order as a loyal, patriotic woman and to its honor and credit.

National President Brady claims eligibility to our order through her grandfather, Patrick Coffey Corbett, who served as a volunteer in Company B, Fourth New York Cavalry for a period of three years and seven months.

In the year 1917 she joined the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, affiliating with the Philip Sheridan Auxiliary No. 30, of Albany, N. Y. In this Auxiliary she has held every office and for the past ten years has served as its Secretary. Recognizing her fine, executive ability, Sister Brady was chosen Department President of the New York Department in 1928, her Department making outstanding progress under her leadership.

When our national convention met in Des Moines, Iowa, in September, 1931, Sister Brady was unanimously chosen National Secretary. Every National President, Department President and Department Secretary since then has become cognizant of the prompt and excellent service she has given. That this same faithful, conscientious service will be given us during the new year we have entered upon, with Sister Margaret at the helm, goes without saying. Her fitness for the office has been shown in more ways than one and with the co-operation of each and every member of our order, which she earnestly asks, we will go far.

needs and they should meet them with proper quantity of supplies on hand.

There is general complaint against the use of "stickers" or inserts—amendments to the C. & R., nineteen (19) and also in the Ritual, thirteen (13).

The 1936 Encampment directed the use of these inserts until the supply of C. & R. and Rituals were exhausted.

It would be a welcome change and one greatly desired if the C. & R., and Rituals could be supplied with all amendments and changes printed therein and no inserts or

stickers needed. This it is hoped we will be able to comply with at an early date.

During this term 368 copies of the C. & R. were disposed of, leaving on hand 3750. Rituals sold 141, on hand 532.

**Fifty Years Membership Badges**

Ninety-two (92) Members continuously Fifty Years received the Badge for that record of membership the past year. Presentation of this Badge proved interesting ceremonies where such were held incident to the honor of being entitled to this Badge.

**New Camps**

New Camps were organized and Chartered as follows:

Dept.	No. Appli- cations	No. Appli- cants	No. Camps Organized	No. Charter Memrs.
Illinois	1	57	1	58
Iowa	1	16	1	19
Nebraska	1	17	1	17
New York	1	42	1	40
Ohio	1	45	1	45
Pennsylvania	1	28	1	42
Wisconsin	1	15	1	15
Total	7	221	7	236

**Official Organ—The Banner**

Our medium of contacting the Officers, rank and file, is efficient and valuable in its operation and assistance is rendered in various channels. Past Commander-in-Chief Holbrook, Editor, and his competent staff are helpful on all occasions and are of great benefit in many instances.

**Affiliated Orders**

In our ties and contacts outstanding is the Grand Army of the Republic. Our service to it is our lesson learned years ago and practiced to adhere to it. Departments, Camps, Members universally follow out faithfully all honor and assistance to it.

The Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has a record for service and favors to us. This was emphasized by National President Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, who let no opportunity pass to accomplish some result for us, for which we are obligated to her.

The Daughters of Union Veterans, The Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, were cordial and rendered their part on our behalf. We owe them grateful co-operation and our appreciation for service. The Officers of these Orders were always interested in and for our benefit, and helpful in many ways in our mutual interests.

**Sons of Veterans Reserve**

Recommendation: Reiterating the feature of this branch of the Order, an asset in attraction and benefit to us at our public affairs and Encampments, the recommendation of last year is renewed, viz:

Provision by the Council-in-Chief for approval by this Encampment, of an Appropriation to the Reserve to compensate those members who attend Commandery-in-Chief Encampments and comprise the Official Escort in parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

They fulfill for us the honor and distinction conferred upon the Order to constitute that Official Escort of "One Hundred Uniformed Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." The Reserve meets that requirement. The Grand Army of the Republic Officers and Members are greatly pleased at their response, service and appearance—in the pattern of the uniforms they wore in 1861-'65. They meet our obligation to the Grand Army of the Republic.

**Conclusion**

You conducted a vigorous, outstanding campaign to increase the membership. It is many years since such persistent efforts were made as you introduced. Your labors to that end were indefatigable. Your perseverance, personal contact, aroused a new determination and interest in the membership to co-operate and produce what you enthusiastically im-

bued into them; you created for this purpose an inspiration throughout the Order. Expressions of confidence for its future, and commendation for your interest, service and leadership came from every section. A similar policy, with service such as yours, in the years to come will be the record that your Administration will have been the turning point for a strengthened, growing, influential patriotic American Order.

You have the best wishes of the membership in grateful appreciation of valuable, untiring, faithful and efficient service.

Your confidence and courtesies are sincerely acknowledged with every assurance of high personal regard and good wishes for your future.

To the other National Officers and Members of the Staff, appreciation of their courtesies is expressed with my compliments and regard.—H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.—Treas.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR**

I have the honor to submit the following report based upon the material forwarded to me by the Department Patriotic Instructors of your Commandery-in-Chief. The consolidated report with my impressions are as follows:

Alabama & Tennessee: Sigward Severtsen. You of Dixie Land are to be congratulated that all Camps reported. Your Memorial Day parade needs special mention and pupils reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address indicates that even under some existing difficulties our responsibilities are still appreciated by you brothers in the Southland.

California & Pacific: J. W. Lindner. All Camps reporting good attendance to Sunday services prior to Memorial Day. Camps reporting indicate renewed activities along all lines only we wish we could have had a 100% Camp report to show our gratitude, at least, for the appointment of so important an office as the National Patriotic Instructor to our State. Come out and see us sometime. We are grateful for the large number of Grand Army men still with us to cheer us on.

Colorado & Wyoming: G. F. Hanes. Glad you are carrying on so nicely. Congratulate you upon the fact of your special patriotic efforts Patriotic Instructor indicated by the spending of a special amount of money for the same. Their reports indicate that our Blanks are not comprehensive enough.

Connecticut: C. E. Swift. I note your emphasis upon Memorial Day and its meaning to a better understanding by all the people.

Illinois: F. M. Trumbull. I like your note of interest in community programs and gatherings, Sons assisting Grand Army members in their special services, meetings, funerals, etc.; the thing to do I am sure, so that the public may realize our part in it all.

Indiana: A. W. McDaniel (acting). Your co-operation is commendable. The number of visits to churches and schools is splendid and will produce much permanent good.

Iowa: E. R. Kildow. Your frankness in report noted and I realize you feel, as others, that the Report Blanks do not quite fill the bill, and that vigorous instructions in our schools and churches along the lines of real patriotism in our Country is needed. Thanks.

Kansas: C. B. Martin. Your comments are appreciated, especially as to one case of discourtesy to the flag (used as drapes). The proper use of the flag could well be the subject of a special meeting with the public invited. Your gift of two flags to hospitals is commendable. Your personal visits to all schools with 226 rooms visited is fine. What you say as to Camp Patriotic Instructors being appointed is true and thus it is no wonder that they do not understand how to fill out the report blank.

Maine: F. R. Berry. There is special activity noted in the presentation of flags to school

and churches, which is one of the worth while things to do in increasing interest in real patriotism and the meaning of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Maryland: J. T. Bond. Your concern for the general welfare work in all communities with special programs on Civil War history and better understanding of the Constitution pointing to securities on all lines of Governmental institutions is commendable. Your reference to our fathers influences in all constructive programs in our country's growth is well taken. The very special services in churches on the special days is noted and you are to be congratulated upon the part you have taken in it all.

Massachusetts: P. B. Chandler. You can realize now that the one discourtesy to the flag brought good results in the placing of all new flags on fire engine houses. It is also evident that the celebration of the Duxbury Tercentenary was a success and the part you took in it I am sure is a credit to our Sons. Your idea of usefulness, prosperity, growth and attractiveness are well founded. The dedication of U. S. Route No. 6 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway with W. L. Anderson, Sr., as chairman, is most commendable.

Michigan: U. W. Mackey. The number of flags presented is fine. Seven hundred and eight to schools, two to churches, seven to other organizations. The reference to the Boy Scout Troop with all its leaders members of the Sons is fine work with the opportunity for lasting impressions in lessons of Patriotism.

Minnesota: M. G. Randolph per D. B. Mead. Your idea of co-operating with other organizations in visiting all schools before Memorial Day should be productive of permanent good. Your report of four discourtesies, minor and quickly corrected, shows your members are on guard and reporting well.

Missouri: E. N. Blumer. Glad you feel that there are so many things that could be reported, showing your concern in it all and that you feel our cause of the Sons of Union Veterans is gaining in your Department. The program on a battle field must have been inspiring I am sure. Your report under "General" is really good.

Nebraska: Arthur Mathewson. I note that the Sons took charge of Memorial Day programs at the request of the Grand Army. The thirty-three piece band that takes part in all patriotic meetings in Lincoln is worthy of note. Also Brother Kelly who had complete charge this year of the placing of 1200 flags is to be congratulated. You have 100% Camps reporting. There are 1800 flags in Nebraska. I take it on Grand Army graves.

New Hampshire: C. E. Rockwood. It was good work to call their attention to the fact of carrying flags in a parade after dark. The number of schools and churches visited and the idea of the causes of the Civil War were made plain. 100% Camps reported. Good. The number of schools observing Memorial Day being checked up in the newspaper is a good idea. He feels that patriotism should be taught and not legislated and that the Department Patriotic Instructors be given the form 50 blanks and that he send them to the Camp Patriotic Instructors.

New Jersey: E. F. Patten. Your interest in the Girl and Boy Scout work is a worthy one and surely helps the Sons to be better known. There is a fine co-operation in all Patriotic Societies and activities.

New York: A. V. Stone. It is reported that no action was taken in two cases of discourtesies to the flag where Communists did not uncover and salute the flag as it passed. Also a flag was not removed from the city fire house for 24 hours. To the large number of Brothers speaking for Memorial Day and the fact that you have a wonderful Commander-in-Chief, Wm. Allan Dyer, in your State assures success along all lines and far reaching influence to us all.

Ohio: D. M. Walter. My old friend and neighbor where it was my privilege to be a member in Ohio, I congratulate you upon your fine work. One discourtesy to the flag reported when a Congressman had a flag draped on a car but was immediately changed. The flag presentations were fine, especially to the Public Library.

Oregon: F. K. Davis. Since the schools are closed or are closing, Memorial Day programs in the schools are almost impossible. Thus there is a fear that the young people will go untaught and untrained as to its significance.

Pennsylvania: A. R. DeLancey. A High School student refused to salute the flag and was expelled. Being brought before the Tent by the Daughters for a lesson in Patriotism, he saluted the flag, gave pledge of allegiance and was restored as a student. Always see that the Grand Army members get to and from programs. Much actively reported on Memorial Day. You are fortunate to have Commander-in-Chief Ruhe as your speaker and inspiration. Sorry to learn of the death of Comrade Little, Adjutant General and Department Commander of Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island: J. F. Sheern. A direct interest in and a knowledge of the service rendered by the Civil War Veterans has been thoughtfully considered in all patriotic meetings.

Vermont: G. A. DeWitt. About the same number of Camps reported this year as last year. Evidence of more patriotic programs sponsored. A great number of new memorials erected during the year. Good work.

Washington: D. O. Beck. Special day programs well attended and thoughtfully planned.

Wisconsin: E. A. Kaestner. The report of presenting flag to Veterans of Foreign Wars makes a splendid contact. Enthusiasm is noted in Memorial Day programs. You are to be congratulated upon the privilege of having the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment in your State. It should be of much help and inspiration to all whose Fathers or Grandfathers were in that Army. And with the help and inspiration of Past Nat. Pat. Inst. C. D. Donaldson in your midst should help in your Department work.

Summary of the Reports and Notes: Department Patriotic Instructors.

I am happy that all Departments reported. Thank you, Department Patriotic Instructors.

It has been a real treat to go over these reports to notice the various activities carried on by our members and their response thereto. I am only sorry that about half of our Camp Patriotic Instructors failed to send in reports to their Departments. Brothers, how about it, where were you, did you think it not an essential part in your obligation and that we were asking and expecting some impossible thing or one that had no importance? I wonder what was the spirit back of it all that you failed us. However those who did report are to be complimented. Department Patriotic Instructors, you did a fine thing by using from your busy lives time to compile and forward your reports and to make the suggestions that you have. I am sure you will see the reward for your interest and concern for our beloved Order, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

All Camps noted carefully that point of discourtesy to the flag, ten. There were not so many after all during these hectic days we have gone through and still are in them. All were minor ones and quickly corrected except perhaps in one instance which still shows it is a good plan to study the flag, its codes and usages. I was glad to note that some conducted meetings devoted to the flag and I think it would be a good plan to have public meetings on this subject. A goodly number of Flags have been presented during the year. There are some states according to the report that do not require the Flag in school rooms or the pledge of allegiance in the same. Brothers, you might be able to get

some action along these lines as to legislation. The patriotic programs have been many and varied and evidences good results. Large numbers attended Memorial Day services everywhere and the part you have taken, whether large or small, has shown your spirit of loving loyalty and remembrance of your Father's part in the making of a great Country.

I believe that I agree with some of our Department Patriotic Instructors that the Forms for our reports should be placed in the hands of the Department Patriotic Instructors direct and he to make early contact with the Camp Patriotic Instructors, laying stress upon the general idea of the report and the necessity of his gathering the material for such report founded upon certain facts and happenings in our Camps during his year. Thus we should have a more comprehensive and active report which would be not only inspiring but constructive. It can be done if we mean it and live it, our obligation for the good of the Order.

And in conclusion, I appreciate and thank you, Sir, for this appointment for it has given me many opportunities to represent and speak in behalf of our principles and objects and only hope that the trust you placed in me has been fully sustained. To all Patriotic Instructors, both Camp and Department, thank you for the co-operation.

May God bless you and may the blood of Patriotic Sires that courses through your veins keep you strong and active in the work of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.—Ralph R. Barrett, M. D., Nat. Pat. Inst.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR**

The duties of the National Counselor have been light this year, but I have appreciated the appointment on your staff, and the opportunity to render some service to you and our patriotic Order.

One important question you referred to me for my opinion, and I was able to concur in your ruling, that one black ball cast in a Camp election will not debar a candidate from membership who was vouchered for by one member and recommended by the Committee of Investigation. My opinion is based on the fact that there is no specific method of election prescribed by the Constitution, Regulations or Ritual, so that majority rule should govern.—H. S. Howard, National Counselor.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES**

It is a pleasure to present the report of the Grave Marking Committee covering the work of locating, identifying and marking Veterans' graves in the several Departments of our Order during the past year.

There has been a continuance of the work in all Departments and it is a pleasure to report the States of North Dakota and West Virginia have become interested. The State of North Dakota will do the work under the direction of Major Heber L. Edwards, the Adjutant-General, of North Dakota, while in West Virginia the work is by County under a W. P. A. project. It is called "A Historical Study of War Veterans who are buried in West Virginia." The survey includes the veterans of all wars. This work of marking graves has received many favorable comments. Metropolitan newspapers hearing of it sent me here for a story or article on it which they published, other newspapers and magazines throughout the country reprinted the articles. It attracted the attention of the National Broadcasting Company who thought so well of it that they offered us a coast to coast set up over the Blue net work for the story or the work. There can be no question as to the value of this work in attracting the attention of the public to this feature of our Order. Your Committee believes that if properly brought to the attention of eligibles it

will be the means of bringing many men of standing into our Order. While such men may not attend meetings, they will be glad to contribute to an order having among other objects—that the graves of their ancestors receive proper care, and are not forgotten.

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the appointment by you as additional members of this Committee, Brothers Colonel Henry Stewart of Gettysburg, Pa., as Chairman for the Pennsylvania Department; Walter S. Bellby of Rochester, N. Y., as Chairman, and George A. Smith, of Syracuse, N. Y., as Vice Chairman, for the New York Dept., and Will H. Ball, Indianapolis, Ind., as Chairman of the Indiana Dept.

In closing the Committee on Grave Marking wishes to take this opportunity of expressing to all fellow co-workers in the various Departments the sincere appreciation of the time and labor you have given to make the grave marking the success it has been. Our reward is the satisfaction of knowing we have done something worth while for our father, and his comrades, and for our Order, and to Commander Dyer our thanks for his cordial co-operation, and the support he has given us during the past year. Your Committee believes that the work should be continued the coming year, and so recommends.

The cost for stenographer and postage has been \$55.00.—Chas. R. Hale, Chairman, Grave Marking Committee.

**REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee on Legislation was invited to attend the hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the bill to reorganize the Federal Courts. No member of the Committee found it possible to appear at any of the hearings. At many meetings of our general membership throughout the Departments, opposition to the proposed legislation, insofar as it affected the Supreme Court of the United States, was freely and vigorously expressed. We therefore undertook to inform the Senate Committee of this sentiment.

We called upon Bro. F. A. DeGroot of the Department of Maryland to assist the Committee. Bro. DeGroot lives in Washington, and he personally delivered to members of the Senate Committee the protest drawn by your Committee, against any legislation affecting the Supreme Court, and such other protests and petitions as came to our hands. We are pleased to state that the legislation was not and will not be enacted. This Committee hereby acknowledges its obligation to Bro. DeGroot for his valuable assistance.

No legislative matters in the various states was called to the attention of your Committee.—William J. Blakeley, Edwin C. Ireland, Willard R. Matheny, George B. Parsons, Michael G. Heintz, Chairman.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

The establishment of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway (U. S. Route 6) is a fascinating story and is one of the accomplishments of our Organization this year.

Its possibility started in the dream of a young grandson, William L. Anderson, Jr., who proposed the project to the Massachusetts Encampment and although it was received with enthusiasm many wondered whether our Organization had the influence to put it over in these years of much competition when other Organizations larger in number kept the local Governments busy with many problems.

A Massachusetts State Committee proceeded with plans to interest the State Legislature. Rhode Island heard of the project and with hard work and many problems to overcome was finally victorious in being the first State to name the portion of U. S. Route 6 passing through its State in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The plan found favor at the National Encampment at Washington and a Committee was appointed with a State Chairman in each State through which the Highway passed. Of this Committee William L. Anderson, Sr., was appointed National Chairman and thus the Organization gave impetus to the movement nationally.

The following were appointed Chairmen of the respective State Committees: Edward A. Baker, Judge, Rhode Island. Ralph M. Grant, P. C.-in-C., Connecticut. Senator John J. Dunnigan, New York. Sam S. Horn, P. C.-in-C., Pennsylvania. Park F. Yengling, P. C.-in-C., Ohio. Richard F. Locke, P. C.-in-C., Illinois. Rev. Frank C. Huston, P. C.-in-C., Indiana. V. F. Hathaway, Iowa. Vernon C. Cheney, Colorado. Nebraska was omitted pending action of Iowa and Colorado.

Thus a Committee of men experienced in Legislative and Civic work was created to study the Laws and procedure of various States and to prepare Bills for enactment by their respective Legislatures.

At the time of the appointment of the National Committee by Com.-in-Chief Dyer effort was concentrated on U. S. Route 6; which Highway extends from the tip end of Cape Cod in Massachusetts on the Atlantic Coast through Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Nebraska to Greeley, Colorado, and Federal plans are now on the way to continue this Highway to the Pacific Coast under the same route number and there is no doubt in the minds of the Committee that a Coast to Coast Highway named in memory of the Grand Army of the Republic is a surety. It means, however, the alertness of our States west of the Mississippi having popular Highways connecting with Greeley, Col., for it is largely their responsibility from now on.

The following States covering 1300 miles of beautiful Highway have passed Bills and officially named their section of the Highway: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Iowa as a result of a slight opposition had to postpone final action until the next session of their State Legislature. There is activity in several other States but they have not yet presented their Bills, because it was untimely. Several States in the west have small or no Departments and these are the States in which work is still to be done.

Much time and thought and, needless to say, a great deal of hard work has been done by the Committee. The National Chairman forwarded to the Chairman in each Department a copy of the Bill together with a blue print of the marker used in naming the Grand Army of the Republic Highway in Massachusetts, feeling that its experience would be of benefit to the States which had not yet secured legislative enactment and the adoption of a uniform Bill and uniform markers in each State would be wise.

The large number of people that have witnessed the parades, etc., and listened to the National and State oratory attending the dedications have been thrilled and impressed with the noble purposes of our Organization and have had their attention called again to the sacrifices made by the Grand Army in '61 and '65. In many instances this has rekindled the family spark "Honor Thy Father" and has given inspiration and power to all of us to do greater deeds in their memory.—William L. Anderson, Sr., Chairman.

The Council-in-Chief made a preliminary report covering audit of Secretary-Treasurer's books and financial balance as shown by affidavit from bank officials.

Communications were called for to be distributed to various Committees, Nat. Pat.

Inst. Barrett extended greetings from Past Com.-in-Chief Barrows of California.

Mayor Law was escorted in and extended the greetings of the city, being responded to by Past Com.-in-Chief Sautter.

Committees Appointed Com.-in-Chief Dyer announced Encampment Committees as follows:

Officers' Reports: Past Com.-in-Chief Homan, Mass.; Del. J. E. Gallagher, Ill.; Dept. Com. Dunlavy, Mo.; Dept. Com. Webster, Me. Resolutions: Past Com.-in-Chief Grant, Conn.; Past Inst. Barrett, Cal.; Dept. Com. Wise, Ill.; Dept. Com. Schultz, Ohio; Dept. Com. Sweet, Mass.

Ritual: Past Com.-in-Chief Shellhouse, Ind.; Dept. Com. Brockway, N. Y.; Dept. Sec. Smith, Vt.; Past Dept. Com. Forbes, Wash.

Press: Past Com.-in-Chief Holbrook, Ill.; Past Com.-in-Chief Mable, Pa.; Past Dept. Com. Cranmer, N. Y.

**Greetings Committees**

G. A. R.: Past Com.-in-Chief Ruch, Pa.; Past Dept. Com. Byron, Ill.; Past Dept. Com. Quinn, Mass.

W. R. C.: Past Com.-in-Chief Kirchgassner, Mass.; Dept. Com. Dunlavy, Mo.; Past Dept. Com. Forbes, Wash.

L. of G. A. R.: Past Com.-in-Chief Homan, Mass.; Dept. Com. Glass, Cal.; Dept. Com. Post, Pa.

Auxiliary: Past Com.-in-Chief Sheldon, N. Y.; Past Com.-in-Chief Shellhouse, Ind.; Dept. Com. Haag, Wis.

Daughters: Past Com.-in-Chief Ruch, Pa.; Past Dept. Com. Barnard, N. Y.; Past Dept. Com. Anderson, Mass.

After further communications read by Sec. Hammer, the Encampment recessed to 1:30 p. m. that afternoon.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

A supplementary report of the Credential Committee stated that 190 had been enrolled.

A committee from the W. R. C., consisting of Mrs. Ruth Hansen, Ohio; Mrs. Anna January, Kan., and Mrs. Mary Lehman, Wis., were escorted in and extended greetings. Response was by Dept. Com. Schultz, Ohio.

A committee from the Wisconsin Department Auxiliary came in and extended a welcome to the city, as well as their greetings and best wishes for an inspiring Encampment. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Fouch responded.

A greetings committee from the Auxiliary, headed by Nat. Pres. Lewis, and composed of a number of Auxiliary sisters, was admitted. Mrs. Lewis spoke and presented Com.-in-Chief Dyer an umbrella as a gift from herself and Mrs. Kuhns, Nat. President of the L. of G. A. R. Past Nat. Pres. Mayme Dwyer presented the greetings of the Auxiliary body and presented an auto radio as their gift to the Commander-in-Chief. Past Dept. Pres. Hazel Hartman, N. Y., presented a gift from New York girls.

Past Nat. Pres. Lang brought greetings from the Past Nat. Presidents, and Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Stapleton, Mrs. Macy, Mrs. Hayes all spoke of their pleasure in saying a word to their brother New Yorker. Response was by Past Com.-in-Chief Sheldon.

Past Coms.-in-Chief Kirchgassner as chairman of greetings committee to W. R. C., and Sheldon as chairman of committee to Auxiliary, reported that they were royally re-

ceived, had expressed our good wishes to both these organizations, and were asked to accept and carry back both the love and good wishes of these two organizations.

A committee from the Daughters consisting of Past Nat. Pres. Hazel Riley of Ill.; Dept. Pres. Ila Warner of Mo.; Sister Wilson of Me. and Sylvia McLaughlin of Washington, D. C., were escorted in and extended greetings. All spoke. Past Dept. Com. Heintz responded.

Past Coms.-in-Chief Homan as chairman of greetings committee to L. of G. A. R., and Ruch as chairman of committee to Daughters, reported that they had fulfilled their commission, were graciously received, and had been asked to take back generous good wishes.

At 5:00 p. m. the Encampment recessed to 2:00 p. m. Wednesday afternoon.

**THE PARADE**

The remnants of what was once the greatest army of volunteers the world has ever seen crept slowly around Capitol square this morning (Sept. 8) as the Grand Army of the Republic marched again—a thin wavering line of 122 blue-clad warriors.

An estimated 35,000 Madisonians and visitors saw a sight which will tingle in their hearts for many a day. The two and one-half mile parade took 90 minutes to pass the reviewing stand.

Tears wet the cheeks of hundreds, while others laughed and cheered as the aged men trod or rode over less than a mile route of asphalt.

Whitened heads shook on bowed shoulders, canes and a crutch tapped steadily beats, legs that had marched through Georgia and most of the battles, skirmishes and raids in the Civil War faltered, but they went on, the fragment of an irresistible army which once numbered 2,778,304.

In keeping with tradition, the Grand Army of the Republic marched alone, interspersed with drum corps. Last year at Washington, D. C., there were only 154 in the blue line, but Commander Ruhe vetoed a suggestion that all army and militia detachments, patriotic organizations and musical units join in one unit this year.

From the reviewing stand, Gov. Philip F. La Follette, speaking over a national radio hook-up, told the blue-clad soldiers they "are and forever will remain the symbol of America's unshakeable faith in a 'government of the people, by the people, and for the people.'"

"We honor you who are living, and your comrades who are gone," Wisconsin's executive continued, "for your courage, your loyalty and your sacrifices for our great country. Perhaps the greatest tribute to you of all is that today a united American people can offer you its affectionate devotion. A united America salutes you!"

The Sons of Union Veterans acted as escort, first those in uniform, and then those in civilian dress with white shirts, dark trousers and no hats. A good delegation was in line, and several other brothers carried colors for the Veterans and marched with members of G. A. R. Posts from their own Department.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

After opening in regular form a committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was an-

nounced. This committee was comprised of Past Nat. Pres. Lillian Clark Cary and Past Nat. Pres. Sarah J. Ehrmann. Each spoke, Past Com-in-Chief Sheldon responding.

Mrs. Lester, Dept. Pres., and Mrs. McGowan, of the Wis. Auxiliary, came in to make announcements regarding Stunt Night and the Wisconsin dinner, Pennsylvania Department holding their dinner in conjunction with Wisconsin Department.

Further communications and telegrams were read by Nat. Sec. Hammer.

Past Com-in-Chief Sautter reported for the Committee on Constitution and Regulations as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS (Standing)

All matters referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations prior to and at the Washington Encampment were acted upon at that Encampment. Nothing has been referred to it in the interim of Encampments.

Four items have been referred to it at this Encampment, upon which we report as follows:

From the Commander of the Department of Massachusetts: "That Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 10, be amended by adding after the word 'dropped' the words, 'or honorably discharged.'" The status of a member who takes an honorable discharge is clearly and definitely provided for. His future course is clearly in his own hands.

From the Commander of the Department of Massachusetts: Providing for the giving of the password and countersign to those holding Department offices. The condition that prompts this suggestion (we do not feel it was intended to be covered by a change in our C. & R.) could easily be met, and the complained of condition avoided by the Department officer seeing his Camp was in good standing for the receipt of the password and countersign, and its consequent giving to all its members in good standing.

From the Department of New Hampshire, providing for a special badge—by the addition of a bar to the present membership badge—in recognition of 25 years of continuous membership. Since at our last Encampment we took final action on badge to recognize 50 years of continuous membership, we feel we should defer, awaiting the effect of that action before providing further designs, and therefore recommend no action.

From the Department of Oregon. While presented in the form of a resolution the thought expressed and the action desired could only be obtained by changes in our Regulations. While fully appreciating the conditions existing in the far west, we seriously question the wisdom of attempting to meet or correct it by providing in our Regulations the defining of election by prescribed geographical lines. In fact, we can easily, in view of existing conditions, see serious objections to such restrictions; we have therefore refrained from preparing the needed amendments to make it effectual and recommend no further action at this Encampment.

This completes all matters referred to the Committee. We offer the further thought in view of this, that the Committee cease to be a standing committee of the Commandery-in-Chief. — Respectfully submitted, William T. Church, Chairman, John E. Sautter, Michael G. Heintz, Ralph Sheldon, Henry F. Weller.

The report was received and adopted as read.

There were numerous suggestions as to receiving publicity through radio and the press, covering the keeping up of battlefields, essays upon topics of Civil War by school children, etc. A committee was appointed to go over matter and report later to Encampment as to recommendations. (The committee reported Thursday morning, but we were unable to get this report. The membership will hear more of this report through later issues of The Banner).

The Committee on Ritual and Ceremonies through its chairman, Past Com-in-Chief Shellhouse, reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

We, the Committee, recommend that the Ritual be revised as follows:

Immediately following item 8 under the Order of Business, there be added these words: "Should four or more black balls be cast, the Candidate will be declared rejected." — Frank Shellhouse, Ind., Chairman; Hermon L. Brockway, N. Y.; Clinton J. Smith, Vt.; Kearney Forbes, Wash. (Ritual Committee). The Committee were in receipt of a few more changes some of which will undoubtedly be made when a new edition of the Ritual is printed. Until that time the Committee recommended non-concurrence on all requested changes before them. This and the above report was adopted.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The opening of this session was delayed somewhat on account of the death of Comrade and Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Jeffers from Oregon. Nat. Chaplain Dickenson and members of the Madison Camp did everything possible in making arrangements to send the body home, and members of local Camp acted as bearers in getting body to train. In the afternoon Nat. Chaplain Dickenson held funeral services, the various affiliated groups sending representatives.

A committee from the G. A. R. was announced, consisting of Dept. Com. Joseph Bauer, Rochester, N. Y., Past Dept. Com. Wm. F. Dorsey of Washington, D. C., and Dept. Com. Ira Stormes of Utah. Comrade Dorsey brought the greetings of the Veteran body, being applauded loudly. Past Com-in-Chief Homan responded.

For the Committee on Officers' Reports Past Com-in-Chief Homan reported, the full report following, and being adopted as read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

As the family await the report of the Doctor as he takes the pulse and temperature of his patient, so those interested in our Order await the report of our Commander-in-Chief and his Officers, to find if possible the real condition of our Order and what its future may be.

As we listened to the reading of Wm. Allan Dyer's splendid report, we were impressed with its clear cut concise statement of facts and the courageous note as he spoke of the future. His report is that of a man with a vision, who seeks by business-like methods to achieve his goal. We compliment Commander-in-Chief Dyer on his comprehensive statement of conditions of our Order, the report reflects his enthusiasm and his ability as an organizer. The report indicates that the two objectives—increased membership and a better financial condition—have been to a certain extent achieved. The report shows clearly the unlimited possibilities in store for our Order if we want them enough to work for them.

That we are in a better financial condition than a year ago is indeed encouraging; a man or Order with money in its pocket, can face the future with more courage.

The establishment of a National Highway through the United States, to be known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, the third objective for the year, has in some States become a reality, and is a feature of the year's work that has brought favorable notice to our Order.

Your Committee heartily agree and support the Commander-in-Chief's stand regarding the American Constitution, and the Sesqui-Centennial of its birth, and urge all Brothers to return to their Departments and Camps resolved to see that this document and its Anniversary be suitably commemorated this month.

Junior Camps is a subject that should concern our Order and the Commander's suggestion that a Committee of five be appointed to investigate and report at next Annual Encampment, seems to be a good way to approach this matter.

Your Committee heartily concur with the Commander-in-Chief in his recommendation regarding terms of officers and suggest that the present or incoming Commander-in-Chief instruct the National Counselor to prepare necessary changes in By-Laws to carry out the provision of this recommendation so that they may be acted upon by this or the next Annual Encampment.

The Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief reports show that they have been interested in the affairs of our Order; the suggestion of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Michaels that both Senior and Junior Vice Commander be given definite Departments to care for and be responsible for is a good one and worthy of consideration.

The Commander-in-Chief's recommendation regarding the change in Departments on page 14 seems to be taken care of by Constitution and we recommend that incoming Commander-in-Chief make necessary changes and allocation of Camps, as covered by Constitution.

The report of Secretary-Treasurer Hammer shows the usual careful consideration of detail, and necessary information found only in his report. Recommendation No. 1—change in Department—would follow as that of Commander-in-Chief on same subject.

Recommendation No. 2, regarding Reports of Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, etc., we concur in Secretary's recommendation.

Recommendation No. 3, regarding Sons of Veterans Reserve, Committee reconsidered non-concurrence.

We, together with the entire Commandery appreciate the continued loyalty of National Secretary Hammer and hope that he may continue to submit reports of this kind for many years to come.

Dr. Barrett, the National Patriotic Instructor, is to be congratulated upon his report and it shows a careful and painstaking perusal of reports received. We agree with Dr. Barrett that some way should be devised to get a more complete report of the really fine patriotic work being done by our Order at large.

We feel that the Legislative Committee appreciate the importance of the work of their committee and are to be complimented on same.

Chairman Chas. R. Hale is doing a wonderful work and it is really a labor of love in compiling records of the Veterans and recording same for future generations. We only regret that there are not more Brothers inspired to do this kind of work in their communities.

The report as a whole seems to reflect a spirit of optimism and enables us to face the future with new hope and courage.

Fraternally submitted—Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Chairman; Dr. J. E. Gallagher, Rev. John M. Dunlavy, Charles T. Webster.

For the Committee on Resolutions Past Com-in-Chief Grant reported, this report

also being adopted as a whole, and which follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. The Department of Minnesota presents a request for our endorsement of the proposed project to erect at the National Cemetery at Fort Snelling a Memorial Chapel as a lasting tribute and monument to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Sons of Union Veterans, the Daughters of Union Veterans, of Minnesota, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps, have entered into an agreement to incorporate a Memorial Association for the purpose of securing funds for the project.

Your Committee approves, and recommends that the requested official endorsement of this Encampment in favor of the building of the proposed memorial be granted. (Adopted).

2. The Department of Ohio presents a proposed resolution as follows:

"Be It Resolved by the 56th Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War that the managements of any and all Veterans' Homes be requested to establish and maintain Military Bands."

As the present inmates of most Veterans' Homes are those who served in the Spanish-American and World Wars, your Committee is of the opinion that action, if any, along the lines of the proposed resolution should first be taken by the Veteran organizations of those wars, and we therefore recommend that no action be taken by this Encampment. (Adopted).

3. A resolution comes from Gen. John A. McClelland Camp No. 4 of Illinois requesting the members of Congress from Illinois to inquire into certain reports concerning Nazi or other un-American activities throughout the United States. The resolution does not bear the endorsement of the Department of Illinois, and is addressed to the members of Congress from Illinois.

Your Committee recommends that no action be taken by this Encampment, believing that a resolution so addressed should be disposed of in the Department of Illinois. (Adopted).

4. From Owen Summers Camp No. 4 of Portland, Oregon, is presented a petition asking action by resolution of the Encampment demanding that disbursing officers of the W. P. A. and P.W.A. require all foreign-born persons to produce citizenship papers before being granted employment or relief. The action sought by the proposed resolution has been taken by Federal order heretofore and your Committee recommend that no action be taken by this Encampment. (Adopted).

5. Whereas, we who have been privileged to attend this 56th Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now being held in this beautiful city of Madison, have been greeted with hospitality seldom equaled and never excelled, and whereas every possible provision had been anticipated, and has been provided, for our comfort and entertainment, and for the successful accomplishment of the business of this Encampment,

Be It Resolved, That our sincerest thanks be, and they hereby are, extended to the Mayor, and citizens of the City of Madison; to President Dykstra, and members of his staff, including particularly Messrs. Butts, Blessner and Owens, of the University of Wisconsin, who as our hosts have attained perfection at this delightful occasion; to Prof. Dvorak for his helpful influence in obtaining the services of the United States Marine Band; to the Madison, Wisconsin, Foundation; Col. J. W. Jackson and Miss Margaret Smith for outstanding efforts in our behalf; to the local Camp of Sons of Union Veterans and its Auxiliary; to the newspapers and press of the City of Madison; to the Madison Concert Orchestra for its excellent contribution to our

entertainment, to these and all others whose combined efforts for our accommodation and happiness, have produced an outstanding Encampment ever to be remembered; to all we extend our thanks.

Respectfully submitted—Ralph M. Grant, Chairman, Conn.; Ralph R. Barrett, M. D., Calif.; Elias R. Sweet, Mass.; Charles Wise, Ill.; W. J. Schultz, Ohio.

Bro. Hiland, of Minnesota, asked that action be taken petitioning Board of Film Commissioners to refuse license to make film from the book, "Gone With the Wind," and gave several reasons therefor. The Committee reported that they were in full accord with the sentiments expressed by Bro. Hiland, but felt that our objection would result in increased advertising and publicity, and recommended no action. (Adopted).

Supplementary Resolution by Past Com-in-Chief Huston.

Whereas, all untruths or misrepresentation of factual history are subversive to the development of the highest type of American citizenship; and

Since it appears, from some definite sources, there emanates from time to time, actions or statements which do not comport with actual facts of history;

And since efforts are now being made to have removed from all school and church song books, the song known as "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," upon the protest that it is untrue to history;

Be It Resolved by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in National Encampment assembled, that this body go on record as being unalterably opposed to such proposed deletion of the song in question, and respectfully request any and all members of any and all committees before whom any such question of deletion may be presented, to carefully consider the subject matter of the song before any action be taken by such committee.

We believe that the appeal to the facts of the song and its subject matter will be sufficient answer to all misrepresentations of facts in this particular regard. (Adopted).

Past Dept. Com. Moran, chairman of the Council, reported for that body as follows:

REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

The Council-in-Chief beg leave to report that it has carefully examined the records of the National Secretary-Treasurer, and found them correct and complete in every detail. We also submit a statement from the Reading Trust Co., showing the balance on hand Sept. 1, 1937, to the credit of the National Organization, is \$2,913.40 in checking account, and \$1,300.49 in the savings account.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Estimated Receipts: Per Capita Tax—24,000 members at 40 cents = \$9,600.00; Less 1/6 for Permanent Fund and Historical Marker Fund = 1,600.00; Total = \$8,000.00.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Membership Fees, 1,000 members at 50 cents = 500.00; Charter Fees, 5 new Camps at \$5.00 = 25.00; Supplies = 1,400.00; Miscellaneous = 50.00; Organization and Historical Fund available for appropriation, 1/2 of \$1600 = 800.00; Total = \$10,775.00.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Estimated Expenditures: General Expenses—Organization under direction of Commander-in-Chief = 500.00; To National Patriotic Instructor for Historical Marker = 200.00; Supplies = 1,000.00; The Banner—6 issues = 2,520.00.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Encampment = 1,200.00; Printing = 150.00; Shipping Supplies = 85.00; Salaries = 2,200.00; Bonds of National Officers = 150.00; Miscellaneous, including badge for Commander-in-Chief = 150.00; Officers, except Commander-in-Chief = 100.00; Committee for Marking Graves = 55.00; Total = \$8,187.50.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Office Expenses: Wrapping Paper and Twine = 6.00; Postage = 120.00; Express = 10.00; Telegrams = 15.00; Stationery—National Officers = 100.00; Rent = 420.00; Miscellaneous = 50.00; Total = \$721.00.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Recaptulation: Total Receipts = \$10,775.00; Estimated Disbursements = 9,908.50; Total = \$866.50.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Less balance earmarked for organization expenses = 100.00; Balance = \$766.50.

With respect to the recommendation of the National Secretary-Treasurer relative to an appropriation for the official uniformed escort, your Council feels that the location of the next Encampment will necessarily determine the amount of money needed for the purpose; therefore your Council would recommend that this be left with the incoming Council with power to allocate funds for this purpose, but not to exceed \$200.00.

The contract for The Banner having expired, we suggest that the Encampment authorize the incoming Council-in-Chief to negotiate a new contract with The Banner; that they be authorized to increase the amount to be paid to The Banner at a rate of 1 3/4c per copy per issue; and that payment by The Banner for returned post cards as to improper address, be chargeable to the Commandery-in-Chief. — Respectfully submitted, Chas. H. E. Moran, Chairman, John L. Reeger, A. W. McDaniel, Council-in-Chief.

The Betsy Ross Quartette of Canton, Ohio, the official G. A. R. Quartette, and well known and received at every National Encampment for many years, came in and entertained with several selections. Their songs and lovely voices are always enjoyed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After opening in due form a motion was made that delegations attending the funeral of Comrade Jeffers be allowed to vote, if their vote had been designated. This was unanimously carried.

The Committee on Credentials made a final report showing that 195 brothers had been properly enrolled and were entitled to vote.

Nomination and Election

When the roll was called for nominations for Commander-in-Chief, Past Com-in-Chief Sheldon nominated Brother Wm. Allan Dyer of New York for a second term, and Past Dept. Com. Adams of Michigan nominated Sr. Vice Com-in-Chief Fouch of Michigan.

Tellers were appointed, voting proceeded, the result showing Brother Dyer to have received a majority. Brother Fouch immediately moved that election of Brother Dyer be made unanimous, which motion was carried.





be again employed for exploiting our organization, through the medium of broadcasts. Several broadcasts had been given during the past year by a few Departments, but the committee felt this method should be more general and more Depts. and Auxs. adopt it.

P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer read P. N. P. Margaret Palmer's report as chairman of the Com. on Planning and Surveying which stated that several Depts. had received much inspiration from the work, and greater interest along historical and patriotic lines had been promoted. The prizes awarded for this type of work were as follows: \$10 to Maude B. Warren, of Mass.; \$5 to Lena Hewitt, of Cal. The Com. on Prizes were P. N. Ps. Emma Finch, Molly Hammer and Minnie Groth.

Nat. Counselor Park Yengling read his report and recommended that our Aux. girls see that the Senators of their respective states put up signs along the Grand Army of the Republic Highway so that this highway will be properly known and marked from coast to coast. P. C.-in-C. Yengling during the year had given valuable assistance to Nat. Pres. Lewis.

Other reports were read which emphasized certain phases of work in our order.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by P. N. P. Gertrude Sautter and as this report will appear in full in the General Orders, space will not be taken to report same here.

During the Thursday morning session a Greetings Committee from the G. A. R. visited our convention and extended warm, fraternal greetings. P. N. P. Sautter responded and stated one of the greatest pleasures in coming to the convention was being able to meet with the Grand Army. A Greetings Committee from the Daughters of Veterans was also received, headed by P. N. P. Clara Yengling, of Ohio, who is one of our own Aux. girls. The committee extended warm greetings and P. N. P. Molly Hammer responded.

Nat. I. & J. Officer Hannah Beck was reported very ill in a New York hospital and it was voted to send her flowers.

Election of officers was held with the following result:

Nat. Pres., Margaret C. Brady, N. Y.; Sr. V. P., Hazel V. Toner, Ind.; Jr. V. P., Clara M. Gallagher, Pa.; Council: Ida L. Lewis, Wis.; Minnie G. Snyder Hatch, Ia.; Ruth Shoemaker, Mich. Sec., Maude B. Warren, Mass.; Treas., Lillian S. Ball (re-elected), Ind.; Pat. Inst., Abbie Greaves Mulqueen, Vt.; Chap., Alma Scharr, Mo.; Historian, Minnie Groth, Wis.; Press Cor., Jean M. Thole (re-elected), Ill. The Nat. Stenographer will be appointed hereafter from among the membership of the Dept. where the Nat. Convention is held.

The above officers were beautifully and impressively installed Thursday afternoon by P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer, together with the following appointive officers: Chief-of-Staff, Anne Lockyer, Ohio; Per. Alde, Rose Isaacs, N. Y.; Special Alde, Philippine A. Raab, N. J.; Counselor, Wm. L. Anderson, Mass.

The report of the Committee on Officers' Reports was given Thursday afternoon by P. N. P. Edna Bergwitz. This report will also appear in full in General Orders.

P. N. P. Minnie Groth gave a report of the Historical Committee and stated that the committee had confined itself solely to the work of installing markers in memory of the G. A. R.; she also stated we should map out a program of our own and solicit contributions.

A visit from C.-in-C. Dyer of the S. V., who had been re-elected to office, was a happy occasion. Com. Dyer made a splendid talk and pledged his loyalty and endeavors in behalf of the Aux. again for the coming year.

P. N. P. Margaret Waters reported for the Americanization Committee, and told of the different ones who has received financial aid to help them along educational paths.

Chief-of-Staff Mary Stapleton reported having received as contributions from all sources to her fund, \$385.55. This was a splendid report and one Sister Stapleton can well be proud of. Various prizes were awarded by her which will appear in future General Orders.

Questions placed in a Question Box were ably and competently answered by P. N. P. Mayme Dwyer.

Convention closed to meet in Des Moines in 1938.

#### NOTES

A beautiful marble Memorial Bench, dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, was presented to the Wisconsin Memorial Hospital with fitting ceremonies by Nat. Pat. Inst. Mahala Buckley on Monday afternoon, as a gift from our national organization. Sister Buckley also presented a large beautiful flag to the Memorial Union on Stunt Nite, in behalf of our organization.

Another beautiful service on Monday afternoon was the joint memorial service with the Sons of Union Veterans, in charge of Nat. Chap. Mary E. Simonds of the Aux. and Rev. Dickinson, of the Sons. Special tribute was paid Past Nat. Presidents Libbie Mels and Frances Fox Moynihan, as well as to other departed Sisters and Brothers.

The Wisconsin Aux. treated the delegates and other visitors with fine hospitality and everyone present had a good time. Rides on beautiful Lake Mendota were enjoyed. The U. S. Marine Band concerts were wonderful and enjoyed by all in attendance. The campfires, Department dinners, receptions and other social functions were all very enjoyable occasions. The reception honoring our Nat. Pres. Lewis and Com.-in-Chief Dyer of the Sons, in charge of Nat. Chief-of-Staff Mary Stapleton, was a very happy affair, and was followed by dancing. Stunt Nite, under the leadership of P. C.-in-C. Frank Huston, was as usual a delightful evening of entertainment.

The re-election of Lillian S. Ball, of Ind., as Nat. Treas. was unanimous and is a source of satisfaction to all. Sister Ball is entering upon her 7th year as Nat. Treas. and the order could not find a more capable or efficient officer than she. Exceptionally prompt in conducting the order's business affairs, all books and records were found to be in perfect shape.

Attention is called to the new address of our new Nat. Pat. Inst. Mrs. Addie E. Greaves Mulqueen, which is 7 Royce St., Rutland, Vt.

Nat. Press Cor. Jean M. Thole wishes to acknowledge with thanks the splendid services rendered at the nat. convention by her press committee, namely, Sisters Minnie Scott Pike, of Mass.; Edith Paulding, of N. Y., and Rosetta Buchanan, of Oregon. Their valuable assistance was instrumental in getting good news items in the Madison papers concerning our order.

#### NEW YORK.

The 47th Annual Convention of the New York Dept. Aux. to S. U. V., was held in Albany, N. Y., June 8-9-10. The Capitol District Degree Team put on the ritualistic work, and a class of nineteen was initiated at this time. Members of Aux. 57, Ithaca, were escorted in under the colors, and presented Dept. Pres. Lila A. Macey with a mammoth horse-shoe of American Beauty rose buds; a solo "For You" followed. All Past Dept. Presidents left the room, and returned, each carrying a large red rose, presented same to Dept. Pres., forming a beautiful bouquet. Dept. Pres. Lila extended hearty greetings to all. The following Nat. officers were at sessions: Nat. Pres. Ida B. Lewis, Nat. Sec. Margaret Brady, Nat. I. & I. Of. Hannah Beck, Nat. Chief-of-Staff Mary Stapleton, Nat. Pers. Alde Nettie Hayes, Past Nat. Pres. Mayme E. Dwyer, Past Nat. Pres. Margaret Anderson.

Dept. Pres. gave her report for the year, which was most gratifying, visiting 55 Auxs. Com.-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer was a most welcome guest. A joint Memorial service with the S. of U. V. was a very impressive one. The banquet for the G. A. R. was held in Dewitt Clinton Hotel and was very largely attended. The Camp Fire for the G. A. R. was a huge success, and the old soldiers were present, full of pep. Our newly-elected Dept. Pres. Susie Smith, of Schenectady, will make a very charming leader of our large order. Other Dept. officers: V. Pres., Martha Palmer, Glens Falls; Council, Lila A. Macey, Schenectady; Ada Hamlin, Binghamton; Lella M. Kroepke, N. Y. City; Sec., Minnie M. Steiner, Schenectady; Treas., Mary Trobing, Maspeth; Pat. Inst., Laura Stebbins, N. Y. City; Chap., Margaret McAffry, Cohoes; Inspector, Estella Rider, Kingston; I. & I. Of., Beatrice Scruton, Oswego; Press Cor., Bertha Turner, Utica; Stenographer, Grace Sanguinetti, N. Y. City. May the coming year surpass all others, in subscriptions to "The Banner" and in membership.

Buffalo—Aux. 8 met Sept. 16 in G. A. R. hall. The meeting was preceded by a supper in the hall. Guests of honor were Dept. Pres. Susie Smith, of Schenectady; Dept. Com. H. L. Brockway, of Ithaca; S. V. C., W. E. Stephan, of Buffalo, and others, including delegations from Ithaca, Rochester and Batavia. Presentation of a Bible, a Pat. Inst. flag, four floor flags and ballot box were presented.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, of Schenectady observed their 25th wedding anniversary last June. A large number of guests were present, including Dept. Pres. Susie Smith and Dept. Sec. Minnie Steiner. The couple received many gifts and a purse. A dinner and reception was held and a fine program given. Mrs. Jackson is Past Dept. Press Cor. of N. Y., serving as such for two years.

Rochester—Aux. 18 held their annual picnic at Charlotte on July 31. As their honored guests were Comrade Joseph Bauer, Comd. of the N. Y. Dept., G. A. R.; Comrade Henry Lilly and Mrs. Lilly; Comrade Charles T. Peck, and several widows of Union Veterans. Supper was served to more than 100 people, including members of Pierce Camp.

Utica—Aux. 15 held a Lawn Social at the home of the Dept. Press Cor., Mrs. Bertha Turner, July 29. Among those present was Mrs. Mary Stapleton, who was then National Chief-of-Staff.

Schenectady—A reception and dinner was given in honor of Dept. Pres. Susie Smith and staff, of Schenectady, and Dept. Com. Herman L. Brockway, of Ithaca, and staff, of the S. U. V., was given Sat. eve., Sept. 25, beginning with a 6:30 dinner given by Aux. 45. An entertainment by local talent followed. Guests were present from Syracuse, Utica, Amsterdam, New York City, Glens Falls, Brooklyn, Troy, Ithaca and Waterford.—Bertha Turner, Dept. Press Cor., 1133 Steuben St., Utica.

#### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

On account of a report of the national convention being given in this issue of The Banner, it is impossible to publish news from the Depts. with the exception of New York. News from New York is published in order to avoid congestion in the next issue of The Banner (December) which would happen if news from the three large Depts.—Mass., New York and Pa., had to appear in the same issue.

News has been received at this office from the following Depts.: Pa.; Ill.; Calif.; Wis.; Maine; Iowa; Ohio, Mo.; and Maryland.

The Nat. Press Cor. wishes to express her sincere thanks to the Sisters regarding her re-election to office at Madison, and for the letters of congratulations received since then. I will try hard to deserve the confidence reposed in me which was so lovingly expressed at Madison.—Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.